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## Readying for Red Suspenders Day



Above: A Butte County Fire Rescue truck at a previous Red Suspenders Day. Right: Thumbs up for Red Suspenders Day. Photos courtesy of Butte County Fire Rescue

By **Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing for Red Suspenders Day 2024.

The beloved community event that celebrates our local Fire Fighters is held annually on the third

weekend in May. This year's theme is "Honoring 1st on the Scene".

This year, festivities begin Friday, May 17th with the Chamber fundraiser, Unjustice Court, and continue into Saturday, May 18th for Red Suspenders Day.

The Chamber is currently accepting parade entries, vendor applications, and looking for sponsors that would like to support this Gridley tradition!

If you are interested in participating in or sponsoring the Gridley Area

Chamber of Commerce's Red Suspenders Day, please contact the chamber at 530-846-3142 or email them at [info@gridley-chamber.org](mailto:info@gridley-chamber.org). Applications are also available outside the Chamber, which is located at 890 Hazel St., Gridley, CA. ★

## Gridley Waste Rate Increases Proposed

Story by **Teri Saya**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A rate increase is proposed for Gridley waste management services affecting all customers, beginning next Jan. 1. A public hearing will be held at a date not announced by press time.

Gridley City Administrator Elisa Arteaga addressed the possible solid-waste rate adjustments at the March 4 Gridley City Council meeting.

"Initially, waste management did provide a presentation on Nov. 20th, and during these discussions, we confirmed the rates on the current contract were set at lower rates compared to other jurisdictions. They provided information and our city attorney reviewed the proposal that was submitted by waste management," Arteaga said. "On Dec. 18th, the City Council approved the extension with the caveat that we would come back because we are required under Prop 218 to provide a public hearing and allow for comments on the proposed solid waste rates. There is a 45-day notice period. And there is a recommendation reviewing approving the resolution and also confirming the extension of the contract. It's my understanding that we have not received any objections."

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson had a question about collections: "In reviewing the original contract and the discussion that we had with waste management, they did bring to our attention that 30% of customers hadn't paid their bills and they wanted us to help in collecting it?"

Arteaga responded, "Waste management bills quarterly. We're not sending out collections, we receive funds through franchise. However, they are responsible for collecting their own bills. Waste management said property owners were responsible for providing waste services on their property and they also said they will be sending out notices to the property owners and to the tenants. Those will be going out on a quarterly basis and will be brought to the council in June for public hearing on liens."

The five council members unanimously approved holding a public hearing to consider the contract's solid waste rate adjustments and to confirm the contract extension of five years. The time and date of a public hearing will be

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## Woten Says 'Get Something Going' for Sheriff's Contract

By **Sharon Pearce**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak City Council appointed two replacement members to the Planning Commission from seven applicants on March 6.

Matt Cashman and Mike Tuman will serve four-year terms. Applicants were publicly interviewed either in person or by Zoom at the meeting. Much general discussion was about a desire to see Live Oak retain a quiet, small-town atmosphere, while at the same time focusing on rehabilitation and upgrading its downtown, and to preserve the structures it has. Another two applicants will be selected at the same time in 2025, no applicants will be selected in 2026 and another two applicants will be appointed in 2027 to fill the staggered terms.

High school student Aubrey Lopez requested the city's permission to paint a mural on a mechanic's shop in town to honor the community as one with the legacy of a strong work ethic. The Municipal Code

does not provide guidance on murals so city staff was asked for direction to establish such a process. It was announced that 10 large-scale murals have been painted in Live Oak since 2017.

Lopez gave City Council members copies of her mural vision of two men working in a field in the foreground with trees fading into the background. The council responded positively to the request. Live Oak City Manager Aaron Palmer reported that \$20,000 annually is put into grants for the arts, suggesting that it could be a source to defray Lopez' expenses.

Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine encouraged it as a great project for matching funds, with Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana, also an Arts Commission member, saying she will pass the word along to encourage this project.

Four Q Street residents pleaded with City Council to address dilapidation and garbage on properties there, especially near Date Street.

One Q Street resident said that she has complained about this problem for 10 years. Another said she has spent more money than she earns fixing her own fence with nothing done by the city about the street. They said that the sidewalks aren't paved and the sidewalks turn to mud when it rains. With the need to repair potholes and add stop signs, the Q Street residents said, the area needs to be cleaned and made safer for children and dogs. The residents were told that a code enforcement officer would be in contact.

City Manager Palmer's service to the city was acknowledged with a plaque, and photograph.

All Consent Calendar items were passed, including updates to the General Plan and Housing Element. The latter, said contract planner Kevin Valente, is updated annually. All building permits for the year are entered into the state of California's spreadsheet, which identifies the status of housing. Valente said that Crystal Court

was the last development built in Live Oak and that the state "wants them to rezone from high quality" but there have been no new apartments.

Councilmember Bob Woten reinforced what he expressed in the last council meeting about refocusing on the unsigned sheriff's contract.

"Can we just analyze it again, just get something going? I feel an urgency," said Woten and warned, "...they (the Sheriff's Office) must plan a budget and we have our own budget. We need to dig down and see if we can get this taken care of."

Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag concurred.

Santana complained that citizen complaints on Councilmember Facebook pages are not always interfaced with and complainants redirected to the City's website where transparent answers might be available.

The next council member will be at 6 p.m. March 20 at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. ★



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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Of California's 22,111,549 registered voters, 7,310,036 voted, either by mail-in ballot or at an in-person voting center – resulting in roughly 33% voter turnout in the March 2024 Primary. Locally, Tod Kimmelshue was reelected in what can only be seen as a landslide - unless you're an Oroville/Bangor/Honcut area person where Supervisor Bill Connelly got 100% of the vote as he was running unopposed. Can you even call that running for office? Perhaps in the future, if no one signs up to run against someone for political office, we can refer to that as they were walking into office. The other interesting development from the recent election is former Gridley City Council member Mike Greer was the top vote-getter in the 2nd Assembly District. He now heads to the general election in November.

