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Gridley FFA Hosts Field Day



The Gridley Livestock Judging team members are, from left, Joe Schohr, Reagan Witt, Gracie Yost and Bella Bastiani. Courtesy photo

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)- Future Farmers of America (FFA) members from throughout the north state on March 1 competed in the FFA Field Day hosted by the Gridley High School chapter.

About 1,000 participants competed in Impromptu Speaking, Job Interview, Livestock Judging, Ag Mechanics, Parliamentary Procedure, Best Informed Greenhand, Milk Quality and Products, Vegetable Crop Judging, Forestry, Floral, Livestock, Fruit Tree Judging, Farm Power and Veterinary Skills.

Gridley chapter teams for Ag Mechanics won first-place high team, with individuals Ethan Rickertsen placing second and Merced Acosta placing third. The Livestock Judging team won firstplace high team, with individuals Joe Schohr in first-place and Bella Bastiani in third-place.

In addition, Schohr has been named a state finalist in Sheep Production Entrepreneurship and Diversified Livestock Proficiency. Gracie Yost is a finalist in Swine Production



The Gridlev FFA Ag Mechanics team members are, from left, Gemma Donati, Jack Waller Merced Acosta, Ethan Rickertsen and Josiah Johnson. Courtesy photo



Impromptu Speaking winner Fiona Powell from Reedley Middle College FFA is with her coach at the Gridley FFA Field Day. Photo by Connie Voss

Entrepreneurship Proficiency.

Local FFA members Alina Jackson and Vivian King were in charge of running the Livestock Judging division, instead of competing. Preparations began very early the morning of March 1.

Fiona Powell came from Reedley Middle



Alina Jackson and Vivian King oversaw the Livestock Judging division at the FFA Field Day. Photo by Connie Voss

College with about 40 students from her school. This is her first year in FFA. She participated in the Impromptu Speaking division and won. Powell said she would like to try dairy goats as an FFA project.

The Gridley Herald congratulates all the winners and participants.

Butte Water District Proposed Rate Increase

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Recently, an anonymous local farmer visited The Gridley Herald office with some concerns about possible water rate increases through Butte Water District (BWD). The last water rate increase was in 2006.

General Manager Donnie Stinnett and former General Manager Mark Orme sat down with The Gridley Herald to talk about the proposed rate

Butte Water District comprises about 31,000 acres in Butte and Sutter counties. The district has rights to more than 130,000acre feet of water from Feather River, which is distributed via

canals to landowners for irrigation,



environmental enhancement and groundwater replacement.

Butte Water District is a Groundwater Management Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Butte Water District relies on water

rate revenues, standby fees from land-based assessments and surplus water transfers to outside entities to pay for the delivery of water to customers. Ground Water Substitutions, when water is supplied from two district-owned wells, also help offset the delivery costs.

Currently, water rates and standby fee revenues generate \$800,000 or about half of the \$1.5 million total annual operating costs. The proposed increase will help bridge the gap between revenues and cost of operation.

According to Proposition 218 passed in 1996, California water districts must follow an established process to raise taxes or service fees. Districts are required to obtain an

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Federal Funding Opportunities Discussed in Live Oak

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) -The Live Oak City Council held a special meeting on Feb. 18 to discuss possible federal funding opportunities for community facilities and water system upgrades.

Sally Tripp with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development outlined a variety of programs offered by the department that could support the community of Live Oak.

Tripp explained, "You determine what your community needs. We're just trying to provide the funding for it."

Tripp said that the City of Live Oak has an existing loan with United States Department of Agriculture at approximately \$1 million taken out 20 years ago to pay for the city's water system. The loan also came with a \$1.4- million grant at that time.

The United States Department of Agriculture doesn't impose a maximum amount on its long-term, low-interest loans; the total is determined by the repayment amount the city can afford. Tripp said the current interest rate on their loans is approximately 41/8 percent.

In the Community Facilities loan program, eligible projects could include new buildings, the purchase of land and the purchase of equipment. The Water and Wastewater program would cover projects such as new water lines, new wells, an emergency program for systems damaged by disaster, and upgrades to water or sewer plants.

Councilmember Nancy Santana said one of her top priorities is establishing a School Resource Officer (SRO) for local schools, and she asked if there would be any funding that could support such a position. Tripp said the Community Facilities program cannot fund ongoing operating costs but could be used for the purchase of necessary equipment, including a police vehicle.

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez, who attended via teleconference, asked about funding for improving local businesses and supporting the launch of new businesses. Tripp said there are rural business development grants that could provide one-time funding for new businesses, and loans could

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Children's Hope Helps More Than 200 Youth

Story and photos by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At the weekly Rotary luncheon on Feb. 27, high school students Ryan Taranto, Matthew Miskin, Reagan Witt and Alina Jackson gave updates on various school activities.

Next, Rotarian Jessica Flatt was awarded a special Rotarian-of-the-Month pin for her contributions to the club. Rotary President Lynne Spencer made the presentation.

Rotarian and Community Outreach Director for Children's Hope Foster Family Agency, Efren Del Rio, was the guest speaker. Children's Hope is a private, nonprofit agency that has three offices: Gridley, Roseville and Yuba City. Ben and Heather Payne started Children's Hope nearly 25 years ago. The mission is to provide hope and nurturing guidance to the Resource Parents (formerly known as Foster Parents), foster children and transitional aged youth through compassionate, professional services.

Currently, more than 200 children and young adults are supported by the agency within a two-hour radius of the three offices. More than 6,000 children and young adults have been served during the last 25 years from Butte, Sutter, Yuba, Placer, Yolo, Sacramento, El Dorado and Solano counties.

When children become adults, they can be eligible for the Transitional Housing Program (THP), if they have a full-time job, are a full-time student or have a full-time internship. The program's goal is to help them learn accountability and budgeting skills. They officially age out of the foster system at age 25.

As part of the Transitional Housing Program, Children's Hope is working with other agencies to convert an old Motel 6 in Sacramento into transitional housing for 28



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has excessive parent/child

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Children's Hope can help

young adults scheduled to open in August.

"That's a critical program that we have and put a lot of effort into is the THP program," Del Rio said.

