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## 10 Year Old Thrills Monster Truck Audience



Bryce Seivers poses by his mini-monster truck, "Juvenile Destruction." Photo by Connie Voss

**By Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On March 15, Gridley residents were given a special treat, the Monster Truck Nitro Tour, with two shows at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

The event was well-attended, despite occasional sprinkles and wind for the spectators, and mud for the drivers.

During the intermission and after the end of the show, all attendees were invited to ride a monster truck, equipped with eight passenger seats in the truck bed. Children and adults

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Ten-year-old Bryce Seivers dazzles the crowd. Photo by Connie Voss

## Live Oak Seniors Compete Against First Responders



**By Shamaya Sutton**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Basketball is back at Live Oak High School, and this time, it's all for a great cause. To raise funds for the senior class's safe and fun graduation celebration, the Live Oak High School Boosters Club will host a Sober Grad Night Basketball Game at 6 p.m. April 4.

"We put this together two or three years ago after having two or three DUI collisions, especially one that happened in Live Oak specifically that was a little near and dear to us," said Scott Smallwood, the undersheriff for Sutter County Sheriff's Office. "We said, 'How can we really help push sober driving,' and nothing seemed better than making sure we start with our youth."

The April 4 event is set to feature an exciting matchup as the Live Oak High School seniors take on members of the Sutter County Sheriff's Office and the Sutter County Fire Department in a friendly but competitive game. Tickets are \$10 at the door and all proceeds will go toward ensuring the seniors enjoy a substance-free grad night to remember.

"At our Sober Grad Night, we had these sumo suits that people could get in and wrestle each other," said Sierra Pedley, Sutter County Sheriff's public information officer and River Valley High School alumni. "It was such a good time and I think for any senior, it's important to go as a kind of last hoorah to your high school."

This will be the third year that the Sutter County Sheriff's and Sutter County Fire Department have played the seniors and they are currently the standing champions. Smallwood hopes to continue this streak on April 4 and is looking forward to the match.

"It's fun, it's entertaining and a great cause," said Smallwood. "Make sure to bring extra cash for raffles and food." ★

## Renovated Veterans Memorial Hall Reopens

**By Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - After a \$1.6-million renovation, the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall re-opened on March 14. About 30 community members attended the ribbon cutting.

The building had been closed for almost five years, due to safety issues, including a leaky, storm-damaged roof and exterior cracking. The hall, built in 1926, is almost 100 years old.

"The fact that it was closed for almost five years was a real detriment to the community," said District 4 Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, who cut the ribbon. "There's no other facility in this town for them to use."

The renovation project was funded by Butte County and included replacing the entire roof. There are four veteran's halls in the county.

Gridley Mayor Mike Farr, a veteran, was also in



Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue cuts the ribbon surrounded by veterans and other attendees at the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall on March 14. Photo by Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

attendance. He and other Gridley veterans are pictured in the Liberty Room.

"It's a very patriotic community," Farr said. "Most of these pictures are of veterans from Gridley."

Kimmelshue said, "Butte County has a lot of veterans and Gridley has a great history of veterans in this area. We're glad they can use this building again and

we can use this building to honor them."

U.S. Navy veteran Joe Panattoni, from Oroville, said, "Anything that has to do with veterans is special to me. I have family that has served from World War I all the way to Afghanistan. We are glad to serve the community and get the hall open again. It's really cool."

The Gridley Veterans

Memorial Hall has been an integral part of Gridley since it opened. Besides military events, weddings, concerts and other community events have been held there.

The first gathering to be held in the newly-renovated Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall was an American Legion bingo night on March 20. ★



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

We note with great sadness the passing of educational legend Steven Jensen, who taught math at Gridley High School for 34 years. Mr. Jensen was from Gridley, and his wife LaRee was from Utah. Reading over the notes from their life story, they ended up splitting their time on Earth between the two states. Mrs. Jensen was my third-grade teacher, one of my childhood's best and most positive influences. She was an excellent, perpetually happy, kind, and energetic lady. Mr. Jensen exuded stability, kindness, competence, and decency. Unbeknownst to many, after retiring from the Gridley school system and serving a mission

for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ireland, he settled in Utah and taught math for an additional 14 years. If my math is correct, that is 48 years of teaching. If the math is wrong, I want you to know I never had him as a math teacher. By every account, he was an incredibly effective educator and mentor, and if you add up the number of young people he helped, it would reach the thousands. His entire life, both in his vocation and personal life, he was dedicated to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. He loved and served in every capacity and made a tremendous difference in the world. I am more saddened that they moved away than I am with the news of his passing. That kind of sums up how much Steve and LaRee meant to so many of us.

For those of my generation, Miss Watson is gone, Mr. Jensen is gone, and the last great Math educator still "adding" on - is Mrs. Jane Ostling, who taught for 32 years. She still has perfect hair and a perfect smile to conceal her intellectual genius.

Girl Scout cookie sales bring in over \$1 billion annually. I'm convinced that they sell Girl Scout cookies at just the time of year when people start to abandon their New Year's resolutions, which they committed to on Jan 1. Somehow, the Cookie marketing geniuses figured out that the human soul cannot be denied Thin Mint or Doo See Dos and that the breaking point for self-denial and dieting willpower collapses in February.

Vets Hall is open, came in under budget. Good news.

Several, good people showed an interest in serving on the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Board. Chuck Nuchols will be the one filling Joe Hughes's vacant seat. He may be the only Biggs citizen on the board. We have a great cemetery, much better than most places in CA. Chuck is a special district manager, so this spot makes sense for his skillset.

Josh F.W. Cook, M.S. is an educator and administrator.

# Butte County Clerk-Recorder Offers Saturday Weddings

## Butte County Clerk-Recorder News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Clerk-Recorder is delighted to invite you to a special day of love and celebration. On April 12, join us at the Hall of Records in Oroville, for Saturday weddings. This is the perfect setting for your special moment. Let us help you create memories that will last a lifetime. Before the Saturday wedding, couples must complete the following: Make an appointment by calling 530-552-3400 Option #2 for available times. Complete the marriage application online prior to April 12 at buttevotes.net. Present valid government issues photo identification at appointment.



At least one witness is required. We offer his and hers sterling silver wedding rings for purchase. These beautifully crafted rings are available for men at \$22 and women \$16. Payment options include cash, credit/debit card (an additional \$2.50 fee applies), check, cashier's check or money order made payable to Butte County Clerk-Recorder. The total fee for a public marriage license, ceremony and certified copy is \$183. Weddings are scheduled to occur every 30 minutes, starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. Due to limited availability, be sure to reserve your spot. Our intimate ceremony room can accommodate 18 of your closest family and friends. Note that applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

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**MEMORIAL**

**ELIZABETH MAE CRAIN FARR • 03/09/1925 - 03/12/2025**

Elizabeth Mae Farr passed away on March 12, 2025, at the age of 100, in Chico, CA. She was born on March 9, 1925 in Dunnigan, CA to Earl and Cecil Crain of Pennington, CA. Elizabeth attended schools in Gridley and Orland and graduated from Gridley High School and attended Business School in Sacramento, CA. She later married William Farr, from Gridley and they made their home in the Gridley and Chico area and raised 3 children, Michael, Diane and Stephen. While raising her family, Elizabeth worked part time as a school cafeteria cook.

