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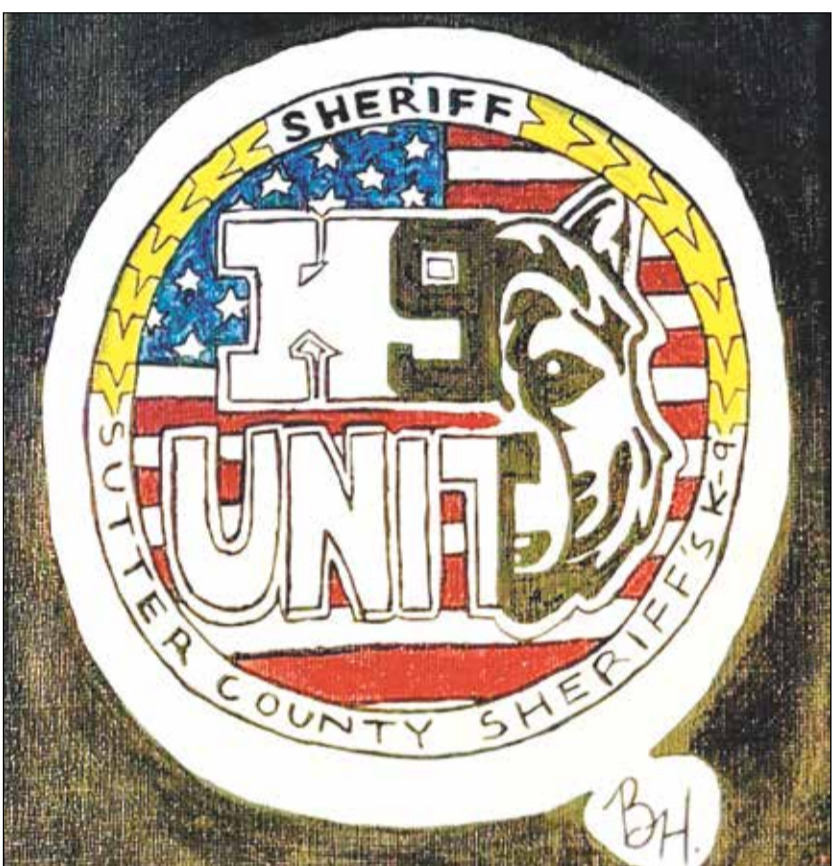
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A K-9 Winning Design

Live Oak Middle School Student Submits the Winning Design



The new Sutter County Sheriff's K-9 Unit logo, designed by 7th grader Britany Hernandez, features the face of a German Shepherd, an American flag backdrop, and the unit's name.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Sheriff's K-9 Unit revealed its new logo during the county's National Night Out celebration on Aug. 5, and the design came from the imagination of a local middle schooler.

Britany Hernandez, a seventh grader at Live Oak Middle School, learned about the logo contest at school and completed her entry the very same day. Her winning design features the profile of a German Shepherd blended into the words

"K-9 Unit," framed by a circular border reading "Sutter County Sheriff's Office" and set against an American flag backdrop.

"I just got so into it and before I knew it I was done," Hernandez said.

Her sister, Diana Hernandez, was happy to see Britany's creativity recognized so publicly.

"She's an extremely creative person, even at home, we're very proud," Diana Hernandez said.

The unveiling took place outside the Sutter County Sheriff's Office in Yuba City as part of National Night Out, an annual community-building event aimed at promoting safety and



Live Oak Middle School student Britany Hernandez holds her winning artwork, which was selected as the new logo for the Sutter County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Her achievement was celebrated and revealed during the National Night Out event on Aug. 5 hosted by the Sutter County Sheriff's Office in Yuba City.

neighborhood camaraderie. At least a dozen vendors were on hand, offering games, souvenirs, and public safety resources.

"National Night Out is an opportunity for all of us to get together and really celebrate public safety," said Sheriff Brandon Barnes. "We can't do what we do without the people in our community—we rely on you to be our eyes and ears, and we're fortunate to have such tremendous support."

K-9 Demonstrations Draw Crowd
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Ponderosa Fire Burns Near Marysville



A fire broke out in the foothills east of Marysville in the afternoon of Aug. 10. Photo courtesy of CALfire

By Seti Long

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - A fire broke out in the foothills east of Marysville the afternoon of Aug. 10, causing Yuba County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Yuba County Sheriff's Office to call for evacuations.

At the time of this article, the fire dubbed the "Ponderosa Fire" continues to burn less than 30% contained, with CalFire resources tackling the fire on the ground and in the air to prevent further spread.

Currently, 87 acres have burned, and the fire remains active with shifting areas of evacuation. Officials are receiving regular updates from CalFire operations and adjusting zones according to the fire-fighting efforts. While warnings have been lifted for some zones, others around the heart of the blaze continue to be under evacuation order.

CalFire NEU posted updates on social media Monday, Aug. 11 notifying the public that firefighters have stopped the forward progress of the blaze and continue working on containment efforts.

An evacuation staging site for residents has been set up at Sycamore Ranch, located at 5390 Highway 20. In addition, the Sheriff's Posse Arena is open to house larger animals during the evacuation periods. It is located at 5396 Marysville Road.

At press time, road closures include Willow Glen Road between Frenchtown and Marysville roads, with Frenchtown Road completely closed to the public.

CalFire Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit released the cause of the fire, determining that it was an accidental ignition caused by a subject who was working on a vehicle with an impact wrench. Friction from the wrench is believed to have ignited nearby dry grasses.

According to the CalFire press release, the individual attempted to put out the flames and called 911, waiting for CalFire prevention officers to arrive on scene. The subject has been cooperative with CalFire's investigation. ★

A Holiday Worth Celebrating

Plumas Lake Breaks Ground on First Grocery Store



From left to right, Gary Reese, COO; Lindsey Kingsbury, Holiday Bakery Deli Director; Kayla Parker, Store Leader Gridley; Eric Schmidt, Retired Loss Prevention Director; Paul Buzzell, Senior Director; Kevin Bradshaw, CFO; Brad Askeland, President/CEO; Patty Zimmerman, Holiday Liquor/DSD Director; and Doug Duggins, VP North Division, gather for the Aug. 6 groundbreaking of Plumas Lake's first grocery store, Holiday Market.

Photos and story by Shamaya Sutton

PLUMAS LAKE, CA (MPG) - For the first time in its history, Plumas Lake is breaking free from its status as a food desert. On Wednesday, Aug 6., at

least a hundred residents gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of the community's first grocery store — the Holiday Market. This landmark event drew in food trucks, news crews, and public figures from across the

region, underscoring the significance of expanding amenities in one of the fastest-growing communities in Yuba County.

"As the county supervisor for this district and a proud Plumas Lake resident for almost 20 years,

it's a real pleasure to stand here today and celebrate this important milestone for our community," said Yuba County Supervisor Gary Bradford. "For years, residents have expressed the need for local shopping
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Gallagher Honors Women at 2025 District 3 Woman of the Year Ceremony



At a special luncheon at the Sicilian Café in Chico, Assemblyman James Gallagher celebrated the exceptional contributions of seven distinguished women from Assembly District 3. Photo courtesy of Assemblyman James Gallagher Office

Assemblyman James Gallagher Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - At a special luncheon at the Sicilian Café in Chico, Assemblyman James Gallagher celebrated the exceptional contributions of seven distinguished women from Assembly District 3 with his annual Woman of the Year awards.

“Today we honor women who don’t seek recognition but absolutely deserve it,” said Gallagher. “Their dedication and leadership have helped shape a better future for the North State.”

The 2025 honorees, each a beacon of leadership and community service in their respective fields, include:

A fourth-generation Sutter County resident, Carol Ramirez has dedicated her career and volunteer service to advancing health care, education, and the arts. At Adventist Health and Rideout, she coordinates programs and volunteers to support patients and families. Carol also helped found the Yuba Sutter Arts Council and California Prune Festival, launched school-based health clinics, and was instrumental in forming the Sutter North Medical Foundation. Her deep civic legacy has earned her multiple awards, including the Athena Award and a 25-Year Service Award from Adventist Health.

Desiree Hastey is a business owner, housing advocate, and community event organizer who has helped shape the growth and spirit of Plumas Lake. She founded Rental Property Professionals, co-owns Plumas Lake Properties, and actively advocates on housing issues statewide. Desiree organizes cherished events like the Plumas Lake Block Party and Trunk-or-Treat, Santa on the Fire Truck, Easter Eggstravaganza, and serves as a Yuba County Board of Education Trustee and South Yuba Sunrise Rotary member. In 2024, she was honored with the Dottie Neubauer Volunteer of the Year Award for Yuba and Sutter Counties.

Janice Walker leads Chico Project SAVE, a nonprofit that redistributes medical supplies to those



The 2025 honorees are each a beacon of leadership and community service in their respective fields. Photo courtesy of Assemblyman James Gallagher Office

in need locally and abroad. Since 2004, she has grown the program into a vital community resource that supports wildfire victims, underserved residents, and international clinics. Janice also coordinated donations of protective gear during the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to provide mobility aids and other critical equipment to Butte County families every week.