Children with special needs are placed in the Intensive Services foster care program, where they are assigned a social worker and a behavioral specialist.

A recent grant allows Children's Hope to provide mental health therapy and counseling through the Enhanced Care Management program. This is available to all children over five years old, both in and outside of the foster care system. If they receive Medi-Cal benefits, they are eligible to receive one-on-one counseling at any of the three offices.

Children's Hope is unique as a foster care agency in that transportation services are provided. Six mini vans are available in Gridley, two in Yuba City and two in Roseville to shuttle children to various appointments as a service to the Resource Parents.

Children's Hope also

the Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament. Other items pur-

or cheerleading) and

Other items purchased with donations are car seats and braces. Transitional Housing Program participants often need laundry supplies, towels and dish soap. And new laptops were purchased for the team members to replace old, outdated ones.

The biggest need that Children's Hope has, according to Del Rio, is Resource Parents for teenagers ages 13 to 17.

The annual Children's Hope summer barbecue at Gauche Aquatic Park in Yuba City will be on June 27 for Resource Parents, children and Children's Hope teammates. ★



Del Rio indicated that

donations to Children's

Hope go to several dif-

ferent programs,

including Leaps and

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ties such as gymnastics



Community Outreach Director for Children's Hope's Efren Del Rio spoke to the Rotary Club on Feb. 27.

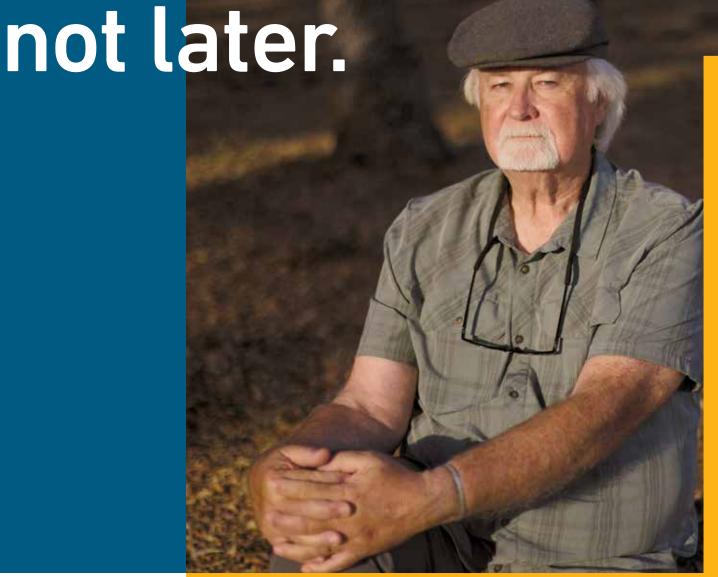






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STEVEN JENSEN • 01/12/1935 - 02/24/2025

Steven Jensen was born on January 12, 1935, in Gridley, California, to Ira and Elen Jensen. Growing up in a close-knit community, he developed an early passion for learning and service, excelling in school activities, sports, and friendships that would last a lifetime.

After high school, Steve embraced a calling as a Mormon missionary in the Central States Mission—a formative experience that deepened his commitment to faith and community. He continued his education at Brigham Young University, where his academic pursuits laid the foundation for a lifelong career in teaching. In the spring of 1957, he met his eternal companion, LaRee Adams of Monticello, Utah. Together, they established a loving home in Gridley, where, over 37 years, they nurtured a



family and enriched the lives of those around them.

Steve dedicated 34 years to teaching mathematics at Gridley High School, inspiring thousands of students with his enthusiasm and care. Beyond the classroom, he served his ward and Stake with deep devotion—fulfilling roles as Bishop, Stake President, and

devoted mentor to the youth. His faith and service remained the central pillars of his life. Later, as Mission President of the Ireland Dublin Mission, they guided countless missionaries with kindness and wisdom. Upon returning, Steve resumed teaching at Orem High School in Orem, Utah, for another 11 years.

Steve and LaRee's legacy is carried on by their three children-Brad (Kathleen) of Lafayette, California; Robert (Tenney) of London, England: and Wendy (Michael Shanks) of Provo, Utah-along with 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Steve passed away on February 24, 2025, having been preceded in death by LaRee in 2017. He is survived by his siblings, Hal and Shirley. Funeral services were held on March 1, 2025, in Orem, Utah.

Sites Reservoir to Receive Federal Funding

Sites Reservoir News Release

MAXWELL, CA (MPG) - The week of Feb. 24, the Trump Administration released federal funding, previously allocated through the Bureau of Reclamation, to the Sites Reservoir Project (Project) to expand California's water storage capacity for the

"Thanks to bipartisan support from our federal partners, we've been able to make significant progress on Sites Reservoir, which is now nearing the start of construction," said Fritz Durst, chair of the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors. "Sites Reservoir is a critical piece of California's long-term water resiliency, and this funding helps move us closer to creating a reliable water source for our communities, farms and environment."

Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority said, "We appreciate the Trump Administration's release of these critical funds, underscoring the federal government's ongoing commitment to

Sites Reservoir. We look forward to continuing to work with our federal partners to move this critical project forward and deliver on the benefits it will provide to our participants across the state.'

Sites Reservoir will provide 1.5-million acre-feet of off-stream storage, capturing and storing excess flows from the Sacramento River, substantially improving the state's water flexibility, reliability and resiliency in drier years. The project is backed by a broad coalition of cities, counties, water agencies and irrigation districts across California, including the Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Bay Area and Southern California.

The Sites Reservoir Project is an offstream reservoir proposed north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, where it would provide unique water supply and environmental benefits during dry periods, especially during extended drought. Additional information can be found at sitesproject.org or on Facebook, Instagram and X at @SitesProject.

Newsom Issues Statement on Sites Reservoir's Funding



Office of Governor Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Feb. 25, California Gov. Gavin Newsom celebrated the release of funding by the Trump Administration for the state's Sites Reservoir Project and the existing San Luis Reservoir.

"We are grateful for this shared priority

with the Trump Administration as we move forward together to build critical infrastructure to improve water storage," said Governor Newsom.

The Sites Reservoir will capture water during wet seasons and store it for use during drier seasons, holding up to 1.5-million acre-feet of water, enough to supply more than 4.5-million homes for a year. It has received a total of \$46.75 million in early funding from the state. In all, Sites is eligible for \$875.4 million of Proposition 1 funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$4 billion.