Elizabeth was very active in the LDS Church in Gridley with Relief Society and Genealogy. She also enjoyed hobbies and clubs, including:

Pink Lady at the hospital, Ladies Auxiliary of VFW, Garden Club, knitting and yard work. Elizabeth is survived by her children Michael Farr (Sharon), Diane Yates (Jim), Stephen Farr, 14 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Eston and Ralph Crain, and by her husband William Farr. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the LDS Liberty Ward Church on French Avenue, Gridley, CA.

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# 10 Year Old Thrills Monster Truck Audience



After attempting a back flip, Bryce Seivers, unhurt, waits for help. Photo by Amanda Seivers

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of all ages eagerly stood in line to ride the truck at a price of \$20 each.

Competitors had three divisions: Racing, Two Wheel and Freestyle. Drivers from many areas participated, including the show-stopping 10-year-old from Prineville, Oregon, Bryce Seivers. He was the youngest and most successful contestant at the event.

Seivers won first-place in the Two Wheel event and second-place in Freestyle for the afternoon show, and second-place in Two Wheel and first in Freestyle in the night show, swapping places with his friend, Rob Poutre, driving USA-1. Poutre won Best Truck, with Seivers in second-place and the Racing event.

The Gridley Herald talked to

Seivers and his mother, Amanda, after the autograph signing at the show's end. This was Seivers' fifth show with the mini-monster truck, "Juvenile Destruction," owned by Team Kid KJ. He has been driving monster trucks for one month.

Prior to that, Seivers drag raced since he was 2 years old. Amanda Seivers said that her son is homeschooled, which allows him the flexibility to be heavily involved in the sport.

At the night show, Seivers attempted a back flip in the Two Wheel event, a feat that has never been successful in a mini-monster.

"He was pretty darn close!" said Amanda Seivers.

Asked if her son was hurt at all, she responded "Nope. No injuries at all. The trucks are so safe with the roll cages and



Spectators Adam and Landon Voss received a ride on the monster truck during intermission. Photo by Connie Voss

harnesses."

After the flip, Seivers was determined to win the Freestyle event and beat Poutre in the USA-1 truck. So Seivers went right back out to drive harder and crazier. The determination paid off and he won the night Freestyle, with Poutre in second-place.

"Rob (Poutre) says that Bryce pushes him to put on a better show and that Bryce is good competition for him," said Amanda Seivers.

The next show that Seivers will take part in will be on April 5 at Cow Expo in Sacramento.

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Here is Jerrod Compton and his "Anubis." Photo by Connie Voss

# Congratulations, Manzanita Students of the Month

**By Shelly Cahoon,  
Manzanita Elementary  
School Secretary**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's Students of the Month for February.

They have been recognized by their teachers and principal as students who demonstrate friendship, do their best and are great role models for the school.

The students are Mariano Serrano, Abrielle Becci, Alonzo Santillan, Valeria Vargas, Dawson Morfin-Clark, Paulina Rodriguez, Benten Waller, Parker Wilson, John Weber, Madison Alvarez, Emma Howell, Marina Carrillo, Kameron Menth, Julian Connolly, Adeline Bulleri, Lea Yahuaca, Layla Aldridge, Sage Stohlmán, Isabelle Acosta, Esaias Valdes and Mason Beck.

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Students of the Month for February in the front row, from left, are Mariano Serrano, Abrielle Becci, Alonzo Santillan, Valeria Vargas, Dawson Morfin-Clark, Paulina Rodriguez, Benten Waller, Parker Wilson and John Weber. In the back row, from left, are Madison Alvarez, Emma Howell, Marina Carrillo, Kameron Menth, Julian Connolly, Adeline Bulleri, Lea Yahuaca, Layla Aldridge, Sage Stohlmán, Principal Joe Lodigiani and Isabelle Acosta. Photo courtesy of Manzanita Elementary School

# Josh F.W. Cook Appointed as EPA Regional Administrator

**U. S. Environmental  
Protection Agency  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On March 18, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin announced that President Donald J. Trump appointed Josh F.W. Cook as EPA's Pacific Southwest (Region 9) Regional Administrator.

Regional Administrator Cook will have stewardship to implement and enforce federal environmental laws in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and 148 Tribal Nations.

"Josh Cook is the right person we need to lead Region 9. He understands the unique nature of the Pacific Southwest and will be a great addition to the EPA team," Zeldin said. "Josh's talent working with state and local partners will be paramount to power the great American comeback across our regions."

Before joining the EPA, Cook was an advisor to the Tribal Council of the Mooretown Rancheria of Concow Maidu Indians, where he designed a decades-long large-scale forest resiliency initiative through government-to-government agreements with Tribes, National Parks, and multiple U.S. Forests in California and Nevada.

Previously, Cook served as Chief of Staff to the Minority Caucus in the California Legislature. His previous environmental service includes appointments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior Resource Advisory Councils and tenure as a city planning commissioner.

"I am humbled and honored to take on such a meaningful assignment from President Trump and Administrator Zeldin. While focusing on the core competencies of clean water, land, and air, EPA Region 9 will lead the way in reducing energy costs, creating



wealth, and cementing America's position as a leader in agriculture, energy, manufacturing, AI technology, and transportation," said Cook.

Cook is a veteran of the California State Guard and an associate professor and lecturer at the University of Southern California. He earned an associate's degree in languages from Butte College, a Bachelor's of Science from Charter Oak State College and a Master's of Science from Cal State University, East Bay.

Cook and his wife, Robin, have been married 32 years and are the parents of five children and five grandchildren. They reside in Chico, where they actively engage in their church and community.

"I'm pleased to congratulate Josh Cook on his appointment, and I look forward to working with him as he leads the Pacific Southwest Region of the EPA," said Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo. "Our region has unique challenges and opportunities, and I'm confident that Josh will successfully lead the agency in its important work."

Said California Lieutenant Governor (retired) Abel Maldonado, "I am excited that Josh Cook will lead President Trump's efforts to provide American farmers, landowners, and small businesses with clear and simplified rules for protecting the environment while we lead the world in food production and innovation. By rolling back

redundant and costly regulations, the EPA will help American agriculture to lower food costs, and power the great American comeback."

Said Mooretown Rancheria Tribal Chairman Benjamin Clark Jr., "The U.S. has treaty and trust obligations to clean up toxic sites, increase access to clean water, and create working partnerships with America's Indian nations. We have trusted Josh in our efforts to return native hands to work on native lands and unlock the incredible wealth nature has always provided Native people when we take the lead."

Said Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Rep. Doug LaMalfa, "I have worked with Josh Cook for more than three decades, he is a great leader and I look forward to supporting his work with Administrator Zeldin at the EPA as they systematically implement the long overdue regulatory reforms for the western states."

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# Caring for Women has Grand Re-Opening



Caring for Women is now open at the new location at 50 E. Gridley Road, Suite A, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays.

