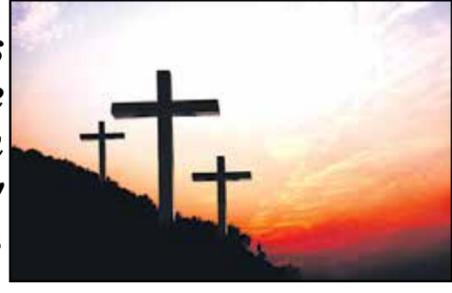




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## Opening Day Ceremonies



The adorable players that comprised the T-Ball and Farm teams were the first on the field opening day.

**Story and photos by Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A huge crowd of excited youth, parents and coaches packed Manuel Vierra Park Saturday, March 16 as Gridley Little League's Opening Day Ceremonies got underway.

A fully groomed diamond complete with pristine white strips and dew-drenched outfield awaited the arrival of 43 teams and a GLL roster boasting 445 players, all of whose names



As their team and individual names were announced over the loudspeaker, players dashed across the field to take their place on the diamond.

would be called over the loudspeaker.

At 9:00, Little League President Jose Villalobos, welcomed all who turned out for the annual opening day festivities and quickly began reading off the names of teams and their players. Beginning with T-Ball and ending with Challenger Teams, each player ran onto the field and took their place on the outfield.

GLL T-Ball is: Green Jackets, Schukers, Flying Tigers, Curve, Threshers, *Continued on page 3*

## Lions Easter Egg Hunt Is On!



The Gridley Lions Club 46th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Vierra Park is happening. MPG file photo

**By Barbara Ott**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - It's time for boiled eggs, grass stains and kids dressed in fancy Easter clothes. The Gridley Lions Club 46th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Vierra Park is happening live and in person!

Come and participate on Saturday, March 30. The Hunt starts at 11:00 a.m.

This hunt is for children ages 0 to 9. The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into hunting groups. The groups are very young 0-1, 2-3, 4-5.

Parents are allowed in the roped off "very young" areas and can help their young child find eggs. Each of the "very young" participants gets a raffle ticket. Each "very young" group has a separate raffle to win a stuffed bunny.

The next groups are the mid-ages: 6-7, 8-9. No parents or older siblings are allowed in the mid-age areas. They hunt eggs on their own. For them, 5 prize eggs will be painted silver, 5 will be painted gold, and one will be painted gold and silver. These prize eggs are hidden with all the other eggs, when one is found that child turns it in for a stuffed bunny prize.

The candidates for Miss Butte County will be present, as will the Easter Bunny. Other activities will happen at Vierra Park to add to the fun and make it a good time for all. The Gridley Lions Club encourages those that attend to bring canned food to contribute to a local food closet.

Gridley Lions will be dyeing 400 dozen (4,800) hard-boiled eggs. It takes five hours for the Gridley Lions to dye the eggs, an hour to hide them, and the hunt is over in approximately 5 minutes.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a time-honored tradition in Gridley. Get ready, set, and go so the children of this town will have an Easter Egg Hunt to remember. ★

## LOMS Recognized for Excellence



LOMS staff smile after receiving two prestigious awards from the California Department of Education. Photo provided by Erin Walton

**By Seti Long**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak Middle School and staff have recently added two new prestigious awards to their list.

On Feb. 29, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond announced that Live Oak Middle School

had been named a 2024 California Distinguished School. The middle school joined 292 other middle and high schools in the state of California to receive the exclusive title.

According to the California Department of Education news release,

this prestigious program "recognizes two categories of exceptional schools: those closing the achievement gap and those demonstrating exceptional student performance."

Schools are selected via 2023 California School Dashboard data. Other

contributing factors are the socio-economic background of their students and the ability to ensure positive climates within the school.

"Excellent middle schools and high schools play a critical role in the life outcomes of our

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

You may notice that I often mention my illustrious status as an alumnus of the highly-ranked and award-winning Butte College. Today, more good news - as the Butte College Women's basketball team made their third trip in a row to the Community College Championship tournament, making it to the Elite 8. Glendale Community College dead-ended their road to the Championship. Nonetheless, four Roadrunner Women hoopsters received all-state honors. The current sophomore class of women has more victories than any other in Butte College history. They were on a 28-game winning streak before the Glendale loss.

More and more research shows that our culture has ever-increasing loneliness and social isolation. People engage with other people less. Research also indicates that the number of people going to churches

is down, and the number of people joining fraternal, professional, service, and social clubs are all trending down while happiness, well-being, mental stability, and social cohesion track right along - all downward. This column strives to be a positive, happy, cheery, upbeat kind of weekly observation of things in our communities. I thought I would offer a fun interactive game you can play with the people around you using this paper edition of the Gridley Herald that you have in your hands. Here are the rules: each person picks one headline of a story in this edition of the paper and then adds this to the end of the headline: "A LOVE STORY." This game also works well with fortune cookies at the ABC Chinese Restaurant. Here are a few of the best-modified headlines from our last game: Local Girl Scouts Reach Outer Space: A LOVE STORY. Wolverines Division 6 Champs: A LOVE STORY. California Continues to Expand Hydrogen-Powered Passenger Rail Fleet: A LOVE STORY. Saint Timothy's Opens Community Garden and Composting Hub in Gridley: A LOVE STORY. Gridley Herald Arrest Records: A LOVE STORY. There are no additional

rules (to increase the amount of human interaction in the game); once you pick two or three headlines, you can decide the procedures by which someone is declared the winner, prizes, the rule violation appeal process, and how you keep score. Then start the next round by adding this to the headlines "QUESTIONS REMAIN."

March 14th was national Pi day. 3.14 equals Pi, as legendary Gridley Math educator Ms. K. Watson always used to tell us. The pizza industry uses March 14th as an advertising opportunity for pizza now. Get it, Pi Day leads to Pizza Pie Day? So, for future planning, the Pi Line will be celebrating Gridley Herald "Pi Line Day" next March, as it seems like the best use of a newly created holiday. We should all join together now to have Pi Line Day declared a paid holiday and make sure it always lands on a Friday, creating a new three-day weekend that we can use to play newspaper headline-naming games with friends and family.

Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and educator. Opinions expressed here are slowly his own.

# Knights of Columbus Day Dinner a Success



Sara Baltazar serves up a helping of St. Patty's Day goodness thanks to the Knights of Columbus.

Story and photos by Mickey Mrakuzic

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - If you were looking for a great St. Patrick's Day dinner, the Knights of Columbus had it!

The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner was held on Saturday March 16, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall. There were generous servings of delicious corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, rolls and salad.

There were also various beverages to choose from and cookies to satisfy your sweet tooth.

The choices to enjoy dinner were by drive up or dining in. The hall was



A look into the delicious food options.

festively decorated in shamrocks, leprechauns, and their gold. It was a delightful time catching up with friends and others in the community.

This dinner would not have been successful without the help of the many volunteers committed to helping raise funds. From

arriving early in the morning and preparing the food to serving and cleaning up afterwards. The volunteers express their love for the community by contributing their time for others.