Governor Newsom streamlined the project late last year, defeating a CEQA legal challenge and preserving that victory on appeal. This funding was awarded during the Biden administration and released by President Trump on Feb. 25. More information about the project can be found at build.ca.gov.

Gallagher Celebrates New Sites Reservoir **Funding from Trump Administration**



Assemblyman

James Gallagher News Release

- Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) celebrated the Feb. 25 announcement that the Trump administration will provide an additional \$200 million for the Sites Reservoir project in

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Colusa County.

'When President Trump took office, he promised more water for California farms and families. On Feb. 25, he delivered on that commitment," said Gallagher. "The state has dragged this project out for decades while Californians have been forced to get by with less.

It's time to get this thing When completed, Sites Reservoir will allow California to store an additional 1.5-million-acre feet of water, enough to meet the needs of 7.5 million people for a year. Building Sites is projected to cre-

ate roughly 2,000 jobs for

North State workers.

Last September, the project hit a roadblock when regulators with the Biden and Newsom administrations refused to issue necessary permits. In 2016, California vot-

ers demanded action to improve our water supply when they passed Proposition 1, which promised an additional \$2.7 billion for water storage projects. Nearly a new dam has been built.

decade later, not a single Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher represents California's 3rd Assembly District, which includes Butte, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba and parts of Placer

counties.

Federal Funding Opportunities Discussed in Live Oak

Continued from page 1 cover improvements to sidewalks, roads, and gutters, as well as ADA upgrades.

Of particular interest was potential funding for Water and Wastewater upgrades. Interim Public Works Director Jeff Nelson said that despite low levels of PFAs (forever chemicals) found in some of Live Oak's wells, most of the wells are in good shape and meeting current demand. However, the water system is due for some maintenance, and the city would like to add an eighth well in addition to a water storage tank.

Nelson said that if a well had to be taken offline for any reason, "we're a little vulnerable," so an extra well would be beneficial and "serve future growth of the city."

The water system lift stations are also in need of upgrades. Nelson said the P Street station is very old and being managed "with baling wire and rubber bands. ... It really needs to be completely redone." A design was previously completed and put out to bid, but the project was cancelled due to lack of funding.

Nelson added that the storm water system also needs upgrades, since there are areas of the city that flood during heavy rain events.

Tripp said all those projects would be eligible for funding under the Water and Wastewater program, so the appropriate program liaisons will reach out to city staff to assist with the application process.

Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma asked for an overview of the application process, and Tripp explained they accept applications year-round. The first step is a pre-application process to determine if a proposed project is eligible for funding. If it is eligible, then the city submits the complete application, and approval would be determined within 45 days. The United States Department of Agriculture would then present a letter of conditions, and if the city agrees, they sign documents to officially request the funds. Then the design and bid process can begin, and the money is released into an account for city access.

Tripp cautioned that last year, Congress only allocated \$250,000 to the Community Facilities program for the whole state of California, with a maximum award of \$50,000. And they are not sure how much funding will be made available for all the United States Department of Agriculture programs this year. But the federal budget should be approved in March, so then they will have a better idea of how much of each type of funding will be available.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said, "We have some work to do now and figure out what the priorities are." He said the council will follow up to determine program eligibility for the projects that will most benefit Live Oak residents.

Vice-Mayor Pamma said, "This is huge for us, so we've got to take advantage." ★

Butte Water District Proposed Rate Increase

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independent cost-of-service study, with a projected five-year plan in place, specifying maximum amounts for each year. This report must be provided to the public and potential fee increases must be at or below those limits. The amounts in the cost-of-service study are not necessarily the same as the amounts of the newly-proposed rates.

In addition, a public hearing must be held, which will be at 11 a.m. March 31 in the local Butte Water District office, 735 Virginia St. Proposition 218 requires all landowners and customers in the district to be notified by mail at least 45 days before the meeting. Stinnett confirmed that all of the notices for Butte Water District were mailed "at the appropriate time."

"We're not hiding anything," said Stinnett. "Here's our budget; here's what our future plans are."

Orme added, "And every landowner

has the right to reject it or vote against it. You can look at the report and if you don't agree with it, you can protest. Everything is transparent.'

Parcel owners have the right to file any protests using forms available for this purpose on the Butte Water District website at buttewaterdistrict.org. An objection (which preserves the right to legally challenge the rates) is due in writing by mail (no email) or delivered in person by 5 p.m. March 10. Protests can be filed any time before the end of the March 31 meeting. Under Proposition 218, if a majority of parcel owners or customers protest the increase, the district cannot impose the new rates and fees.

Both Stinnett and Orme emphasized that the Butte Water District board members are all farmers, with farmers' best interests in mind. Parcel owners and customers are encouraged to speak in person or by phone at 530-846-3100 with Stinnett.

Preserving Food with Friends is Fun



Preserving Food with Friends" instructors are Kelly Remicle, Grace Mahannah, Katie Wilkin, Christina Stohlman and Brianna Swanson.

Story and photos by Connie Voss GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On the first Saturday

every month, Gridley residents can attend a free food preservation class at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. The class runs from 10 a.m. Last Saturday, attendees were taught

step by step how to preserve jams and jellies. Jam was prepared and packed in Mason jars and then placed in canners to process. Several hot plates were running different kinds of preserves, such as strawberry jam and peach conserve. Jars were removed from the canners and the products were available to taste when the class concluded. Handouts with recipes and tips were

Kathy Mahannah, Grace Mahannah and

Brianna Swanson started the "Preserving

available to everyone.

class members agreed that the taste of homemade preserves was better than

Kathy Mahannah is one of the women who began the "Preserving Food with Friends" class.

Food with Friends" class. Most of the store-bought preserves.

In April, the class will learn about sauer-

A High-Risk Proposition

Dave Ramsey Says

Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 4 of your plan. Recently, we were offered the opportunity to take part in a three-day, handson stock trading class. The only problem is we don't have the \$5,000 registration fee at the moment. What do you think about us temporarily taking that amount from our emergency fund, then replacing it over a few months' time? We would still have the minimum three months of expenses you recommend still there for emergencies even after taking the class.