Margit Sands is a retired educator and devoted conservationist whose decades of service span the classroom, the arts, and land preservation. She is actively involved with the Sutter County Museum, Sutter County Historical Society, Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust, Yuba-Sutter Cattlemen’s Association, and Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau. Margit contributes to Quilts of Valor and performs with several local ensembles, including the MARKs Quartet, Yuba-Sutter Community Orchestra, and Buttes Family Orchestra. For more than 20 years, she has opened her family ranch in the Sutter Buttes to university researchers, museum docents, and hiking guides as a way to support education and conservation of the region’s unique natural resources.

Shelley Macdonald is a dedicated advocate for agriculture, youth, and education in Tehama County. As Vice President and Agricultural Loan Officer at Cornerstone Community Bank, she supports local farmers and ranchers through her professional expertise. Her passion for agriculture and education is reflected in her leadership with 4-H and FFA, as well as her service as a Red Bluff Joint Union High School District Board Member, Director

of the Tehama County Education Foundation, Board Member of Tehama County Cattlemen, and President of the Tehama County Farm Bureau. Shelley helped launch Tehama’s first Farm Day, led Earth Day classroom outreach, and volunteers at local events such as the Red Bluff Round-Up and the Tehama County Cattlemen’s Golf Tournament. Her leadership has earned her numerous honors, including Tehama County’s Woman of the Year and Common Threads North Honoree.

Tracy Leighton is a civic and cultural leader who revived the Yuba Sutter Master Chorale after the pandemic, expanding its reach and impact through grant funding and musical excellence. She also led fundraising efforts at St. Isidore Catholic School and helped reinvigorate the Sutter County Republican Central Committee. Known for her energy and dedication, Tracy continues to uplift her community through music, mentorship, and public service.

Yasmin Caro is a social worker with Glenn County Adult Protective Services and a steadfast volunteer dedicated to supporting seniors and veterans. She helps lead the Glenn County Senior Resource Expo and Veterans Stand Down, coordinating public agencies and volunteers with care and precision. Known for her humility and work ethic, Yasmin is often the first to arrive and last to leave, quietly ensuring others receive the support they need.

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher represents California’s 3rd Assembly District, which includes Butte, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, and parts of Placer County. ★

A K-9 Winning Design

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the revealing of the unit’s new logo, a special K-9 demonstration was held for the crowd. The K-9 Unit, which has served Sutter County since 1969, currently includes three teams — two based at the main office and one in the City of Live Oak. The dogs are trained for patrol, suspect apprehension, tracking, and detecting narcotics, as well as assisting during jail incidents or search operations for other agencies. Beyond law enforcement duties, the unit frequently visits schools, youth groups, and civic organizations to strengthen community trust.

The evening’s demonstrations began with Correctional Officer Ethan Brooks and his partner, K-9 Bailey, the first dog ever assigned to the Sutter County Jail. Bailey joined the Sheriff’s Office in April 2023 and was certified just two months later. Together, the pair showed the crowd how Bailey searches vehicles for narcotics and signals when she detects them.

Next, Deputy Kristina Hayes and K-9 Hitch, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois, took the field. Since joining the department in 2023, Hitch has



Deputy Kristina Hayes shares a moment of rest with K-9 Hitch following his demonstration at Sutter County’s National Night Out on Aug. 5.

helped seize roughly 56 pounds of narcotics and convinced multiple suspects to surrender. Hitch demonstrated both his search skills and his “bite work,” apprehending a mock suspect—played by Deputy Miguel Rios in a protective suit.

“It doesn’t really hurt; the suit stops the puncture,” Rios explained. “You can still feel the pressure, but it’s not that bad. There’s more padding in the back of the arm, so that’s why I turn — if you get bit on the wrist, you’ll

feel it more.”

K-9 handlers typically live with their dogs and care for them around the clock, often adopting them after retirement. “Basically, when you get a dog, you run them for their whole life,” Hayes said. “I’ve enjoyed working with Hitch, and he’s become a central part of my life.”

To learn more about the local K-9 of Sutter County, visit www.suttersheriff.org/divisions/operations-diveision/patrol-section/special-units-and-teams/canine-k-9-unit ★

A Holiday Worth Celebrating



A project rendering shows the planned Holiday Market in Plumas Lake, set to open as early as summer 2026. The store will end the community’s status as a food desert and bring fresh, local grocery options to residents.

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options, especially something as essential as a grocery store. It’s the number one thing I hear from people. Today we’re not just celebrating the start of construction — we’re celebrating the beginning of a more complete Plumas Lake.”

Bradford noted that a grocery store had been promised to early residents nearly two decades ago, but the housing market crash of 2008 derailed those plans. Over the years, multiple attempts stalled — until now, when the community stands at the cusp of fulfillment. He also credited the collaborative vision and effort driving the project, naming the property owners, Hilbers Incorporated, Holiday Market, and the Yuba County Community Development team as key partners in bringing the grocery store to life.

“We’ve seen incredible growth in housing in our community recently — and much of the infrastructure is already here. This is the first of many commercial amenities we expect to see come to Plumas Lake,” added Bradford.

Kurt Hilbers, CEO of Hilbers Incorporated—a local construction and contracting firm — acknowledged Nordic Industries and the

Karlshoej family for their ongoing involvement in the development of Plumas Lake.

“They’ve been involved with Plumas Lake since the beginning — they sponsored this,” said Hilbers. “Plumas Lake is largely here because of the Karlshoej family and Nordic Industries.”

Hilbers, who has been involved in the project for four years now, lauded Bradford as the community’s biggest advocate. “I was getting calls at least three times a week from Bradford asking me, ‘When are we getting a grocery store?’” he laughed.

At the groundbreaking site — located at the corner of Plumas Lake Boulevard and River Oaks Boulevard, just behind Walgreens and the Plumas Lake Stop ‘n Shop — a symbolic mound of dirt was topped with Holiday Market’s glimmering apple logo and surrounded by golden shovels. When the signal was given, key stakeholders hoisted their shovels, sending dirt into the air amid cheers — a picture-perfect moment of community unity.

“To say this is overwhelming is an understatement. I can’t believe how many people showed up today — we couldn’t be more thankful,” said

Brad Askeland, with Holiday Market. “There were many times over the years we thought this would never happen. To stand here today and have a groundbreaking is testament to the hard work of our team, Hilbers, and this community.”

Askeland was also proud to share that North State Grocery — the owner of Holiday Market — became a 100-percent employee-owned company in 2016. He remarked that opening the store will create at least 70 new jobs — an important economic boost for the area. “We definitely want people from Plumas Lake to be part of this venture together,” he said.

For years, Plumas Lake has been considered a “food desert” — a community where residents lack convenient access to full-service grocery stores. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food deserts can significantly impact diet, health, and quality of life. Until now, residents have had to travel eight to ten miles to nearby cities such as Marysville, Yuba City, or Roseville for fresh groceries (USDA). With the Holiday Market set to open as early as next summer, though fall 2026 is the current target, that reality is about to change. ★

Fatality at Yuba Water Agency Construction Site

Yuba Water Agency News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - A contractor working on behalf of Yuba Water Agency was tragically killed near the New Colgate Powerhouse in Dobbins on Aug. 7.

The victim died following an accident while

operating construction equipment that fell down an embankment near the New Colgate Powerhouse.

“We are just devastated and still processing what exactly happened,” said Willie Whittlesey, general manager of Yuba Water. “Our hearts are with the family, friends and coworkers who are

suffering through unimaginable loss, and with our own staff who supported the accident response today.”

No other details about the accident or victim are available at this time. Yuba Water Agency is supporting the investigation and is committed to transparency throughout this process. ★

Yuba Water Celebrates New Facilities on Marysville Road

**Yuba Water Agency
News Release**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors marked the first public meeting at the agency's new Power Systems facilities and held a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Aug. 5.

Located at 8897 Marysville Road in Oregon House, 10 acres of the 20-acre property have been developed and include a recently completed 14,000-square-foot administration building, communications tower, laydown yard and parking. The site's warehouse and mechanics shop are still under construction, expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Designed to work with the natural landscape and for the community, the facility is built with non-flammable materials and solar panels that feed excess power back onto the grid, a 150,000-gallon water tank for fire crews and a new, safer school bus stop for students with a turnout, crosswalk and lighting.

"There was a lot of thought and intention put into the new buildings," said Jon Messick, chairman of Yuba Water's board and Yuba County supervisor for District 5, which includes the foothills. "The fire-resilient construction, new water tank for fire protection and school bus



Water Resources Manager Kyle Morgado, Director Andy Vasquez, Director Wayne Bishop, Director Charlie Mathews, Board Chairman Jon Messick, Director Seth Fuhrer, Director Renick House and Senior Hydro Engineer Matt Murray during a ribbon cutting at Yuba Water's new Power Systems facilities at 8897 Marysville Road on Aug. 5, 2025. Photo courtesy of Alex Boesch/Yuba Water Agency

stop really show the agency's commitment to public safety and to being a good neighbor."

The new facilities replace Yuba Water's previous building near New Colgate Powerhouse at the base of Lake Francis Road, about 15 minutes downhill. The old structure, a repurposed 1950s powerhouse building, no longer met the needs of the agency's growing staff and operations. While some staff will continue working at the powerhouse, those previously based at the old administration building have now relocated to the new facility.

