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99 Rehab Project Breaks Ground



California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) workers wield their shovels for the State Highway 99 Rehabilitation Project.

Story and photos
by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Gridley city officials held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 1 for the two-year rehabilitation project on the State Highway 99 corridor. The ceremony took place in the lot next to the Moose Lodge.

The panel of speakers consisted of City Administrator Elisa Arteaga, City Councilmember J. Angel Calderon, Police Chief Todd Farr, Sergio Aceves and Bikram Kahlong from Caltrans and Lt. Patrick Leach, Butte County commander of California Highway Patrol.



Gridley City Councilmember J. Angel Calderon explains how a friend of his was killed on State Highway 99, due to poor lighting.

Aceves indicated that the total cost for the project is \$30 million, secured through grant funding.
“This payment will bring much

needed rehabilitation to extend the service life of the roadway and also improve ride quality. We’re going to provide for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant upgrades that will make the corridor safer and more accessible for all users, including new sidewalks, and updated curb ramps and driveways,” Aceves said. “Drainage system improvements will help reduce flooding, as well as enhancing durability. We are also enhancing the corridor with landscape elements to the project that benefits both functionality and aesthetics. These visionary improvements were a collaborative effort with the community.

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LaMalfa
Announces
New High-
Tech Mission
at Beale AFB

Office of Rep. Doug
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WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced May 2 that Beale Air Force Base (AFB) has been selected as the preferred location for the Air Force’s new Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) Aircraft Readiness Unit, a major step forward in securing the base’s future role in next-generation defense technology.

“This is a major win for Beale AFB and a vote of confidence in the capabilities of our region,” said Rep. LaMalfa. “These aircraft represent the future of the Air Force: autonomous, highly capable and ready to deploy at a moment’s notice. I worked closely with my colleagues in Congress, state and local leaders, and the Department of Defense to make the case for Beale. I want to thank President Trump, DOD leadership and the Air Force for recognizing Beale’s strategic importance and moving quickly to make it happen. This new mission not only solidifies Beale’s role in our national defense but also brings new technology and investment to our region.”

Said Senator Adam Schiff, “When we visited Beale Air Force Base just a couple weeks ago, I met committed California servicemembers working to protect our nation and apply new technologies to the adapting threats we face. The Air Force’s selection of Beale for testing of the Collaborative Combat Aircraft puts those same servicemembers at the center of the Air Force’s modernization efforts for our nation’s 21st-century defense. As the West Coast remains on the front line for deterring adversaries in the Pacific and the home of the nation’s technological innovation, I’m proud to see Yuba County at the tip of the spear for promoting America’s national security.”

Congressman LaMalfa led the effort alongside Senator Schiff (D-CA) to bring this new mission with newly developed technology to Beale Air Force Base, winning out over competing sites in Nevada and North Dakota. Collaborative Combat Aircraft are part of the next generation of

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Walk N’ Roll

Biggs High School Student Raises Awareness for ALS

By Idaly Valencia

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - On the morning of May 3, community members dressed in blue filled the outdoor area of Biggs High School as everyone warmed up to walk a little under a mile together and raise awareness for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

As part of her senior project, Allie Little hosted a walk for ALS in honor of her late aunt, Cami Roles, who lost her battle against ALS on Feb. 9, 2024. The walk was also in support of Little’s cousin, Kari Naum, 38, who was recently diagnosed with ALS.

According to the ALS Association, approximately 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. This is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. A cure currently does not exist for ALS.

“This project means so

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From left are Kari Naum, Doug Roles (Cami Roles’ husband), Allie Little, Bailee Roles, Hunter Roles, Darci Roles, Ashleigh and Irelynn Evenson. Photo courtesy of Amie Little

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

After the Pi-Line Jack in the Box restaurant review, I received some pings from people reminding me that the Gridley Ice Burgie also has tacos and burgers on the menu. This point was very important to many people, once again proving two things. A lot of people read this column and I have no idea what topics light people up or why it should be the last week you scavenge for Easter candy that is on sale. At this point, it is too old. I just finished my last box of 60% off Hershey Milk Chocolate bunnies. The Easter Candy always tastes better the week(s) after.

We note with sadness the passing of Pope

Francis. He was the first Pope to meet with or “have an audience” with the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (my tribe). The two churches work on humanitarian projects around the world. The bigger church has better logistics and delivery capability in places of crisis. So many times, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints brings the goods and Catholic Charities delivers.

Churches do a lot of good, and Pope Francis took a lot of heat for reforming the church bureaucracy to focus on poor people and those who feel unloved. He will be missed. His replacement will represent a significant turning point in the Catholic Church.

News for those of you who are Protestant and/or Evangelical, the William Jessup University in Placer County hosted a giant National Day of Prayer celebration. The university is growing more influential and impactful every year as more and more young Christian people look to gather and do their education in an environment

that does not just accept them or tolerate them but celebrates their bible-based religious lives.

A truck carrying 8 million dimes from the mint to the bank crashed on the highway in Texas covering the road with coins and causing more than six hours of cleanup. Upon reading this news, I wondered what it would be like to be the next car in line. Would it be like driving on ice?

There are a lot of Gridley-connected people in the world. I ended up working for a day with Nick Daddow at the fire clean-up in Los Angeles. Nick who graduated from Gridley High, works for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, after a successful stint in the Air Force. His grandpa and namesake were a penman for this newspaper for many years. Nick inherited his name and can lay claim to Nick Daddow Plaza in Gridley. He should come back for Red Suspenders Day and act like he owns the place.

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and law enforcement chaplain. ★

Dia del Niño Celebrated at Schools



School mascots, the Ram and the Mallard, posed for pictures.

Story and photos by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Students from Wilson and McKinley elementary schools gathered at the McKinley playground the night of April 30 for a fun-filled celebration of Dia del Niño or Day of the Child.

Maria Diaz was in charge of the event.

“We’ve partnered with the committee of multi-lingual parents. They essentially have students who are second- language learners in our districts. We come together to learn how to support our English learners. Last year they thought of putting together this great event. So this is our second year coming to honor and celebrate our children, which (Dia del Niño) is a big traditional celebration in Latin America,” said Diaz.

Also known as International Children’s Day, the event was first proclaimed in 1925 at the World Conference on



Bubble-blowing captivated the children at the Dia del Niño celebration at McKinley school.

Child Welfare in Geneva, Switzerland, according to Wikipedia.

Many enthusiastic children had a variety of activities to choose from, including bubble blowing, bean bag toss, a fishpond, egg race (with artificial eggs) and a very large bounce house. During the fun, parents and children could have free popcorn, hot dogs and slushies.

Several third-graders from Sloane Devoto’s class spoke with the Gridley Herald about what they liked the most at the event. Answers ranged from “Everything!” to (temporary) tattoos, face painting and the bounce house.

The Wilson and McKinley school mascots, the Ram and the Mallard, were also there, posing for pictures. ★

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MEMORIAL

JOHN PATRICK BENEDICT • 02/08/1952 – 04/28/2025

John Patrick Benedict 73, of Oroville went to be with the Lord on April 28th, 2025. The Celebration of Life will be held Thursday May 15th, 11:00am at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Oroville, with graveside and reception to follow. The reception will be held at 100 Ledger Ln. Oroville, Ca.

John was born February 8 th , 1952 in Marysville, Ca to Loren & Catherine Benedict. John graduated from Gridley High School in 1970, where he then attended Butte College for two years and was later inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. John then transferred to Cal Poly San

Luis Obispo, where he married the love of his life Doreen Shelton on September 16th, 1973. John also played on the golf team before graduating in 1974.