> Pete Dear Pete,

I wouldn't waste my money on the course. And I especially wouldn't blow any of my emergency fund on something like that. Your emergency fund is for, repeat after me, emergencies only! In my mind, a short course on single stock investing is about as far from an actual emergency as you can get.

Now, I don't know the exact course you're talking about, but I do know quite a bit about the concept of buying and selling stocks-or day trading—if you want to call it that. Research shows over 90% of day traders lose money over time. And I can tell you something else, too. One hundred percent think they'll never be the ones losing out. That includes people who take courses like the one you're looking at.

I've seen no data points—none—showing that on a consistent, level basis across a broad population, that people who take courses like these make money and become wealthy as a result. Buying and selling single stocks is an ultra-high risk proposition. That's why I don't buy them. I know some people who buy and sell single stocks as a very small percentage of their financial world. And when I say "very small percentage," I mean it's like a hobby they dabble in once in a blue moon, with a very small amount

But my best advice, Pete, is to stay away from this kind of thing. Someone might make a little money playing around like this from time to time, but it's nothing you should spend a lot of time on, or make a serious financial investment in. And it should never, ever be the main focus of an investing strategy.

– 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.



Bek Gray, Butte College Accelerated RN Track program graduate. Photo courtesy

Rising Scholars; and the Nursing Demonstration Project. These projects have already started to expand pathways for those who may have thought a college education was out of reach.

California Community Colleges

Celebrate Career Education Month

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BUTTE, CA (MPG) - The

California Community

Colleges, the nation's

largest workforce train-

ing provider, celebrates

February's Career

Education Month by high-

lighting the powerful role

their programs play in

shaping California's work-

force and boosting its

economy. Serving more

than 2 million learners

annually across 116 cam-

puses, the system offers

cutting-edge, hands-on

career training, paving the

way for high-wage, high-

"California Community

Colleges are leading the

way in career educa-

tion, providing students

with the skills needed for

high-demand jobs in key

industries such as health-

care, climate action,

agriculture, technology

and artificial intelligence,'

said California Community

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Christian. "In alignment

with Vision 2030, our

system is driving multi-

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initiatives to meet the rap-

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the job market. As emerg-

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the world of work, we are

committed to support-

ing employers, equipping

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the skills to advance their

careers, and strengthening

our state's diverse commu-

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workforce and economic

Community Colleges' work

is guided by its strategic

plan, Vision 2030, which

aims to create a workforce

that thrives on innovation,

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that are key to achiev-

ing the Vision 2030 goals,

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Nursing Demonstration Project includes a new program at Butte College, the Accelerated Registered Nursing (RN) Track, which speeds up the program from four semesters over two years to three semesters over one. It's a program that is already setting up students, like 24-year-old Bek Gray, for success.

"This accelerated program changed my life. It opened so many doors for me," said Gray.

Gray, along with three siblings, grew up in a single parent household and had to learn how to care for herself at a young age. As soon as she was old enough, she moved out and into her own place.

"When I did finally get out it was this overwhelming feeling of, 'Wow, I do have control now," Gray

Living alone at 18, she was completely responsible for all her needs, and she succeeded by embracing her independence and getting right to work, first as a caregiver and then—for the past three years—as a Certified Nursing Assistant at California Park Rehabilitation Hospital. Last year, Gray became part of the first cohort of Butte's Accelerated RN Track. While she admits the pace of the course was challenging, she said accomplishing the work was made possible by instructors and her classmates working as a team.

"This year was the most enlightening and transformative of my life. I feel I've changed the way I approach others, saving space and being present. Presence is so emphasized in nursing, having one of the most lasting impacts on our patients," Gray said.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 73 districts and 116 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. California community colleges provide career education and workforce training; guaranteed transfer to four-year universities; and degree and certificate pathways. As the state's engine for social and economic mobility, the California Community Colleges supports Vision 2030, a strategic plan designed to serve our students, our communities, and our planet. For more information, please visit the California Community Colleges website or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter).★



Purge of Federal Support Jolts Agriculture

The Trump administration's mass firing of federal employees and its withholding of federal funds during the past month have impacted farmers who for decades have partnered with the federal government for conservation, infrastructure and equipment upgrades, research and other work critical to agriculture. "We have been constantly assessing the impacts because these actions touch so many areas of the federal government that farmers and ranchers interact with," said Erin Huston, natural resources and land consultant for the California Farm Bureau.

State Water Board Delays Probation for Kern Subbasin

Groundwater agencies in Kern County have been given more time to improve their groundwater sustainability plans and potentially avoid state intervention. Citing significant progress in the agencies' plans to bring the critically overdrafted Kern County Subbasin into sustainability by 2040 under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, the California State Water Resources Control Board last week continued its hearing to in probationary status.

Heavy Bee Mortality Puts Almond Pollination at Risk

California almond orchards have turned snowy white, signaling the start of bloom. However, beekeepers say that bee mortality rates are at an all-time high, and they are concerned there may not be enough honeybees to pollinate the 2025 almond crop. "The commercial beekeeping industry is experiencing significant hive loses nationwide," said Ryan Burris, president of the California State Beekeepers Association.

Record Winegrape Acreage Left Unpicked Last Season

California's winegrape sector continues to reel from a shrinking market that has left the state with too much vineyard acreage and, year after year, an oversupply of grapes. Last year, more than a tenth of the state's crop was left unpicked, according to industry estimates presented last month at the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in Sacramento. "I don't think there's ever been a time when we left that many acres of grapes on the vine," said Jeff Bitter, president of Allied Grape Growers.

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are on the verge of Spring. I usually am ready for the change of seasons. This year I've been anxiously awaiting Spring and it is mostly here. I've started a Vernal Equinox count down. It will be 13 days from this edition of the paper. It is time when the days are warmer to get out their and get at the weeds that have decided a while back that they were calling Spring and started growing. It would have been in the past I would have gotten out on cold days to get ahead or at least even with them. No longer, I wait for some warmth to the air now.