"The new site is a much-needed upgrade to accommodate our growth," said Willie Whittlesey, Yuba Water's general manager. "But its strategically centralized location between our dam and powerhouses is really improving efficiency for our staff, not to mention their quality of life with a much shorter commute, and it offers a significant step up in our ability to collaborate across the agency."

The new Power Systems site primarily supports the agency's hydropower mission, which generates more than 400

megawatts of clean electricity and helps fund projects that advance Yuba Water's other mission areas, including flood risk reduction, water supply reliability, fish habitat enhancement and more.

Hilbers Incorporated of Yuba City built the facilities at a cost of \$42 million.

Board approves completing property purchase in Marysville

As the new foothill facility nears completion, Yuba Water is now exploring options to consolidate its four different Marysville offices. Today the agency authorized completing the

purchase of two properties at 1227 and 1229 D Street for \$680,000. The parcels are directly adjacent to an existing Yuba Water office location, with the goal of potentially developing the combined properties into a future agency headquarters, bringing its Marysville-based staff under one roof for improved efficiency, collaboration and cost savings.

The agency will now begin planning and design for the new site, exploring permitting and zoning needs. No construction will take place for at least one year.

"The properties are right next to an existing agency facility, which basically gives us a block to work with," said Renick House, Yuba Water board director and Yuba County's supervisor of District 2, which includes Marysville. "It's just one street over from an industrial area. I think it has the potential to revitalize the area around Ellis Lake, and it makes good use of the limited resources we have in Marysville."

Learn more about Yuba Water Agency and its work to power a brighter future for Yuba County at yubawater.org. ★

Laughter Shock Improv Debuts Aug. 16 at Wild Eye Pub

By Shamaya Sutton

GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - Nevada County's newest comedy troupe, Laughter Shock Improv, will make its debut on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wild Eye Pub in Grass Valley (535 Mill Street).

The evening will feature a fast-paced mix of short-form games and scenes built entirely on audience suggestions, meaning no two shows are ever the same. Tickets are available through Wild Eye Pub, and early arrival is encouraged for seating.

"We really just want to share our laughter and encourage others to try something new," said troupe co-founder Kimberly Ewing.

Laughter Shock Improv grew out of Instant Improv, a group Ewing co-founded with veteran theater artist Sandra Rockman following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Initially meeting in Ewing's living room in 2022, the sessions were meant to be lighthearted get-togethers but quickly revealed a deeper purpose.

"It was really just an informal time to have fun," said Ewing. "What I didn't realize was the real human needs that it was touching on."

Some participants came seeking connection, others an escape from personal life challenges. The result was a multigenerational, supportive community where humor became both a creative outlet and emotional release.

Today, Instant Improv runs fall and spring class sessions at the UnChurch in Nevada City, welcoming newcomers and seasoned performers alike.

About Kimberly Ewing

A longtime Grass Valley resident, Ewing's passion for performing began in fifth grade when she

played the Wicked Witch in a school production.

"The games and exercises you do before the show were always so fun to me," Ewing said. "I just remember feeling so energized and excited."

After college, she spent two decades in finance and communications before a career change rekindled her love for the arts. She has taught English, worked in radio, led arts education programs for the Nevada County Arts Council and performed in award-winning female-powered troupes such as Sketchy Ladies and MenoPosse alongside actor

Lois Masten.

When the pandemic halted live performances in 2020, Ewing adapted, fostering a home-grown improv community that has now blossomed into Laughter Shock's public debut.

Following the Aug. 16



Members of Laughter Shock Improv, Nevada County's newest comedy troupe, will make their debut Aug. 16 at Wild Eye Pub in Grass Valley. The ensemble grew out of Instant Improv, a community group founded by Kimberly Ewing and Sandra Rockman. Photos courtesy of Laughter Shock Improv

show, Laughter Shock Improv has been invited to perform at the historic Nevada Theatre on Oct. 9, a milestone for a troupe less than two years old. The performance team currently consists of Lindsay Duncel, John Paul, Jamie Lynn Fong,

Kimberly Ewing, Marsha Burch, Chel Svendsgaard, Brian Coe, Sandra Rockman, Anna Durga, Deborah Gilcrest, Heather Federmeier, Andrew Barclay, Rod Tayler and Ehrland Hollingsworth

For more information about classes and

performance opportunities, check in with Ewing at kimberly_ewing@hotmail.com. Tickets to the premier Laughter Shock Improv show are available at www.wildeyepub.com/events-1/laughter-shock-improv-debut-8-16. ★

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Promotional poster for a "She Matters," a free women's conference event in Yuba City on Aug. 22 to 23. Photo courtesy of She Matters

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - For the first time ever, the annual She Matters Women's Conference is offering full admission free, thanks to generous sponsorships from local businesses in Yuba Sutter. The conference will take place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22 and 23 at Hope Point Church, 600 N. George Washington Blvd.

Organizers emphasize that this weekend isn't just an event, it's a transformative experience centered on sisterhood, worship, and living in God's purpose. Attendees can expect powerful worship, inspiring messages, deep connection and moments of spiritual renewal. As the conference site notes, "You can't step into the presence of God and leave the same."

A Movement of Support and Celebration

This year's shift to a free model was championed in part by Celeste Brown, Business Development Director at the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce, who helped advise and secure critical sponsorships.

"I think it's important that women be supported and recognized," Brown said. "We already do so much, so it's nice that we can have an event that pours back into women and takes the financial burden off."

The annual conference is led by Hannah Maddalena, Hope Point's Worship Pastor, Communications & Women's Director, and founder of the She Matters movement. Over the past decade, she's grown this gathering from a teen girls' event into a powerful women's ministry. Last year's attendance exceeded 300 women, fostering an atmosphere of connection and spiritual renewal.

The event will also feature a lineup of dynamic breakout speakers. Among them is Katie Rose Weissend, Pastor of Worship and Prayer at College Church in Olathe, Kansas, and Cesia Sanchez, a worship leader at Bethesda Church and theology student. Kiara Lee, a devoted mother and servant leader passionate about empowering women in faith, will share her perspective, alongside Tonya Smith, a longtime Hope Point volunteer and community mentor. Attendees will also hear from Julie Ely, a church planter and youth ministry leader with a background in counseling, and Amethyst Kurtz, a school psychologist whose powerful testimony speaks to overcoming adversity.

With the financial barrier removed, the She Matters Conference opens its doors to more women than ever, whether attending solo or with friends. Registration is open at <https://hopepointnaz.org/she-matters>. Walk-ins are also welcome with registration available at the door. ★

Community Calendar

Yuba County Library

Yuba County Library has the following upcoming events at Health & Human Services, 5730 Packard Ave., Marysville (location may vary, as noted):

Monday, Aug. 18: Monday story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St., Marysville. Stories, music, crafts, and more for children birth to age 5. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: First Five Story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Aug. 20: First Five Story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Thursday, Aug. 21: First Five Story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Friday, Aug. 22: Baby Bounce, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us

Sutter County Library

Sutter County library main branch, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City will be taking a short break from programming in the month of August to rest, recharge, and get ready for an exciting fall season. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

Friday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Aug. 16

Yuba-Sutter Veteran Stand Down Resource Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 422 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. This annual event plays a critical role in helping veterans, active-duty personnel, and their families obtain necessary goods and services. More information at 530-749-1036.

Friday, Aug. 15

Plumas Street Pub Crawl, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Yuba City. Discover a variety of local pubs, bars, and venues as we crawl through the city. Whether you're sipping a craft cocktail, enjoying a local brew, or sticking to refreshing non-alcoholic options, there's something for everyone. More information at www.yubacitydowntown.com

Saturday, Aug. 16

Mornings in the Garden, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. This month, we'll focus on garden cooking. Activities will include decorating an apron, salsa-making, cooking pizza with solar, and growing an herb garden. For families and friends of children from birth to age 22 with special needs. Event is free but registration is required. Contact Leanne@familysoup.org for more information.

2025 Plumas Lake Block Party, 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Eufay Wood Park, 1280 Zanes Dr., Olivehurst. There's something for everyone at this family-friendly event. Listen to live entertainment, indulge in food and snacks, keep the kids entertained with fun activities, and enjoy a refreshing drink in our beer garden. Best of all, admission is free and open to the public. Hosted by the South Yuba County Sunrise Rotary.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Sutter County Museum Speaker Series: "Grab the Dog, not the

Dishwasher - Evacuation Made Simple in Sutter County", 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. Join Zachary Hamill, Sutter County Emergency Operations Manager, for a practical and engaging talk that demystifies evacuation planning. Using real-life examples from the past, this talk will walk attendees through what to prioritize when every second counts. For more information, call 530-822-7141.

2025 Concerts in the Park, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Gauche Park, 421 C St., Yuba City. This week we're featuring the David Perez Band, so bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and dancing shoes. Enjoy live performances and local food trucks. Free admission, all are welcome.

Friday, Aug. 22

I'd Rather Be Walking: Wildflower Ridge, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bear Yuba Land Trust. Meet us at the Wildflower Ridge Preserve trailhead for a walk along one of our favorite trails. All are welcome, including babies in carriers, though we do ask that pets stay home. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring water. More information at www.bylt.org

Saturday, Aug. 23

Country Music Festival, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., D Street, Marysville. Listen to live entertainment, indulge in food and snacks, and enjoy a refreshing drink at our beer garden. Admission is free and open to the public.