By Connie Voss

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On a very rainy Friday, March 14, Caring for Women (CFW) officially reopened at its new location, 50 E. Gridley Road, Suite A, with a ribbon cutting. About 50 individuals attended the event, including Chamber of Commerce members, two Gridley police officers, and Caring for Women board members and volunteers.

Caring for Women Executive Director Heidi Mitchell, who managed the old center on Hazel Street, said raising funds and finding staff, the move to the new location took about a year. Caring for Women has served women in centers since 1996.

Gridley resident Jessica Medina volunteers three days a week.

“This organization helps women with unplanned pregnancies. It shows them that they are not alone. We have all the necessities to help them,” said Medina.

The center offers free pregnancy tests, diapers, wipes, maternity clothes, baby clothes, clothing for older children, blankets, car seats, parenting classes and educational materials on abortion and adoption. Referrals to community resources are also offered, as well as free ultra-sounds at the Oroville location, in partnership with CareNet of Paradise. The center hopes to offer free ultrasounds at

the Gridley location in the future, according to office manager Louise Erickson.

Patrons have access to one-on-one counseling for those facing unplanned pregnancies. Women experiencing post-abortion issues are also encouraged to come in for counseling and healing.

All services are free and confidential.

The center does not provide or refer for abortions but provides alternatives and education about the procedure.

Sixty percent of women who get abortions would have preferred to give birth if they had received more emotional support or had more financial security, according to the Charlotte Lozier Institute at lozier-institute.org.

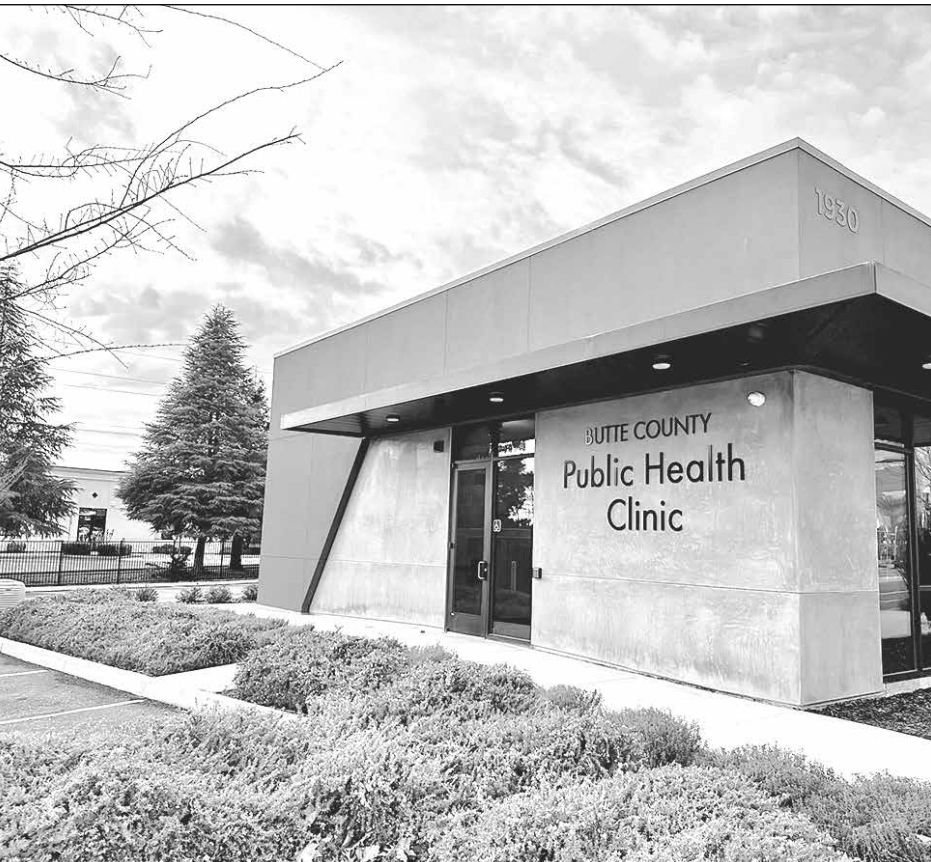
Hours for the center are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call Caring for Women at 530-649-2315 or visit online at CaringForWomenCenter.org.

A 24-hour hotline is available at 530-532-9362.

The Oroville center, which is open 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, is at 2362 Lincoln St., Oroville and the phone number is 530-533-8388. Free ultrasounds are available on Thursdays.

Donations are always welcomed and are accepted at the Caring for Women’s Oroville center. ★

# Public Health Clinic Relocating to New Location in Meriam Park



The Butte County Public Health Clinic provides accessible, confidential, and affordable health services to the community. Photo courtesy of Butte County Public Health

## Butte County Public Health News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

- Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is pleased to announce the relocation of the Chico Public Health Clinic to a new, modern facility in Meriam Park. Beginning Monday, March 17, the clinic will operate at its new location 1930 Notre Dame Blvd. in Chico.

To facilitate the move from its current location at 695 Oleander Avenue, the Public Health Clinic will be closed from Wednesday, March 12, through Friday, March

14. The clinic will reopen to the public at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 17, at the new location.

The Public Health Laboratory will remain open for business at 695 Oleander Avenue.

The Butte County Public Health Clinic provides accessible, confidential, and affordable health services to the community. Available services include, Family planning, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, vaccines for children, travel clinic, tuberculosis skin tests and latent tuberculosis infection treatment.

“Our new location in Meriam Park will allow us to better serve the health needs of our community in a more convenient and comfortable setting,” said Monica Soderstrom, Butte County Public Health Director. “We appreciate the community’s patience during our transition and look forward to welcoming clients to our new clinic.”

For more information about clinic services or to book an appointment, visit [buttecounty.net/679/Public-Health-Clinics](http://buttecounty.net/679/Public-Health-Clinics) or call the Chico Public Health Clinic at 530-552-3959. ★



About 50 individuals attended the event, including Chamber of Commerce members, two Gridley police officers, and Caring for Women board members and volunteers.



## Adding Automation Helps Lower Farm Risk

To address labor shortages, reduce costs and improve efficiency, farmers are looking for ways to add more mechanization. Tim Chiala, chief operations officer of Morgan Hill-based George Chiala Farms Inc., has invested in more technology at his family-run farming and food-processing company. Chiala Farms is testing machines such as an automatic jalapeño de-stemmer and another with robotic arms that remove the tops, tails and peels of bulb onions. “The supply of labor fluctuates like crazy, but hopefully by adding robotics, it will give us some stability,” Chiala said.

## State Senate Hears About Response to Bird Flu Outbreak

With California’s robust investment and experience in animal disease surveillance and detection, there’s little disagreement in agricultural circles that the state was well prepared for bird flu. But agricultural officials, farmers and other industry representatives also acknowledge that the latest outbreak—which began in 2022 and has become the largest in U.S. history—has been no cakewalk. They spoke during an informational hearing last week on the state’s response to bird flu, which has led to the destruction of more than 166 million birds nationwide, record-high egg prices and the disease infecting most of the state’s dairies.