The bulbs are up and looking beautiful. The paperwhites were up from November to the end of January. In February the miniature daffodils and the snowdrops got going. I noticed grape hyacinths among one group of miniature daffodils. This was planned to happen. It doesn't happen every year, especially when it gets warmer earlier. So that made me happy about the chill. My full-size daffodils

are opening. They are a pink variety that I brought down from Berry Creek. When I see them, I get nostalgic. These bulbs multiplied like crazy up there but do not down here. Maybe they liked all the iron in the red clay soil. That soil was well amended so it is cheating calling it red clay where my flower beds were. I've never gone into my place when I went to Berry Creek after the fire. I wanted it to be in my mind in the form I last saw it. Sometimes I daydream about what plants survived the fire. I'm guessing the wisteria is running wild. I hope that some of the daffodils left behind are getting ready to push out of the ground. Carpe Diem.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000108 The following person(s) are doing business as: CindysBohoWest. 807 Gilstrap Avenue, Gridley,

Gilstrap Stowe, 807 Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: February 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 5, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was in the office of the County 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: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025 BOHO 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000062 The following person(s) are do-Beauty, 568 Manzanita Avenue, Suite #3. Chico. CA 95926 Annika S Powell, 1285 Filbert Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transbusiness 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: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000103 The following person(s) are doing business as: Nicks Custom Golf Cars, 2990 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973

S and S Investment Club, 5340 Gateway Plaza Drive, Benicia,

Date filed in Butte County February 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2017

This Business is conducted by: 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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000107 following person(s) are doing business as: Mirrorcraft. 2610 Highway 32, Unit J, Chico,

Robret B Orear, 2610 Highway 32, Unit J, Chico, CA 95973 Date filed in Butte County: February 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name

on: February 5, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000065 The following person(s) are doing business as: Expressions, 6350 Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Timothy J Byler and Ida M Byler, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: 23, 2025. January The Registrant commenced to transact business under the business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple, NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a ficti-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000144 The following person(s) are doing business as: Fabians Auto Repair, 570 East Gridley Road, Gridley, CA 95948 Fabian Auto Repair, 277 Nevada Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: 2025. Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 14, 2025

This Business is conducted by: 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: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000098 The following person(s) are doing business as: Broadway Skin Studio, 242 Broadway Street,

Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928 Macey Glyn Hart, 242 Broadway Street, Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928 Date filed in Butte County:

February 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000097 The following person(s) are doing business as: Exxtravagant Landscape, 3549 Esplanade Space 448, Chico, CA 95973 Dillanes, Esplanade Space 241, Chico,

CA 95973 and Jamin U Chavez, 1552 Elm Street Unit B. Chico. CA 95928 and Jose J Carmona. 3549 Esplanade Space 448, Chico, CA 95973 Date filed in Butte County

February 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 3, 2025 This Business is conducted by:

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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 #24CV03266 Petitioner Sharon Bridgett Cooper filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sharon Bridgett Cooper to Sharon

Bridgett Wagner. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 01, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Filed on January 22, 2025

Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME Petitioner Whitney Ann Wolff filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Whitney Ann Wolff to Whitney Wolff Park.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per sons interested in this matter shall annear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on February 3, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025

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

CASE #25CV00336 Petitioner Nino Pinocchio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Anthony James Pinocchio III to Nino Anthony James Pinocchio THE COURT ORDERS that all pe sons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing

indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 2, 2025, 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 February 4, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025 NINO 3-14-25

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

CASE #25CV00523 Petitioner Stephanie Martindale filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hunter Grace Farley to Adalynn Grace Martindale.

THÉ 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 16, 2025. 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on February 20, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #25CV00455

Petitioner Edward Henry Quint filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Edward Henry Quint to Alan Simmons.

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 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California. County of Butte. North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on February 13. 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CASE #25CV00545 Petitioner Jorden Faith Anderson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryder Andersyn Yetter to Ryder

CHANGE OF NAME

Eugene Anderson. 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 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on February 20. 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

ANDERSON SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 24CV00225 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Michelle Parkinson, an individual; and Does 1 through 10, inclu-

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Elite Acceptance Corporation, a California corpo-

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia. org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a

continuacion. DIAS CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Avuda de las Cortes de California (www sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de sú condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y

bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes California (www.sucorte. ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court County of Butte, North Butte County Courthouse, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, Ca 95928

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an

attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Alexis A. Jugan, Esq., Madison Law, APC, 17702 Mitchell North, Irvine, CA 92614; 949-756-9050. Date: (Fecha) 1/19/2024

Sharif Clerk (Secretario) Elmallah, Deputy (Adjunto) January Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 PARKINSON

TRUSTEE SALE

WTS No: CA07001041-24-1 APN: 110-420-003-000 FKA 110-420-003 TO No: 3259035 TRUSTEF'S NOTICE OF SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU. SHOULD YOU CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on October 5, 2020 as Instrument 2020-0006126, official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed BACK GORDON O. SURVIVING SPOUSE Trustor(s), in favor of PRTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS as Beneficiary, as nee for AMERICAN INC., nominee for ADVISORS **GROUP** Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 554 CRESCENT ST GREENVILLE, CA undersigned Trustee The disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said advances under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$33,829.74 However, (Estimated). prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable

Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien

you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 information Trustee's

information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07001041-24-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT **FORECLOSURES** AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if vou match the last and highest placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, call visit this internet website www. nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to case CA07001041-24-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address 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 immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: January 21, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07001041-24-1 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Biggs Unified School District REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROPOSALS DUE: March 27, 2025 before 3

The Biggs Unified School District is requesting proposals from qualified project management firms which comply with all requirements set forth by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). For New Construction, Modernization and maintence projects in the Biggs Unified School District. Interested firms may pick up RFQ at the District office.