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Post 42 meets the second Monday each month at 211 17th St., Marysville. For more information, call 530-743-0948.

Harmony Market resource fair and fresh produce giveaway, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. last Monday of the month at Yuba College, between building 200 and the parking lot. This giveaway is brought to you by Harmony Health, the Yuba Sutter Food Bank and the Blue Zones Project Yuba-Sutter. Explore a wide range of services and programs designed to support your well-being and take home free locally sourced fresh produce while supplies last. Next market date is Monday, Aug. 25.

Marysville City Council meeting, 6 p.m. first and third Tuesday each month in the City Council chambers at 526 C St. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Rotary Club of Yuba City meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.

Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting, 3 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 26.

City Council meetings for Yuba City, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the council chamber at City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Blvd. Call 530-822-4817 for more information. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 26. ★

Dave Ramsey Says Take Time to Get Involved

private sector as well. How do you do that? Think on a more personal level. And take time to consider the following ideas.

First, try making every contact a caring and friendly relationship moment. In today's culture of texts and emails, there's something special about a handwritten note. If you know someone who has a tough job or just needs a reminder that they're doing great work, let them know. People who compliment and inspire others gain respect and influence.

Also, find a cause you're passionate about. When an issue arises that's important to you, write letters to other entrepreneurs and politicians respectfully expressing your thoughts and ideas. Attend city council meetings, and tell your elected representatives why you care. Get to know these folks, and make your voice heard in a thoughtful manner.

Finally, true servant leaders put others first. Is there a ministry or nonprofit whose mission you identify with? If so, jump in, and give it your all. Invest your energy, resources and time, and you'll have the

opportunity to make a real difference. On top of that, make it a family affair. And by this, I mean your family at home and your team at work. Giving back to the community while sharing the experience with those you love and care about can be a bonding and learning experience everyone will remember for a long, long time.

Do you get what I'm saying, Albert? Leadership opportunities don't happen just at work. They're all around you. All you have to do is choose a course, engage and you'll be on your way toward making a huge positive difference in your community and the lives of people who live there.

- Dave

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Love a Small Town



By Kathy Craig Harteis

This past week the annual Spirit of the West celebration took place here in Beach, ND.

It's a time of celebration and reuniting with old friends. The event tends to rekindle an appreciation of small town life.

I went to the parade. School classes, vintage cars, big fancy farm

equipment along with businesses and community groups were represented.

It's simple fun, but a celebration of our lives. For those of us who grew up in small rural communities we know we are the lucky ones.

I grew up in Grimes, Ca. In my days there we were a community of about 200. At high school at Pierce Joint Union in Arbuckle, Ca my graduating class was just over 40 students.

The benefit of small town rural education is the lifelong friendships we establish.

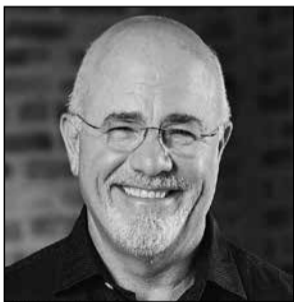
I graduated in 1966. As long ago as that was, some of my best friends then remain my best friends now. You don't see that as much

in larger schools. I take pride in being a small town girl.

Call me a local yokel and I'll happily claim it.

I'm California born. I'm not for a minute a big city girl. I've lived most of my life in rural California or North Dakota. I've lived in a few big cities in my lifetime but I've always migrated back to country living. It is as it should be for me.

Life is good today. A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've run my own small business for about five years. So far, we're doing pretty well. At this point, I'd like to find ways for my company to reach out to our community, start becoming more involved and give back a little. Do you have any suggestions for meaningful steps that would show folks how much we care?

- Albert

Dear Albert,

This is a great question! The best leaders understand the concept of leadership involves a lot more than signing paychecks, hiring decisions and taking care of your team and your company. True leaders are also concerned about the health of their communities. They motivate themselves—and others—to act.

If you don't already consider yourself a leader with the community, I want you to think about this: You have the potential and opportunity to become one. Being a successful businessperson can open doors to becoming a leader in the

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Aside from the constant narrative that is who will be the next member of the Sacramento Kings, we could spend a lot of quality time discussing the team already assembled, and how Doug Christie is going to employ this talented group of ballers.

Sadly, trades and acquisitions remain at the top of the conversation, and after weeks of courting Jonathan Kuminga with little or no success, the name of Josh Giddy has surfaced.

Giddy is basically another version of Kuminga, although playing more minutes and scoring more points. Giddy has been a Swiss army knife for the Chicago Bulls and is currently a free agent that could potentially add needed time on the court for Sacramento as most likely a small forward.

I have all but given up on the whimsical notion that the Kings will ever acquire a true power forward, and I keep looking at the current roster and hope that Isaac Jones will grow into just exactly that. In the meantime, as Sacramento has apparently solved the point guard quandary by signing journeyman Dennis Schroder, they must turn their attention to the front court.

Trey Lyles is seemingly about to get away, and this writer believes that it would be another mistake if the Kings don't bring this asset back. Lyles gives Sabonis much needed help on the boards, is the consummate team player, and has a reliable 3-point shot that is a nice compliment to Keegan Murray.

So, what about this Josh Giddy rumor, and does it have any real substance? Like all NBA rumors, it largely remains to be seen, but we know that Chicago is not afraid to make deals with the Sacramento Kings.

Reportedly, Giddy can play virtually anywhere on the court. Having a player with great versatility is not a bad problem to have. His defense, once criticized, has gotten better with time, so if the Kuminga acquisition turns into a bust, could Giddy step in and fill a much-needed position for the Kings in the front court?

I think he could, and unlike Kuminga who would insist on being in the starting lineup, Giddy could be used as either a starter or a bench player. Although Giddy's 14.6 points per game is notable, I am more impressed with his 8 rebounds and 7 assists.

There is virtually no question that adding

Giddy would give Sacramento a boost, and without question would give the Kings a more well-rounded look.

Scott Perry has done an admirable job in not taking quick offers or jumping into the deep end with his eyes closed.

Most Sacramento fans want instant results but that is simply not realistic, and Perry is making noises that would indicate he is not afraid of going into next season with the team already assembled.

That may not sound sexy, but it's important to find time for #1 pick Nique Clifford and to also bring along 7'1" Maxime Raynaud.

Not to be overlooked are the consistent efforts of second year Isaac Jones, who, if given enough court time, could open eyes and potentially add the needed front court help the Kings are trying to acquire.

All-stars don't become all-stars sitting on the bench, and at some point, coaches must let players play through mistakes and keep sending them out there.

Building confidence is one of the most critical aspects of a coach's job, and it's how teams like the Oklahoma City Thunder and Indiana Pacers built winning organizations.

Can the Kings become the next Oklahoma City Thunder?

It hasn't happened since the Kings landed in Sacramento, but it's the stuff great stories are made of, and I say why not in Sacramento.

Who doesn't like a Cinderella story. If Doug Christie can get this group to believe in themselves and buy into roles, anything is possible.

Fans need to be fans, and if Sacramento has anything it's die-hard fans!

Domantas Sabonis is not a mystery. He just goes out every night and outrebounds everyone on the planet.

Newly acquired Zach Lavine is at the top of the league in 3-point percentage year in and year out.

Mid-range specialist DeMar DeRozan is an assassin from 15 feet and dominates the mid-range, so is there any reason the Kings can't build around these gladiators and make the 2025/2026 season something to remember.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because it just might happen!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Can My Wife Get Her Full Spousal Benefit at 62, or Must She Wait?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm 64 and my wife is 62. If my wife starts her own benefit now, she will get about \$700 on her own at 62. I will retire next year and claim Social Security when I am 65. SSA says my wife can draw \$1,100 under spousal benefits, so if she claims now will they give her spousal benefits of \$1,100, or does she need to wait until I claim at age 65 to get the \$1,100? **Signed: Trying to Understand**

Dear Trying: If your wife is now 62, then her full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is age 67, and if she claims any SS benefit before reaching her FRA, the amount will be reduced for early claiming. If your wife were to claim now (before you), she would get only her own SS retirement amount (the \$700 amount), and that would be a reduction of about 30% from what she would get if she waited until her FRA to claim.

Your wife cannot get a "spousal boost" (an additional amount as your spouse) until you claim your SS retirement benefit (at age 65?). And her

benefit as your spouse at that time will also be reduced because she will not have yet reached her FRA. If your wife is already collecting her own SS retirement benefit when you later claim, she will be given her "spousal boost" to make her benefit equal what she is entitled to as your spouse. But her total monthly benefit as your spouse will also be reduced because it will be awarded before her FRA. The only way your wife can get her full spousal benefit from you is to wait until she is 67 to claim Social Security. If she claims any earlier, her monthly amount will be permanently reduced.

FYI, if you plan to claim at age 65, you should also be aware that your full retirement age (FRA) is also age 67, and claiming at age 65 will mean that you will get about 87% of the amount you would get if you waited until age 67 to claim. Again, these reductions are permanent, except for normal Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) awarded annually thereafter.

Having said all of that, deciding when each of you should claim your Social Security benefit is a matter of financial need, while also considering your life expectancy. If your life expectancy is short and/or you need the money, then claiming early is likely the right decision. But if your life expectancy is longer and you don't urgently need the money, then you might both consider waiting longer to claim a higher

monthly amount and get more in cumulative lifetime benefits.