John’s priorities in life were first and foremost his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his family and

friends, and his lifelong dedication to working in the construction industry. John’s best days were spent with his family and friends golfing and at their cabin in Graeagle.

John is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Doreen, Sons: Patrick Benedict (Heather), Kelly Benedict (Libbie), Kevin Benedict (Lisa), and his only “Girl” Ashley Johnson (Jimmy). Grandchildren: Loren, Triston, Brycen, Christian, Grace, Chance, Madison, Mayci, Myli, Marli, Raegan, Harper, and one Great Grandchild, Broc. John was preceded in death by his parents Loren and Catherine Benedict.

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On the morning of May 3, community members dressed in blue filled the outdoor area of Biggs High School as everyone warmed up to walk a little under a mile together and raise awareness for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Photo courtesy of Amie Little



From left are Amie Little and her daughter, Allie Little. Photo courtesy of Amie Little

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much to our family because we lost our amazing mom to ALS on last Feb. 9,” said Bailee Roles, Cami Roles’ daughter. “We feel really lucky that we get to come together for this walk as a family and share a meaningful day remembering our mom. Even though she’s not here with us physically, her spirit is with us in everything we do and we’re walking for her and for everyone impacted by ALS.”

Cami Roles’ children shared that anyone who knew their mother knows how much she showed up for the community and would have been there with everyone. Bailee Roles added that her mother, “without a doubt,” would have brought homemade cookies as she was an amazing baker “who loved making people feel special.”

About 200 participants joined Allie Little and her family in completing the walk along West Rio Bonito Road and First Street.

“To everyone who contributed to my senior project fund, bought items off my Amazon wish list, volunteered at stations and supported me every step of the way, thank you,” said Allie Little. “And to my family, your support means everything. None of this would have been possible without all of you. We will continue to raise awareness, holding onto hope that one day, we will find a cure.”

It was a community effort to put this walk together. Friends of Allie Little volunteered at stations and passed out necklaces, bracelets, ribbon pins and flags to participants. Local businesses such as Dutch Bros Coffee, Food Maxx and Rosie’s Sno Biz contributed to the walk by providing drinks and snacks throughout the walking route.

“Blessed” is the word that came to mind for Amie Little, Allie Little’s mother, when talking about the walk.

“It was truly a beautiful day and I know Cami

was smiling down on us the whole time,” said Amie Little.

More than \$4,000 has been raised for cousin Kari Naum and her family to support them in her battle against ALS. Donations are still being accepted with the goal of \$50,000 that will go toward medical treatments and living costs, as her nursing career has been cut short by the progression of ALS.

To donate to Naum’s family, visit their GoFundMe website at gofundme.com/f/support-karis-fight-against-als. ★



Friends, family and community members dressed in blue and joined Allie Little at her walk for ALS at Biggs High School on May 3. Photo courtesy of Amie Little



About 200 participants joined Allie Little and her family in completing the walk along West Rio Bonito Road and First Street. Photo courtesy of Amie Little

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Three stops on the road to financial stability

Achieving financial stability doesn't happen overnight — it takes a journey. And, as with every journey, you'll need to make some stops along the way. These stops, or milestones, can tell you how far you've gone — and where you need to go next.

Milestone 1: Build a foundation

When you're first starting on your financial journey — typically, when you are beginning your career — you'll want to build a foundation by acting on key issues, such as saving, paying down debts and investing for the future. Here are some suggestions:

Start your emergency fund. Eventually, you'd like to have several months' worth of living expenses kept in a liquid, low-risk account to deal with unexpected costs, such as large medical bills or a major car repair. For now, though, at least try to put away a few hundred dollars or a month's worth of expenses. To make it easier, have some money moved automatically each month from a checking or savings account into your emergency fund.

Take your employer's match. Contribute enough to your 401(k) and health savings account (HSA) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Pay down your higher-rate debt. Try to pay down as much high-interest, non-deductible debt as you can afford. If possible, refinance debt at lower interest rates.

Milestone 2: Gain a better foothold

Once you've got your financial foundation in place, and you're established in your career, consider these steps to gain an even better foothold:

Continue building your emergency

fund. Try to get at least a couple of months' expenses in this fund.

Put away more into your retirement accounts. If you can, try to put anywhere from 10% to 15% of your gross income into your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Check your debt-to-income ratio. Divide your monthly debt payments by your monthly gross income to calculate your debt-to-income ratio. If you're paying a mortgage, try to keep this ratio to 35% or less. Without a mortgage, try for 20% or less.

Milestone 3: Keep moving forward

As you move into your middle years — and beyond — it's time to further solidify your financial situation and keep making progress toward a comfortable retirement. These moves can help:

Maintain your emergency fund. By now, you should be able to keep up to six months' worth of expenses in your emergency fund. A sizable emergency fund can help you if you need to switch jobs, and enable you to meet larger expenses without dipping into your long-term investments.

Review your retirement goals. At this stage of your life, you should review your retirement goals regularly to determine whether you're still on track toward meeting them. If you aren't, you may need to adjust your investment strategies. Of course, your goals may have changed over time, and this, too, may require adjustments on your part. You may want to work with a financial professional who can suggest appropriate moves to help you on your way.

Reaching all these milestones will take diligence and commitment — but it will be worth the effort in helping you on your journey toward financial stability.

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Substance Abuse Prevention Forum Provides Tips

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - About 20 representatives from local substance abuse/addiction recovery programs and law enforcement agencies were at Gridley City Hall on April 29 to share ideas for reducing substance abuse in Gridley.

City Councilmember J. Angel Calderon coordinated the event and provided translation when needed.

One of the presenters was Norma Lacy, assistant director of Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, who discussed the importance of building strong parent/child relationships.

“One of the biggest tools we have as parents, as caregivers, as caretakers, as supporters of family members, whether you’re an aunt, an uncle, a cousin, you can play that role by building a strong solid foundation through relationships,” Lacy said. “As we feed the self-esteem of children, they grow up to feel more supported, safer and to be able to deal with peer pressure. Children and youth crave that connection internally; self-esteem is formed in early childhood.”

The program went on with a presentation by Kitsana Silva, director of the “Si se Puede,” which translates to “Yes, you can,” a tobacco-prevention project. The group aims to promote tobacco-free lifestyles by educating citizens, local elected officials and law enforcement about the harmful effects of tobacco use, especially among Latino populations.

In 2022, with the help of Si se Puede, Gridley passed a smoke-free city parks ordinance that included vaping and cannabis use. The next goal is to help Gridley establish a tobacco retail license policy that reduces the sale of tobacco products and/or advertisements.

“The tobacco industry uses tactics that are intentionally designed to attract kids,” Silva said. “They use fun flavors, colorful packaging, candy-like names and slick devices. Ninety percent of adults who smoke daily started before the age of 18. According to the 2023 California Youth Tobacco Survey, 48.8% of students reported seeing vapes on their social media accounts. The tobacco industry’s marketing is very strategic; it wants to put the blame on parents.”

Silva followed up by saying 12 tobacco stores are in Gridley and all the schools are within 1,000 feet of a tobacco store. Many of the devices are made to look like school supplies or candy, such as a JUUL Pod that closely resembles a flash drive. Chewing tobacco is often packaged to look like a chewing gum package. In addition, the popular flavored vapes produce better odors than cigarettes, smelling like mint, peaches or apples instead. This makes them easier to use in various settings, according to Silva.