## Initial Central Valley Project Water Allotment May Not Increase Plantings

Farmers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta who irrigate with water supplied by the federal Central Valley Project say they are thankful for a 35% water allocation announced in February. But due to the timing of the announcement and lower crop prices, they say the initial allocation by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation may not lead to more planted acres. “Water use factors a little bit into it as far as what crop you’re going to grow,” Stanislaus County farmer Daniel Bays said. “With the current condition of the ag economy, a lot of it just depends on what we can get contracts for.”

## Young farmers fight hunger through Harvest for All

People facing hunger are being fed, young farmers are honing their skills, and communities throughout the state are engaging with agriculture and learning more about its importance. These accomplishments are made thanks to members of Farm Bureau’s Young Farmers & Ranchers program and its Harvest for All campaign, which began nationally in 2003 in collaboration with local Feeding America affiliates across the country. Last year, members of California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers logged more than 1,500 volunteer hours, donated 78,839 pounds of food and raised more than \$95,300 in monetary contributions. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

As usual the passing storms happened when the daffodils were up. The wind really beat the tall ones down. I used to automatically cut them if a strong and rain storm came through. That way I did not see their glorious beauty flat on the ground covered with dirt from splashing rain. Now I plant little ones that are sweet and not too tall. I have a few

that are a “pink” daffodil that I brought down from Berry Creek over a decade ago. They have shorter stems. This attribute helped them in Berry Creek where they were covered with snow when late storms came through. They were strong and hardy and seem to be that way here. My daughter, a most excellent gardener always sends me pictures of her taller daffodils covered in snow looking like lumps. She’s in Magalia. My wee daffodils were done this year as were the snowdrops.

The giant Puya is gone. I’m still carefully getting leaves out of surrounding plants. Its stump is about eight inches in diameter. It has been quite the undertaking to get it out. The

only things left to be done are picking up a few of the extra sticky leaves, cutting a bit more of the stump and finally working at digging out as much stump and root as can happen. I’m glad I took it out. It had become a big problem. I did look at each thick cut part trying to see if it was making a bloom. Nope.

Green Thumb Garden Club members are busily propagating wonderful plants of all kinds for the Red Suspender’s Day Plant Sale in the park across from the Wishing Well. Come by in May for rare and interesting plant at bargain prices.

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# Good Food Enjoyed for St. Patrick's Day



Melva Mota, Teresa Gonzalez and Maria Sanchez serve the dine-in guests.



Jack and Cathy Slota, along with Yolanda Leanos, enjoy their dinner.

**Story and photos by  
Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On Saturday, March 15, about 200 community members of all ages gathered at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall for the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Plenty of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, red potatoes, salad, rolls and cookies were available for dining-in or the drive thru. Green drinks were available for purchase and the hall was festooned with green decorations.

The event was organized by the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 12527, a fraternal service organization within the Catholic Church. Founded in 1882 in Connecticut, the organization has a mission of charity.

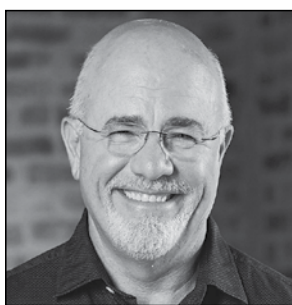
The Grand Knight in charge, Jose Gonzalez, told the Gridley Herald that the funds raised from the dinner would benefit the church, service to the community and scholarships for high school seniors from Gridley, Biggs and Live Oak.

"We (Knights of Columbus) donate a lot of money to St. Vincent de Paul. We do quite a bit for the community. We work with the Lions and all the other organizations," Gonzalez said. "Red Suspenders, we help with the pancake breakfast and also the dinner at the end. We cook the food."

No complaints were heard from the guests. There were cookies for dessert and extras to take some home for those family members unable to attend. ★



Jose Gonzalez, Sixto Mota, James Valenzuela and Raul Leanos prepare take-out dinners for guests.



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've been listening to your show, and following the Baby Steps, for about a year. But I received some news from a family member recently, and I'm not sure what to tell them. One of my cousins just discovered she has cancer. She's a single mom with two young kids, and it doesn't sound like she has thought much about the future. What are the best steps she can take financially at this point to make sure her family is protected?

— Jackie

Dear Jackie,

I'm truly sorry to hear about this. A cancer diagnosis is a scary thing, so please remember to pray for her and be there for her all you can.

Most of the time when folks ask if a person has their affairs in order, they're usually referring

## Dave Ramsey Says

### Preparing for the Future

to a few different questions. First, are you right with God? Then, do you have life insurance and a will? Another important thing is having all the paperwork of your life organized and in a safe location, so someone you trust can handle the details in a worst case scenario.

Everyone should have good term life insurance in place. My advice is to have a policy worth 10 to 12 times your annual income. When it comes to a will, make sure it's state-specific. Probate and estate regulations aren't federal laws, they're state laws. So, any will should be drawn up according to guidelines for the state in which you live.

It's probably the hardest thing to think about, I know, but arrangements should be made for any minor children. Sitting down to talk with two or three trusted family members, or close friends,

to decide who will take them if the worst should happen is a good idea, too. Whoever is chosen for this responsibility should be a person who's incredibly mature, caring and willing to love and raise these kids as if they were their very own.

Good luck, Jackie. I know this is a difficult time for your whole family. Be there for each other, pray a lot and hug on one another all you can. God bless you all.

— Dave

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENTS

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: February 18, 2025. The 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  
FABIAN 3-21-25

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  
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 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025  
STUDIO 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000097  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Extravagant Landscape, 3549 Esplanade Space 448, Chico, CA 95973  
Ramiro Dillanes, 3549 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: COpartners. 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 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
LANDSCAPE 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000173  
The following person(s) are doing business as: 4Dot Studios, 2240 St George Lane, Suite 6, Chico, CA 95926  
Stacia C Higman, PO Box 2434, Paradise, CA 95967  
Date filed in Butte County: February 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 27, 2025  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
4DOT 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000181  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rockfort Sweeper, 7766 Old Honcut Road, Oroville, CA 95966  
Gerardo Sanchez Cruz, PO Box 635, Palermo, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: March 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 3, 2025  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
ROCK 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000142  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6548, 14115 Lakeridge Circle, Magalia, CA 95954  
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319  
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
RITE 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000137  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6087, 650 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319  
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
AID 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000140  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6094, 220 West East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319  
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
#6094 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000139  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6091, 2700 Oro Dam Boulevard East, Oroville, CA 95966  
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319  
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
#6091 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000138  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6090, 1583 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948  
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319  
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
#6090 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000186  
The following person(s) are doing business as: I Am Adventure Books, 834 Muir Avenue, Chico, CA 95942