Finally, please remember that whenever SS is claimed before full retirement age, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much can be earned by working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (they take back by withholding future SS payments). FYI, the earnings limit for those who claim SS early changes (increases a bit) yearly and goes away entirely once full retirement age is reached. So, if either or both of you are working, you should evaluate whether claiming your Social Security benefit early (before your respective FRA) is a prudent choice.

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Gerrymander for Me, but not for Thee

Let's take a tour of the 13th congressional district in Illinois. It starts in East St. Louis and then moves steadily north. By the time it gets to Springfield, home of Abraham Lincoln, about 90 miles away, it takes a sharp turn to the east, reaching Decatur and finally Champaign, itself about 80 miles away from Springfield.

It's a jagged, narrow strip of territory with no obvious rhyme or reason as it traverses six counties. It's less a congressional district than a road trip, and bears a resemblance to the original gerrymander, a long, salamander-like state senate district in Massachusetts in 1812.

The only point of the new 13th district lines, fashioned with the redistricting after the 2020 census, was to gather together far-flung Democrats to create another Democratic congressional district. Mission accomplished. The 13th district went from being a competitive district long held by a Republican to flipping to the Democrats in 2022.

Overall, Illinois lost one district after the 2020 census and managed to draw lines that changed the congressional ratio from a 13-5 Democratic advantage to a 14-3 Democratic advantage. The political analysis website 538 called the new map "the worst gerrymander in the country

drawn by Democrats."

This makes it especially inapt that a contingent of Texas Democrats fleeing the Lone Star State to try to stop what they consider unfair new congressional boundaries found a safe harbor in Illinois. Next time, their travel agent should do a hypocrisy check before booking a destination.

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker welcomed the self-exiling Democrats and hailed their courage. He told them that he and other top Democrats in the state were pleased "to stand in solidarity with you and send a clear message to all Americans." His conscience showed no sign of being pricked by the fact that he signed off on the redistricting that saw Republicans in 2022 win nearly 44% of the popular vote in Illinois congressional races and only about 17% of the congressional seats.

A special session of the Texas legislature is considering new lines that could net Republicans another five seats. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has cited a Department of Justice letter saying that some of the current districts need to be redrawn because they represent unconstitutional racial gerrymandering (the Biden Justice Department had been fighting Texas because, in its view, the current lines didn't reflect enough racial gerrymandering).

The Supreme Court is taking up a Louisiana case that should clarify the extent to which states can consider race in drawing so-called majority-minority districts. In the meantime, the partisan effect of the new Texas lines before the 2026 midterms is unmistakable. If Republicans were likely to lose five

seats from the redistricting, there's no doubt that the state's Republican governor and Republican legislature wouldn't be undertaking it.

Drawing district lines is an inherently political enterprise, and parties tend to give themselves the best of it. When Democrats controlled the Texas legislature, they maintained congressional lines in their favor. It wasn't until Republicans won the state house for the first time since Reconstruction in 2002 that the GOP could redraw the congressional map and Republicans subsequently won a majority of Texas congressional seats in 2004, also for the first time since Reconstruction.

Since Democrats gerrymander too, they have limited options for retaliating against Texas. Pritzker says he may redraw his state's lines, but this would require gerrymandering on top of his current gerrymander. California Gov. Gavin Newsom is making similar noises, but the California map is already tilted toward Democrats. Republicans won nearly 40% of the congressional vote in the Golden State in 2024, but only about 17% of the seats.

If the Texas plan goes through and all else remains equal, the Lone Star State will have about the same partisan skew as California.

Less gerrymandering would be better rather than more, but Democrats like Gov. Pritzker, who blessed his state's meandering 13th district, have no standing to make the case.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Democracy Be Damned

Texas and California Plot Dueling Congressional Gerrymanders



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Under pressure from President Donald Trump, Texas' dominant Republicans are attempting to redraw the state's congressional districts and thus increase the number of GOP-held seats after the midterms.

Republicans have a paper-thin majority in the House of Representatives. Trump obviously fears that Democrats could win control next year and he wants mid-decade redistricting to make congressional regime change less likely.

Meanwhile, Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders want to counter the nakedly partisan effort in Texas by gerrymandering California's congressional districts to neutralize whatever Texas does. It's faintly reminiscent of the Spy vs. Spy comic strip in MAD Magazine that baby boomers might recall, or perhaps the classic Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote cartoons.

However, there's nothing funny about trampling — in the lust for partisan political power — the quaintly democratic notion that congressional districts should fairly represent the characteristics and values of their constituents.

Newsom wants the Legislature to place a measure on the November ballot that would set aside — temporarily, he says — the state's constitutional requirement that redistricting be done once

a decade by an independent commission.

"It's cause and effect, triggered on the basis of what occurs or doesn't occur in Texas," Newsom said this week. "I hope they do the right thing, and if they do, then there'll be no cause for us to have to move forward."

After the 1970 census, Republican Gov. Ronald Reagan and Democratic legislative leaders deadlocked on redistricting and the state Supreme Court intervened, creating its own mechanism to draw new maps.

A decade later, after the 1980 census, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, legislative leaders such as Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, and Phil Burton, leader of the state's congressional delegation, drew very weird-looking, politically lopsided districts — one of which Burton described as "my contribution to modern art."

Republicans persuaded voters to reject the maps via referendum. However, the state Supreme Court decreed that the challenged maps be used for the 1982 election anyway. After that election, Brown and legislators simply adopted slightly changed versions.

Republicans tried again to overturn the Democrats' maps via ballot initiative but the state Supreme Court cancelled it, declaring that the state constitution limited redistricting to one each decade. Speaker Brown publicly thanked "Sister Rose and the Supremes," referring to Chief Justice Rose Bird, one of several reasons Bird was ousted by voters a few years later.

After 1990 census, Republican Gov. Pete Wilson and Democratic legislators once again stalemated and once again the Supreme Court stepped in. However, after the 2000 census, although

Democrat Gray Davis was governor, leaders of both parties forged a bipartisan gerrymander, freezing the numerical status quo in the Legislature and the congressional delegation.

After Davis was recalled, successor Arnold Schwarzenegger mounted a campaign to reform redistricting, backed by Charles Munger Jr., a very wealthy physicist and son of the famous businessman and investor Charlie Munger. Voters passed their 2008 initiative to create an independent commission for legislative seats and a 2010 measure to extend its authority to congressional districts despite opposition from both parties.

The commission drew maps after the 2010 and 2020 censuses and both plans helped Democrats achieve supermajorities in legislative houses and the congressional delegation — thanks largely to demographic trends and declining GOP voter registration.

Today, Republicans hold just nine of the state's 53 congressional seats and Newsom is ready to cut that in half. He says that the revised districts would be in effect until the commission is revived after the 2030 census.

However, due its almost nonexistent population growth, California could lose as many as four seats after the 2030 census. Having seized more power over redistricting, would Democrats really be willing to return to the commission system they once despised?

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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Six Legacy Farms and Ranches Honored at Agricultural Heritage Club

The California Agricultural Heritage Club inducted six farms and ranches during last month's ceremony at the California State Fair, recognizing families with 100 years or more of continuous operation. Among the honorees were Locke Ranch in San Joaquin County and Hoskins/Pleasants Ranch in Solano County, both of which reached the 175-year milestone under long-standing family management. Additionally, Gowan's Family Orchard in Mendocino County and Tryon Ranches in Del Norte County, both 125 years, and San Gabriel Nursery and Florist in Los Angeles County and Heinke's Family Farm in Butte County, both 100 years, were recognized for their resilience, adaptation and legacy.

Breakthrough Could Hasten Breeding of Disease-resistant Crops

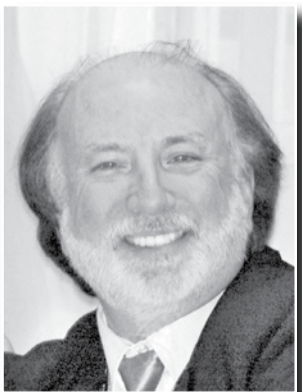
Farmers could be closer to growing crop varieties that are better at fighting off diseases thanks to a new scientific breakthrough. Researchers at the University of California, Davis, are using artificial intelligence to redesign a key immune receptor in plants, enabling the plants to strengthen their immune response. "We were able to resurrect a defeated receptor, one where the pathogen has won, and enable the plant to have a chance to resist infection in a much more targeted and precise way," said lead author Gitta Coaker, professor at the UC Davis Department of Plant Pathology. Coaker said the method has the potential to help researchers breed more disease-resistant varieties of hundreds of plant species, including staple crops such as tomatoes and potatoes.

Irrigation May Be Key to Maintaining Crop Yields in High Heat

Farmers have long struggled to keep crop yields up amid high temperatures. But it isn't the heat itself that is most responsible for zapping yields, according to a recent study by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley. The study found that soil moisture, not temperature, is the primary factor that determines crop productivity in high heat. "We've known for a long time that high temperatures are associated with low yields, but we didn't know why," said Vargas Zeppetello, a faculty member in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management. The research could benefit future agricultural production by encouraging greater emphasis on irrigation and soil moisture during high heat events.