Want the latest Pew Research on pressing

current issues? Do you need more material for the next time you want to start a conversation? Here you go: Immigration: 78% of Americans describe the large number of immigrants at the southern border as either a crisis or a significant problem. And 80% – including majorities in both parties – say the government is doing a lousy job dealing with the situation. Large shares of the public support increasing the number of asylum judges and staff, increasing deportations, and other proposals. Economy: Americans remain worried about high prices: 72% say they are very concerned about the price of food and consumer goods, and 64% say the same about the cost of housing. About half say they are very worried about gas and energy prices. Crime: Republicans and Democrats have become more concerned about crime since the beginning of Biden's term. About seven in ten Republicans (68%) say reducing crime should be a top priority for the president and Congress this year, compared with 47% of Democrats. Again, don't feel bad if your opinions don't line up with the majority of people, like the ones who answered these questions; it is what makes you unique. Moreover, recognizing from the top of

this column, seven out of ten people don't even vote - your ideas have more weight if you do show up and participate in our democracy. \*\*\* Headlines last week noted that in January, the Hawaiian Islands experienced another confirmed visitor decline, overall down 4% compared with January 2023 and far more in some places. Just so you know, when you see a story like that - complaining that tourism is down in Hawaii. That's the best time to buy the plane tickets and go. Recent research into why fewer people are going to Hawaii has found a common thread among visitors to Hawaii - people don't feel welcome. The welcoming ethic of Aloha, which was famous for warmth, pleasant kindness, and hospitality, is kind of out the window with the divisive politics of our era. The research shows that if you tell people we don't want you around, we don't like you, people start going to Costa Rica, Mexico, and other places where it costs less to visit, and the people are happy to have somebody drop by. \*\*\* Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator who lived for 20 years on Historic Hazel Street. Opinions expressed here are solely his. ★

# Gridley Waste Rate Increases Proposed

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announced later.

According to Gridley utility director Ross Pippitt, the city wells are in need of repair. He said that the Liberty Well located at the Industrial Park suddenly stopped working in early January. Commercial Pump and Mechanical, Inc. staff found that the shaft was bad in one spot and broken in another and that the shaft's wellhead at the bottom is broken and needs to be replaced."

In addition, Pippitt said that the Eagle Meadows Well is making unusual noises that should be examined.

"We felt like this was an emergency. It gets a little nerve-racking, especially when two out of the five wells decide to quit working," Pippitt said.

Commercial Pump and Mechanical, Inc.'s invoice for the repairs, which included tearing the units apart, replacing the broken components and checking the electric motors; is for \$45,803.

The council members unanimously approved awarding a contract to Commercial Pump and Mechanical (CPM) for well repairs.

Pippitt also introduced the next item on the agenda, the recommendation that City Council consider approving the removal of concrete slabs and concrete debris on the Gridley Electric Department property at 57 E Gridley Road.

"There are three large concrete pads on the property. One has already been broken up and needs to be hauled away

and the other two still need to be jack-hammered into movable pieces and hauled out," Pippitt said.

The three bids presented to City Council ranged from \$13,320 to \$17,700 and Pippitt suggested going with the lowest bid. City Council members unanimously approved removing the concrete and awarding the lowest bid, which was from Kegan Waite.

City employee Katie Hill received a recognition certificate, presented by Gridley Police Chief Rodney Harr.

"We want to recognize Ms. Hill not only for her work ethic but also as an affirmation of what she does for us and the city. We present her with the California Associates of Code Enforcement Officers Certificate," Harr said. "To do this, she had to pass numerous amounts of hours and training. This is one of the goals of the city and the council to push forward this agenda by getting our staff certified and more educated, which makes us a better city and better department. Katie Hill has completed all the necessary requirements, accepted exemplary knowledge and dedication to the profession and she has earned the designation of a certified Code Enforcement Officer." Congratulations to Officer Katie Hill."

The next City Council meeting is at 6 p.m. March 18 at 685 Kentucky St.

To view more agendas, minutes, and videos of the City Council meetings on the Gridley, CA website, go to <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council>. ★

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# Vietnam Veterans' Stories Wanted

By Messenger Publishing Group Staff

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Museum is reaching out to Vietnam veterans in honor and recognition of the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which is March 29.

The national day pays special tribute to the 900,000,000 Americans who served during the era, to the 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. to those who never received the recognition they deserved when they returned home, according to the American Legion.

The Gridley Museum is asking residents to share their experiences serving in the Vietnam War.

"Your hometown museum is dedicated to showcasing the many stories that have made up the history of Gridley. You men and women are a big part of our history and so we would very much like to create a special space for you," museum director RuthAnn King told The Gridley Herald. "We welcome whatever you choose to share. It could include

recollections of your service experience, memorabilia, pictures, films and stories of that time of your life. We are looking at the period of time from 1960 through 1975. We even have some folks who would consider it a privilege to help record your stories."

The museum wants to also include the stories of Vietnam veterans who have died.

"If you are a widow, widower, child, relative or friend of a Vietnam vet who has passed or is unable to respond but is willing to share, your contribution would be most appreciated. In the near future, we hope to organize a few fundraisers for the project and would welcome input for this part of the project as well."

Stories can be mailed to the Gridley Museum at 601 Kentucky St., Gridley, CA 95948. Stories can also be dropped off at the museum, which is in the Veatch Building on the corner of Kentucky and Hazel streets.

Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. For more information about the Gridley Museum, call 530-846-4482. ★

# Looking Good: Water and Snowpack in California Currently at Healthy Levels



A beautiful view of a nearly full Lake Oroville. Photo provided by Will Sheffield

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - After waves of heavy storms dropped inches of rain throughout the valley and foothills and feet of snow in the mountains, local reservoirs and rivers have swollen to healthy levels, not seen for quite some time.

State agencies such as California Water Watch reports that major reservoir levels currently sit at 117% of average levels, snowpacks currently at 99% average peak snowpack, and the percentage of dry wells below normal level have dropped to just 37% across the state.

As for Butte County, Drought.gov reports that February was the 30th wettest February on record and this year has been the 29th wettest year on record over the last 130 years. As a result, the word "drought" might not be heard much this year.

Lake Oroville currently sits 863.05ft, which is at 84% capacity according to California Data Exchange Center, California Department of Water Resources (CDEC, CDWR).



Water releases continue from the Oroville Dam Spillway. Photo provided by Will Sheffield

Water is currently being released from the Oroville Dam spillway, swelling the Feather River as snow melt is expected.

As of March 1, of this year, DWR reports that "Feather River flows remain at 3,50 cfs through the City of Oroville with 10,350 cfs being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet (Outlet) for a total Feather River release of 14,000 cfs downstream."

Releases from the Oroville Dam are expected to continue.

According to the CDECCDWR, as of March 12 Northern Sierra/Trinity Mountain

ranges boast 112% snowpack or snow water equivalents, and the Central Sierra ranges sit at 96%.

The Honcut-Headwaters-Lower Feather watershed in Butte County sits at 96% of the historical average. Historically the precipitation statistics for this area state that water year to date is typically 19.96" and as of March 11, 2024, it is currently at 19.17%.