Joshua A Shelton, 834 Muir Avenue, Chico, CA 95942  
Date filed in Butte County: March 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 4, 2025  
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 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025  
BOOKS 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000185  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lovingkindness, 170 Mountain View Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Lizeth Gonzalez, 1380 East Avenue, Suite 124 PMB 150, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: March 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 24, 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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025  
LOVING 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000197  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Goldie, 49 Avalon Court, Chico, CA 95926  
Marcheta Clyde LLC, 49 Avalon Court, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: March 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. 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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025  
GOLDIE 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000207  
The following person(s) are doing business as: An Honest Smog, 2270 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Casimir Enterprises Inc, 18 Harmony Dive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: March 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025  
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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025  
HONEST 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000194  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Board Game Knights, 556 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Aidee L Rubio, 2 E Gridley Road, B245, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: March 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 7, 2025  
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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025  
KNIGHTS 4-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000196  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966  
Heidi E Hoskins, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: March 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2025  
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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025  
SISTERS 4-11-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
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.  
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 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  
MARTINDALE 3-21-25

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  
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QUINT 3-28-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV00545  
Petitioner Jorden Faith Anderson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryder Andersyn Yetter to Ryder 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 3-28-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV00671  
Petitioner Susan Jacqueline Wilks filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Susan Jacqueline Wilks to Jacqueline Norma Shearer.  
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 30, 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 March 6, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025  
JACQ 4-11-25

SUMMONS  
SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: 24CV00225  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Michelle Parkinson, an individual; and Does 1 through 10, inclusive  
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Elite Acceptance Corporation, a California corporation.  
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. If 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.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE 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 Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su 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 de 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 caso.

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  
Elm (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah, Deputy (Adjunto)  
January Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025  
PARKINSON 3-21-25

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO  
SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A  
PRIVATE SALE  
SUPERIOR COURT  
OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF BUTTE  
CASE NO: 21PR00316  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO  
SELL REAL PROPERTY AT  
A PRIVATE SALE  
In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, Conservatee  
NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest

of conservatee and subsequently all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: A lot located at 680 Memorial Way, Paradise, California, 95969, previously contained a mobile home prior to the Camp Fire in 2018. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: AP#: 052-090-023-000 All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows: PARCEL I: THE EASTERLY 49 1/2 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, M.D.B. & M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS SOUTH 0° 26' WEST 948.2 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 15, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM INEZ CARROLL, ET AL, TO EVA W. KING, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 20, 1954, IN BOOK 736, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AT PAGE 377; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' EAST, 400.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' EAST, 99.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 26' EAST, 97.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 89° 51' WEST, 99.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0° 26' WEST, 97.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL II: A NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD PURPOSES, TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHERS, OVER A STRIP OF LAND 20.0 FEET IN WIDTH, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 89° 51' EAST, 139.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 26' EAST, 87.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT DISTANT SOUTH 0° 26' WEST, 10.0 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED TO SAMUEL C. SHAW AND BETTY D. SHAW, HUSBAND AND WIFE, RECORDED FEBRUARY 1, 1961 IN BOOK 548, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, OF BUTTE COUNTY, AT PAGE 359; THENCE PARALLEL WITH AND 10.0 FEET DISTANT FROM THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SHAW PARCEL, NORTH 89° 52' EAST TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE NEAL COUNTY ROAD. EXCEPTING THEREFROM SO MUCH OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY WHICH LIES WITHIN THE LINES OF PARCEL I, SHOWN ABOVE. The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title. The conservator of the estate has an exclusive listing with Re/Max Home and Investment. Interested parties may contact Sandie Patton, Broker Associate at (530) 774-4340. The terms and conditions of the sale are: cash sale, taxes, rents, operating, and maintenance expenses, premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be pro-rated as the date of confirmation of sale. Escrow charges, examination of title, recording of conveyance, any title insurance policy shall be paid 1/2 by Buyer and 1/2 by Seller. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of an order confirming the sale.

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# Biggs to Hold November Special Election

By **Connie Voss**

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - During the March 11 Biggs City Council meeting, a recorded slide presentation by long-time resident Angelo Aguilar was given to request more sidewalks and improvements for the city.

Photographs of Fifth Street showed the absence of sidewalks near Aguilar’s home. Aguilar, who is sight impaired, showed other areas of uneven concrete that create trip hazards and overgrown foliage that causes pedestrians to have to walk in the street.

In addition to clearing the foliage and removing uneven concrete, Aguilar recommended high-contrast domes for street corners and designated pedestrian crossing areas with traffic controls.

City councilmembers expressed their gratitude to Aguilar for his work to bring the matter to their attention.

Next, an amendment to the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was approved to bring the plan up to date. The

plan covers fire protection, law enforcement and crime prevention, seismic and geologic hazards, hazardous materials, waste management and transportation hazards with evacuation routes.

In the event of a disaster, city planner Bob Summerville indicated, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding is dependent on the county having a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to have access to Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. City Council recommended that an ad hoc committee study areas of the plan not covered by the amendment. The Butte County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan can be viewed online at [buttecounty.net/808/Local-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan](http://buttecounty.net/808/Local-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan).

Continuing with the agenda, a request by phone was received from Biggs resident Jessica Evans to waive the rental fees for the use of the Biggs Community Hall. Evans is planning a community food drive for a church youth group. Councilmembers agreed that they would like to

hear from Evans in person at the next meeting before deciding.

The biggest business item was to decide how the council vacancy will be filled, due to the recent resignation of Brian Bassett. City Attorney Greg Einhorn explained that two of the sitting council members were appointees and the law prevents there being a third appointed councilmember. A special election will be held this November, in conjunction with the Butte County Clerk Recorder. The election cost is estimated at about \$40,000.

The 2023 Power Source Disclosure Report is an official declaration of where the city is acquiring power. City Council voted to verify the accuracy and submit the report to the California Energy Commission (CEC). Councilmember Anita Wilks inquired about the potential for residents to install solar panels and sell the unused power back to the city. This will not be possible, according to Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner.

The council also voted to officially change the frequency and

time of City Council meetings. There will now be two meetings a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays and the time will be 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

For department reports, city planner Summerville reported that there was one fence permit approved in February. In addition, there was a \$1.8-million rebuild permit issued last November for a rice silo after the fire last year. The council clarified that this was not a city expenditure but that of a private-property owner.

CAL FIRE Chief Chip Fowler reported that there was a total of 31 incidents for February, including six technical rescues due to flooding. A firefighter’s meeting took place in Oroville, “which was very beneficial to our firefighters” according to Fowler, since firefighting is often a collaborative effort with other departments. Fowler also said that maintenance has been completed on 60 of the 100 fire hydrants in the city.

City engineer Dave Harden informed the council that he and his staff are “getting all of the

ducks in a row” for construction on Second Street that will probably begin in June.

Committee reports began with Councilmember Wilks attending the Public Agency Risk Management meetings and receiving information on policies, procedures and how to keep citizens and employees safe.

Councilmember Doug Arnold attended the Butte County Air Quality Management District meeting, where there was discussion about new bus routes between Gridley/Biggs and Chico. A new route going to Sacramento has been proposed.

Mayor Bo Sheppard attended the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District and the American Public Power Conference in Washington D.C.

“Public power is under scrutiny,” said Sheppard, who referred to the recent firings under the new administration.

Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner indicated that he would attend a utility director’s event in Healdsburg on April 12. ★

# Congressmen Introduce Disaster Mitigation and Tax Parity Act



**Doug LaMalfa**  
*Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - On March 5, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale), Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA), Congressman Greg Murphy, M.D. (R-NC), and Congressman Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) introduced the Disaster Mitigation and

Tax Parity Act. This legislation exempts rebates that homeowners receive for hardening their homes against natural disasters from federal taxes.

“Homeowners shouldn’t be hit with unexpected federal taxes just because they received rebates through state and local programs,” said Rep. Doug LaMalfa. “Right now, there’s an unfair gap between how federal and state disaster assistance is treated, leaving many homeowners with an added tax burden at the worst possible time. We need to be sure that disaster mitigation efforts actually reduce risks and help people rebuild, rather than having their assistance siphoned

away by federal taxes.”

Said Rep. Mike Thompson, “California has been ground zero for climate-related natural disasters and investing in disaster resilience programs is essential to the safety and security of communities throughout our state. I am proud to reintroduce legislation with Rep. LaMalfa to exempt these programs from federal taxation to ensure that our communities can make the proper investments in disaster resilience and help mitigate the risks we face from natural disasters.”

Said Congressman Greg Murphy, M.D., “Catastrophe mitigation payments used to improve natural disaster resilience should not

be treated as a source of income, and North Carolinians should not be taxed for them. Eastern North Carolina understands how deadly and damaging hurricanes can be, and the costs associated with rebuilding. Adequate preparation for storms is a valuable investment and should be strongly incentivized, not taxed. This bill empowers individuals to protect themselves before disaster strikes, reducing or eliminating entirely, the risk of catastrophic damage to their homes.”

Said Rep. Jimmy Panetta, “Right now, survivors of natural disasters can face an unexpected federal tax burden on state disaster assistance, an unfair

penalty when they’re trying to rebuild. The Disaster Mitigation and Tax Parity Act fixes this by ensuring state-based disaster grants receive the same federal tax exemption as FEMA assistance. I’m proud to join my colleagues in this bipartisan effort to make disaster aid more effective for those who need it most.”

California and North Carolina, among other states, offer rebates to homeowners who take steps to protect their homes from natural disasters, such as clearing fire-prone vegetation near structures to reduce wildfire risk, reinforcing foundations against earthquakes, and installing impact-resistant roofing.

However, if these rebates come from state or local sources, homeowners are required to pay federal taxes on them. Meanwhile, rebates for energy conservation improvements are already exempt from federal income taxes. This bill would ensure that natural disaster mitigation efforts receive the same tax treatment.

*Congressman Doug LaMalfa is chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties.* ★

# Assembly Republicans Demand Urgent Action on Public Safety

**Assembly Republican Caucus News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On March 13, Assembly Republicans joined law enforcement leaders and victims’ rights advocates to call for swift and decisive action to address the public safety challenges facing California.

Assembly Republicans are committed to fully funding drug treatment programs to implement Prop 36, cracking down on human trafficking, supporting crime victims and their families,

fighting addiction and drug trafficking, stopping sexual and domestic violence and improving safety on the roads. Attendees also spoke out against dangerous proposals from legislative Democrats to limit Californians’ right to self-defense and to overturn the sentences of numerous murderers serving life without parole.

“The people of California have spoken loud and clear - they want safe communities and they want leaders who will stand up for law and order,” said Assembly

Republican Leader James Gallagher. “Democrats’ soft-on-crime policies have endangered families and emboldened criminals. We will not stand idly by while our neighborhoods suffer. Assembly Republicans are taking action to restore public safety and protect Californians.”

“Time and again, the supermajority has stalled, ignored or outright rejected common-sense reforms, prioritizing politics over public safety. But with the passage of Prop 36, the people have delivered a clear and undeniable

message: they reject the supermajority’s failed policies that have made our communities less safe,” said Assemblyman Tom Lackey, who serves on the Public Safety Committee. “Public safety should not be a partisan issue - it is a fundamental responsibility.”

Other attendees at the event included Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, Placer County District Attorney Morgan Gire, California District Attorneys Association CEO Greg Totten, Placer

County Supervisor Anthony DeMattei, Crime Victims United President Topo Padilla, and Assemblymembers Leticia Castillo (R-Corona), Laurie Davies (R-Laguna Niguel), Diane Dixon (R-Newport Beach), Stan Ellis (R-Bakersfield), Jeff Gonzalez (R-Indio), Josh Hoover (R-Folsom), Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), Alexandra Macedo (R-Tulare), Kate Sanchez (R-Rancho Santa Margarita), Tri Ta (R-Westminster), David Tangipa (R-Clovis) and Greg Wallis (R-Bermuda Dunes). ★

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# Spring Bill Relief for PG&E Customers

PG&E News Release

**OAKLAND, CA (MPG)** - Millions of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customers will automatically receive the California Climate Credit on their April energy bill.

Residential households with an active electric account will receive an electric credit of \$58.23. Residential households with an active gas account will receive a credit of \$67.03. Customers receiving both gas and electric service from PG&E will receive a total April credit of \$125.26.

Residential and eligible small business customers receive identical electric credits in April and October. Residential natural gas customers receive a credit in April.

The California Climate Credit is funded by the state’s Cap-and-Trade Program. It is distributed by PG&E to customers as directed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The Cap-and-Trade Program requires companies to pay for certain emissions. Revenue from the program is also used by the state to improve public health and the environment and provide meaningful benefits to the most disadvantaged communities. The bill credit is designed to help customers during the transition to a more sustainable future.

“We know many of our customers are feeling the pressure of rising energy bills. We support bill relief for families and fostering a more climate-resilient future,” said Vincent Davis PG&E senior vice president for customer experience.

Since 2014, the California Public Utilities Commission calculates PG&E residential customers have received an average of nearly \$1,000 in California Climate Credits, totaling more than \$12.9 billion in Cap-and-Trade Program benefits statewide.

The following programs are for income-eligible assistance: California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)



provides a monthly discount of 20% or more on gas and electricity bills, Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) provides a monthly discount of 18% on electricity for households of three or more people, Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) provides energy-savings improvements at no charge, Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) offers a one-time energy credit for income-eligible customers of up to \$300 based on a past-due balance and the Arrearage Management Plan (AMP) which is a debt forgiveness plan for eligible residential customers.

Other programs include Medical Baseline, which offers a reduction on energy bills for customers who depend on power for certain medical needs.

To explore other ways to save energy, reduce monthly bills, and protect the planet, customers are encouraged to use savings finder, enroll in the budget billing program, or visit the save energy and money page available through pge.com.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The past week for the Sacramento Kings may very well be poorest stretch in a helter skelter season that saw the Sactown boys lose games to the New York Knicks, Golden State Warriors and Phoenix Suns by a combined total of 71 points.

Many Kings fans turned their TV sets to another channel in the fourth quarter of these games to avoid the agony of watching another beatdown. No lighting the beam last week and probably the last thing on anyone’s mind.