Farmers Share Experiences Adopting Regenerative Agriculture

About five years ago, Kings County farmer John Warmerdam began incorporating regenerative farming practices to grow peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and almonds. Because he isn't certified organic, Warmerdam doesn't earn a premium when he sells his fruits and nuts, but he said he is still passionate about "doing the right thing." Last month, he and other farmers in the San Joaquin Valley shared their experiences implementing regenerative farming practices with researchers at a symposium organized by the University of California. Speakers at the event agreed that to succeed, regenerative agriculture needs more investment, improved markets and greater profit margins for farmers. ★



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A Game of Errors

I have always said Pickleball is a stupid game. Tongue in cheek, it is actually a very fun game and extremely addictive and popular. I used the "stupid" moniker because it uses a silly little ball resembling a whiffle ball and little plastic paddles which look like the paddles the teachers used to spank us with way back when.

And yes, they really did that.

We all learned to respect authority because of it. That's a meme I saw on Facebook and not the subject of today's musing of course, but I kind of had to throw that in there.

Anyway, I have always said, Pickleball is a game of errors. The player(s) that make the fewest errors wins. That's not just my opinion.

It's the way the game should be played.

Ask anyone that's any good at it.

Investing is like that.

But unlike the common knowledge of how Pickleball is won, few investors realize errors in investing are more important than the winners.

A famous hedge fund manager once said "it's not how much money you make in the rallies, it's how much money you lose during the down drafts".

What is meant here is that losses are more important than gains. Or should I say, limiting losses is more important than tracking gains.

Investing icon and billionaire, Warren Buffett once quipped his two rules to guide your investing:

Rule 1: Don't lose money

Rule 2: Don't forget rule 1.

I fully believe and run my portfolios almost solely based on these rules.

From my experience however, investor celebrate their gains a lot more than concern themselves with limiting their losses.

An advisor I know once foresaw the housing blow up of 2008/9 before it happened and sold almost all the stocks in his managed portfolios. He did the same prior to the Covid shutdown stock crash.

The 2008/9 crash was prolonged and wiped out more than half of the Dow. The losses were so great, many an investor suffered massive losses and subsequently many lost their retirement savings. Many an advisor witnessed distraught investors literally breaking down into tears in their offices around the globe. Some investors were so distraught, they never got back into the market.

Yes, some investors are like that.

The 2020 March Covid crash wiped out about 38% in as little as 4 weeks. Investors again were more than stunned at

the ferocity and velocity of the wipe out.

But investors memories are short lived.

Although the advisor literally saved his clients the horrible anguish that were these two events, the advisor continued to live by rule 1, don't lose money.

This meant during the subsequent recovery, he was still careful.

I was told he initially made a lot of money during the recovery's. But he always kept rule 1 in mind and therefore continued selling every time the market showed signs of weakness.

This resulted in the portfolios failing to keep up with the indexes during subsequent recoveries.

His clients soon forgot the miracle of how the advisor literally saved their bacon during the past carnage and the mental anguish most others had to suffer through.

The advisor continued living by rule 1.

But the portfolios languished when compared to the indexes.

What happened next was his clients once again ignored rule 1, and began complaining they weren't making enough.

Some left for greener pastures.

Like Pickleball, the advisor had made the fewest errors and won the "game" in both 2008 and 2020.

He paid attention to rule 1 in spades, and knew limiting losses IS the game.

Both in Pickleball and in investing.

But his clients, went back to trying to hit winners.

And like in Pickleball, winners feel good and appear to be the way to play.

But as anyone who plays Pickleball long enough knows, you only get to the top of the game by making the fewest errors.

Its why the icons of investing and professional traders alike know rule 1 rules.

And in investing, that means putting the importance of limiting losses AHEAD of hitting winners.

Do that in both Pickleball and with your investments, and eventually to the top of the ladder you will go.

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

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The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

We are enjoying the Friday evening Farmer's Market here in Brownsville. Those fresh-picked tomatoes are great and who doesn't like a nice juicy watermelon. There are many booths to visit, some with dinner, others with crafts and produce. Come on by. There may be a new business opening next door, too. We wish them well.

Pizza and music up at Mountains Top Coffee Shop is hard to beat on a Friday evening. It is a great place to gather and visit with friends and neighbors. Their pizzas are home-made and delicious.

Brownsville Blues Festival is coming up soon. August 31 is the place to be. This event will be at the amphitheater at Ponderosa Community Center. Clay Thompson has a full line up of bands organized. We are looking forward to having it back locally. Please

watch for details. Hope to see you there.

Yuba Feather School starts on Wednesday, Aug. 13. It seems so early from when we started in "my day", after Labor Day. Making the yearly schedule fit with exactly so many school days, though, takes an effort. Will there be any "snow days" this year? Watch out for those school busses.

I just can't stay awake long enough to look at our starry skies. I'll bet it was a "show" though. Anything unusual is great to acknowledge. I hope someone saw the Star Show.

Look Back in Time – In 1909 Dennis LaPlant made a rich strike of quartz gold on his claim in Rabbit Creek (now LaPorte).

*Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
~ Yvonne*

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TS No: CA07000467-25-1-HC APN: 018-190-061-000 & 018-190-062-000 TO No: 250267922-CA-VOI NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, on December 22, 2006, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by MARY S NORTON, A SINGLE PERSON as Trustor in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Beneficiary and FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INS CO as Trustee, and was recorded on January 3, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007R-000076 in the Office of the County Recorder, Yuba County, California; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated November 13, 2019, and recorded on November 19, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019-015916, in the office of the County Recorder, Yuba County, California; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on October 22, 2023, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 10, 2025 is estimated to be \$400,148.95; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on July 9, 2025, as Instrument No. 2025-007576, notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2025 at 01:30

PM, local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Commonly known as: 2909 HAMMONTON ROAD, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 EXHIBIT A A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, M.D.B.&M. AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 14, 15, 22 AND 23, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, M.D.B. & M. AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, A DISTANCE OF 2080.6 FEET TO AN IRON TUBE DRIVEN INTO THE EARTH; THENCE WEST 1303.0 FEET TO AN IRON TUBE DRIVEN INTO THE EARTH, SAID IRON TUBE BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO DALE MINING ET UX, RECORDED JULY 5, 1963 IN BOOK 373 OF YUBA COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 436; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID MINNIG PARCEL AND THE SOUTHERLY PROLONGATION THEREOF, 1975 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER LINE OF HAMMONTON-SMARTSVILLE ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 198 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED HEREIN; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 232.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 352.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN EXCEPTION DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 14, 1964 IN BOOK 402, PAGE 165, YUBA COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE 209.9 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT THAT LIES ON THE NORTH PROLONGATION OF

THE WEST LINE OF THE EXCEPTION DESCRIBED IN BOOK 374, PAGE 377, YUBA COUNTY, OFFICIAL RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH ON SAID NORTH PROLONGATION AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID EXCEPTION, 485.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The sale will be held at the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th Street, Marysville, CA 95901. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$407,685.45. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro-rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$40,768.55 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$40,768.55 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if

it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$400,148.95 as of July 10, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: 07/10/25. Rosenda Cardenas, Authorized Signatory MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Foreclosure Commissioner 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 Fax: 949-252-8330 SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 114555, Pub Dates: 08/01/2025, 08/08/2025, 08/15/2025, TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

- Name
- Kristopher Ronald Allen Robinson
- Rebecca L. Comarsh
- Anita M. Toche
- Jack G. Ganas
- Carolyn R. Marr
- Tamala A. Brendlin
- Billy D. Coffey
- James L. Macanas
- Judith E. Garcia
- Michael D. Trindade

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Auctioneer Kristie Oropeza, Bond# W150153447 (8/8/25 & 8/15/25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutter County Community Action Agency board meeting Thursday, August 21 at 3:00 p.m. at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, 950 Tharp Road, Ste. 1303, Yuba City or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053881425?pwd=FYOkbKbcxakTot0AWBnR0RdbJpma4.1> Meeting ID: 850 5388 1425, Passcode: 229911 Or Dial in at (669) 900-9128 Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
SARAH MARIE EDMONDSON, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-01139
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
09/02/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Sarah Marie Edmondson, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Sarah Marie Edmondson
to: Marie Edmondson King

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 7/17/2025
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025



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LEGAL NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-196

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KALYANI RUGS
8712 Marysville Road
Oregon House, CA 95962
MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 968
Oregon House, CA 95962
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
KARAVIA, INC.
PO Box 968
Oregon House, CA 95962
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
PETER E. COHEN
CALIFORNIA
PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 22, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-194

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Metal Roofing Consultants
Metal Roofing Inspectants
Copper Roofing Consultants
Copper Roofing Inspectants
2299 Casa Dulce Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Custom Sheet Metal Works
2299 Casa Dulce Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/06/2017.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Gregory Anderson
California
President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 18, 2025.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
JULY 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-203

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Lucky Lucy
1899 Slingshot Dr.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Teleasa L. McGlother
1899 Slingshot Dr.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Teleasa L. McGlother
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on August 6, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
AUGUST 15, 22, 29, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-197

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LuneCraft Diamonds
759 Shastina Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
MAILING ADDRESS
2701 Del Paso Rd,
Ste. 130-357
Sacramento, CA 95835
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Jimmy Justice
2701 Del Paso Rd,
Ste. 130-357
Sacramento, CA 95835
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/28/2025.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Jimmy Justice
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 22, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
AUGUST 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-190

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Marysville Banquet Hall
800 D Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
GTL LLC
315 3rd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Gary Yu
CA Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 14, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
JULY 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 2025

Notice of Public Meeting for the Closeout of the CDBG Homeless Emergency Shelter Planning Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. to discuss the following information:

- A. Closeout of the CDBG Homeless Emergency Shelter Planning Project.
- B. The execution and submittal of the grant closeout certifications.
- C. Request to disencumber unused funds under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Standard Agreement No. 21-CDBG-PL-30003.
- D. Funding in the amount of \$250,000 was used to complete the Homeless Emergency Shelter Plan, which assessed the need for the construction of a new emergency homeless shelter in Yuba County and provided plans for a proposed project.