“Butte County has the fourth highest tobacco use among minors in the entire state (of California) with over 33% of



All the presenters at the Substance Abuse Prevention Forum are shown here. Photo by Connie Voss

youth saying they have tried a tobacco product,” said Silva. “Many youths start to use tobacco products to cope with mental health issues, depression, anxiety or stress. Other factors include boredom, social activity to connect with peers or the lack of awareness of the health risks. Vaping is just as dangerous as smoking.”

Silva described signs of tobacco use to watch for can be anxiety, irritability, impulsiveness, extreme thirst, smoker’s cough, mood swings or unexplained fruity smells.

To help users stop, Silva recommended being available for loved ones and making them feel heard and seen. Understand why they’re using and don’t pressure them to stop. Available resources for quitting include Kickitca.org, or Enloe Hospital’s Tobacco and Nicotine Treatment Prevention program.

Next on the program was Sonia Gonzales from the American Lung Association.

“Nicotine is the chemical in tobacco that makes it hard to quit. Nicotine produces pleasing

effects in your brain but these effects are temporary. The more you smoke, the more nicotine you need to feel good,” Gonzales explained. “No matter how long you have smoked, stopping can improve your health.”

Councilmember Calderon interjected that each abused substance creates its own neuro receptor in the brain.

“So then the brain will crave the substance,” Calderon said.

Gonzales emphasized the harmful effects of second-hand smoke from smokers around you and third-hand smoke from “cancer-causing residues that stick deep into surfaces of your carpets, your walls, your furniture, anything that has been around a smoker.”

Those exposed to secondary or tertiary smoke can suffer the same problems as smokers: heart disease, lung cancer, stroke and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). About 35% of United States children are exposed to second-hand smoke. Pets are affected by secondary smoke as well, according to Gonzales.

“Cannabis smoke, vaping and

even cooking drugs like methamphetamine also release harmful toxins that stay in surfaces long after use,” Gonzales said

More than 4,000 chemicals in tobacco products can also be found in anti-freeze, nail polish remover, paint, pesticides and fireworks, according to Gonzales.

“The pesticides that are sprayed on the tobacco are definitely part of the smoking damage to the lungs and your body in general,” said Calderon.

Most smokers who have quit report that it took at least six tries, according to the presentation. Most often, quitting is successful with additional help from a stop-smoking program. Kickitca.org is free. The Lung Help line 1-800-LUNGUSA is also free and provides one-on-one coaching by trained professionals.

Following Gonzales was McKenzie Harris, who provided opioid information. Opioids are meant to treat pain in hospitals and prescribed by doctors. Heroin, morphine, codeine, Vicodin, hydrocodone, and oxycodone are all opioids.

“Over 296 people die every day from opioid overdoses like Fentanyl. Twenty-one percent of 11th-graders in Butte have used prescription drugs recreationally,” said Harris.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, meaning it is lab created, man-made or not naturally occurring. With no taste or smell, it is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. A dose the size of three grains of salt can be fatal, according to Harris.

Harris made it clear that prescription pain medications do not have to be finished and you can ask for a lower dosage or alternative medications. Avoid mixing opioids with other substances such as alcohol.

Naloxone (also known as Narcan) can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose and is available at all pharmacies for about \$45. Butte County Behavioral Health has it for free. Naloxone can be in the form of a nasal spray. The overdosed person still needs to go to the hospital, even when Naloxone is administered.

For additional resources and to answer any questions, call Harris at 530-891-2891

Gridley Police Department Officer Jason Garringer spoke about the legal aspects of hard drugs, especially methamphetamine and fentanyl, which account for the majority of overdose deaths in Butte County. There were 110 overdose deaths in the county in 2024 and all were related to methamphetamine, fentanyl or a combination of both. Fifty-four of those cases were in Gridley, an 18% decrease from 2023, Garringer said.

Increased penalties under recently-passed Proposition 36 include murder charges for drug dealers who supply fentanyl that causes death from an overdose, Garringer said. Possession of fentanyl with a firearm can result in up to four years in prison.

The forum concluded with ideas from the Gridley Parks and Recreation Department staff outlining programs available to keep youth involved in healthy activities such as sports. Contact the department for more information at 530-846-5695. ★



There are only two items in this picture that are not tobacco products. Can you find them? Photo by Kitsana Silva

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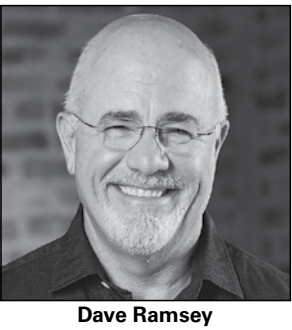
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Dave Ramsey Says Medical Emergencies Come First

Dear Dave,

I recently experienced a medical emergency and unexpected hospital stay. I'm about halfway through Baby Step 2, and I'm paying off my debts using the debt snowball system. I have good insurance, but should I put Baby Step 2 on hold for now due to all the hospital bills?

– Gerard

Dear Gerard,

That's *exactly* what you should do. I'm sorry to hear about your health issues, but at the same time, I hope you'll make sure you're only pressing the pause button on Baby Step 2. I'm talking about temporarily stopping the debt snowball and making only minimum payments on all non-mortgage debt for now. Can you manage that?

Things like this can be expensive, but they're part of life. At the same time, taking care of these kinds of issues doesn't have to mean giving up on gaining control of your finances. Emergency issues, especially medical emergencies, come first. Then, go back and

pick up where you left off when things are better, and finish knocking out your other debt by re-starting your debt snowball. After that, I've got a feeling you'll have the motivation to fully fund your emergency fund in Baby Step 3 all the way up to three to six months of expenses.

God bless you, friend. Keep your head up, and take good care of yourself while you're recovering. You can do this!

– Dave

Pay it Off, Young Lady

Dear Dave,

I'm 28, and I make around \$75,000 a year. My only debt right now is a car payment. I still owe \$15,000 on the vehicle, and currently I have \$30,000 in savings and a 401(k) through my employer. I love my job, but my income can fluctuate from month to month. Do you think I should pay off the car, or hang on to all my savings?

– Erin

Dear Erin,

Debt is a bad thing to

have in your life, even with a good income. It's an especially bad thing when your income can vary from paycheck to paycheck. It's sounds like you're in pretty good shape financially, except for that car note. It's like an anchor weighing your finances down.

If you paid off the car, you'd still have \$15,000 sitting in your savings account. And with your income, plus the money you'd free up by no longer having a car payment, you could rebuild your savings in a flash.

You know where I'm going with this, don't you? Pay off that car, young lady!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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. ★



Grape Growers Scrap More Vineyards Amid Wine Market Slump

California winegrape growers continue to tear out vineyards in an effort to balance the state's grape supply with a historic drop in demand for wine. "In the Lodi area, there's been a large number of vineyards removed—more than I've ever seen in one year," said grower Joe Valente, adding that the downturn in the market has caused some growers to stop performing the necessary vineyard maintenance to produce a crop. "There's still a lot of vineyards that are unpruned, so the assumption is that they will probably get removed or not be farmed at all." The decline in wine sales during the past few years has been attributed to shifting consumer attitudes around the health benefits or risks of consuming low levels of alcohol, among other factors. "Hopefully, it's a cycle that's short-lived," Valente said.

Tariffs Prompt Farmers to Shore Up Trade Relationships

The imposition of tariffs by the United States on its closest trading partners—and retaliatory tariffs that have targeted some agricultural exports from the U.S.—have prompted California farmers to do what they can to preserve their relationships with foreign buyers. "Our sales team is planning to go to Canada next month to meet with some of our buyers," said Ryan Elliot, operational manager at Stillwater Orchards in Sacramento County, which sells about 10% of its fresh-market pears to Canada. "It might not seem huge, but it's been a favorable market for us for years." Elliot added that should tariffs halt

some of the canned fruit the U.S. imports from Europe and China, that could benefit his family's farm, "and we can focus more on our domestic canned fruit products."