For up-to-date information on local reservoir conditions, snowpack, precipitation and more, please visit [water.ca.gov/](http://water.ca.gov/) current conditions or [cww.water.ca.gov](http://cww.water.ca.gov/). ★

# Michelle Solis Hearing Delayed

Story by Teri Saya

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Michelle Christine Solis' preliminary court hearing on March 7 at the Superior Court in Oroville was rescheduled to April.

Solis' lead attorney, Matthew Clinton Smith, did not appear, due to a scheduling conflict at federal court in Sacramento, according to attorney Pat Beecham. Beecham requested the preliminary hearing be rescheduled for 8:30 a.m. April 23, which Judge Raymond J. Giordano granted.

Solis, who taught at Sycamore Middle School in Gridley, was charged with having unlawful sexual intercourse with

a minor and with distributing sexually explicit photos to a minor, both filed on Nov. 21, 2023 by Supervising Deputy District Attorney J. Bennett.

Gridley Unified School District wrote in a statement that Solis has been on administrative leave since October 2023, when police were first notified of the allegations.

In November 2023, Solis was arrested and booked into Butte County Jail after the Gridley Police Department investigators said they found evidence of a sexual relationship with a former student who is a minor. Solis posted bail and was released.

Solis plead not guilty on Jan. 12, 2024 to the two felony charges. ★

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# Feather River Fish Hatchery Steelhead Planting

By California Department of Water Resources

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Feather River Fish Hatchery raised approximately 452,000 yearling steelhead trout around 8.5 to 9.5 inches in length for 2024 releases. Around 7,000 steelhead were released in the Thermalito Afterbay the week of Feb. 12 to support recreational fishing. In addition, 1,011 adult male steelhead were released into the Thermalito Afterbay from December to February after they had been spawned at the hatchery. Hatchery-spawned females were released back to the Feather River.

Approximately 445,000 steelhead were released into the Feather River at Boyd's Pump Boat Launch between Feb. 5 and Feb. 13 to meet mitigation requirements. Releasing the young fish further downstream improves their chances of survival.

Like the salmon that populate the Feather River, steelhead trout migrate from the river to the ocean, returning to the river as adults to spawn. Unlike salmon, they can spawn several times during their lifetime. The name "steelhead" comes from their appearance, a more streamlined shape than Chinook salmon with a silvery or brassy color as an adult.

The Feather River Fish Hatchery is a California State Water Project (SWP) facility built in the late 1960s to mitigate impacts on fish migration resulting from the construction of Oroville Dam. DWR owns and maintains the facility and provides funding to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to perform spawning, rearing, and stocking operations.

For the entire March 8, 2024 DWR update on Lake Oroville, please visit <https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2024/Mar-24/Lake-Oroville-Update-3-8-2024>. ★

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# Bok Kai Parade Dazzles



Young girls perform the Honor Dance at the Bok Kai Festival.

**Story and photos by Teri Saya**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - 2024 is the year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. The last Dragon year was in 2012 and the next one won't be until 2036. So, on March 9 and 10, the 144th annual Bok Kai Parade and Festival in Marysville was extra special, celebrating Bok Eye, the Chinese water god.

**POW! POP! POP! CRACKLE! FIZZZZ!** According to Jon Lim, a fourth-generation Chinese American and president of the Marysville Chinese Community, the sound of the firecrackers are to scare off the bad spirits during the Bok Kai parade, especially just before the giant dragon, Hang Won Lung, dances by.

The crowd saw plenty of firecrackers, cymbals, bells, drums and chimes as the parade passed by. Bok Kai Grand Marshall Judy Mann and Bok Kai hostess Naomi Houston rode in antique and vintage cars.

Speaking of cars, there were many, ranging from antique to classic to recent, and an impressive line of Yuba County Sheriff Department vehicles, including a boat and a Jeep that looked like a tank. The shiny red firefighting vehicles drove by with horns blaring. One of them was a steam pumper used to fight fires in the mid-1800s. Riding atop and waving was Marysville City Council Member Stuart Smith Gilchrist.

The parade also included colorful dragon floats, dragon costumes, dancing and martial arts displays. One tiny red dragon rode on a classic Radio Flyer wagon. The Lincoln Elementary School from Oakland brought a baby pink, extra-long dragon that undulated and danced for the crowd. The Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts had its Dragons Marching Band, which added upbeat music to the moving displays.

The firecrackers went off again and the anticipation was high when the star of the whole parade, the great Hang Won Lung showed his colorful head. Bobbing and weaving, the 100' dragon followed the Pearl of Wisdom held high upon a pole just out of his reach.



Hang Won Lung, the Bok Kai dragon, follows the pearl of wisdom.

At intervals, the dragon would curl up his long body and take a quick nap, then uncurl and continue chasing the pearl.

Much of Chinese art depicts a dragon holding a pearl and the story about the dragon is one of the oldest and best-known legends in Chinese folklore. The story goes that during a famine in central China, a young boy looks for food in a field. He digs up a patch of turf to bring home, and under it, finds a pearl. He takes the pearl and hides it in a sack of rice. The field of turf dies but the sack of rice overflows, and the boy and his mother share their good fortune with their neighbors. The greedy emperor hears about the pearl and wants it for himself but the boy hides the pearl by swallowing it, which then transforms him into a mighty dragon. From that day forward, the dragon would protect the land and its people.

Another legendary tidbit: Did you know you can feed the dragon as it passes by? Often during the dragon's dance, business owners and homes will hang a cabbage or lettuce on a string outside their doorways. When the dragon eats the offering, he then spits it back out, which seems a bit rude but represents the dragon spreading wealth, prosperity and good luck. Stacy Federico and Maureen Sala of the Fabulous Finds vintage store hung a big cabbage outside their establishment which sits along the parade route.

During and after the parade, the Chinese American Museum of Northern California was open to the public. Speaker David Lei gave a fascinating talk about "Customs, Rituals, and Beliefs" of the

Chinese people, and Brian Tom, museum director, conducted tours.

At the end of the day were fireworks and then live music at the WoodButcher bar until 10 p.m.

On Sunday, the festivities continued with the Bok Kai Temple opening its doors to the public. Inside sits the 1878 head of the oldest surviving dragon puppet, Moo Lung. The temple was built in 1880 and is one of the oldest operating Taoist temples in the country. On this special day, it is traditional that worshipers bring offerings for the saints: roast pigs, chickens, cakes, dumplings, fruits and nuts are placed on altars to be blessed and then later eaten at extensive family picnics.

The graceful movements of the cultural dancers entertained the crowd throughout the celebration. There was a car show and a rib cook-off where you could sample and vote for the most delicious ribs and browse through the many custom cars (without touching the chrome with sticky fingers).