The Knights of Columbus have hosted the St Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner for 25 years. The proceeds fund scholarships for schools in the Gridley, Biggs, and Live Oak area.

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# Big Time Celebration Returns to Butte College

Butte-Glenn Community College District News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte College is proud to announce its second annual Big-Time event on Thursday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the main campus in Oroville, California. This social gathering in celebration of Native American people and cultures will feature a variety of cultural experiences, including California feather dancers, a drum group, craft and jewelry vendors, food, traditional games, and an electrifying performance by Supaman.

Supaman, an award-winning hip-hop artist and member of the Apsaalooke Nation known for his fusion of traditional Native American music and contemporary rap, will return for a second year. His unique style and message of hope and resilience have earned him a large following, and his performance is sure to be a highlight of the event.

In addition to the entertainment, visitors will have the opportunity to shop from

a selection of craft and jewelry vendors, offering unique and authentic pieces. Food will be available for purchase, including Indian tacos, strawberry frybread and Rez dogs.

The Butte College Native American Center organized the event along with a cross-departmental team from student services.

"It's important that we put these events on so that Native people have a place at these institutions," said Frankie Medrano, Native American Center Supervisor. "Last year's event was just the beginning, and we are excited to welcome our inter-tribal community back for an even bigger event."

The Big Time is free to attend and family friendly. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn and connect with our Native American Center, local tribes, and Butte College.

For more information, contact the Native American Center at (530) 895-2256.

# Kids' Choir Performs Musical

By Ed Lucas

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, March 24th at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the Kids' Choir will present the musical "Good Kings Come in Small Packages". Seventeen children from 4 years old through eighth grade will use their musical and dramatic talents to share the story of King Josiah from the Old Testament.

In this entertaining musical, our cooks (Isabella Taylor, Lyla Watson, Arabella Johnson) take us back in time to understand how an eight-year-old boy could become king. King Amon (Ainsley Swanson) is a bad, bad king with a poor memory for names. His tax collectors-Iripoff (Charile Hildebrand), Rakidin (Declan Hildebrand), and Uncle

Sam (Marcus Hildebrand) are very good at picking people's pockets. Later, Amon's son Josiah (Celeste Watson) becomes king-a good, good king. He teaches the people to honor God with the help of his advisor Hilkiah (Keelia Hildebrand).

Everyone is invited to experience this unique Christian musical theater event. Great music and simple choreography are combined with drama, costumes and lights making this a memorable time.

Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington Street and is a place where everyone is family. Music Camp will be held July 15th-21st. This camp is held free of charge. Call Bonnie at (530)-933-9845 to register your child and for more information.

# Celebrating Opening Day Ceremonies



Coach Stephanie Taylor and a few of her Loons smile before the opening ceremonies.



Above: After opening ceremonies, teams went straight into season play. The Orioles show their game faces as they prepared to play their first game. Below: The Giants were ready to take the field opening day!



Gridley Heartbreakers were ready to crush hearts and their opponents on opening day!



Left: Smiles were everywhere as players got their time in the spotlight! Right: Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue (left) threw the season opening pitch to Gavin Rosser (right).

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Lumber Kings, Dragons, Pelicans, and Fisher Cats.

GLL Farm is: Beach Dogs, Renegades, Loons, Tin Caps, Isotopes, Shorebirds, Sky Carp and Hooks.

GLL Minor Baseball is: Pirates, Diamondbacks, Orioles, Mets, Padres, Reds and Giants.

GLL Minor Softball is: Heartbreakers, Gators, Expos, Dodgers and Giants.

GLL Major Baseball is: Phillies, Rebels, Braves, and G.O.A.T.S.

GLL Softball is: Padres and Giants. GLL Junior Baseball is: Grizzlies and Stripers.

GLL Junior Softball is: Marlins and Reds.

GLL Challenger teams are: Hornets, Bandits, Flames and Ninja Turtles.

After each team settled on the diamond, hats were removed as players and the crowd turned to their attention to center field

where Old Glory proudly flew. Holly Sisk would sing the National Anthem beautifully.

Special guest Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue would lead the players and coaches' pledges. He would also have the honor of throwing the first pitch of the game with Gavin Rosser behind the plate.

And with that, the 2024 season of Little League began. Teams would then split up, finding their families, or heading straight into their first game. Action packed the

various fields for the remainder of the day and into the evening, as each of the teams had their first game.

Thanks to this year's Gridley Little League Board of Directors: Jose Villalobos, Amanda Schorr, Gladys Diaz, Kendall Brunet, Kristi Sherr, Tyson Heusser, Lisa Shaw, Levi Rosser, Matt McVicker, Daniel Rivas, Blain Moffit and Martha Moreno Lasker. An additional "Thank You" to all the coaches! ★

## LOMS Recognized for Excellence

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young people," Thurmond said. "This year's California Distinguished Schools celebration provides us with an opportunity to recognize the hard work of our secondary educators and school staff who help our young adults discover passions and access college- and career-ready experiences that will propel them through life."

On March 8, Live Oak Middle School would hear from Thurmond again.

LOMS had once again been recognized for its excellence in education, making the short list of 52 high-performing California Schools to Watch 2024.

Of their recent accolades, LOMS Principal Parm Virk said, "The CDE Site of Distinction and Schools to Watch awards are a testament to the passion our staff serves with! LOMS provides a thriving environment for its students, one in which each child is understood holistically and offered a multitude of options to succeed."

Virk shares that LOMS primarily focuses on academics, social emotional support, mentoring, and character development. "This multifaceted focus has helped us sculpt our service to address the whole child at LOMS."

As for his students and staff, Virk had the following to say: "The students of LOMS have taught all of us that they can accomplish anything they set their minds to, watching our students flourish is our reward. Every member of our staff plays a key role in helping students succeed! I personally am grateful to be serving such students and working alongside such committed and dedicated individuals."

Erin Walton, LOMS Vice Principal told the Herald LOMS will be honored as a high performing middle school by the National Forum of Schools to Watch in Washington D.C. this coming June.

Walton adds, "We have a wonderful team of teachers who are not just about imparting knowledge but are also focused on kindling curiosity, fostering excellence, and building character. They are mentors, guides, and champions of students. This award is a reflection of a culture where teachers and students work and achieve excellence together. It is my privilege to work among educators who cultivate an environment where every student thrives, and their futures are shaped." ★

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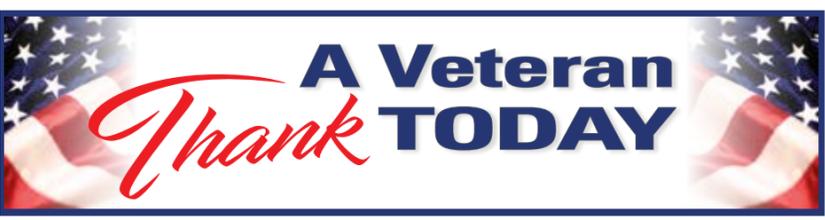


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# Gridley Churches Celebrate Resurrection Sunday

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Local churches will celebrate Easter and Jesus Christ's resurrection in a variety of inspiring ways, weaving a rich fabric of faith and friendship.