Flower Farm Brings Hope and Beauty to Community Ravaged by Fire

In 2021, the Dixie Fire burned 963,309 acres in five counties and destroyed about half the homes in the Indian Valley area of Plumas County. Kjessie and Andre Essue and their three young children of Taylorsville had to evacuate for 40 days, though they were among those fortunate to find their homes still standing when they returned. Wanting to do something for the suffering community, Kjessie launched Barn Swallow Gardens, a flower farm that grows about 130 varietals. "I love to grow a lot of different shapes, textures and colors. It might not be what's recommended from a business perspective, but it brings me a lot of joy," she says.

Experts Cut Through Confusion About Ultraprocessed Foods

With debate about ultraprocessed foods frequently making headlines, the University of California, Davis, Department of Food Science and Technology highlighted work its researchers have published to bring clarity to the subject. For researchers, part of the challenge is the speed at which processed foods and ingredients are now created. "We're creating ingredients so rapidly, we don't have time to study them," said Alyson Mitchell, a professor and food chemist at UC Davis. "The food technology has moved faster than the health studies have." ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

In the world of short fruit trees, the first pruning is usually Mother's Day. This first pruning is done because the rain made my trees shoot up new growth. Interestingly, one of the peach trees has peaches at the top and sides of the tree. Usually, this tree has fruit on the inside of the branches. Finally got the trunk of the espalier Apium painted.

Last year that chore did not happen and the bark on the trunk which is fully exposed to the sun due to the way espalier is pruned flat. Sadly, I noticed the bark had sunburned last year. Fortunately, my back is doing a bit better so on a mild, cloudy day I painted that trunk. I'm hoping no permanent damage has happened. Trees are amazingly resilient.

As I painted this relatively young tree I thought about old gnarly apple trees, I've seen high in the mountains that mark where a homestead once stood. The trunks are split, half the tree is deadwood. It gets only natural water so for some drought years these old trees get no water for some time. Still, they set

fruit. The need to reproduce is strong, no matter what conditions exist. I think I have forestalled the further destruction of this tree. It is loaded with fruit so it is getting on with life.

This is when my epiphyllum or orchid cactus show off. First is a yellow one with inner white that had about twenty large blooms all at once. Spectacular! Now a red one with magenta glow inside is showing off. One is almost four inches across. I love this plant and it is one I will always have. There will be leaves from them for sale at the Gridley Green Thumb plant sale on Red Suspender's Day. Come by and get great plants at cheap prices. ★

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May 17, 2025

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AND HAZEL STREETS

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Experience the Magic of Classical Music

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra invites the public to experience “The Magic of Classical Music.”

This free community event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 9 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 400 Spruce St., Gridley.

Join the orchestra for a magical night of classical music by iconic composers such as Mozart, Bach, Vivaldi, Brahms and Handel.

Audience members will also be treated to an original composition by John Paul Bowers. Soloist Jonathan Quine on trumpet will also be featured.

For more information, contact sutter-buttessfamilyorchestra@gmail.com. ★

Community Calendar

Butte County Libraries

Butte County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (G) Gridley branch, 299 Spruce St. and (B) Biggs branch, 464A B St. (open Saturday only). Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

Friday, May 9: Sure Start family play-time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, May 10: Biggs Chess club, 1 to 4 p.m. (B) Afternoon kids’ club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Wednesday, May 14: Color Your World, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon kids’ club, 2 to 5 p.m. (G)

Friday, May 16: Family story time, 10 to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies’ Night Out movie, 6 to 8:30 p.m. (G)

Saturday, May 17: Biggs Chess club, 1 to 4 p.m. (B) Afternoon kids’ club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Friday, May 9 through Saturday, May 10

Feather Fiesta Days in Oroville

Joins us for over 70 years of tradition at Oroville’s hometown celebration of community, culture, and fun! Spanning nine days, this festival transforms Historic Downtown Oroville with live music, classic car shows, beer garden, food court, arts and family fun. Specific daily schedule at visitororoville.com/feather-fiesta-days.html.

Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10

Chico Art Festival

St. John’s Episcopal Church, 2341 Floral Ave., Chico. This event is free and family-friendly with live music and dance, art demos, fun art activities for kids, food trucks, specialty coffees and margaritas. More information at chivaa.org/chico-art-festival-2025/.

Saturday, May 10

North State Model Railroad Train Show

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St. For more information, call 530-797-9264.

Saturday, May 10: Durham Parade & Picnic, all day, starting at 10 a.m. on the Midway, Durham. Join us for the parade, then the fun moves to the Durham Community Park, 1847 Durham-Dayton Highway. for a picnic. In the evening, we cap the day with a home run derby and a professional fireworks show. For more information contact DurhamMayDayParade@gmail.com.

Kids free fishing day

7 to 11:30 a.m., Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Road.

Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17

Red Suspenders Day

Downtown Gridley. The fun kicks off on Friday with an “Unjustice” Court and the Guns ‘n’ Hoses softball game. On

Saturday, bring the whole family to enjoy the pancake breakfast, bed races, the Red Suspenders Day (RSD) Parade and Street Faire, car show, vendors, food trucks, live music and Fireman Games. More information at gridleyareachamber.org/red-suspenders-days/.

Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18

Central California Fainting Goat Show

Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 Hazel St., Gridley. This show is for people committed to supporting and improving the Fainting Goat breed. More information available at faintinggoatguild.com/Shows/CCFGS/CCFGSHomePage.htm.

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Bingo

Thursdays from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Biggs Community Hall, 280-B St., Biggs.

Biggs City Council

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

Gridley City Council

Meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 to 7p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting at gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council. The next meeting will be Monday, May 19.

Gridley Senior Group

Breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. includes bingo at 9:30 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

Gridley Unified School District (GUSD)

Board meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28. Call 530-846-4721 for more information.

Live Oak City Council

Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21.

Rotary Club

Meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990. ★

A Season of Renewal and Readiness in Live Oak



Kary Hauck

By Kary Hauck, City of Live Oak Interim City Manager

As we welcome mid-spring and warmer, drier weather, it’s a time of both excitement and responsibility in the City of Live Oak. With sunshine and longer evenings come opportunities for outdoor fun, and a renewed need to keep our community safe and prepared.

The Live Oak Fire Department has officially launched its annual weed abatement program. As dry grasses and overgrown vegetation quickly become fire hazards, our team will be out throughout the city helping ensure we’re doing all we can to reduce wild-fire risk. We kindly ask all residents to do their part by cutting weeds and trimming tall grass on your properties. Your efforts make a real difference in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

With summer just around the corner, our Parks & Recreation Department is happy to share that the Live Oak Recreation Department



ROOTS & BRANCHES

A Live Oak Civic Snapshot

will begin accepting swim lesson registration beginning Monday, May 5. Registration is available in person at City Hall, so now is a great time to get your child signed up for this essential life skill. And mark your calendars: the Live Oak public pool officially opens Memorial Day weekend, kicking off what’s sure to be another fantastic season of swimming and family fun.

Sports enthusiasts will also be excited to know that the Live Oak Soccer Complex, located at 9150 Linda Street, has goals placed on the fields from Spring through late Fall, welcoming players of all ages for spontaneous practice and pickup games three seasons out of the year. The fields are free to use and open dawn to dusk on a first-come, first-served basis, making it a perfect way to stay active right here in our own backyard.