> **Doug Kaelin Biggs Unified School District** 300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917 (530) 868-1281

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

to the Trustee. In the event

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Trustee's Deed Upon Sale

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Doug Kaelin

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Crime Reports



Gridley Police Report

February 12, 2025 - February 26, 2025

Feb. 15: At 7:51 p.m. on the 500 block of Ohio Street, Gridley, Dulce Carolina Vazquez Cerda, 29, was arrested for Inflict corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant/dating relationship – Simple (F) (273.5(A) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Feb. 19: At 5:25 a.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, John Dudley Pilgram, 30, was arrested for Violation parole: felony (F) (3056 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Feb. 19: At 4:45 p.m. on the 200 block of Kentucky Street, Gridley, Marquis Levar Jones was arrested for an Outside Agency - Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Feb. 20: At 11:01 p.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, Teodoro Valdivia, 35, was arrested for Possessing unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) PC) and an Outside Agency- Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte

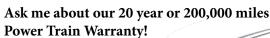
Feb. 25: At 11:41 p.m. on the 100 block of Washington Street, Gridley, Norberto Gabino Silva, 26, was arrested for Disorderly conduct: intox drug with alcohol – Disorderly conduct (M) (647(F) PC) and was booked into Butte County

Feb. 26: At 5:41 p.m. on the 100 block of E Spruce Street, Gridley, Paul Edward Menchaca, 44, was arrested for Trespass: refuse to leave property: peace officer request (M) (602(O)(1) PC), a Local Bench Warrant- Misdemeanor and an Outside Agency - Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.



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PG&E Conducts Night Work Along Oro Dam Boulevard East



Work will take place at night so as to reduce traffic impacts, which include detours and traffic reduced to a single lane at locations in the westbound direction, between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. March into June, weather permitting. Photo courtesy of PG&E

PG&E News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and its contract crews will conduct a safety inspection on a section of natural gas transmission pipe in Oroville.

This week, PG&E crews and contractors will begin work to prepare for the strength test by excavating at various points along the pipe, which runs under the westbound lanes of Oro Dam Boulevard East from Feather River to Lincoln boulevards.

Work will take place at night to reduce traffic impacts, which include detours and traffic reduced to a single lane at locations in the westbound direction, between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday nights to Friday mornings from March into June, weather permitting. There will sometimes be lighting at work sites and steel plates on the road.

About one mile of an 8-inch diameter natural gas pipeline will be tested in segments in April and May, with the project completed in June. PG&E has notified residential and business customers in the area. There will be no interruptions of natural gas service to customers.

This type of safety test requires PG&E to temporarily take the pipe out of service to fill it with water, which is then pressurized to three times the line's maximum operating pressure (MAOP), an industry practice used to identify any anomalies in the pipeline that might need further examination or repair.

These tests are part of

PG&E's ongoing commitment to deliver safe, reliable natural gas service to customers and communities it serves.

If needed, crews will repair or replace parts of the pipeline before returning it to service.

This routine safety testing is mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission and will help enhance the safety and reliability of the area's natural gas service. The strength test confirms the gas pipeline's integrity and operating pressure.

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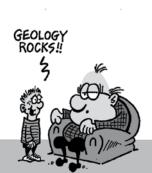
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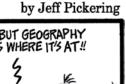
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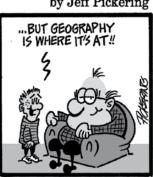
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



LOOK, OUR BOOKINGS ARE WAY DOWN, THE CROWDS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE, I'M SICK OF THE ROAD AND HOTELS. I WANT TO MEET A GIRL, SETTLE DOWN, MAYBE STARTA FAMILY OF MY OWN ... CINON, DANNY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE HE SAY IT, ARE YOU?!!!

GREAMS



6. Necklace is missing from display stand.

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by Dave T. Phipps









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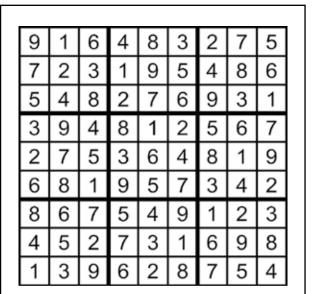




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CLUES

1. Giant Himalayan 5. *M in MAC

8 Bathtub libation 11. Joie de vivre

13. East side of Jersey

15. Tucked in 16. Diva's solo 17. Length of a forearm

18. *____ Sunday 20. Osiris' wife

21. Freshwater fish 22. Stir fry pan

23. Victorian era overcoat 26 Smallest

30. *Like attending band at the NCAA

Tournament 31. Kaa of "The Jungle

Book" 34. Great Lake

35. Prep mushrooms for steak, e.g.

37. Cooking fat 38. Bible song

39. Second to last word in some fairytales

40 False 42. Dip oreo into milk,

e.g. 43. Tiresome

47. NBC's sketch come-

48. Misrepresent 50. South American

monkey 52. *2025 NCAA Championship game venue 56. Renaissance fiddle

57. "To __ hold" 58. ____-friendly 59. Founding Father

_ and to

Thomas $_$ 60. Damien's prediction

61. Reunion group 62. Bancroft to Hoffman

in "The Graduate" 63. Agreement word 64. Ages and ages

DOWN

1. Nay opposers 2. River in Bohemia

3. 1.3 ounces, in Asia 4. Owes money (2 words)

5. Angelina Jolie's 2024

singing role 6. "Kick the bucket," e.g.

7. *____ Smith, coach of 2 champs and 11 Final Four

teams

8. Mongolian desert

9. Fleur-de-lis 10. *Cut down at end of

last game

12. Like rheumy eyes

13. Descendant 14. *2024 winners 19. Thin pancake

22. *____ and move on 23. *Cinderella's victory

24. Furlough 25. Spew, past tense 26. Cough syrup balsam

27. Use other end of pencil? 28. Farm structures

29. Dangle a carrot

32. * -up or evenly matched game 33. Step on it

36. *2024 Most Outstanding Player Newton 38. Paralyzing disease,

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40. Afghan monetary unit 41. Neolithic tomb 44. "Riunite that's nice

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50. Salty drop 51. Avian wader 52. Sailor call 53. Capital of Norway

54. Statistics calculation 55. Sea eagles 56. Dashboard acronym

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Kings Korner By V.G. Harris

SACRAMENTO CONTROL CON

Breaking news, the Sacramento Kings can win games against playoff quality teams without all-world center Domantas Sabonis. It happened Saturday night in Houston Texas against a playoff bound Rockets team, as iron man Sabonis grabbed his right hamstring and was forced to leave the game only two minutes into the action.

Not to be esoteric, but intended for every fan and pundit to understand, this team even short-handed can make the playoffs. Yes, I said playoffs, not playin.