Additional Information related to the project is available at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901 between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm on Monday-Friday or by emailing Ian Scott, Manager, Special Projects, at iscott@yuba.gov or (530) 749-5470. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Yuba County Community Development and Services Agency, at the address above, or you may contact Ian Scott.

Yuba County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion or disability. Any person wishing to testify at the Board of Supervisors hearing on the proposed project may appear before the Board at the prescribed time and place, or may submit written comments or objections to the Clerk of the Board at 915 8th Street, Suite 109, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for inspection at the same address. â

If you challenge in court the action or decision of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors regarding a zoning, planning, land use, or environmental determination made at any public hearing described in this notice, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone raised at such public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, such public hearing.
(TD) August 15, 2025

Community Events

CREATIVE THINKERS COMMUNITY CLASSES THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center St, Yuba City
August 14 Mental Empowerment, Gabriel Gutierrez
August 21 Financial Knowledge, Reggie
August 28 Blue Zones, Cristina Espinosa

Next Step Community Breakfast

Second Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice & peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy.
Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5, 3 & under Free.

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Yuba College Awarded \$300,00 Grant to Expand Fire and Forestry Career Training

By Chrystal Gillming,
Yuba College
News Release



MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba College has been awarded a \$300,000 Fire and Forestry Pathway Grant to strengthen the region's workforce in wildland fire response and forest management.

The funding, awarded in June 2025 and running through June 2028, will support the expansion of the college's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. Key areas of

focus include increasing enrollment in basic wildland fire training, watershed courses and the Forest Management Resilience Certificate program.

The grant will enable Yuba College to develop new courses that address the growing need for skilled professionals in fire

prevention, suppression and forest health. Topics will include fire behavior, suppression tactics, forest ecology, fuels management and climate resilience. The courses will complement existing curriculum and provide hands-on, industry-relevant training designed to prepare students for immediate employment in high-demand fields.

The initiative will also support outreach efforts aimed at attracting new students, especially those from underrepresented

populations, while funding instructional equipment, materials and faculty development. In addition, the grant will help Yuba College create or expand regional partnerships with other colleges, employers, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and related agencies. These collaborations will support broader efforts to build comprehensive workforce training pathways and increase the number of learners advancing into fire and forestry careers. ★



The grant will help Yuba College create or expand regional partnerships with other colleges, employers, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and related agencies. Photo by Island Hopper X via Pixels

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FILE:PFI-252205 TITLE ORDER NUMBER: P-665133 LOAN: PO1954 A.P.N.: 016-300-008-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/12/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: MICHAEL MAHER and MICHELLE MAHER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 5/19/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-008173 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 4/23/2025 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 2025-004359 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 8/28/2025 AT the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 at 1:30 PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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 hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real

property described above is purported to be: 1203 DRAKES BAR COURT, PLUMAS LAKE, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$454,858.46 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding

at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-252205. Information about postponements that are very

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California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION

OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0477260 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 08/08/2025, 08/15/2025, 08/22/2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: RODNEY TOMMY FERNANDEZ, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-01196 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
09/15/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Sarah Marie Edmondson, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Rodney Tommy Fernandez
to: Rodney Lee Wilson Tauaefa

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 7/25/2025

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2025

APN: 014-632-013-000 TS No: CA06000181-23-1 TO NO: 230419518-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 16, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 8, 2025 at 09:00 AM, The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 30, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014-014076, and an Assumption Agreement recorded September 25, 2017 as Instrument Number 2017-012173, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by HENRY E. LEE, JR. AND MISTY D. LEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION

SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for LEADING MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1677 BROOKGLEN DRIVE, OLIVEHURST, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be

sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$228,041.97 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential

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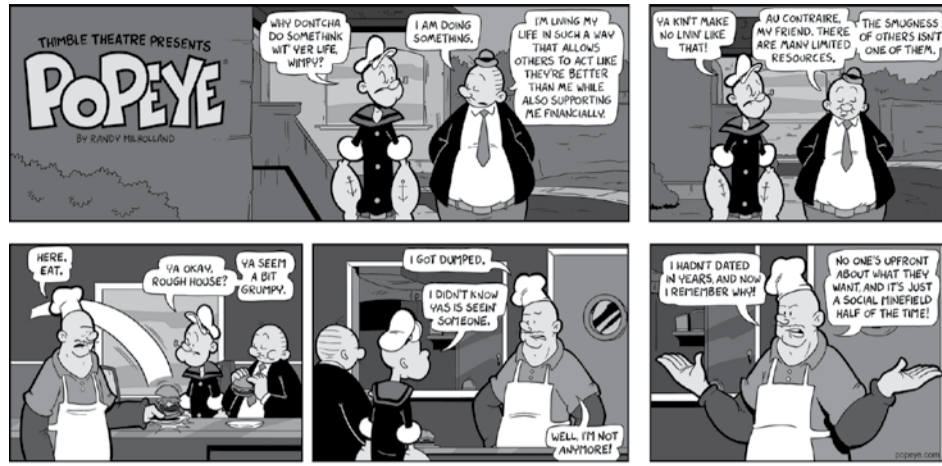
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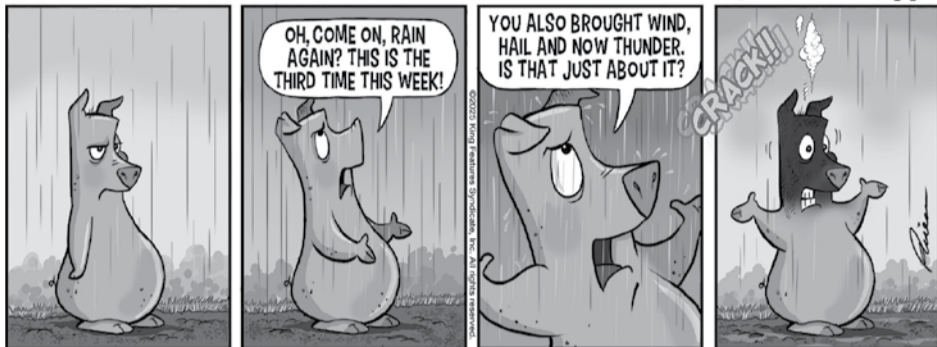
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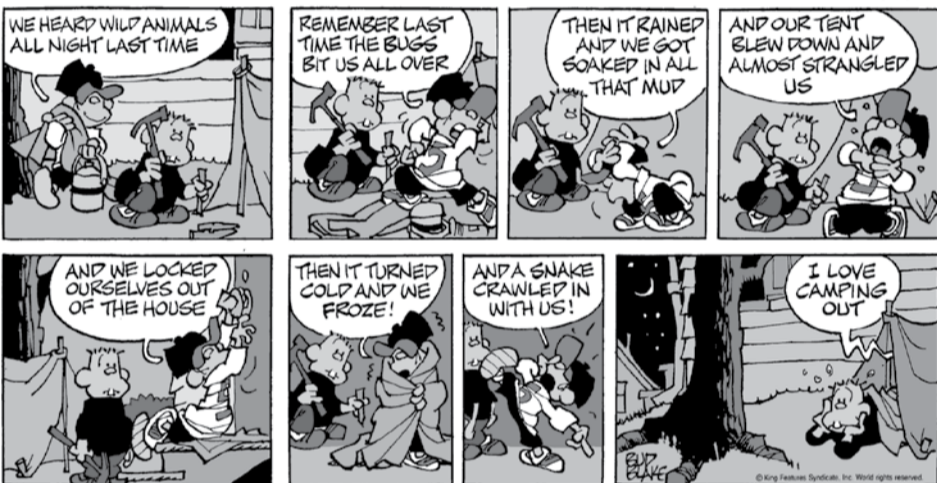
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- Report
 - One on the beat
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 - Carry away, in a way
 - * Readers
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 - * time for preschoolers
 - Plums and cherries genus
 - Allegiance
 - Crew propeller
 - Rh in Rh disease
 - Your majesty
 - Miss of the Muppets
 - Olympic castaway
 - *Didn't fail
 - Frozen H2O
 - Took a penny-farthing, e.g.
 - *Punctuation marks for famous words
 - Maltese or Havana, e.g.
 - *Use Play-Doh
 - Cheap trinket
 - *3+x=10, e.g.
 - Soviet place of exile
 - Curtis, to friends
 - Beehive state
 - *Olden-day notebook
 - Honey-producing facility
 - Sushi restaurant soup
 - Location of altar
 - Type of poem
 - Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
- DOWN**
- Mountain basin
 - Attention grabber
 - Reduced Instruction Set Computer
 - Hiccup's Toothless, e.g.
 - Irritate by rubbing
 - Persian Gulf ship
 - Multi-
 - *"Get out of classroom" permit (2 words)
 - International Civil Aviation Organization
 - Retired, shortened
 - Bard's before
 - Lacking cordiality
 - Settle a debt
 - Unethical loaner's practice
 - Us, in Mexico
 - Temporary store
 - Reason to strike
 - Prodded
 - Totes or tugs
 - Permissible
 - Cease-fire
 - Many affirmatives
 - "Good grief!"
 - Bro's counterpart
 - *School alum
 - Next step for juvenile
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Marysville POLICE LOG



July 27, 2025 - August 2, 2025

Sunday, July 27

1:52 a.m. Traffic stop arrest at 6th and E Streets.