An extravagant finale was the "Firing of the Bombs," a loud and boisterous activity where the colorful firing of the bombs highlights the celebration, which is in tribute to the Chinese Water God, The Bok Eye. According to the Bok Kai Temple website, the bombs are fired in a roped arena where the young scramble for "good fortune" rings, which are shot into the air from the bursting bombs and traditionally bring luck throughout the year. The rings can be kept by those who retrieve them in the scramble.

The 144th annual Bok Kai Parade and Festival was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. ★

## MEMORIAL

SUZANNE GRAY • 8/23/1954 — 10/12/2023

Suzanne Gray passed away on October 12, 2023 from appendiceal cancer, a condition as rare as she was. She was full in family, friends, and purpose, and her story continues through all who knew her.

Suzanne was born in Gridley, California to Dr. Harold Farnsworth Gray and Jayne Ellen Gray, RN, taking the honored role of "middle child" among five kids. Suzanne inherited her parents' love of nature and community, and learned to live with many passions and pursuits while staying true to her roots. While Suzanne left Gridley for college, ultimately earning a BA in dance therapy from UCLA in 1976, a close friend said of her, "You can take the girl out of Gridley, but you can't take Gridley out of the girl."

Suzanne lived most of her adult life in the greater Bay Area region, and wherever she was, she made a home and invited others in. She backpacked the Pacific West from the Olympic Peninsula to the Desolation Wilderness. Suzanne was a performer, educator, and storyteller by nature. She enjoyed acting in everything from commedia dell'arte to Brecht, and was a skilled and active multi-instrumentalist and vocalist with a special gift for harmony.

Suzanne moved from Oakland to Petaluma in 1990 along with her husband Bob, and daughters



Willow and Elena, and stayed for three decades. She flourished from an outsider and newcomer to, as friends dubbed her, the "Mayor of Petaluma." In the arts, she was a beloved member of Petaluma's own bluegrass band "Side Dish," in which she sang and played a mean guitar, dulcimer, and percussion. In her spiritual life, Suzanne was a longtime parishioner at St. John's Episcopal Church and a mainstay in their choir. Through it all, Suzanne remained as at home outdoors as in, evidenced by her daily walking ritual.

But it was in her professional life that Suzanne found her greatest love and calling: teaching. Suzanne taught young children, from kindergarten to third grade, at McNear Elementary. She was proud to work alongside esteemed colleagues and friends for 26 years. Generations of students can share in how Mrs. Gray remembered those special details about each pupil, and marveled in seeing the people they became.

In 2022, Suzanne received her cancer diagnosis, which was followed by an outpouring of support from her many communities. Given a prognosis of less than 14 weeks, she lived for 14 months. Suzanne came to call these 14 months "the most magical year of my life," a year filled with hiking, sharing stories with loved ones, playing music, life-restoring yoga, and continuing to know beauty in the world around her.

Suzanne was Suzanne to the very end, making her care team laugh up to her final conscious moments. In fact, one of her last acts was dictating the essentials of this obituary; she had reflected on her own life and its meaning, and was excited to co-author this story.

Suzanne will be dearly missed by many who were fortunate enough to experience her illuminating love of connection, and her ability to make anyone who was in her presence feel unique, loved, and important. She helped others be a little bit more of themselves. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sierra Club or "The Power of Nursing" fund at the Swedish Foundation, honoring the incredible nurses in California and Washington who worked to make each day of her last year of life both comfortable and hopeful.

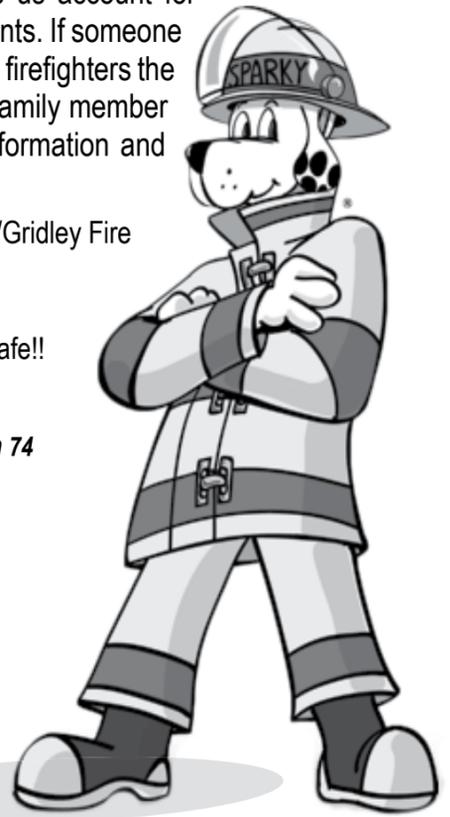
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# Thermalito Afterbay Partial Closure for Speed Boat Time Trials

**By California Department of Water Resources**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Speed boat time trials are returning to the Thermalito Afterbay March 16 to March 17. The event requires the closure of the southern portion of the Afterbay (south of Highway 162) and the Monument Hill boat ramp. The Larkin Road cartop boat launch will also be closed the afternoon of Friday, March 15 and will reopen Monday, March 18 in the morning. The Wilbur Road boat ramp and areas north of Hwy 162 will remain open

for public use during the boating event. The event is hosted by the Northern California Outboard Association and East Bay Boat Club and will feature a mile-long course. Time trial events are expected Saturday and Sunday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. depending on weather and water conditions. More information about the event can be found on the American Power Boat Association webpage.

For the entire March 8, 2024 DWR update on Lake Oroville, please visit <https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2024/Mar-24/Lake-Oroville-Update-3-8-2024>. ★

# Jury Convicts in Chico Robbery Homicide of Local DJ

## Butte County District Attorney News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A 24-year-old Chico gang member was convicted recently in the 2021 robbery-homicide of a 24-year-old Chico disc jockey. A Butte County jury returned a verdict after approximately four hours of deliberation, finding Diontanae Jerome Tillman guilty of first-degree felony murder, second-degree murder, and robbery. The jury also found Tillman personally used a firearm when Tillman robbed the victim of his property and his life.

The jury found that Kevin Murillo, 24, a local disc jockey known as "DJ Kam", was murdered on January 5, 2021, when Tillman set up a fake drug transaction to lure Murillo into meeting with Tillman and selling Tillman cocaine. The evidence showed that Tillman, believing Murillo to be an easy target, brought a .40 caliber handgun and attempted to steal narcotics from Murillo.

Surveillance footage at the arranged meeting spot in the parking lot of the 7-11 store on Walnut Avenue in Chico showed Tillman getting into the passenger seat of Murillo's vehicle and shots being fired about a minute later. Tillman then fled the scene of the crime, being driven away in a separate vehicle by a co-defendant, Max

Escobar, 23. Escobar had pleaded guilty prior to Tillman's trial to being an accessory after the fact for acting as a getaway driver from the scene and was given probation at the time.