Even with the news that Sabonis will be sidelined for 2-3 weeks, every fan should find the positive where it takes you. With Sabonis resting his ailing hamstring, players such as Keon Ellis, Trey Lyles, and hopefully Markelle Fultz, will get much more court action, and Fultz in particular needs more time getting used to his new teammates.

I'm excited to see the athleticism and deft ball handling that Fultz brings to the hardwood, and without question Malik Monk needs time without the ball. Monk is getting exhausted handling the ball every possession, and he is leading the team in turnovers nearly every night. This comes from trying to do too much, and I love the effort Malik brings every game. No one gives more, but he is more comfortable in the role as a 2 guard, and with either Devin Carter or Markelle Fultz on the court, Malik can assume his former role.

Not to be overlooked as the Kings have put together a 3-game winning streak, is the work of big man Jonas Valanciunas. Jonas looks like the NBA starter he's always been and will fill the void left by Sabonis as he nurses his hamstring over the next half dozen games.

Valanciunas is an excellent rebounder and has a low post game that is second to none. He gets criticism for his defense, but I believe he is a more than capable team defender, and he accepts a challenge well. Without question the acquisition of Jonas Valanciunas was bound to pay dividends, and Sacramento is about to see what this quality NBA center can do.

While pundits criticized the trade that brought Zach Lavine to the Kings from

Chicago, all that Zach has done is play better and better with every game. The initial jitters that led to poor 3-point shooting has been replaced by stellar knock-down 3's, that ignite the home crowd and show naysayers that this former NBA all-star can make a difference every night.

This is exactly the type of team Sacramento fans have been hoping to see for years. A team that can take any team to the wire every night, and as this newly assembled group has found time together, they are looking like a bonified playoff contender.

Just percentage points ahead of the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference standings, Monday night's game looms large.

The Kings occupy the No. 9 spot in the standings but are amazingly only a halfgame out of the No. 6 spot. Five quality teams are vying for No. 6, but the Kings are finding their collective stride at just the right moment. Tested they will be as they enter American Airlines arena and face Kyrie Irving and Klay Thompson.

If ever in a frenetic season it is time for optimism, that time is now! It should come from every corner, and regardless of what occurs against the Mavericks and the Nuggets on Wednesday night in Denver, everyone should be looking forward to Friday night's contest against the visiting San Antonio Spurs.

Much has been said about the back story of DeAaron Fox leaving the Kings, and for one night that needs to take hiatus. When DeAaron is introduced as a member of the opposing team, every fan needs to get on their feet and put their hands together. What Fox did for the Sacramento Kings in nearly eight seasons is legendary, and without question No. 5 will have his jersey retired someday.

Stand up Kings fans, because the best is truly yet to come! It's a great time to be a Sacramento Kings fan, so remember the glass is half full, and the playoffs are right around the corner!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Should I Wait until Age 70 to Claim Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am a married woman, at my full retirement age, and the primary earner in my marriage. How do I know if I should take my Social Security now or wait till 70? I will lose quite a bit if I take it now. How will it affect my taxes if I take it now while still working a full-time job? Signed: Undecided

Dear Undecided: As you apparently already know, waiting until you are 70 to claim Social Security will result in you getting your maximum possible monthly SS retirement benefit. After your full retirement age, you get about 8% more each year you delay claiming up to age 70. But deciding exactly when to claim should consider both your financial needs and, importantly, your life expectancy. If you don't urgently need the money now and your life expectancy is at least "average," then waiting until age 70 to claim is usually the right choice. But if you urgently need the money, or your life expectancy is less than average (mid-80s for a woman your current age), then claiming before age 70 is usually prudent.

Regarding taxation, Social Security benefits may be taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status. If you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income (including your work income) exceeds \$32,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income is over \$44,000, then up to 85% of your SS benefits becomes taxable income (the thresholds are lower for those who file as a single). So, your full-time work income will likely affect how much of your Social Security benefits are subject to income tax by the IRS.

In the end, only you can decide when you should claim Social Security. Taxation of benefits may be a factor to consider since you are still working full time (thus more

of your SS benefits will be taxable). But waiting longer to claim results in a higher benefit for the rest of your life (your SS retirement benefit will be .667% more for each month you delay, up to age 70). If the "rest of your life" is a long time and you don't urgently need the money, waiting is often the right choice. If not, claiming earlier may be wiser.

If you want to get a more personalized estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest you use the tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/.

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Lacking the Capacity to Store Water That Atmospheric Rivers Dump on the State



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

President Donald Trump is obsessed with how California manages its water supply, demanding changes as one price of giving the state billions of dollars in aid to cope with Southern California's deadly and destructive wildfires.

However, Trump's specific complaints are not grounded in hydrologic or managerial reality — such as his insistence that a lack of water from Northern California was a factor in either the fires' eruption or the firefighting efforts. Hydrants dried up largely because systems were designed to deal with individual structure fires, not widespread wildfires involving thousands of buildings.

That said, there's much to

criticize in how California, once a global leader in large-scale water management, has faltered. Population growth and evolving agricultural practices have increased demand, while federal and state environmental laws, judicial decisions, political foot-dragging and climate change have restricted supply.

One major failing has been

One major failing has been a slow response to an obvious need for more water storage — either in reservoirs or underground aquifers — to capture winter rains and spring snowmelts as a buffer for dry years.

Scientists believe that even if California's overall water supply from rain and snow storms doesn't decline, wet and dry cycles have become more intense, and more precipitation is coming as rain instead of snow. Thus the natural reservoirs of snow-packs in the Sierra and other mountain ranges are becoming less dependable, increasing the need for supplemental storage.

California's most recent experiences — two wet winters that defied some forecasts — underscore the

A new report from the Public Policy Institute of California points out that the atmospheric rivers that dropped immense quantities of rain and snow on the state this month, following a very dry January, did not result in substantial new storage in the state's major reservoirs.

"Rather than storing all the water they can, during the winter reservoir operators are required to maintain enough space in their reservoirs to capture high inflows and reduce the risk of flooding downstream," PPIC researchers Jeffrey Mount and Greg Gartrell wrote.

"When the February storms arrived, the surge of water into the state's two largest reservoirs — Shasta and Oroville — quickly filled the flood reserve space. Because the winter flood season is far from over, dam operators had no choice but to let the water go to make space for possible future floods.