Most fans agree that watching a seesaw battle in which your team is giving the best they have will always keep them watching to the very end but what we witnessed in the past week was hard for even the most ardent fan to lay eyes on.

Thrust into the position of point guard with the trade of DeAaron Fox, Malik Monk has struggled in his new role. Most glaring are the constant turnovers and it appears to be contagious as usually reliable ballhandlers DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine have suddenly joined the turnover turnstile. Forty-eight times, the Kings have turned the ball over in the past three games and that means 48 missed opportunities to put a shot up.

Entering Monday night’s game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento sits in the number 9 position in the Western Conference with a 500 record of 33-33.

At no time entering the 2024/2025 season did I believe the Sacramento Kings were a 500 team.

After the firing of Mike Brown and the trading of DeAaron Fox, newcomers Zach Lavine, Jonas Valanciunas and Jake LaRavia gave hope to Kings fans that the playoffs were not a pipe dream.

The bench is stronger but the starting lineup is putting the team in a hole in the first quarter of nearly every game. The past three games saw the Kings down by double digits at the end of the first quarter and climbing out of a hole every game is not a recipe for success.

So what is the answer Kings fans? How does this newly-assembled squad put together a winning stretch that allows Sacramento fans to witness post-season basketball?

With 16 games remaining, there’s no more trading or adding to the team, so coach Christie will have to move the chess pieces he has.

Sadly, although Malik has wanted to be a starter for some time, he has not thrived in his new role. Coming off the bench and adding a spark seems to be the logical move for coach Christie to make.

Jake LaRavia has added much needed defense but Markelle Fultz has failed to add much to the point guard position. Coach Christie might be faced with using rookie Devin Carter who has proven himself to be a skilled ball handler and surprisingly a good rebounder as well.

Perhaps the time has come to give Isaac Jones some more court time, as this team could use his length and rebounding. Jones has received too little time on the court but seems to make an impact when given the opportunity.

Trey Lyles and Keegan Murray need to live up to their billing and add 3-point shooting to a team that is in sore need.

Cross your fingers, Kings fans, that Domantas Sabonis will stay healthy and former all-stars DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine will be the players we know they can be the rest of the way.

Many of the senseless turnovers come from players trying to do too much and what the Kings need is to get back to basics and keep it simple. Move the ball, make good passes and allow teammates to shoot the basketball in rhythm.

Make no mistake about it, there is plenty of talent on this team.

Play-in appears to be the logical prescription, so take your medicine Sacramento Kings and see where the Play-in might take you.

King’s fans want postseason basketball and what you call it matters little. Magical things can happen when given a chance and that’s what the play-in brings, a chance.

Stay positive, Kings fans, and keep those TV sets on for the fourth quarter. These guys might surprise you yet! All the best!

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# California’s Cities and Schools Face Big Budget Gaps, Few Options



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California’s state budget is mired in what fiscal authorities call a “structural deficit,” meaning its revenues cannot keep up with spending mandated by current law.

For several years, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have papered over the chronic gap between income and outgo with gimmicks, including on- and off-budget borrowing and creative accounting, plus dips into “rainy day” funds set aside for emergencies.

Those maneuvers merely postpone the day of reckoning, because the administration and the Legislature’s budget analyst, Gabe Petek, project yearly multibillion-dollar shortfalls indefinitely.

The state’s dilemma has several roots, most notably an erroneously high multi-year revenue forecast in 2022 that led to a belief that there would be an immense budget surplus and to sharply increased spending. The administration later pegged the revenue error at \$165 billion over four years.

That factor was exacerbated by what Petek dubbed “a sluggish economy.”

“Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half,” Petek noted in a November fiscal overview.

“Similarly, the number of Californians who are unemployed is 25% higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022.”

State government is not alone in facing chronic budget deficits. The state’s major cities and many school districts are also feeling the pinch of stagnant revenues and inflation, especially with rising worker salaries. Add the horrendous Los Angeles wildfires and President Donald Trump’s potentially huge federal spending reductions and the budget gaps could become even wider.

A few days ago, Matt Szabo, the City of Los Angeles’ chief administrative officer, and city Controller Kenneth Mejia bluntly warned the city council that LA is several hundred million dollars short of covering its budgeted expenditures — not even counting the likely effects of wildfires on revenues and spending.

“The city is facing significant headwinds,” Szabo said, adding “immediate spending reductions required.”

“The city of L.A., financially, we are in trouble,” Mejia told the council in a letter. He added, “The city is estimated to overspend by \$300 million over budget. So when you have less revenues compared to your budget, and you have more expenses over your budget — that’s a big gap that we have to fill.”

San Francisco’s new mayor, Daniel Lurie, says he wants to “eliminate \$1 billion in overspending” over the next three years to cover an \$876 million deficit over two years. “The era of one-time or Band-Aid solutions is over,” Lurie told other officials after taking office in January.

A number of smaller cities, including Sacramento, are also dealing with significant deficits.

Meanwhile many school districts are also facing big budget gaps due to declining enrollment and chronic absenteeism that reduce state aid based on attendance, in addition to the expiration of federal grants meant to cope with COVID-19 and employee union demands for raises to offset inflation-hammered personal budgets.

The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, a state agency that monitors school district finances, recently issued a report on school systems in various degrees of fiscal difficulty, with those in Oakland and San Francisco on the list of the most troubled.

The agency cited not only enrollment declines, but the jolts of losing federal pandemic aid and rising costs, particularly for fire insurance and electric power, as factors.

In theory, local officials could seek tax increases as they ponder ways to balance their budgets. However voters facing rising living costs of their own are not likely to approve of that solution.

Therefore the options are either make real spending reductions, which might mean laying off workers and closing schools, or emulate the state’s gimmickry and hope the problems solve themselves.

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# Afato Named Yuba College Women’s Soccer Coach

By Somer Hamso,  
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**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Growing up, Pete Afato couldn’t wait to leave Yuba City and see the world beyond California. His soccer skills took him on an unforgettable journey across the country but it was only when he was far from home that he truly developed a deep sense of pride in his roots.

Afato’s love for soccer eventually brought him back to Yuba City, where he invests in the local soccer community.

On March 13, with the approval of the Yuba Community College District Board, Afato was appointed as the head women’s soccer coach for the 49ers.

“I take it with a lot of pride and honor and humility,” Afato said. “I get to give back to a place that gave me something.”

Afato is known not just for revitalizing programs but also for creating opportunities from scratch, such as starting the Yuba Football Club. As an assistant coach for Yuba College last year, he focused on recruiting. When the head coach position opened up, he saw it as a challenge he was eager to take on.

“He’s motivated to be successful, win and bring in players,” Yuba College Athletic Director Erick Burns said. “He’s pretty well connected to the youth soccer in our area for girls and boys. I think that could be very helpful to him in utilizing the relationships he established in this community.”

Being at Yuba College is a homecoming for Afato. A multi-sport athlete at Yuba City High School, he broke his ankle during his senior season. Despite receiving offers from colleges in the



On March 13, Yuba City native Pete Afato was appointed as the head women’s soccer coach for the 49ers. Photo courtesy of Yuba College

Midwest, Afato enrolled at Yuba College, where he was captain during his sophomore season.