**The Sanctuary United Pentecostal Church** is located at 200 Haskell St. in Gridley, across from Vierra Park. They are planning an Easter Sunday service at 10:00 a.m., with candy bags for all the children in attendance.

**The Gridley Christian Church** plans a special worship service the morning of Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. A finger-food breakfast will be served before the service, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Their church is located at 580 Washington St. on the corner of Hazel St.

**Calvary Chapel of Gridley** has prepared a dramatization of the Last Supper, featuring 13 actors recreating the scene depicted in da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper." It will be shared four times: March 29 and 30 at 7:00 pm, and Sunday morning March 31 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. They are located at 210 Park St.

**The First Baptist Church of Gridley** will begin Easter Sunday with a sunrise service outside the church at 6:15am, followed by breakfast. Pastor David Henry will give the sermon, and the praise team will provide music. Their usual Sunday morning service at 10:45am will also be held. They are located at 100 Vermont St.

Local congregations of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** are planning special Easter Sunday services commemorating the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Services will be held at the Liberty meetinghouse at 1259 French Ave. and at the Stake Center meetinghouse at 400 Spruce Street, both at 10:00 a.m.

**Christian Life Assembly**, located at 1526 Humble Ave., will hold a free Easter egg hunt for the community after their morning services. Their service starts at 10:30 a.m., and the egg hunt will start about 12:30 p.m. and include prizes and food.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church** plans a Palm Sunday service March 24 at 10:00 a.m. It begins in the Harris Pavilion and then progresses into the Sanctuary. This is followed on Maundy Thursday, March 28, by a service at 5:00 p.m., to commemorate the Institution of the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the disciples' feet. Good Friday is considered by the Episcopal Church as the principal fast day. The commemoration begins at noon March 29. Holy Saturday, worshippers gather at 10:00 a.m. to remember that Jesus was entombed in a borrowed grave. That evening at 6:00 p.m., church members gather for the Great Vigil. The Easter Sunday service celebrating the resurrection begins at 10:00 a.m. The church is located at 410 Jackson St.

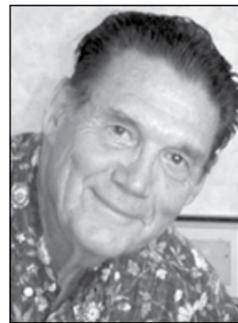
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church** will celebrate several liturgies during the week leading up to Easter Sunday, beginning on Holy Thursday, March 28, with a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00 p.m. in English at Sacred Heart in Gridley, located at 1560 Hazel St., and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Live Oak, located at 9660 Broadway. On Good Friday, March 29, an outdoor "Stations of the Cross" or "Via Crucis" will take place at noon at the parish property behind the Safeway shopping center on Bonnell Ave. in Gridley. There will also be services commemorating the Passion of the Lord that day: at 3:00 p.m. in English at Sacred Heart and at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish both at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Saturday, March 30, the most solemn Catholic liturgy of the year takes place, known as the Easter Vigil Mass, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in English and 8:30 p.m. in Spanish, both at Sacred Heart in Gridley. Finally, on Easter Sunday, there are Masses at 10:00 a.m. in English at both Sacred Heart in Gridley and at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Live Oak, at noon in Spanish at Sacred Heart in Gridley, at 2:00 p.m. in Spanish at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Live Oak, and at 5:00 p.m. in English at Sacred Heart in Gridley.

All local churches invite and welcome visitors to their Easter services, a season of great faith and celebration. ★

## MEMORIAL

### VERLIS AJ DOWD • 6/15/1937 – 2/27/2024

Verlis AJ Dowd, aged 86 years old, died peacefully on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Yuba City, California. He was born on June 15 1937 in Flippin, Arkansas, the only child of Rachel and Earl Dowd.



When he was 8 months old, his family migrated to California eventually settling in Oroville where he was a proud resident of the city and a 1954 graduate of Oroville high school. He attended Chico State College and married Sharon Frakes in 1958 and had four children. He and his father, Earl, started Dowd's Floor Covering in Oroville and eventually opened up Dowd Interiors in Yuba City.

Through hard work and dedication, he expanded Dowd Interiors to Colusa, Chico and the main store in Live Oak. He moved his young family to Gridley in the mid 70's.

Verlis' family was his passion and he was a loving husband, supportive father and doting grandfather. He

loved the game of golf with all his heart and found inspiration in its challenges. Verlis made people feel good about themselves and enjoyed socializing. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, son Steven (Debbie Thompson), daughter Roxanne (Mark Haddy), son Jeff, and daughter Jody; grandchildren, Stephanie and Steven Earl Dowd, Michael Millner (Denise Palma), Ciara Guhl, Emery Haddy (Megan Anthony), MJ and Ellie Dowd, and great grandchildren Hayley, Adalyn and Reagan Millner.

A celebration of life will be held sometime in the future.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

## MEMORIAL

### DAVID MITCHELL "MITCH" YOUNGER • 10/26/1960 - 3/7/2024

David Mitchell "Mitch" Younger passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 7th after a battle with cancer. He was 63 years old.



David was born October 26, 1960 in San Pedro, CA. He moved to Gridley with his parents Kay and Ken Ball at the age of 15 and attended Gridley High School where he proved his athletic prowess on both the basketball court and baseball field. At 6'2" and powerfully built, he was eyed by the football coach as a potential player. However, his first love was basketball, and he was a standout player. He graduated from Gridley High in 1979 and went to work for Holiday Market for several years, before embarking on a career as a mechanic at Sunsweet in Yuba City, where he worked until his retirement.

A natural athlete, his love of sports continued throughout his life. He stayed active playing City League softball, even being brought on as a "ringer" one season for the fire department team because they needed a heavy hitter. Mitch was also an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved being on the river, whether

it was fishing for striped bass with his dad or going out to listen to live music at Swabbie's. Once retired, he was looking forward to spending time with family, enjoying the grandkids, and getting in some good fishing. Tragically, he was taken from us before he could enjoy his retirement.

David was preceded in death by his wife Sue, and his nephew Mathew. He is survived by his mother and father Kay and Ken Ball, his sons Justin (Melissa) and Ty (Lacey), stepson Justin Wilde, brother Mark, sister Michelle (Randy) O'Rear, granddaughters Leila and Avery, nephew Michael, nieces Ashley Brown and Haven O'Rear, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

His family will hold a small, private service for close family in his honor.

### Gridley City Council ORDINANCE 849-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURE OVERLAY (R-1/AO) ADDING THE AGRICULTURAL OVERLAY DISTRICT ZONING DESIGNATION TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION UNTIL THE RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY IS DEVELOPED. (TSM 2-20, APN 022-210-092)

First read by title only at March 18, 2024 City Council meeting.  
Second reading and adoption anticipated on April 1st, 2024 City Council Meeting.  
A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTION S 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODES 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a proposed resolution(s) will be considered by the Governing Board of Biggs Unified School District at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., which if adopted by the Board will implement development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction at \$5.17 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction at \$0.84 per square foot. Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995 authorize the proposed fees. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices. The fee, if approved by the Governing Board, will become effective on June 9, 2024, which is 60 days after the proposed adoption of the resolution levying such fee by the Governing Board.