A good Samaritan, who was in his car in the 7-11 parking lot, had seen Murillo's car lurch forward and high center on a planter at the edge of the parking lot. Seeing a black car fleeing from the scene, the good Samaritan thought he had just witnessed a hit-and-run DUI incident and followed the black car and blocked its path some blocks away until the Chico Police officers were able to detain and arrest its occupants – Escobar and Tillman. Unfortunately, Murillo was pronounced deceased at the scene in his car.

With assistance from local California Department of Justice criminalists, investigators were able to determine bullet trajectories inside Murillo's vehicle. That evidence showed Tillman fired at least 14 rounds, striking Murillo 12 times. It also showed Murillo was able to fire one round from a gun he had, ineffectively striking the ceiling of his vehicle, before bouncing off and hitting Tillman's shoulder, leaving a bruise.

In an interview that night with Chico police detectives, Tillman admitted he met up with Murillo to rob him, but claimed

Murillo pulled his own firearm and shot at Tillman first. At trial, Tillman testified on his own behalf that Murillo pulled his gun out and shot at Tillman first, and it was actually Murillo who was robbing him. Tillman also claimed in his testimony that the Chico detectives pressured him into admitting he went to the 7-11 to commit a robbery and that he was actually high on drugs at the time of his interview.

The trial prosecutor, Butte County Deputy District Attorney DJ Lee, pointed out to the jury that Tillman's story was inconsistent with the forensic bullet trajectory evidence. Lee pointed out that the trajectory of Murillo's bullet into the ceiling of his own car was inconsistent with Murillo shooting first, and the trajectory of Tillman's bullets suggested almost an execution-style shooting.

Lee pointed to text messages and social media evidence from Tillman's cell phone that corroborated Tillman's initial admission to detectives that he intended to rob Murillo, and showed the jury Tillman's videotaped interview with the Chico detectives to debunk the idea Tillman was pressured or under the influence of drugs. Additional evidence from Tillman's phone showed he intended to rob Murillo the night before, but Murillo's supplier ran out of products and the meeting was canceled.

Evidence of other robberies by Tillman was also introduced before the jury.

Finally, Lee presented evidence that while awaiting trial in Butte County Jail, Tillman had gotten a teardrop tattooed on his right cheek signifying that he had killed a person.

Lee argued before the jury that under California felony murder law, when a person intends to commit a felony, such as a robbery, and a killing occurs, even accidentally, the killer is criminally liable for first-degree felony murder.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted the California legislature recently severely limited the felony murder law, making it inapplicable to accomplices, such as getaway drivers like Escobar.

Ramsey thanked the jury for their patience and attention to detail during the trial that stretched over six weeks. Ramsey noted that it is only through the diligence and dedication of local prosecutors and juries that justice can be served, and criminals held accountable for their actions.

Tillman faces multiple life sentences for the murder of Kevin Murillo, as well as for the use of a firearm in the commission of the crime. Tillman's sentencing is scheduled for May 1, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Oroville. ★

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WILD 3-15-24

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The following person(s) are doing business as: A Taste of Paradise, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969.

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TASTE 3-15-24

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Solimar, 2777 Eaton Road Apt 80, Chico, CA 95973.

Adriana Jimenez Palomar, 2777 Eaton Road Apt 80, Chico, CA 95973  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000062  
The following person(s) are doing business as: LPB Life Producer Beauty, 1122 Stewart Avenue Unit 1, Chico, CA 95926

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LPB 3-22-24

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BUTTERFLY 3-22-24

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FEATHER 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000167  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000171  
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DALY 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001024  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gulbransen Organizational & Educational Leadership Consultancy, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928

Dr. Michael Alan Gulbransen, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928  
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HAMPTON 3-29-24

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SUE 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000191  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bill Schorh Real Estate, Bill Schorh Realty, Impact Agent Network, Impact Agents, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948

William B Schorh, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948  
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BILL 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000158  
The following person(s) are doing business as: A and K Waterworks, 2722 Highway 99, Biggs, CA 95917

Lance Andes, 2722 Highway 99, Biggs, CA 95917  
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WATERWORKS 3-29-24

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Made in California, 40 Myrtle Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

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MADE 4-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000184  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Youth Armor, 6211 Forgotten Way, Paradise, CA 95969.

Ryan R Mulford, 6211 Forgotten Way, Paradise, CA 95969.  
Date filed in Butte County: February 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above

business name on: February 26, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
YOUTH 4-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000163  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Andrea M. Wieder, 20 Independence Circle, Chico, CA 95973

Andrea M. Woodward-Sollesnes, 20 Independence Circle, Chico, CA 95973.  
Date filed in Butte County: February 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 15, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
ANDREA 4-5-24

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00301

Petitioner Kimberly Ann Dorman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kimberly Ann Dorman to Kimberly Ann Griffith.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on February 5, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024  
DORNAN 3-15-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00069

Petitioner Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar to Ryan Gilbert Alcantar.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on March 4, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
ALCANTAR 4-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00411

Petitioner anna daneen dugger filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: anna daneen dugger to Daneen Oksana Dugger.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on February 15, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
DUGGER 4-5-24

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

OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00530  
Petitioner Danielle Steidl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Grace Kitchen to Grace Lynn Steidl.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on March 4, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024

STEIDL 4-5-24  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24cv00534

Petitioner Margie Karen Laslo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Margie Karen Laslo to Karen Laslo.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on February 28, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
LASLO 4-5-24

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONA J. MITCHELL AKA DONA JEAN MITCHELL

CASE NO. 24PR0080  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Dona J. Mitchell aka Dona Jean Mitchell.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: March 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

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

95965; 530-533-5661  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 2024  
MITCHELL 3-22-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN R. REEVES AKA STEVEN REEVES

CASE NO. 24PR00092  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Steven R. Reeves, Steven Reeves.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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Publish: March 15, 22, 29, 2024  
REEVES 3-29-24

## TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA07000878-23-1  
APN: 060-110-081-000 To No: 230347477-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 January 14, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 17, 2024 at 03:30 PM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 20, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0002008, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by PAUL E. ADAMS, A WIDOWER, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC 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: 7576 HUMBOLDT ROAD, BUTTE MEADOWS, CA 95942 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

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### TRUSTEE SALE

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 \$175,342.54 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may

be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000878-23-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest

bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA07000878-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: February 15, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000878-23-1 117100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0457139 To: GRIDLEY HERALD 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024 GRIDLEY HERALD 3-15-24