Monday, July 28

1:49 a.m. Traffic stop arrest at 3rd and E Streets.
12:12 p.m. A recovered vehicle was reported on the 300 block of A Street.
12:24 p.m. Violation of a court order was reported on the 300 block of 6th Street.
12:46 p.m. Suspicious circumstances arrest on the 700 block of High Street.
8:46 p.m. Shoplifter arrested on the 400 block of 9th Street.

Tuesday, July 29

12:17 a.m. Transient arrested on the 500 block of 4th Street.
10:08 a.m. Traffic detail arrest on the 900 block of Yuba Street.
11:14 a.m. Suspicious circumstances arrest on the 700 block of High Street.
2:04 p.m. A recovered vehicle was reported on the 300 block of A Street.

Wednesday, July 30

11:04 a.m. Transport arrest on the 1200 block of Martin Street.
6:35 p.m. Transient arrested on the 800 block of D Street.

Thursday, July 31

12:15 a.m. Suspicious circumstances arrest on the 600 block of B Street.
1:47 a.m. Suspicious circumstances crime reported on the 700 block of 4th Street.
6:23 a.m. Trespassing arrest on the 700 block of High Street.
6:12 p.m. Auto theft reported on the 1800 block of Ellis Lake Drive.
8:07 p.m. Arrest for violation of a court order on the 900 block of Huston Street.
9:59 p.m. Arrest on the 200 block of 5th Street.
11:36 p.m. Transient arrested at E and 2nd Streets.

Friday, Aug. 1

10:16 a.m. Transport arrest on the 1000 block of Civic Center Boulevard.

Saturday, Aug. 2

2:51 a.m. Consent contact arrest on the 600 block of 10th Street.
5:18 a.m. Consent contact arrest on the 300 block of 9th Street.
1:28 p.m. Tampering with vehicle reported on the 1700 block of Ellis Lake Drive.
8:55 p.m. Traffic stop arrest at B and 5th Streets. ★

Surveillance Video Leads to Arrest of Three Burglary Suspects

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release



YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -

On Aug. 9, the Sutter County Sheriff's Dispatch received a call regarding an active burglary in the area of Smith Road in Yuba City. The reporting party was actively watching the suspects steal property via their video surveillance system while away from home. Due to the reporting party's clear video surveillance quality; deputies were able to make out a license plate, vehicle descriptions and identify three potential suspects. The reporting party estimated the stolen property in the amount of \$10,000.

While conducting an area check, deputies located one suspect vehicle in the area of Lincoln Road and Meadow Avenue in Yuba City. Upon contact, in plain view, deputies located numerous items of stolen property that matched the description from the reporting party and the surveillance footage, inside the vehicle. The driver, 42-year-old Brianna Cottrell of Yuba City, was taken into

custody without incident and booked into the Sutter County Jail.

Through quick investigation, the second suspect vehicle was successfully located by deputies in the area of Cooper Avenue and Forbes Avenue in Yuba City. The driver, 45-year-old Jeffrey Lopez of Live Oak, was contacted and a vehicle search revealed additional stolen property. Lopez was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Sutter County Jail.

The third suspect was identified as 44-year-old Juan Galvan-Ramirez of Colusa. Galvan-Ramirez was contacted

at a residence in the area of Almond Street in Yuba City. A search of the property was conducted, and deputies located the rest of the stolen items. Galvan-Ramirez was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Sutter County Jail.

All three suspects, Cottrell, Lopez and Galvan-Ramirez were booked into the Sutter County Jail for conspiracy to commit a crime, burglary, grand theft, vandalism of \$400 or more and other reoffending related crimes.

All stolen items were returned to the reporting party. ★

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Tyler Rich Returns to Wheatland Aug. 21

By Shamaya Sutton

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, Aug. 21, award-winning country artist Tyler Rich returns to his Northern California roots to headline “The Event,” an annual charity concert at Hard Rock Live Sacramento Hotel & Casino in Wheatland.

Born in Yuba City and inspired by the rural charm and musical traditions of the Yuba-Sutter region, Rich brings his signature blend of heartfelt storytelling and polished country sound to this very special evening.

At 7 p.m., the doors will swing open to eager fans, and the festivities will kick off with a dynamic dance party led by Northern California’s own DJ Ness, setting the stage for a night of celebration and community spirit. As the clock strikes 8 p.m., Tyler Rich will take the spotlight, accompanied by special guest Ariel Jean, to deliver an unforgettable performance that is both a salute to his hometown and a showcase of his growing national prominence.

Tickets start at around \$25 and offer access to a high-energy evening that blends country music with a meaningful cause.

Proceeds from “The Event” are designated for several vital local organizations, including the Trauma Intervention Program, the Enterprise Rancheria Community Fund, the Sutter Animal Services Authority, and the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department Animal Care Services, underscoring Rich’s commitment to giving back to the region that shaped him.

As a Yuba City native who listened to country music growing up and later cultivated a career in Nashville, Tyler Rich’s return to the Yuba-Sutter area for “The Event” is more than a concert, it’s a homecoming, a fundraiser, and a celebration of community all in one. ★



Country music artist and Yuba City native Tyler Rich will return to Northern California on Aug. 21 to headline “The Event,” a charity concert at Hard Rock Live Sacramento benefiting local organizations. Photo courtesy of ‘The Event’ organizers

22nd Air Task Force Proves Combat Readiness at Northern Strike 25-2

By Airman 1st Class Chelsea Arana, 9th Reconnaissance Wing

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - Airmen from the 22nd Air Task Force (ATF), comprised of military members from Beale, Travis, and Fairchild Air Force Bases (AFB), wrapped up their participation in the 2-week training event Exercise Northern Strike 25-2 (NS 25-2) on Aug. 9 at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base.

Michigan’s role as host for NS 25-2 was crucial in shaping the realism and complexity of the training environment. The state’s diverse terrain and established infrastructure at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base allowed for seamless integration of joint operations in simulated strategically relevant locations.

“We are proud to provide the coordination and infrastructure needed to ensure our total force partners are ready for deployable operations anywhere in the world,” said Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Kramer II, Michigan National Guard, Assistant to the Adjutant General - Air.

Throughout the week, the Air Task Force responded to a series of realistic and high-intensity scenarios designed to simulate the conditions of modern warfare. Airmen operated in full Mission-Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear during chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) training. Additionally, members were subject to indirect fire attacks, base-wide Alarm Red and Alarm Black conditions which forced units to react quickly and maintain operations under duress.



C-130 and MQ-9 forward deploy to Battle Creek Air National Guard Base during Northern Strike 25-2. Photo courtesy of Senior Airman Robert Nichols

Key training elements included medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) scenarios, where Airmen coordinated rapid MEDEVAC responses to simulated casualties. Chemical, biological,

radiological and nuclear response teams sprinted through decontamination drills and base defenders locked down perimeters after simulated incursions. In partnership with the Air Force Research Lab

Airmen also practiced hot pit refueling, paired with a KC-135 virtual reality trainer that enhanced understanding of aircraft ground operations in a risk-free environment. The exercise offered a unique

opportunity to integrate emerging technologies with warfighters in a joint environment to receive real time feedback from service members.

“Preparing for Northern Strike aided me in

becoming a certified instructor which has given me opportunities to teach other units about my specialty as a defender,” said Senior Airman Kelsee Ford, 60th Security Forces Squadron installation patrolman. “Here at Northern Strike, I have been able to learn about combat operations and what it takes to effectively sustain an installation under real-world conditions.”

Drawing on their designated areas of expertise, members across the participating units had something to contribute to the overall success of NS 25-2. This included essential safety and fire support, emergency response capabilities, public affairs, and a rigorous wing inspection team making sure that every task met mission standards. Together, their combined efforts underscored the power of a unified, multi-base team operating with precision and purpose.

“We aren’t just training to fight, we are fighting to transform how our Air Force fights,” said Col. William J. Watkins, 22nd Air Task Force commander. “That’s our calling. That’s our privilege. That’s our burden. That’s our honor.”

The end of this exercise isn’t just the close of a training event for the 22nd Air Task Force, it marks a key milestone in their growth as a ready, responsive, and lethal force. From contingency response to combat support, Airmen were tested under pressure across every mission-essential task, proving their ability to deploy and fight when called upon. Now, they return to their home units with a sharpened operational edge and stronger cohesion as a lethal, deployable force. ★



Army CH-47 Chinook transports Airmen to simulated forward deployed locations. Photo courtesy of Senior Airman Robert Nichols