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## Recruitment for Volunteers

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# Oroville Religious Leader Charged with Sexual Assaults

## Butte County District Attorney News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court yesterday on multiple sexual assault charges against a child and an adult after an extensive investigation by the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

Sansue Bee Vang, 56, was charged by the Butte County District Attorney's Office for two counts of forcible rape against an adult female. He was also charged with four counts of lewd and lascivious conduct and one count of forcible digital penetration with a child under 14.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Vang is the founder, creator, and leader of a religious organization now based in Oroville called Kev Ntseeg Leej Niam Kee Tiam Vaj Lis Thum. Vang started the organization in Appleton, Wisconsin, and after amassing a following there, moved to Fresno, California in 2015. In 2020, Vang selected families from Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Fresno to move to Oroville to build a temple and religious community at the base of Table Mountain.

A 31-year-old female came forward to

sheriff's sexual assault detectives last month and disclosed Vang had forcibly raped her on two occasions. The sexual assaults occurred in October 2022 and May 2023. The woman told detectives she hesitated to come forward to law enforcement due to threats Vang made after the assaults.

An 11-year-old female also reported Vang had sexually molested her on at least five different occasions over approximately two years. She told investigators Vang threatened he would beat her if she disclosed the repeated molests.

Ramsey noted police records show Vang was acquitted of a misdemeanor sexual assault charge in Appleton, Wisconsin in 2013.

At the request of prosecutors, Butte County Superior Court Judge Virginia Gingery held Vang without bail and issued no contact orders for both of the named victims. Vang entered not guilty pleas and the case has been set for April 4, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to set a preliminary hearing date.

Ramsey encouraged anyone with information regarding this case, or adverse contact with Sansue Vang, to contact Detective Tiffany Astrologo in the Felony Investigations Unit at the Butte County Sheriff's Office at (530) 538-7671. ★

# Adventist Health and Rideout Recognized as a High-Performing Facility



Adventist Health continues to shine in national rankings. Photo courtesy of Adventist Health

## Adventist Health News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Adventist Health and Rideout has been recognized as a high-performing facility in four critical areas for 2023-2024 by U.S. News & World Report. This esteemed recognition underscores the hospital's commitment to excellence in patient care and its dedication to providing the highest quality healthcare services, according to an Adventist Health News Release.

The areas in which Adventist Health and Rideout has been acknowledged as high performing are heart failure, kidney failure, stroke and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

Additionally, Adventist Health and Rideout was recently ranked first in California by U.S. News & World Report for quality alignment with the American College of Cardiology (ACC). This comes as the hospital earned the esteemed National Distinction of Excellence as a HeartCare Center from the American College of Cardiology, which is the highest possible distinction bestowed upon healthcare institutions for their outstanding

commitment to the treatment and care of heart patients.

Heart failure, kidney failure, stroke, and COPD each impact the lives of many community members and these awards demonstrate Adventist Health and Rideout's determination to provide exceptional care, improve patient outcomes and make a positive impact on the community's health and well-being.

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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  
Jamie A Levert, 1122 Stewart Avenue Unit 1, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: January 17, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000120**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Butterfly Voices, 15093 Woodland Park Drive, Forest Ranch, CA 95942  
Maria Alfaro, 15093 Woodland Park Drive, Forest Ranch, CA 95942  
Date filed in Butte County: February 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000164**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Feather Falls Realty, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969  
Southern California Homes Inc, 814 Leadora Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741  
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: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000171**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: TECH2GO, 42 Archer Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
Leonard D Hope, 42 Archer Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: February 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000167**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: TECH2GO, 42 Archer Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
Leonard D Hope, 42 Archer Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: February 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000171**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Daly Dog, 676 E 7th Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Nicole S Daly, 676 E 7th Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: February 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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

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Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928  
Dr. Michael Alan Gulbransen, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: December 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 6, 2023  
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 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

GULBRANSEN 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000182**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton Oroville, 2355 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965  
Merchant Valley Corporation, 1808 Avondale Drive, Roseville, CA 95747  
Date filed in Butte County: February 23, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 10, 2024.  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

HAMPTON 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000154**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sue Rin Rentals, 681 Oro Dam Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965  
Susanne Johns, 70 Country View Lane, Oroville, CA 95966, and Lorinda Louise Bruen, 12 Lemon Hill Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: February 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.  
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

SUE 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000191**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bill Schohr Real Estate, Bill Schohr Realty, Impact Agent Network, Impact Agents, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948  
William B Schohr, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: February 27, 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 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

BILL 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000214**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: KS Projects Unlimited, 1203 12th Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Kathy C Gardner, 1203 12th Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 5, 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 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

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**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  
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000158**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Made in California, 40 Myrtle Drive,

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Oroville, CA 95966  
Matthew C Johnston and Carleton Allyn Johnston, PO Box 3482, Chico, CA 95927.  
Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 5, 2024  
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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  
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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  
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ANDREA 4-5-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000909**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: GMG Styles, 1224 Mangrove Avenue, #10, Chico, CA 95926  
Jessika M Allen, 820 W 4th Avenue Apt 115, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: October 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2018  
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 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

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WATERWORKS 3-29-24

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WATERWORKS 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000158**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Made in California, 40 Myrtle Drive,

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
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  
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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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00615

Petitioner Yesenia Melchor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angel Alejandro Canela to Angel Alejandro Melchor.

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 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on March 13, 2024

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
MELCHOR 4-12-24  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00616

Petitioner Yesenia Melchor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angelo Rodriguez to Angelo Melchor.

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 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on March 13, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

YESENIA 4-12-24

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONA J. MITCHELL AKA DONA JEAN MITCHELL  
CASE NO. 24PR00080

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.

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 15, 22, 29, 2024  
REEVES 3-29-24

**TRUSTEE SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Foreclosure No. 7060054 APN# 125-350-008 On April 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Barry R. Fuller, an unmarried man, and recorded September 15, 2010 as Instrument No. 2010-0005598, of Official 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

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visiting the public

# Cat Killer Sentenced

**Butte County District Attorney News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Texas man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court for killing the pet cats of a Chico friend with whom he was staying. Judge Jesus Rodriguez sentenced William Lee Johnson, 23, to the maximum sentence under the law of three years and eight months, which will be served in county jail.

Johnson had previously pled no contest on January 17, 2024, to two counts of felony animal abuse.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Johnson moved to Chico from Texas in early December 2023 to live with a childhood friend who offered him a place to stay if he would take care of the friend's family pets while the friend and his family were out of town over the Christmas and New Year's holidays preparing to move to Marysville.

A few days after Johnson's arrival, the family dog, a seven-year-old Siberian Husky, was found dead in the backyard of the home. The owner found it strange that the normally healthy dog would die but did not suspect his friend Johnson and assumed it might have been poisoned. The dog was cremated so the family could keep its ashes.

Approximately two weeks later, Johnson, who was entrusted to watch the remaining pets, called his friend in Marysville and told him one of the cats, Eloise, 6, was found dead inside the house. One week later, the friend's kitten, Shreaka, 1, was found dead, its jaw having been separated.