“Yuba (College) got my playing career back on track,” Afato said. “I know how important junior colleges can be to athletes who want to play at the next level who may not have the resources.”

His performance for the 49ers earned him a spot in a showcase game in Los Angeles, Calif., which led to an offer from Sierra Nevada College, followed by a transfer to Florida Memorial University (FMU).

Afato was three games into his season at Florida Memorial University when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and he returned to the West Coast.

As Afato’s dream of turning professional evolved, he focused more on coaching. Through his experience, Afato learned how to teach the same concepts to players of all ages from 7-year-olds to 30-year-olds.

Afato is not one to wait for opportunities to come to him. The ambitious 26-year-old sought coaching positions at local high schools, offered personal training and founded the Yuba Football Club with the goal to connect local people with the game and create a strong soccer community in Yuba City.

“My goal is to provide as many opportunities as I can for these women to play at the next level,” he said. “I want to be someone that brings hope and shows them I did it, now it’s your turn to do it.”

While Afato is determined to win, he believes his primary role is to develop athletes who are ready to play at the next level. He’s confident that with high standards and a strong work ethic, success will come.

“With the right kind of culture, winning follows,” Afato said. ★

# Using Tech to Improve Anglers’ Experience

California Department  
of Fish and Wildlife  
News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is excited to announce the launch of a web-based platform called the California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS), that will provide the public with helpful fishing information driven by data submitted by anglers. The platform can be found at CIRAS.wildlife.ca.gov.

The California Inland Recreational Angler Survey is powered by anglers for anglers. It allows anglers to submit data regarding their fishing trips and provides immediate access to aggregated sport fishing data through an interactive “Ready to Fish” dashboard.

As a crowdsourcing platform, California Inland Recreational Angler Survey requires a high level of participation among the full spectrum of California inland anglers’ fishing interests to drive the quality of fishing information it provides.

This new technology expands the reach of the state’s Angler Survey Boxes, a network of more than 200 metal angler survey boxes located throughout the state where anglers can record their fishing experiences on paper survey slips.

While the Angler Survey Boxes system is typically used to evaluate trout fisheries, the modern California Inland



The California Inland Recreational Angler Survey is a new web-based platform created by the state to provide helpful fishing information. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Recreational Angler Survey platform will provide anglers with an opportunity to submit and interact with information about any sport fish from any fishable inland or anadromous water in the state.

This means data on additional locations and fish species will be more accessible to the public than ever before.

Historic data from the survey box program will also be uploaded into the California Inland Recreational Angler

Survey providing immediate utility for those fisheries while anglers begin to populate new locations and species data.

The web platform debuts its first phase for waters within CDFW’s North Central Region and will later be expanded statewide. While the new survey can be accessed using mobile devices, the platform currently requires internet connectivity to submit angling data. However, the state plans to incorporate off-line functionality in future

phases.

“The CIRAS project represents a new opportunity for the state to better understand angler preferences and performance of fisheries, while also allowing anglers to access information to plan their next fishing trip,” said CDFW Fisheries Branch Chief Jay Rowan.

“By giving access to information that other anglers have entered into CIRAS, people will be able to see what species are present, catch rates,

size distributions, and the time of year others are out catching fish. CIRAS also provides an opportunity for anglers to contribute directly to scientific work at CDFW, which will help us better manage the lakes and streams and improve fishing opportunities.”

The state uses fishing survey data submitted by anglers to inform management actions to protect fisheries and improve angling opportunities. These surveys collect data directly from anglers about the fish they catch (or don’t catch).

Data collected from angler surveys can include the species of fish caught, general fishing location, and overall angling experience from a single fishing trip. This information can also serve as an alert for state scientists when more robust surveys are necessary. This new technology will complement, rather than replace, more intensive assessments conducted by trained staff.

The state encourages anglers fishing in California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s North Central Region to contribute their catch information using this new platform. California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s North Central Region encompasses all or parts of 17 counties, including Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento (east of Interstate 5), San Joaquin, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo (north of Interstate 80), and Yuba. ★

# Gallagher, Dahle Act to Address Flood Concerns in Butte County

Assembly Republican  
Caucus News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On March 10, Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) and Senator Megan Dahle (R-Bieber) announced legislative action to address public safety in the Five-Mile Basin, a crucial flood control system in the City of Chico and Butte County. The basin has been significantly compromised by erosion following the 2024 Park Fire, with recent storms bringing water levels dangerously close to overtopping the vulnerable flood control system. In a letter to the Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, Gallagher and Dahle requested \$7 million to fund emergency maintenance on the system.

“Far too often, we see government delays and bureaucratic red tape get in the way of preventing disaster. We cannot let that happen here,” said Gallagher. “It’s going to be a heck of a lot cheaper to fix this mess now than it will be if the system fails. I am dedicated to working with



James Gallagher

all levels of government to find a speedy resolution.”

Constructed in the 1960’s by the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Five-Mile Basin diverts flood water into Big Chico Creek, Lindo Channel and Sycamore Creek. Removal of debris and vegetation clogging the waterways was essentially halted in the early 2000’s when state and federal regulators raised concerns that maintenance efforts were disrupting aquatic habitat.

Although sediment

accumulation has been a concern for many years, increased erosion and debris flows caused by the Park Fire have significantly increased flood risk. The fire burned 429,603 acres in Butte and Tehama Counties, impacting 75% of Chico’s watershed.

A recent study estimated that 67,000 cubic yards of debris – the equivalent of more than 6,000 dump trucks – is clogging the waterway.

“We all want clean air, clean water and thriving ecosystems. But there has got to be a balance and some common sense,” said Dahle. “California must invest in this project and cut the red tape. Plain and simple.”

In addition to their funding request, Gallagher and Dahle have introduced legislation, Assembly Bill 1000, to exempt the Five-Mile Basin cleanup project from burdensome environmental laws that are likely to delay critical flood risk reduction work. A recent report from the Assembly Select Committee on Permitting Reform noted that the law responsible for delaying these vital infrastructure



Megan Dahle

projects, the California Environmental Quality Act, “has proven highly susceptible to being leveraged to prevent development of projects for non-environmental reasons.” The report went on to argue “permitting reform is necessary for the state to achieve its climate resiliency objectives with relation to water storage, conveyance, and flood control.”

Chico Mayor Kasey Reynolds expressed the need for urgency, “Removing fire debris from

Five-Mile Basin will take more resources than the City of Chico has available, leaving us one bad storm away from disaster. We must protect our community and residents by restoring the channel to its full capacity.”

Chair of the Butte County Board of Supervisors, Tod Kimmelshue, added, “Butte County has been devastated by several megafires in the past few years which have severely impacted our watersheds and flood control systems. Massive amounts of mud, silt and debris from the Park Fire have pushed the system close to its breaking point. Now is the time to act to prevent a disaster.”

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

Senator Megan Dahle represents California’s 1st Senate District, which includes Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, and parts of Placer County. ★