And for our four-legged

residents, the Live Oak Dog Park is looking better than ever! Located in the same footprint as our soccer complex, our dog park is beautifully manicured and maintained. It’s the perfect place for your precious pooch to run, play and sniff to their heart’s content. Whether you’re walking, throwing a ball or simply enjoying the fresh air, we hope our dog park continues to be a happy hub for both pets and their humans.

We’re extremely proud of the work our departments are doing to keep Live Oak safe, healthy and vibrant. From fire prevention to summer recreation, we’re here to serve, and we’re grateful for the community’s continued support and participation.

Kary Hauck is the interim city manager for the City of Live Oak. Visit liveoakcity.org or call 530-695-2112 for more information. ★

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

Butte College SBDC is a flagship program providing technical assistance throughout Butte, Glenn, Tehama, & Colusa Counties with free one-on-one business consulting and low to no fee trainings in all areas of business startup, development, management, growth & access to capital.



Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Colusa)

This is a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs and pricing. This training is for both existing and startup restaurants and food businesses. Topics include: Understanding profit and loss statements; Industry benchmarks for food costs; How to work from a budget; Industry techniques for calculating plate costs; How to price profitability; and best practice for managing inventory.

Date/Time: Monday, June 2, 2025; 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Cost/Location: Free; 425 Webster St., Colusa

New Venture Series for New and Startup Businesses (Chico)

A 4-week series providing essential information to individuals thinking about starting a business and new business owners. Topics include: Legal Requirements, Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Business, and Overview of the Business Plan - bringing it all together. Learn the legal requirements for starting your business, how to assess your market and plan for direction, how to obtain funding, types of funding available, calculate start-up costs & complete your business plan.

Date/Time: Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2025; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: Free; Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Delivering Outstanding Customer Service in a Retail Business (Oroville)

Excellent Customer Service is critical for increasing sales and profit, employee and customer retention, and sustaining business success. Learning the nuances of customer service that result in outstanding customer experience is a strategy for success in any business. Learn tools to properly train team/ staff, improve customer’s experience, and create a pleasant environment for all.

Include: Advantages of outstanding customer service (i.e., increase sales and profit, customer retention, theft reduction); Creating outstanding customer service (phone, in-person, virtual); Knowing customers’ wants and expectations and examples of modeling practices and behaviors (i.e., scripts feedback, reward) and more.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 10, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

HR Essentials for CA Small Businesses: A Practical Guide to Compliance & Best Practices (Chico)

This workshop will guide you through California human resource fundamentals, hiring, compliance, & employee management. You will learn: Why human resource matters for your small businesses (legal compliance, avoid costly penalties, employee retention, reduce turnover, hiring & performance management); Key California Labor Laws (overtime rules, meal & rest breaks, At-Will employment); Employee Classification - AB 5 Law (Employee vs Independent Contractor); Hiring Laws and Best Practices (Ban-the-Box Law, Salary history ban, anti-discrimination, job posting requirements/SB 1162); Required New Hire Documents (IRS & California Tax Forms, employee notice, workers’ comp sexual harassment prevention training); Employee Benefits & Retention (affordable benefits for small businesses, retaining talent); Required Benefits in California (sick leave & time off requirements, retirement account); Employee Management & Compliance (performance management, final paycheck rules); Employee Terminating Process; HR Tools & Resources for Small Businesses.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 17, 2025; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: Free; Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

ServSafe Food safety Training & Certification (Chico)

California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. This training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices and how to implement them. The trainer is State certified. Participants must register and purchase books 3 weeks before training to allow for book delivery and self-study. Seating is limited. Prepayment reserves your seat.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 24, 2025; 9:00am – 5:00pm

Cost: \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)

Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

To Register for Trainings: CALL: (530) 895-9017

or REGISTER HERE: <https://www.buttecollegesbdc.com/events/>



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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least 72 hours in advance of this event; please send an email with the subject header ACCOMMODATION REQUEST to ButteCollegeSBDC@butte.edu, Chico, CA 95928, (530) 895-9017, konuwaso@butte.edu



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000242
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mirlice Bookkeeping, 400 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Apt 63, Chico, CA 95926

Alice Maria De Lourdes Simbo, 400 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Apt 63, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: March 26, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 26, 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: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025

MIRLICE 5-9-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000241
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bright Path Collective, 1235 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Xpression Transformational Living, 1235 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: March 25, 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: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025

BRIGHT 5-9-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000287
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rush Relief Restoration Services, 6885 Hemlock Street, Redding, CA 96001

Daniel D Lockwood, 6885 Hemlock Street, Redding, CA 96001

Date filed in Butte County: April 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 9, 2025

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RUSH 5-9-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000285
The following person(s) are doing business as: PK Solutions, 1574 Mountain View Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Peter J Kremer, 1574 Mountain View Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: April 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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PK 5-9-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000280
The following person(s) are doing business as: Big Rig Traders, 1267 CA-99, Gridley, CA 95948

Jaskaran Singh, 2665 Allen Street, Live Oak, CA 95953
Date filed in Butte County: April 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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BIG 5-9-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000267
The following person(s) are doing business as: GetFitWithGlen, 35 Omega Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

Glen J Kuehn, 35 Omega Lane, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: April 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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GET 5-16-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000272
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rampenthal's Hauling & Junk Removal, 1338 Estom Way, Oroville, CA 95965

Stephen Joseph Rampenthal and Brittany Michelle Jewel, 1338 Estom Way, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: April 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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RAMP 5-16-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000159
The following person(s) are doing business as: First Choice Smog, 1336 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948

Esteban Haro, 1336 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: February 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FIRST 5-16-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000310
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mow and Grow Landscape, 2878 Swallowtail Way, Chico, CA 95973

Nicolas Miranda-Lavale, 2878 Swallowtail Way, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: April 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 17, 2025

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MOW 5-16-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000313
The following person(s) are doing business as: Towani Organic Farm/Towani/Truckee Certified Farmers Market/Truckee Farmers Market, 2085 Pleasant Grove Lane, Bangor, CA 95914

Guy B Baldwin and Sharon L Casey, PO Box 547, Bangor, CA 95914
Date filed in Butte County: April 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 1988

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

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TOWANI 5-23-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000324
The following person(s) are doing business as: Jiffy Lube, 1218 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Guynn Inc, 4580 Garden Brook Drive, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: April 22, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 1995

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JIFFY 5-23-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000270
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rancho Laguna, 534 Hurleton Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Angelica Alencastro and Martin Alencastro, 534 Hurleton Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: April 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

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 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: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025

RANCHO 5-23-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000327
The following person(s) are doing business as: JR Tax Services, 392 Connors Court, Suite B, Chico, CA 95926

Judith C Rodriguez, 7 Messenger Court, Chico, CA 95973

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

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JR 5-23-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000347
The following person(s) are doing business as: Baked Smashed and Fried, 1166 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Peace Love and Potatoes, 1166 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: April 30, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 30, 2025

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BAKED 5-30-25
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000274
The following person(s) are doing business as: Unified Service Solutions, 2132 16th Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Atsoca Selasor LLC PO Box 722, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: April 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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UNIFIED 5-30-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01351

Petitioner Yvonne Jean DeRenard filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Yvonne Jean DeRenard to Yvonne Jean Felker.

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 June 11, 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 April 14, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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FELKER 5-23-25
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01486

Petitioner Wendy Ann Thornton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wendy Ann Thornton to Julia Ann Ogonowski.

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 June 18, 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 April 18, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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JULIA 5-30-25
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01517

Petitioner Martha Jane Martin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Martha Jane Martin to Jane Martin.