The friend returned to the home and confronted Johnson who denied harming any of the animals. However, the friend noticed Johnson's arms were heavily scratched consistent with cat scratches. He kicked Johnson out of the home and called Chico Police, who found him some

distance away.

Johnson initially denied any involvement in the deaths of the cats, but later admitted to officers that he killed both cats. Johnson said Eloise was killed when he was pestering the cat and the cat hissed at him. This made him mad, so he punched the cat in the mid-section. Eloise then attacked him and scratched his hand, so he punched Eloise in the face and Eloise fled. Johnson said he did not check on the cat but found the cat dead the next morning.

As to the kitten, Johnson said he was playing video games and used a small stick that was used to keep a window shut and started to playfully hit Shreaka over the head with it. Shreaka hissed at him and ran under the couch. Johnson said he got upset that he was hissed at and he used the stick and shoved it in a forward motion at Shreaka under the couch. Johnson said he believed Shreaka bit down on the stick, causing her injury. However, officers opined the injuries were consistent with a stick being shoved into Shreaka's mouth and jaw.

Johnson continued to deny having anything to do with the dog's death.

During their investigation, Chico officers found Johnson was fired from an SPCA facility in Texas for allegedly abusing animals in their facility.

At today's sentencing hearing, the owner of the animals read an impact statement to the court, where they described their home being empty now and missing arriving home and seeing their cats waiting for them in the window.

Johnson's public defender argued before Judge Rodriguez that Johnson should receive probation as his client had no criminal history and was still basically a youth. Based on "the viciousness, callousness, and cruelty displayed by Johnson and that he used a weapon (the stick) and violated a position of trust," Judge Rodriguez sentenced Johnson to the maximum possible sentence under the law. ★

# Squatter Defense Fails, Chico Man Convicted Of Burglary

**Butte County District Attorney News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - After a two-day court trial, a Butte County judge today found a Chico man guilty of first-degree burglary and resisting arrest despite his defense that he was a "legal squatter."

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case stemmed from a November 17, 2023, incident in which a Chico homeowner called police and stated she was out of town for the week, but her neighbor in the 900 block of East 8th Street had seen unknown people inside her house. She said the neighbor had observed several transients walking down the sidewalk and walk right into her residence.

Chico police were called and responded to the house and immediately detained a male transient, who had stepped out of the house. The male told police he had just been invited to stay in the house by other transients in the home, and there were two other males, one female, and 6 dogs inside the house.

Howard Todd, 40, Chico, began screaming at officers from inside the home and refused to exit, claiming he had squatter's rights to the home. The Chico Police Crisis Negotiation Team began negotiations with Todd in an attempt to peacefully remove him and the others from the house. Todd barricaded the entrances.

After several hours the Crisis Negotiation Team was able to convince Veronica Maggard, 32, and Larry Robison, 50, along with four of the six dogs to peacefully exit the home. Todd however continued to refuse to exit the home and barricaded himself in the home's basement with his two dogs. The SWAT team deployed tear gas into the home to force Todd out. Todd fled from the basement and hid under a bed in the master bedroom. The SWAT team along with the help of Chico's K9 Kimbo then entered and found Todd hiding under a bed in the master bedroom. Todd was finally arrested and removed from the house after a nine-hour standoff.

At the trial, the owner of the residence testified she and her father had bought and painstakingly remodeled the house to be her dream home. After Todd and the others had been removed, the victim testified, her house was unrecognizable as it was completely trashed. The owner testified she and police located drug paraphernalia and

condoms strewn throughout her house. The homeowner stated all of her furniture was covered in dog urine and feces. The owner's belongings had been gone though and much of the house had sustained significant damage. The owner stated jewelry, snowboards, snowboard gear, several fishing poles, and tools had been stolen.

Todd took the stand and testified on his own behalf. He admitted he was homeless and spotted the victim's house some days before and began casing it. Todd stated he knocked on the front door several times and when no one answered he jumped the fence and entered the house through the back door. Todd testified it was his intent to take up residence in the house and use everything in the house as his own. Todd invited fellow transients to come stay in the house with him for several days. Todd claimed since he was adversely possessing the house that he had squatter's rights. Todd further testified he refused to exit the house because the police did not have the right to remove him from the victim's home.

Todd's public defender argued before the judge that because Todd believed he had squatter's rights there was no intent to enter the home to steal and therefore no felony burglary. However, Butte County prosecutor Jerri Mannion noted to the judge that Todd has a long criminal history of committing burglaries. He was found guilty by a jury in Butte County in 2020 for a burglary he had committed of an unoccupied home that was only a mile and a half from the house in the current case. Todd also had a prior burglary in Chico along with a 2009 second-degree burglary conviction from Tehama County.

At the end of the court trial today, Butte County Superior Court Judge Virginia Gingery quickly rejected Todd's faulty legal thinking and found him guilty of first-degree burglary and resisting arrest. Todd faces up to six years in state prison plus restitution for the damages and theft from the home when he is sentenced on April 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Oroville.

Codefendants Maggard and Robison were charged with resisting arrest for their part in the first part of the standoff. Maggard is next due in court on March 29, 2024, for further arraignment. Robison failed to appear for his court appearance and is wanted on a \$5,000 bench warrant. ★

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### TRUSTEE SALE

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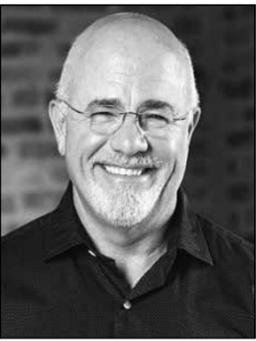
this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 7060054 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid 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. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary declares that the mortgagee or beneficiary has satisfied the requirements of California Civil Code 2923.5. DATED: 02/29/2024 MID VALLEY TITLE AND

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NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY (MOBILE HOME)  
 Dated: March 12, 2024 Debtor(s): Brandy Greenduensing 3289 State Highway 70, SPC 14B Oroville, CA 95965 Brandy Greenduensing 2262 Las Plumas Ave Oroville, CA 95965 Secured Party: 21st Mortgage Corporation 620 Market Street One Center Square Knoxville, TN 37902 Subject Collateral: 2017 KARSTEN HOMES, CLAYTON 16X52 COMMUNITY SERIES 91CSH16502BH17 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER SAC036107CAA Situs Address: 3289 State Highway 70, SPC 14B, Oroville, CA 95965 Due to a breach of your obligation to repay the Consumer Loan Note and Security Agreement

executed by you on or about January 2, 2019, 21st Mortgage Corporation will sell the 2017 KARSTEN HOMES, CLAYTON 16X52 COMMUNITY SERIES 91CSH16502BH17 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER SAC036107CAA at public sale. A sale could include a lease or license. The sale will be held as follows: Date: 4/3/2024 Time: 3:30 PM Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965. You may attend the sale and bring bidders if you want. The money that we get from the sale (after repaying our costs) will reduce the amount you owe. If we get less money than you owe, you will not owe 21st Mortgage Corporation the difference. If we get more money than you owe, you will get the extra money, unless we must pay it to someone else. You can get the property back at any time before we sell it by paying the full amount you owe (not just the past due payments), including our expenses.