Records of Plumas, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded November 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023-0005023, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee 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 bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, all that 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 described as: shown on said Deed of Trust (X) The street address or other common designation of said property: 76808 Parkside Terrace, Portola, CA 96122 (X) Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Wren, 2000 Soda Lake Road, Fallon, NV 89406 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$55,319.30 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 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 TO

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### BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### SILLER GRADING PERMIT AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT (CEQA23-0002/ PWGRD23-0003/ZCA23-0007)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 28, 2024, at 9:00 am**, or shortly thereafter, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. Public comments will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view, or listen to, the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <http://bccds.net/PlanningCommission>

or

Phone number: (408) 418-9388 Event Password: Planning  
Meeting Number: 2558 416 3706

A Grading Permit for retroactive grading/clearing activities, and a Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new land use of "Assessment Facility", as a permitted use in the Industrial Zones (Table 24-26-1 Permitted Land Uses in the Industrial Zones) and a new related definition (under Article VII. - Definitions). The grading activity involved the leveling of the entire site, which included tailing piles and depressions. In total, 5,000 cubic yards of material was involved and was distributed evenly across the site. Of the 36.23 acres, approximately 2 acres is currently fenced and being temporarily used by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for unpermitted equipment storage and a mobile office. The storage yard area has been stabilized using gravel and bark. The remainder of the site is vacant; however, piles of slash from vegetation removal and graded soil are located on the site.

Butte County recommends a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to CEQA. The Initial Study and MND for this project were previously circulated for public review.

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.

Comments regarding the proposed projects may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena at [mmichelena@buttecounty.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecounty.net) or 530.552.3683.

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

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

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### LIEN SALE

On March 28 2024 at 428 East Biggs Hwy 11:00 am, in accordance with California Business and professions Code 21700, **East Biggs Mini Storage** will sell at public auction the contents of unit A-1, consisting of personal property of Wayne Melton.

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### BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENTS TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24, ZONING ORDINANCE - PRIMARY AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SIDE AND REAR YARD SETBACK STANDARDS IN THE VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENTS TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24, ZONING ORDINANCE - PRIMARY AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SIDE AND REAR YARD SETBACK STANDARDS IN THE VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **March 26, 2024, at 10:45 a.m.**, or shortly thereafter, to consider amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance. The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, California.

#### Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance:

Project #: ZCA23-0002: The following County-initiated zoning code amendments are proposed: 1) Creating a distinction between setback standards for Primary and Accessory Structures within the Very Low Density Residential zone, and 2) Reducing setback standards for Accessory Structures under 16 ft. in height within the Very Low Density Residential zone. It is determined that the Zoning Ordinance amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA23-0002) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>.

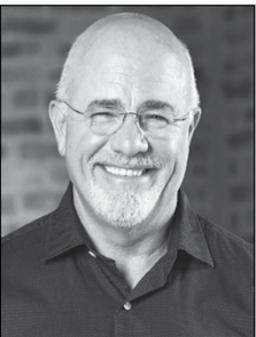
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Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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## Dave Ramsey Says

\$55,000 a year. I generally recommend keeping your mortgage or rent payment at about 25% of your take-home pay. Sometimes you can slide by paying a little more, but in those cases, you'd really have to be on top of your finances. So, the biggest thing you can do right now is take control of your money, instead of letting it—or a lack of it—control you. And the best way to make all this happen is by consistently living on a realistic, written monthly budget.

Once you start doing this, you've taken your first big step toward having a real gameplan for your money. At that point, the idea of trying to live on a budget ends, and the fact that you are living on a budget, and telling your money what to do—instead of a lack of it dictating what you can do—becomes more of a reality.

Remember the Star Wars movie "The Empire Strikes Back"? At one point during Luke's training, Yoda tells him, "Do, or do not. There is no try." In a larger sense,

Yoda is urging Luke to focus and work harder, instead of continuing with half-hearted attempts and giving up easily. If you want to accomplish a difficult task, Lindley, you have to throw yourself into it completely. You must fully commit, and stop making excuses. You have to focus, and fight to make it happen.

It's no fun waking up broke at the end of every pay period. We both know this. So, put your head down and get your mind in gear. Make. This. Happen.

You can do it!

—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions* ★

### Control Your Mind and Money

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to work my way out of debt, but it seems like something always happens to stall things or knock me backwards. I make \$55,000 a year, I'm single and I have \$15,000 in debt, along with a mortgage payment of \$1,224 a month. I've been trying to live on a budget, but I'm still not sure where all my money goes. Can you help?

—Lindley

Dear Lindley,

I know living on a budget can be hard at first. And honestly, it usually takes folks who are new to doing it about three or four months of practice before they start getting it right and seeing the results.

For starters, your house payment is a little heavy for someone making

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

God tells us He knows the plans He has for us, to prosper and care for us He had plans for Abraham, for Noah, for Samson, for Joseph, for David, for Moses, for Josiah, for Mary, for Peter, for Paul, and for all the believers who came after. What in heaven's name could God have planned for you?

All of us figure into God's plans and kingdom. None of us are too poor, too small, too out of the loop, or too unnecessary. We all matter! How?

We may not build an ark, move 2 million people across countries, kill a giant, or preach mighty sermons in massive stadiums. We are all part of the puzzle called life. We fit and have a special in God's plans. You may clean a church, paint houses, cook meals, give out warm clothes, help the elderly with basic needs, or offer day care for a family all of this is God's work.

Paul made tents as he traveled to take the word to the gentiles. Jesus was a carpenter till he set out to put forth God's plans. Whatever you do, do it for the Lord. Make it for His glory.

We at the Gridley United Methodist Church have for 160 years have given to the community in Jesus' name. We have given suitcases for foster children. We

give stuffed bears to comfort children in the hospital. We built a Blessin Box to meet the food needs of those in want. Free Bibles and books to all who want them. Blankets, socks, and gloves for warmth.

We have opened our doors to groups in need of a meeting place, even fellow

churches. Now think of what God has given you to use for others. Do you offer help to those around you? If you do, you are doing God's work.

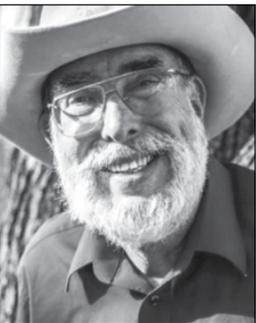
A church or fellowship has many parts. Some are leaders, some are givers. Some are prayer champions. Some do the basic house chores, while others paint or decorate and lift up the group with talents given by God!