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 June 4, 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

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MARTIN 5-30-25
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01388

Petitioner Herlinda Gonzales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Herlinda Gonzales to Linda Gonzales.

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 June 11, 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 April 15, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

GONZALES 5-30-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
KEITH MOORE
AKA KEITH ROBERT MOORE
CASE NO. 25PR00176

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be oth-

erwise interested in the will or estate of Keith Moore aka Keith Robert Moore.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: June 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661

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MOORE 5-30-25

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TRUSTEE SALE

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GRIDLEY HERALD 5-9-25



First 5 Family Center’s First Year in Gridley

Story and photos
by **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission opened its Gridley center last August at Esperanza House, 630 Washington St. (in the old Gridley Herald building). Representatives Rosaura Reyes, Ana Camacho and Jessica Maldonado addressed the Gridley Rotary Club on April 17 about the opening of the new location.

The “First 5” designation refers to research showing that a child’s brain develops most dramatically in the first five

years of life. Therefore, a child’s physical, emotional and intellectual environments have a profound impact on brain development during this time.

Services are provided by North Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS) covering six counties: Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta and Siskiyou.

The mission of the organization is “inspiring hope and transforming lives,” with a vision of “a world where every person thrives with dignity, connection and opportunity.”

Core service categories focus on raising the next

generation, mental health and wellness, healthy living, housing, disaster services and advocacy and community empowerment.

The First 5 Center at Esperanza House is part of the Raising the next generation category.

The Gridley Center offers playgroups for babies zero to one years old, and children ages three to five, dual language reading groups, bilingual cultural classes for ages two to four, Little Artist art classes for ages three to five and parenting support for pregnant moms and caregivers. Seniors can attend a sewing and

crocheting group.

In addition, diapers, formula and a food pantry are all available at the center.

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services will be joining the Gridley First 5 center soon as a partner according to Camacho.

Reyes indicated that CalFresh visits the center once a month providing nutritional guidance.

Immigration legal service representatives visit the center monthly to assist with work permits, green card and Visa applications or renewals, and naturalizations, Reyes said.

Another resource partner is a culturally based outreach program called “Promotores,” funded by Butte County Behavioral Health. These community-based healthcare workers serve Latino and Hmong families in Chico Gridley and Biggs, helping to bridge the gap between individuals and health care. The aim of the program is to reduce stigma, build trust, and promote wellness among ethnic groups.

Hours for the Gridley First 5 Center/Esperanza House are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.



Ana Camacho (right) addresses the Gridley Rotary Club with the assistance of Jessica Maldonado on April 17.

to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Similar programs are offered at First 5 Family Center Foundations in Oroville, at 2185 Baldwin Ave. For more information, call 530-230-3996.

Broader programs for housing, counseling, healthy living, Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting (TAPP) for parents under age 21, advocacy, disaster assistance including a mobile food bank, are all available through the North Valley Catholic Social Services office at 10 Independence Circle in Chico. To learn more, call 530-345-1600.

Mental health and employment services are offered at the Iversen Wellness and Recovery Center in Chico, at 492 Rio Lindo Ave. Some individuals who have gone through the program are now working as counselors helping others in the program, Camacho said. Mental health counseling is available for children aged 13 and younger, with no fees as long as they have Medi-Cal coverage. Get more information by calling at 530-879-3311.

All services are free to anyone involved in raising children. More information available online at nvcss.org.




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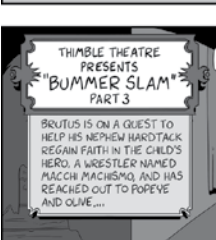
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Gallagher Advances Bills to Help North State Communities

Legislation passes through critical policy committees



James Gallagher
Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Four bills authored by Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) advanced through the legislative process this week at the State Capitol. Each measure authored by Gallagher is targeted at solving problems and supporting communities in the 3rd Assembly District. “As the North State’s representative in the State Assembly, I’m constantly looking for opportunities to solve problems and make California

government work for us. It’s a true honor to shepherd through these important measures that were brought to my attention by local community members,” said Gallagher. “As the legislative process continues to move forward, I will relentlessly advocate for the families, employers and veterans that make our portion of the state so special.” The following legislation advanced unanimously through their respective policy committee this week: Assembly Bill 1343 - Caltrans is selling property it originally purchased in the 90’s with the intent of building a third bridge across the Feather River. AB 1343 allows Yuba-Sutter local governments to keep the property sale revenues for a future third bridge project. Assembly Bill 975 – Hundreds of rural bridges and culverts in Sutter County have been damaged or destroyed by

recent storms and natural disasters. AB 975 will help speed up the repair timeline by exempting some of the burdensome regulatory barriers. Assembly Bill 1196 – Outdated state regulations on certain cardiovascular surgeries place significant financial strain on some rural hospitals. AB 1196 requires the state to update its regulations to reflect advancements in technology and medicine. Assembly Concurrent Resolution 16 – Will designate the Feather River Bridge on State Highway Route 20 in the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City as the ‘POW/MIA Bridge,’ to honor the sacrifice of veterans who have been taken as prisoners of war or have gone missing in action. *Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher represents California’s 3rd Assembly District, which includes Butte, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, and parts of Placer County.* ★

Assembly Republicans Call for Medi-Cal Audit

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After Governor Gavin Newsom requested a \$6.2 billion emergency bailout of Medi-Cal, Assembly Republicans are calling for an audit of the program to determine why costs are rising so rapidly. In a letter to the chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC), Republican lawmakers requested an investigation to explain why Medi-Cal’s cost overruns are so severe, how the Newsom administration failed to accurately estimate the program’s budget, what steps have been taken to stabilize the program, and to what extent did the governor’s expansion of benefits to illegal immigrants contributed to the program’s fiscal crisis. “Medi-Cal is billions of dollars over budget with no clear explanation or accountability from the Governor’s office,” said Assemblyman

Carl DeMaio. “Taxpayers deserve transparency, and a full audit to determine how this happened and how we can fix this vital program Californians rely on for health care.” General fund spending on Medi-Cal has nearly doubled in six years to \$42.1 billion, and total spending on Medi-Cal has grown by 84% to \$188.1 billion. Republicans cited the expansion of Medi-Cal benefits to illegal immigrants as a major reason for the increase, with current-year costs at \$9.5 billion, including \$2.8 billion in unanticipated costs. Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher voiced his support for the audit request: “Democrats’ bad accounting has brought Medi-Cal to the breaking point, making it harder for patients to get in to see a doctor,” said Gallagher. “We owe it to Californians, and to the vulnerable people who depend on this program, to make sure Medi-Cal is meeting their needs.” ★

LaMalfa Praises Repeal of California Emissions Mandates



Doug LaMalfa
Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The week of May 1, the House passed three Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions to overturn the Biden Administration’s approval of California’s vehicle emissions mandates, including the Advanced Clean Cars II regulation, the Advance Clean Trucks regulation, and the Omnibus Low-NOx Emissions rule. Previously approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), these rules allow California to impose aggressive regulations on cars and trucks that drive up costs and restrict consumer choice in California and nationwide.