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### Well-Meaning, But Misguided

## Dave Ramsey Says

grades will go down if he holds a job while in school. Research actually shows that, on average, kids who work while in college carry higher grade point averages than those who don't.

The reasons for this differ, depending on who you ask, but I think a lot of it has to do with them having to learn to manage their time—and their lives—more effectively. Lots of kids could pay their way through school, and not have to worry about student loans, if they just used some of the time they spend watching television and on social activities at a job.

We never required our kids to work during the school year, but they were self-starters. And when they came home for the summer, there was no such thing as just lying around the house all day. They had jobs, and they made money. Of course, some of it went toward having a little fun during their time

off. But we made sure they set some aside for the next school year, too.

Long story short, the philosophy of not wanting kids at college to work so they can spend all their time studying is well-meaning, but misguided. For the most part, kids who work while they're in school will make better grades and develop into more mature and well-rounded individuals.

I hope this helps, Brenda!

— 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* ★

Dear Dave,

Our son will be graduating from high school in May, and then heading off to college in August. He will also be working during the summer to save up money for school. When classes begin, do you think he should continue working a part-time job, or would it be better for him to focus solely on his studies?

— Brenda

Dear Brenda,

There's really nothing wrong with either approach, especially during a kid's first semester in college. As a parent, though, I'd urge you not to fall into the trap of thinking his

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church



The King enters riding on a donkey. Really? His mother rode a donkey to David's city when He was born. A donkey, yes! Not a stallion, not a chariot, not even a manhandled surrey. A donkey!

But as the King enters the town, something awesome happens. People start cutting leaves with coats and covers line the roadway for the man on the donkey. A true symbol of a triumphant entry for a person of importance.

They didn't care if he rode a lowly beast of burden. They shouted and raised their voices in praise for the hero they honored. What had He done? Did He win a big battle? Had He conquered a city? Did He capture a vessel or an army? Well not any of that.

He was a spiritual leader. A man who fed the hungry, healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and even raised people from the dead. Not a conquering hero but a man of religious power who loved people. So a donkey perfect, even prophesied beforehand.

Jesus was called a prophet, priest, and king. But He didn't own a palace, a chariot, or even a place to lay His head for the night. He walked in sandals on the dust roads of ancient Israel. But people gave Him shelter, food, and even washed His feet with precious oil. Why?

Because, once Jesus began His ministry people recognized the royalty before them.

He was God's Son, second in command, and the heavenly army walked with Him. Even the dark spirits and demons He cast out knew and called Him by name, Son of God.

Over and over people inquired of Him, "Are you the One to come? Are you the Messiah?"

Are you the Christ that was promised?" He replied, "Look what I've done you tell me who, "I AM." Peter proclaimed, "You are the Son of God. The Messiah. The Christ."

He still shows His people who He is by the blessings and miracles bestowed every day. Yes! He rode in on a donkey. An animal that carries a cross on its back to this very day. Praise God!

Join us this Easter weekend. We will be giving away religious themed books and bibles on Good Friday from 3pm to 5 pm and on Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon. Also on Good Friday join us for a Good Friday Service at 6pm. Easter Sunday, we will have a sunrise service at 7:30 am followed by a potluck Easter Breakfast. All are welcome. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.

The Gridley United Methodist needs your help. We like many other churches are struggling to survive. We have been serving this community for 160 years. If it is to continue we need you to come and help us worship and serve our community in Christ's name. God Bless you!!!

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

### 'Cow Pasture Tea'

all coagulated here in an effort to beatify the yards of our fair town. And what, you may ask, brings me to this conflagration? It's the latest thing in gardening. Our chairman of the board refers to it as 'cow pasture tea' and it nutritionalizes plants right down to bedrock. As Dewey says, the only way to improve on cow manure is to liquidize it. Well, he hasn't said it yet, but he will.

"Now what exactly is cow pasture tea you're undoubtedly asking yourselves at this moment. It's a varietal combination of composted cow manure, water, and some acid we put in there to matriculate it properly into the life-giving succulence we require. Then we put it in a drum and pull the drum behind a tractor-like conveyance that looks an awful lot like an old riding lawn mower. We spray this on your lawn, and in nin-jas-seconds, this liquor of

life perambulates deep into the rootiness of the grass and makes it want to grow."

He smiled at the group and noticed a lot of them were giggling in appreciation of his talk. He puffed up and continued.

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### California Tomato Farmers Scale Down Acreage After Huge Crop

California farmers are scaling down their processing tomato acreage this year as processors enter the planting season with boosted inventory. The state's tomato processors planned to contract for 11.6 million tons this year, down about 10% from the 12.9 million tons they contracted for in 2023. In 2023, California growers harvested their largest tomato crop in several years after winter storms replenished water supplies. Processors looking to bolster inventory depleted during the drought paid a record-high price. Now acreage is declining as demand softens for processed tomato products.

### Famed Research Farm Seeks Financial Help As Income Declines

The commonplace practice in California of applying precise water to individual plants rather than broadcasting with sprinklers may not have taken off if not for the research trials conducted decades ago at the Nickels Soil Laboratory in Colusa County. The privately owned research farm in Arbuckle is often credited with helping to propel the state's tree nut industry to the powerhouse it is today. Now, just as growers have faced tough times as the price of almonds and walnuts has plummeted, research funding for Nickels has depleted because of shrinking crop revenue.

### New federal climate-risk reporting rule imposes softer standard than in California

California is the first state in the U.S. to pass laws that eventually require large corporations to publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions and their climate risks. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission followed suit last week. But it approved a weakened federal regulation that drops a proposed requirement for companies to report emissions from their supply chains and customer use of their products. Opponents argued that the reporting rule would burden farmers, who provide most raw products that go into the food supply chain.

### State Completes Vast Groundwater Mapping Project

The California Department of Water Resources has completed a groundwater mapping project that the agency said provides critical information about California's underground water supply. DWR announced the completion of the statewide Airborne Electromagnetic, or AEM, survey project last week. Between December 2021 and November 2023, the agency collected nearly 16,000 miles of AEM data within 95 groundwater basins across California. DWR said the data "is invaluable for identifying the most suitable locations to implement groundwater recharge projects." ★

### 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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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 a.m. 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

I had an interesting conversation at the Arbor Day Festival in Oroville. This is an interesting Festival with a lot of tree people talking about trees. The person I was talking to was involved in the olive business. She owns orchards here and used to have them in southern California. She had a business that dealt with other things that come up around olives. She

informed me that olives are pollinated by the wind just like corn. I never knew that. I have an olive bonsai and it flowers and forms olives every year. Never once did I wonder how that was happening. I assumed that the bees did their thing. Nope it is the wind. Good thing our area has windy spring days. She also told me that in Southern California, landscape architects put specimen olive trees in the yards of homes. Sometimes more than one tree. The trees are many times bought in our area when mature orchards are being removed, it is a cheaper way to get the trees. So, part of her business now her son's business is cleaning up around olive trees when they fruit and

drop their many olives because the trees are developed to be high production. It seems that home owners of big fancy houses like the olive trees until they realize they have an abundance of old olives dropping into their landscaping. They then call her family business and keep them busy at a good price. I wondered why the yard services didn't take care of the problem and she said that once the home owners wanted the olives gone, they wanted all of them gone. Their business also involves working at making the trees not fruit at all. The world is full of interesting dilemmas.