"And they let go a lot of water. Between February 1 and 18, those two reservoirs alone released more than 2 million acre-feet of water into the Sacramento and Feather Rivers to maintain

Scientists believe that even space for future stormwater.'

An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons and 2 million-acre feet equates to more than half of Oroville's capacity, or about 20% of what Californians consume each year for non-agricultural purposes.

Overall, Mount and Gartrell calculated, 5.1 million acre-feet of water flowed into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from storm runoff and reservoir releases during that period in February. Just 4% of it could be diverted into storage because of insufficient capacity and operational mandates.

Even a relatively tiny increase in storage capacity could pay huge dividends when wet winters such as this evolve into periods of drought. Had the long-proposed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley existed, it could have banked as much as 1.5 million acre-feet of that excess flow.

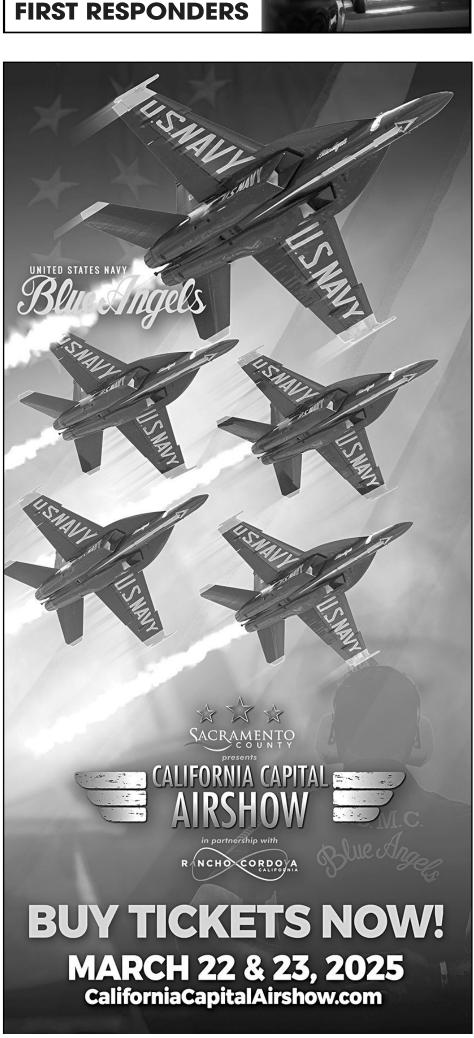
California's water managers acknowledge the need for more storage to take advantage of high-precipitation winters such as this one, but clearing all of the legal and financial hurdles and actually building it take decades. Sites, first proposed seven decades ago, is just now beginning to appear feasible.

The hydrological reality of

California's water supply is changing faster than our willingness to deal with it. The outcome of that disparity is perilous.

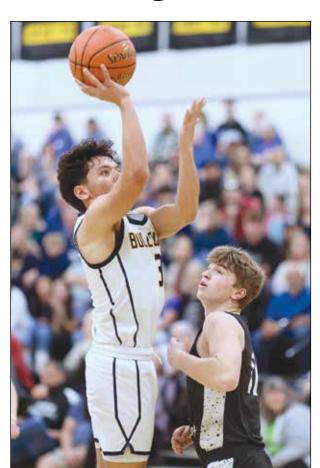
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Bulldogs Championship Hopes Cut by Panthers



Bulldog senior Luis Murillo (No. 3) attempting a layup. Photo

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldog boys finished off the D4 Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Boys Basketball playoffs this past week, falling to the University Prep Panthers 52-34 in the championship matchup.

On Saturday, March 1 the Bulldogs met the Panthers at Butte College with championship aspirations.

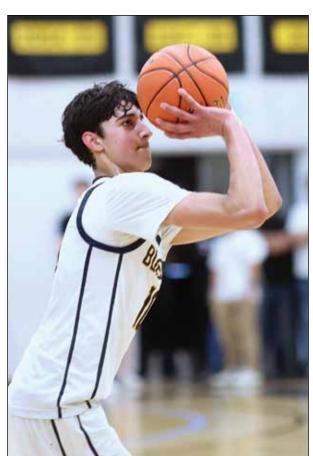
For the first time since the Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament, the Bulldogs struggled on offense. The Bulldogs started the game slowly, scoring only six points to the Panthers 12 in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs picked it up in the second quarter, scoring 11 points while the Panthers kept a consistent scoring streak with another 12-point quarter giving the Panthers a 24-17 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs kept a consistent scoring pattern in the second half while the Panthers came out of the halftime locker room better than they were in the first half

The Panthers improved on both offense and defense and held a tight grip on the rest of the game slowly growing a lead over the Bulldogs. As the final buzzer sounded, the Panthers celebrated as they won the championship game with a final score of 52-34.

Although the Bulldogs lost, they will continue to play as they have qualified for the 2025 CIF State Boys Basketball Championships. On Tuesday, March 4, the Bulldogs are scheduled to host the Bret Harte Bullfrogs out of Angels Camp. The game is schedule dot be played at Gridley High School with tip-off at 7 p.m., after press time.



Gridley High School junior Bikram Kullar shooting a jump shot against University Prep on March 1. Photo by Jennifer Corriea

Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Holds Open Tryout

High Wheelers News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The 2024 Pioneer Baseball League Champion Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers have announced the date of their Open Tryout Camp at Bryant Field.

Local baseball talent will have the opportunity to attend the tryout camp at Bryant Field (1431 C St., Marysville) on Saturday, March 29.

Prospective players must have no more than three years of professional experience and have competed in organized baseball at the collegiate or professional level to try out.

The Open Tryout Camp will begin with position and two-way player check-in at 8:30 a.m. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., position players will go through warm-ups, defensive drills and batting practice on the field. There will be a break afterwards and pitchers will check in at 11:30 a.m. All players will return to the field at noon for a scrimmage game.

Registration costs \$100 per prospective player. All interested players must register and acknowledge a participant waiver.



The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers will host an Open Tryout Camp at Bryant Field on March 29. Courtesy photo

Attending the tryout will not guarantee a spot on

the team. In the instance of foul weather on March

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