The three Congressional Review Act’s, co-led by Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale), and introduced by Representatives John Joyce (R-PA), John James (R-MI) and Jay Obernolte (R-CA) repeal these unrealistic mandates, preventing California from being able to force these costly policies onto the rest of the country. “Today’s vote is a big win for drivers, businesses, and consumers across the country. California’s extreme emissions mandates would have made cars and trucks more expensive and less available for everyone, not just in our state but nationwide,” said

Congressman LaMalfa. “Consumers would see massive increases in costs if they chose a non-electric vehicle, and availability of some models has already been severely restricted in California. By passing these resolutions, the House made it clear that we won’t let one state’s radical agenda dictate what Americans can drive. People deserve the freedom to choose the vehicles that work best for them, not to be forced into unaffordable electric vehicles that may not work for them. I was pleased to see the House stand up for commonsense to protect hardworking families from even higher costs. By passing this Congressional Review Act, California will not be allowed to make this type of rule without a complete change in federal law.” Under the Clean Air Act, states are generally prohibited from setting their own tailpipe emission standards for cars and trucks. However, California has a unique exemption under Section 209, which allows the state to establish its own emissions regulations if it submits a waiver to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and receives approval. Once granted, these California standards can also be adopted by other states under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act. Currently, about a dozen states follow California’s emissions policies, effectively turning the state’s regulations into

a nationwide mandate. The Biden administration approved several controversial waivers requested by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), allowing the state to impose extreme emissions rules that impact car and truck costs and availability across the country. These include: Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC2); Approved in Dec. 2024, this regulation mandates that 35% of new car sales be zero-emission by 2026, increasing to 100% by 2035. At least 12 states have already adopted ACC2. Failure to meet this goal means a maximum penalty of \$25,000 per non-compliant vehicle sold to consumers.

Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT); Approved in March 2023, this regulation forces truck manufacturers and retailers to meet strict zero-emission quotas by 2035, including 55% of Class 2B-3 truck sales, 75% of class four to eight straight truck sales, and 40% of truck tractor sales. At least 11 states have adopted Advanced Clean Trucks. Omnibus Low-NOx Emissions Rule; Approved in December 2024, this regulation imposes aggressive emissions reductions on medium- and heavy-duty truck and other engines, requiring Nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions to be cut by 75% below current standards for Model Year 2024 to 2026 compared to 2010 levels and particulate matter emissions to be cut by 50%.

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. ★

Butte College Speech, Debate Team Shines at Two National Tournaments

Butte College News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte College speech and debate team recently returned from two national tournaments with record-setting results, demonstrating remarkable skill, preparation, and teamwork on the national stage. From April 7 to 12, the team competed at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Norfolk, Virginia, where they faced 51 community colleges from across the country. Nine Butte College students brought home 12 gold, two silver, and five bronze medals, marking the college’s most successful performance at a national tournament to date. Julia Irvine tied for first place in the Bovero-Tabor Top Speaker Award, earning four gold medals in individual events.

The team competed in the Wyman Division, which includes schools with a large number of entries, and earned silver in individual events sweepstakes and bronze in overall team sweepstakes. For many students, the tournament was about more than competition. “I went into nationals thinking I wasn’t capable enough. Thanks to my coaches and my team, I proved myself wrong,” said student competitor Grace Muster, who earned a Gold and a Bronze at the event. Award highlights include: Julia Irvine – Bovero-Tabor first place top speaker and gold in poetry interpretation,



The team traveled to Detroit for the NFA Championship, held at Wayne State University from April 17 to April 21. Photo courtesy of Butte College

prose interpretation, program oral interpretation, and duo interpretation. Kyle Landrum – Gold in persuasive speaking, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking. Abel Chavez – Gold in prose interpretation and program oral interpretation; bronze in dramatic interpretation. Ginger Nichols – Gold in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation. Grace Muster – Gold in duo interpretation; bronze in speech to entertain. Madi Weiland – Silver in prose interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.

David Thorwaldson – Bronze in dramatic interpretation, program oral interpretation, and speech to entertain. The team also traveled to Detroit for the NFA Championship, held at Wayne State University from April 17 to 21. This is the country’s largest speech and debate tournament, with most competitors representing four-year institutions. Butte College was one of only a few community colleges in attendance, earning first place among community colleges, fifth in the medium entry division, and 14th overall, surpassing teams from major universities, including Arizona State, Louisiana State,

and Illinois State. Individual Recognitions at NFA included: Grace Muster – National semifinalist, speech to entertain (7th in the nation); duo interpretation semifinalist. Julia Irvine – Semifinalist in program oral interpretation and duo interpretation. Ginger Nichols – Top novice in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation; second place novice in speech to entertain. Madi Weiland – Octa finalist, poetry interpretation. Abel Chavez – Octa finalist in prose interpretation, poetry interpretation, and program oral

interpretation. David Thorwaldson – Octa finalist, dramatic interpretation. These accomplishments are a culmination of months of dedication, research, and rehearsal by students and their coaches. The experience had a lasting impact on many of the students. “Being at these national tournaments these past three weeks reminds me that my voice is a tool to advocate for greater change in society,” said Chavez. “This is more than an academic event but a platform for students to put social issues in the spotlight and inspire others to fight for the same issues we’re advocating for in speech.” ★

Annual Quota Luncheon Attracts All Ages



Happy guests at the Quota luncheon enjoy the wide variety of salads and desserts. Courtesy photo

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - “April Showers Bring May Flowers” was the theme for the annual fundraiser luncheon held by Gridley Quota club on May 2 at the newly-renovated Veterans Memorial Hall.

Tables and tables of every kind of salad imaginable were presented by Quotarians, along with rolls, charcuterie, drinks and tantalizing desserts. Umbrellas and flowers decorated the dining tables. In addition, raffle drawings were held as part of the festivities. Several vendors were present on the sidelines providing an opportunity for guests to shop.

Guests of all ages enjoyed the event, including long-time Oroville resident Ron Whaler and his friend, Jan White, also from Oroville. Whaler

praised the Quota functions in Gridley.

“You guys have fun things going on!” said Whaler. “I don’t even eat breakfast when I know this is going on. You can’t beat it!”

Butte County District 4 Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, and his executive assistant, Robin Cook attended the event.

“I’ve learned about Quota and this luncheon and the great work that Quota does. I try not to miss it. It’s a great community event, and again, what Quota does for the community is something very special. I was not really aware of Quota until I became the county supervisor here. I knew of the group but I didn’t know the great work that they do. This is a fantastic fundraiser and I’m glad that the Veteran’s Memorial Hall was finished,” Kimmelshue

said. “The luncheon has been at the fairgrounds for the last four years (during renovation) and it’s just not the same atmosphere. This is wonderful. That’s what’s great about small communities like we have in Butte County. The community comes together and takes care of their own people and they do great work. I’m very proud of this community.”

Gridley resident Steve Hepworth brought his granddaughter, Cora. His wife, Maggie Hepworth, will be the new Quota president for the coming year, he said.

The Gridley Quota club operates the Quota Thrift Store at 550 Spruce St. and holds numerous service projects throughout the year, such as the ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) fundraiser walkathon that was held on May 3 at Biggs High School. ★

Gridley Council Approves Wildfire Protection Plan

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley City Council had a busy regular meeting on May 5.

First, the results of the 2023 and 2024 financial audit were presented to the council by Gridley Financial Director Martin Pineda and independent auditor Sheldon Chavan, attending remotely.

Chavan recognized that Gridley followed recommendations made in previous audits to eliminate funds with negative cash balances by determining the causes and fixing the problems.

Funds with negative cash balances were reduced from 38 in 2022 to five in 2024, “which is a terrific improvement, just closing and cleaning up those funds,” Chavan said.

The overall governmental fund balance was \$11.8 million, after obligations were accounted for.

Councilmember Catalina Sanchez had questions about the funding of salaries and unfunded pension liabilities.