We just passed the Spring Equinox. May you and your garden feel renewed.



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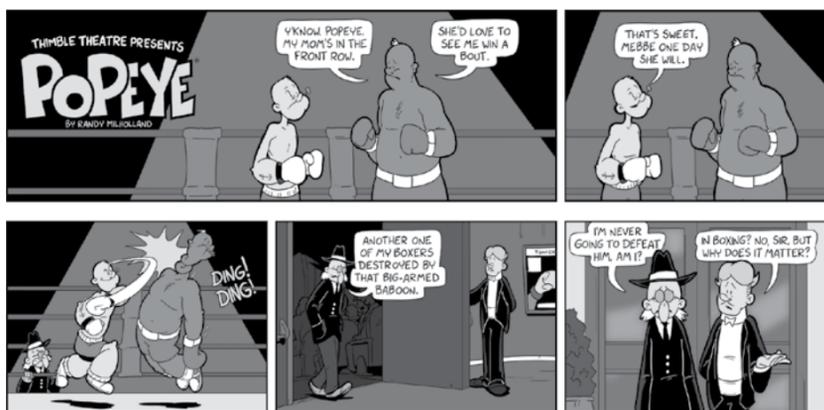
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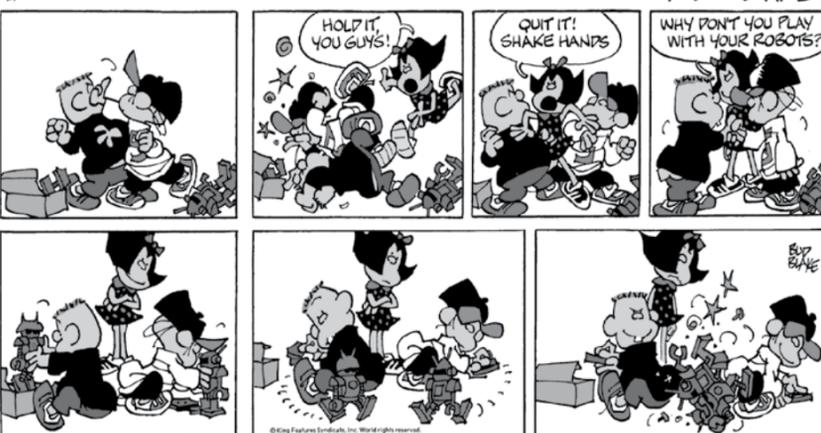
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# Bulldogs End Week with Win



Gridley junior pitcher Garrett Francis (7) tosses a pitch against Central Valley on Friday, March 15, in the Bulldogs' 7-6 victory.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball team ended last week with a win that was much needed as they beat the Central Valley Falcons 7-6 on Friday, March 15.

Gridley lost its first two games of the week to West Valley, 10-2, and Red Bluff, 6-0, between Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 14.

Bulldogs Head Coach Quinn Spring said errors were the killer in the loss to West Valley as Gridley committed six errors throughout the game. It should be noted that the playing conditions with the wind gusts over the past week have not been normal, so some of these errors have been uncommon for everyone.

In the loss to Red Bluff on March 14, the Bulldogs were held to one hit throughout the day, and after senior outfielder Cesario Villalobos struggled to find the strike zone on the mound for Gridley in his first start of the season, as he walked six batters in two innings.

Villalobos did strike out four batters and give up four hits and six earned runs in his two innings of work. Bulldogs senior pitcher Emmet Smallwood came in relief in the third inning and shut down the Red Bluff lineup as he pitched five innings, surrendered three hits and struck out eight hitters.

Spring told the Herald that he is waiting for someone to take the helm of the leadership qualities on the team. He added that leadership has been spread apart throughout the team, and different guys are stepping up at different times. He expressed to the Herald that guys who are not typically vocalized show it in different ways they take action on the field.

In the lone victory of the week over Central Valley, junior pitcher Garrett Francis got the start and gave up three runs in the first couple innings of his start.

In the bottom of the second inning, Gridley had the bases loaded with no outs, but after a popout and two consecutive strikeouts, the threat ended.

After a 35-minute injury delay in the top of the third inning, the Bulldogs woke up in the bottom of the fourth as they took a 4-3 lead after senior catcher Bryar McWilliams run-batted-in



Gridley junior shortstop Gus Stogsdill (3) fields a ground ball in the Bulldogs' 7-6 victory over Central Valley on Friday, March 15.



Gridley senior infielder Emmet Smallwood (12) lines a base hit in the Bulldogs' 7-6 win over Central Valley on Friday, March 15.

(RBI) single. McWilliams was one of four Gridley hitters that had a multi-hit game against the Falcons.

Central Valley took the lead back in the following half-inning after they strung together a couple hits off Francis. Francis pitched five innings in the game, gave up five hits and struck out six Falcons. Bulldogs sophomore infielder/pitcher Eli Punzo came in relief in the sixth inning and pitched the rest of the game for Gridley.

After the game went to extra innings after both teams added another run, sophomore infielder Jason Davis Jr. walked the Bulldogs off to victory with a bases-loaded RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning. The walk-off single propelled Davis Jr. to the team lead in RBI's with six in the early part of the season.

Gridley was scheduled to hit the road this past Tuesday and Wednesday to Los Molinos and Winters before they are scheduled to host West Valley today at 4 p.m.

The Bulldogs have Butte View League play next week against Corning. ★

# Live Oak Wins Against Gridley in Extras

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Lions softball team was able to hold on to a late lead and beat the Gridley Lady Bulldogs 9-8 on Thursday, March 14, in an extra inning victory.

Live Oak Head Coach Kevin Medeiros's postgame huddle with his team was filled with nothing but praise and gratefulness for not giving up and staying locked in.

"The fact that these girls didn't give up says so much about their heart for the game," Medeiros said. He added that a lot of mistakes contributed to the late Gridley push in the seventh inning, but Live Oak stayed focused and pushed through it as a team to get the victory.

The Lady Lions jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning after Live Oak junior catcher Alexa Medina sent a scorching-solo shot over the left field fence.

Medina told the Herald that everything in the swing lined up great and she was able to put good contact on it, and although it had a hook towards left field, it stayed in play and got the Lady Lions off to a good start in the opening inning. Medina had a hit and two walks at the plate in the game.

Live Oak freshman pitcher Brooklyn Murphey mowed through the Gridley lineup the first time around and dealt a gem before she surrendered her first hit in the fifth inning of the game. Murphey pitched 6.2 innings where she gave up seven hits, six runs, walked four and sat 12 Lady Bulldogs down in strikeouts.