All of us are part of God's creation. No one is useless or unimportant. From the smallest endeavor to the largest donor, all are here for God's purpose. During this Lenten season find your niche and be the best you can be.

*We at the Gridley United Methodist Church need more parts to help us serve as part of God's plan. We can all help each other working on God's plan. We meet each Sunday at 10 am to find out how we fit in His plan. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.* ★



## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Life in a small town means everybody knows what's going on, good or bad. Just take what happened to Dud the other day.

It was trash day, and the trash barrels were on the street waiting to be emptied into the weekly truck. Dudley Campbell was no different from his neighbors, having his cans at the curbside ready for a trip to the dump. His wife, Anita, had driven to the city to do some shopping, so Dud was home alone.

And probably that's why he felt secure in going

### He'd Know What To Do

through his own garbage. First, he spread a tarp out on the ground next to the cans and then dove in. He resembled a badger trying to dig up a squirrel as he went lower and lower in the garbage can and the pile on the tarp grew larger.

Mrs. Miller lived just across the street from Dud, and was watching the whole operation. She made a horrified phone call across town to Mamie Dilworth, who then passed it along to Windy Wilson. Windy, she knew, was a man of action.

He'd know what to do.

And he did. The bags of groceries were put on Dud's porch when he wasn't looking. The used-but-clean clothing for both

Dud and Anita were laid on the porch swing.

Anita discovered them when she got home and was the one who informed her husband of the porch treasure.

At supper that evening, Anita asked Dud if he'd done anything to warrant this largesse. I mean, Anita had been clothes shopping all day, so she knew it wasn't her.

And Dud said, "Hon, the only thing I did differently today was to find that little bronze horse statue I use for a paperweight. I had accidentally tossed it in the trash."

*Brought to you by the bronze horse statues on Ebay, if you like really fancy stuff. Expensive, but they don't eat much.* ★

### Easter Activities at Gridley United Methodist Church

The Gridley United Methodist Church will be giving away free Bibles and other religious themed books Easter week starting on Good Friday, March 29th from 3-5 pm. On Saturday March 30th the book giveaway will be from 10 am until noon. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.

On Good Friday, March 29th, there will be a Tenebrae service. This service will begin at 6:00 pm. All people are invited to attend this special service. If you can't make an afternoon service elsewhere join us here for the beginning of Easter weekend.

The Gridley United Methodist Church will hold a Sunrise Service Easter Sunday, March 31st at 7:30 am. The service will be held at our church on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. This will be a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. He Is Risen!!! There will be a potluck breakfast immediately after the Easter service. Join us in fellowship for a nice potluck breakfast on Easter morning.

*All are invited to join us in this celebration of the rising of Christ.*

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

It feels to me like spring is here. It's been a little cold and quite windy but over-all the temperatures are milder. A few cold nights but not enough to keep the snails from coming out looking for places to go and things to do. The cyclamen are blooming like crazy I have three to enjoy their colorful beauty. I have two miniatures, one red and one

white. Then I have one regular size in a deep pink. They really shine on the patio with all the green stuff. Not only my peach trees are blooming but the orchards going toward Yuba City are so bright and pink in their row upon row of peach trees

My friends and I went to Shepards Art Center in Sacramento to a plant sale and show. I purchased some mini ajuga. I hope it takes off in tiny wonderfulness. I have the Caitlin's Giant out front and I love it when it is in full purple loveliness. I also bought a variegated Ganzania. It should be fine in a large pot out back. If it takes off, I'll move it around to

places in the ground. I have a great appreciation for white flowers and variegated leaves. They are a wonderful pop of pureness in a garden. The white iris out front will bloom soon and shine forth. If you ever want to go to plant events, look up Shepards Art Center. They have an online list of events. Sadly, for me the Bonsai Show and Sale is the same time as the Lions Bike Around the Buttes which I am going to help with this year. On that day also is a visiting garden expert at Ace Hardware. I'm trying to figure out how to support that great local event which being of service. I'll get it figured, I'm sure. ★



### Winegrape growers pull out vineyards amid shrinking market demand

A once-in-a-generation downturn in the wine market is reshaping California's grape growing regions as farmers tear out vines to rebalance supply with declining demand. Throughout this winter, bulldozers have plowed through Lodi's wine country, leveling vineyards and piling vines in mangled heaps on either side of Highway 99 in San Joaquin County. Thousands of acres in the region have been removed or are slated for removal, according to an ongoing survey of its members by the Lodi District Grape Growers Association.

### As pistachio production surges, California growers seek new markets

California pistachio growers are searching the globe for potential emerging markets to handle expected record-shattering crops during the next few years. A market outlook for the surging pistachio sector was offered at the American Pistachio Growers annual conference last week in Monterey. Pistachio shipments to Europe, Asia, Canada and Mexico allowed the sector to avoid overproduction with a 2023 crop that approached 1.5 billion pounds. Pistachio harvests are expected to

grow exponentially as nonbearing acreage comes into production.

### Sunflower growers seek new contracts after seed firms leave state

A second contractor of hybrid sunflower seed production has pulled out of California in as many years, sending growers scrambling to find new seed-production contracts or replacement crops. Early this year, Syngenta told growers it was shutting down its California hybrid sunflower planting seed program and would no longer be contracting the crop. The company planned to close its Hamilton City seed-processing facility after finishing the 2023 crop. Last year, Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. closed its Woodland commercial seed lab.

### Sacramento water forum focuses on improving data collection

Improving data practices to best manage California's water resources helped drive discussions last week as state and local water managers, farmers, environmentalists and others gathered in Sacramento for the California Irrigation Institute Conference. With a theme of "Fluid Futures: Adapting to Extremes," the Feb. 26-27 event focused on leveraging information and data technology to make water-management decisions. ★



