

# Business News

## Sandoval heads legal document organization

Reedley business owner elected president of California Association of Legal Document Assistants

Local business owner Tina Sandoval, president of the Central Valley Chapter of the California Association of Legal Document Assistants was elected President of the California Association of Legal Document Assistants (CALDA) at the organization's annual conference held September 14-16 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Sandoval, LDA, is the president and owner of Sandoval Affordable Business Services in Reedley, and also services surrounding areas such as Squaw Valley, Parlier, Selma, Kingsburg, Sanger, Fowler, Dinuba, Cutler and Orosi.

Established in 2004, the company specializes in assisting the self-help client with legal matters involving family law, including divorce, child custody, support, judgment, probate-guardianships and unlawful detainers. Sandoval, who has over 14 years experience working in the legal field, received her B.S. in criminology from Fresno State University. She also chairs the Educational committee of the California Association of Legal Document Assistants.

"I worked for Fresno attorneys for over 14 years," said Sandoval. "I knew that I eventually wanted to own my own business and after seeing all the people that could not afford to hire an attorney, I decided to open my Legal Document Assistant office in Reedley. I believe that the



Local business owner Tina Sandoval has been elected president of the statewide Association of Legal Document Assistants. (Photo by Dawn Pearson)

service I provide to my customers is an affordable alternative to hiring attorney."

Sandoval has been a member of CALDA since 2004. Prior to her appointment as President, Sandoval served on the board as Education

Chair.

"I am very excited to be the new leader of an organization whose members continue to provide personalized and affordable alternatives to attorneys," said Sandoval. "I am grateful for the

tremendous support from the board and our members, and I am looking forward to continuing to implement CALDA's goals and objectives during my term as president."

Sandoval said CALDA's main goals for the coming year include continuing to bridge the gap between the court system and legal document assistants (LDA). Plans are also already under way for the next annual conference, set for October 17-19, 2008 in Fresno.

CALDA, formerly known as the California Association of Independent Paralegals, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the use of legal document assistant services to the public, and to encourage high standards of ethical and professional conduct within the legal document assistants profession.

Legal document assistants were once commonly known as Independent Paralegals. However, as of January 1, 2000 only those paralegals working directly for attorneys may now be referred to as paralegals. Those formerly known as independent paralegals are referred to as legal document assistants.

LDAs have the same educational background as a paralegal, but are required by law to be registered and bonded in the county in which they have their principal place of business. An LDA is an experienced professional who is authorized to prepare legal documents for a client, but only in the direction of the client. In other words, the LDA is there to assist the "self-help" client handle their own legal matters without the cost of an attorney.

A legal document assistant is not a lawyer. By law, they cannot give legal advice or represent you in the courts in any manner.

## New construction continues while downtown building gets a facelift



(ABOVE) Construction is moving right along in the shopping center located on the southeast corner of Manning and Buttonwillow aves. Rite Aid is expected to relocate sometime in October and a new branch of the Educational Employees Credit Union will follow, easing the traffic and confusion at the institution's only local ATM machine near the Reedley High tennis courts. (LEFT) If you haven't already seen the entirely remodeled Newton and Sons Real Estate building in the 1000 block of G St. in downtown Reedley, it's worth a visit. The older building has been totally gutted and transformed into a modern office space featuring a fountain, decorator paint, epoxy rock flooring and plenty of room for new businesses. (Photos by Dawn Pearson and Erik Valencia)

## Chamber NOTES

By Pete Perez

We want to get an early start this year on nominations for those deserving members of our community.

The categories are man and woman of the year, business, farmer and new business of the year. It is our hope to have the nomination process complete by our November directors meeting. This will allow the production team time to collect memorabilia and interview the candidates.

We encourage all to participate. We have many citizens that deserve this honor. Please do not over look them.

All we need is why you think they deserve this honor whether it is community service, successful farmer, or contribution to an industry, quality of life or any of the many contributions one makes to enhance the community and please forward them to the chamber office.

Our newest board of director Marcy Guthrie is already earning her stripes. She has

made quite an impression with many in the community and at her new job.

What a breath of fresh air she is. We all look forward to working alongside Marcy. Please at the next ribbon cutting, mixer or event come and meet her she will make your day.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for our upcoming benefit fundraisers. These fundraisers were designed to payoff our 4th of July debt.

Scheduled is our Mush ball tournament on September 29 at Reedley High School. Registration and rules are available at the chamber office.

A very special thank you to Tim and Melissa Fujioka from Valley Athletics for sponsoring this event for the chamber. Special pricing is available for business sponsors.

On our tailgate party featuring tri-tip, dinner is next on our agenda for Friday, November 2. More to come on this event.

Tickets will be pre-sold by staff, directors and volunteers.

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