The Lady Lions had a 3-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh where they scored a couple insurance runs against Lady Bulldogs senior pitcher Maddie Garcia, who pitched 6.1 innings, gave up seven runs, five hits and walked nine hitters.

This was only Gridley's second game of the season and Head Coach Tammy Carr told the Herald that



Gridley senior infielder Alyssa Thompson (5) lines a ball up the middle in the Lady Bulldogs' 9-7 defeat on Thursday, March 14.



Gridley senior infielder Alyssa Thompson (5) throws a ball to first base in the Lady Bulldogs' 9-7 loss on Thursday, March 14 to Live Oak.

she was proud of her team for fighting the whole way through.

There is no question the Lady Bulldogs lost half of their roster from the 2023 class, but senior infielder Alyssa Thompson and junior pitcher/first baseman Reese Stevens told the Herald they are building the trust on the team again.

Thompson told the Herald that you can see the trust growth throughout the team as they fought together hard during the loss to Live Oak.

Thompsons and Stevens each had two hits and two runs-batted-in (RBI's) a piece in the defeat. Stevens relieved Garcia in the top of the seventh inning in the circle.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Murphey had a five-run lead with two outs and after Gridley had a walk and five consecutive hits, the game was tied and went into extra innings.

Lady Lions junior pitcher Bella Pacheco relieved Murphey in the seventh inning. Pacheco and Stevens shut down the opposing offenses in the eighth inning as Live Oak junior infielder Aleena Ramirez hit an RBI double in the top of the ninth and another added run extended to give the Lady Lions the lead.

Pacheco gave up an RBI single to Stevens in the bottom of the ninth, but allowed the one run to hold on for the Live Oak win.

The Lady Lions beat Oroville 12-11 on Friday, March 15, to complete their preseason with a 7-1 record. Live Oak began Sacramento Valley League play this week as they were scheduled to play against Colusa on Tuesday and Wednesday.

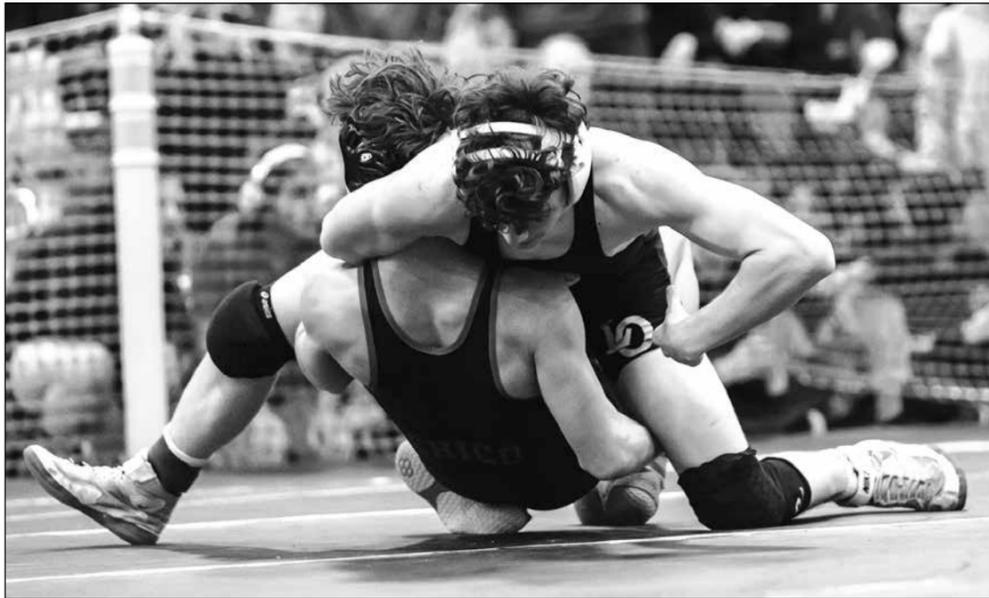
Gridley was scheduled to host their tournament this week as Carr expressed to the Herald that their games were to be played on Thursday and Saturday, March 23. ★

# Live Oak Wrestling's Fantastic Season

By Alison Harwood-Jones

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - "Got it?" calls Coach Gabe. "On three. One, two, three." A loud boom resonates as the wrestlers show their readiness to get to work with a slap to the mat. Drilling starts, trying to get the technique and muscle memory down — they will need to go to combat in the next match. As fifty-plus wrestlers work on take-downs across the muggy wrestling room at Live Oak High School, Coach Gabe Ceja and Coach Ernie Caratachea are seen on the mat correcting wrestling partners in their techniques. Coach Mike Fredericks is checking in with one student-athlete about their grade check. On the stage, wrestlers ensure they are on weight for the weekend, as another volunteer, Coach Ahsan Khan, works on a small mat with two individuals on how to correctly run a head lever. There is hard work and focus in the wrestling room, and that has led to this season's success for both the LOHS team and individual wrestlers.

"Go Low" is their motto, and they did just that — many wrestlers reached deep down to find the inner strength they needed to end with a very successful wrestling season.



Owen Willis grapples with an opponent. He is the Northern Section Champ. Courtesy photo

The girls' wrestling team had a phenomenal year. This is the second year the CIF Northern Section has had its Girl's Masters (Section Championships) tournament — in prior years the coaches and wrestlers would compete at the Sac Joaquin Section Tournament. The LOHS girls' team was Division 2 Champions and the team placed 5th overall at Masters. Senior Sierrah Swanson (Division Champion) and freshman Lexie Brann placed

fifth at Masters in their weight classes. Ashleen Madere placed 2nd in the 122 class. Section winners Aaliyah Jurado, a sophomore, and Marisela Romero, a senior and Division Champion, placed first in their weight classes, enabling them to compete at the CIF State Championships.

The LOHS boys' team placed 9th at Masters with three on their team medaling. The team brought many great athletes to represent them,

including Eben Jones (Division Champion) who placed fourth in the 134 weight class at Sections. Sophomore Trevor Carrier placed third. Owen Willis made the team proud by placing first in Sections, which qualified him to represent the Northern Section at the State CIF Wrestling Tournament in Bakersfield the following weekend.

Coach Mike Fredericks also received special recognition as the first Northern Section Girls'

Wrestling Coach of the Year. This award is a wonderful way to acknowledge the dedication Fredericks has given to Live Oak's wrestling program for over twenty years. It also testifies to his role in promoting high school girls' wrestling for the Northern Section and the impact it has on creating strong, confident women.

Walking into the wrestling room transports one into a world of camaraderie that one would not expect to find in a combative sport. There is an inner strength in wrestlers, to be willing to go on the mat and learn emotional control while using the skills to battle. There is a feeling of family as they cheer each other on during the long tournament days. That feeling is the reason why wrestling has become such an integral part of the Live Oak campus. It is because of the hard work and dedication of both the student-athletes and their coaches that the program is so successful.

The GOLOW will be holding an annual fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday, March 23, at the Live Oak Community Building. The Tri-tip Dinner is \$25 and includes Black Hole BBQ Ribs, Country Butcher Tri-tip, Stowe Rice, beans, bread, and beverage of choice — beer, wine, cocktail, or soda. ★