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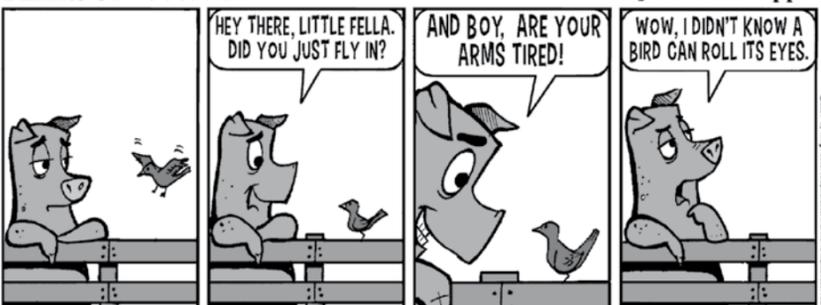
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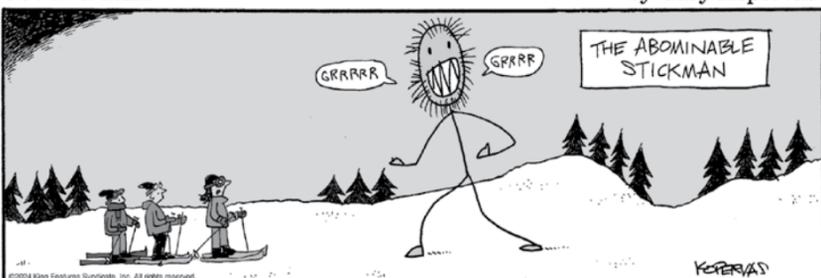
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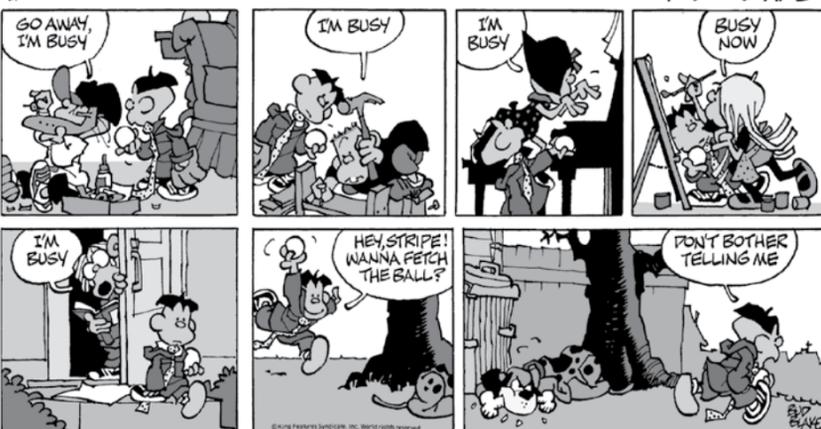
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# Bulldogs Struggle in Colusa Tourney Going 1-2

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs had a rough week as they went 1-2 in the Colusa tournament with losses to Durham and Winters from Friday, March 8, through Saturday, March 9.

Gridley was eaten alive in the tournament opener by errors against Durham. The Bulldogs committed five errors in the 5-0 loss and weren't able to get any offense flowing consistently as a unit.

Bulldogs sophomore left-handed pitcher Tanner Abbott went three innings, gave up four runs off of six hits and struck out five in the game. Gridley sophomore Eli Punzo came in for relief to start the fourth inning, had four innings of sold relief pitching where he gave up no runs, struck out seven and gave up two hits.

Abbott and Punzo each had a hit against Durham.

In the second game on March 8, the Bulldogs pounded the Mt. Shasta Bears 11-1 as the bats woke up and every player had solid contact throughout the



Gridley sophomore pitcher Tanner Abbott (5) throws a pitch in the Bulldogs' 6-5 win over Marysville on February 26.

game. Gridley senior catcher Bryar McWilliams and junior outfielder Gus Stogsdill each had three hits in the game as McWilliams and Punzo led the game with three runs batted in (RBI's) each.

Bulldogs senior pitcher Emmet Smallwood picked up the victory as he pitched five innings with one run given up, two hits allowed, and nine strikeouts.

In the Colusa tournament

finale last Saturday, Winters walked off the game against Gridley in the bottom of the seventh inning from a single with a runner on second base to score the winning run of the game.

Bulldogs junior pitcher Garrett Francis took the loss as he pitched six innings, gave up four runs, surrendered seven hits, but was able to sit down eight Warriors with eight strikeouts.

Gridley Head Coach Quinn Spring, who is in his first season at the helm of the Bulldogs program, expressed to the Herald that his team needs more repetitions.

Spring added that the Bulldogs are struggling to put everything together at the same time for an entire game. Spring hopes to get healthy as he expressed to the Herald that Gridley is already experiencing injury issues in the beginning of the season.

Spring told the Herald that when his team is able to work out the current kinks, that they will be a solid group.

Gridley traveled to West Valley in Cottonwood this past Wednesday, in the first of two rematches since the 2023 CIF Northern Section Division III final.

The Bulldogs hosted Red Bluff on Tuesday and are scheduled to host Central Valley today at 4 p.m. ★



Gridley junior infielder/pitcher Garrett Francis (7) connects with a ball in the Bulldogs' 6-5 victory over Marysville on February 26.



Gridley senior infielder/pitcher Emmet Smallwood (12) attempts to throw a ball to first base in the Indians' 6-5 win over Marysville on February 26.

# Lady Lions Have Best Start Since 2022

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak softball program is off to its best start in a couple seasons as they finished up the conclusion of the Maxwell tournament on Saturday, March 9, going with a 2-1 record in the tournament.

Overall, Live Oak was 5-1 heading into competition this week with a game scheduled at Gridley this past Tuesday and are scheduled to host Oroville today at 4 p.m.

The Lady Lions have a third of their roster that is new faces to the program this season, including four freshman, and Live Oak Head Coach Kevin Medeiros expressed to the Herald that the skill and

talent is there and that he wants to see them grasp the concept of it being varsity softball compared to recreation/travel ball.

Medeiros added that he is going to be looking for his returning players to help the newer Lady Lions adjust into the program.

Live Oak has brutalized opposing pitching so far in their first six games of the season as the lowest run total they have had in a game is eight, which was their opening game of the season in an 8-2 victory over Lindhurst on February 27.

Last week, the Lady Lions scored 59 runs in their four games against Esparto, Hamilton, Williams and Chester.

Live Oak junior Alexa Medina led the Lady Lions



Live Oak junior pitcher Bella Pacheco (8) throws a pitch in the Lady Lions' 16-0 victory over Esparto on Tuesday, March 5.

with 10 hits after the conclusion of the Maxwell tournament last weekend, and senior Aubrey Lopez was right behind with nine hits in the early part of the season.

Medeiros told the Herald he wanted to see his team continue good contact with the ball and focus on making their defensive plays.

In the circle for Live Oak, freshman pitcher Brooklyn Murphey has seen 17 innings of work along with fanning 31 opposing batters for strikeouts, and only surrendered

eight hits in the early part of the year.

Lady Lions junior Bella Pacheco has pitched 7.2 innings so far this season, including a one-hitter on Tuesday, March 5, versus Esparto where she also struck out seven hitters in the five innings pitched.

Live Oak starts Sacramento Valley League play next week against Colusa. This will be the final season for the Lady Lions in the SVL due to realignment as they will move to the Butte View League next year. ★



Live Oak freshman outfielder Olivia Duran singles in the third inning of the Lady Lions' 16-0 win over Esparto on Tuesday, March 5.