“It’s a huge concern. It’s going to continue to rise. We’ve been meeting with CalPERS (California Public Employees Retirement System) many times,” City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said. “All the cities are dealing with it. We’ve had a wage study done. That’s key as we move forward into labor negotiations. It is something we are taking very seriously.”

In addition, Sanchez floated the idea of increasing sales tax to bring in additional revenue.

Continuing on, the State Route 99 Waterline Relocation project is nearing completion and came in \$107,000 under budget. City engineer Dave Harden recapped some of the project’s challenges, particularly the Pacific Gas and Electric Company project conflict. Mayor Mike Farr said that the project staff deserved a shout-out for saving the city \$107,000. The council approved the submission of the notice of completion to the Butte County Recorder’s Office.

CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) Chief Chip Fowler, along with Captains Spencer Mallinger and Nick Birdman, then presented the 2025 Butte County Community

Wildfire Protection Plan. The plan came about as a result of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in 2003.

“It’s a collaborative effort countywide to identify and prioritize hazardous fuel reduction projects, as well as address and reduce structure ignitability of our homes, primarily in our wildland areas,” Fowler said.

The 477-page plan is reviewed annually by the Board of Forestry and CAL FIRE representatives in Sacramento, the CAL FIRE regional office in Redding and local CAL FIRE leadership. The plan makes the county eligible for project grant funding, such as fire prevention education, tree trimming, weed abatement and removing debris from ditches and retention ponds.

Councilmember Sanchez enquired about maintenance of fire hydrants. According to Fowler, the goal is to inspect and/or repair hydrants yearly.

The council voted unanimously to adopt the County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.


Public Works Director Ross Pippitt described the parking situation at the south end of Washington Street, with a proposal to paint space lines. Mayor Farr referred to the current situation there as a “free-for-all.” All councilmembers agreed to go ahead with the painting project.

Councilmember J. Angel Calderon reported on the Substance Abuse Prevention Forum on April 29 that he put together. Calderon is also working on a Suicide Awareness and Prevention event during the “Day of the Dead” celebration this November. Butte County has the highest suicide rate per capita in the state, it was reported.

Farr reported on the Northern California Power Agency Policy Conference that he attended with Biggs Mayor Bo Sheppard in Washington, D.C. The conference’s main topic was the implementation of hydrogen instead of natural gas.

Fire Chief Fowler reported on a Gridley fire that recently occurred in a duplex on Ohio Street. The fire was contained with minor smoke damage to the adjacent structure.

Upcoming events include the Fishing Day at Graylodge on May 10 and Red Suspenders Day on May 17. ★



SPARKY'S CORNER


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Sparky wants to remind his friends that lighters and matches are not toys, they are for adults only. Matches and lighters are very dangerous, they can get very hot and burn you very easily. Sparky has a few tips for you to remember:

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- If you find matches or a lighter don't touch it, tell an adult right away.
- If you see another kid playing with matches or lighters tell an adult right away.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



99 Rehab Project Breaks Ground



Speakers for the State Highway 99 Rehabilitation Project groundbreaking on May 1 were Sergio Aceves from CalTrans, City Administrator Elisa Arteaga, City Councilmember J. Angel Calderon, Police Chief Todd Farr and CHP Lt. Patrick Leach.

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It is a project that’s going to benefit everybody in this community.”

Aceves said that he and his staff have met with local business owners, conducting site visits, project walk-throughs and community open houses for community feedback.

City Administrator Arteaga thanked everyone who worked together to make this project possible.

“Our partners at Caltrans, our city staff, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) staff, the agencies who supported our grant funding efforts and dedicated staff who worked hard to move the project forward. Special thanks to our City Council and community members for their continued support,” Arteaga said. “Today’s groundbreaking

marks a major investment in Gridley’s future, because it reflects what collaboration and persistence can accomplish. While we celebrate this milestone, I want to assure you that this is just the beginning, making sure that Gridley is safer, stronger and ready for the future.”

Councilmember Calderon addressed the sore need for additional safety on State Highway 99.

“This project is really close to my heart, due to the fact that there’s a lot of blood on this highway, between here and W. Liberty Road,” Calderon said. “I personally lost a friend of mine on this highway in December 2021 due to poor lighting. He was hit by a truck and we couldn’t celebrate

Christmas with him. I’ve also witnessed a number of near accidents in this area.”

Police Chief Farr encouraged everyone to be patient and respectful with the work.

The concluding speaker was Lt. Leach, who emphasized driver awareness in work zones.

“As this project progresses, we ask all drivers, stay off your phones, maintain safe following distance, slow down when approaching and driving through construction zones,” Leach cautioned. “Recognize that construction zones represent unique challenges: narrow lanes, reduced speed limits, workers on foot, and heavy machinery moving in different directions than the normal flow of traffic. Slow for the cone zone.” ★

Addressing Oroville Dam Concerns

By Shamaya Sutton

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Board of Supervisors has approved a contract with a Sacramento-based law firm to help address concerns over flood risks tied to the operations of Oroville Dam.

On April 22, the board authorized a \$21,600 retainer agreement with Somach, Simmons and Dunn to provide legal services related to a permit application filed by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The agreement will cover services through June 30.

The county is seeking to ensure that the dam's operations do not increase flood risk for communities along the Feather River, particularly in light of past infrastructure concerns and changing conditions not fully accounted for in existing operational plans.

The Oroville Dam, completed in 1967, is one of California's largest reservoirs and a key part of the State Water Project. It holds about 3.5 million acre-feet of water and plays a major role in managing water supply and flood control throughout the state.

When the dam was first planned, a second dam known as Marysville Dam was supposed to be built downstream on the Yuba River to help control flooding. Based on this assumption, the Army Corps of Engineers developed a plan in 1970 with two sets of rules for how Oroville should operate: one for after Marysville Dam was built and a temporary one for before. Since the Marysville Dam was never constructed, the temporary "interim" rules have remained in effect for more than 50 years.

Under these rules, the Oroville Dam has occasionally relied on "surcharge operations," allowing water levels to temporarily rise above normal during large storms. This requires using an



Shown is a drone view of Oroville Dam and the main spillway at Lake Oroville in Butte County. Photo courtesy of Department of Water Resources

emergency spillway that, as it turns out, wasn't built for regular use, and that became a major issue in 2017. That year, heavy rainfall caused significant damage to the main spillway and led to uncontrolled flows over the emergency spillway. Severe erosion threatened to undermine the structure, risking a catastrophic flood event that prompted the mass evacuation of nearly 200,000 people across the region, including those in Sutter County.

Despite this incident, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has yet to issue a new long-term license for the dam's operations. Department

of Water Resources continues to operate under annual temporary licenses while the relicensing application, first filed in 2005, remains pending.

According to Sutter County, the continued use of outdated flood plans puts local residents at unnecessary risk. The county argues that Department of Water Resources' operations on the Feather River, which runs through the county, have changed water flow patterns in ways that could undermine levees and increase flood threats.

Back in 2005, the county hired attorney Stuart Somach to represent it in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

proceedings. At that time, the county asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require Department of Water Resources to develop a new flood control plan that reflects today's conditions (without Marysville Dam); investigate and fix safety issues with the emergency spillway; and assess and maintain the integrity of Feather River levees that are impacted by the dam's operations.

Despite raising these concerns, no formal action has been taken by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the license application. With this new contract, the county will again work with attorney Somach to revisit these

concerns, assess the current status of the licensing process, and explore options to advocate for improved protections.

The legal services will be funded using existing appropriations from the 2024-2025 county budget, with no additional impact to the general fund. County officials expect that the work will be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

This effort supports Sutter County's broader goal of enhancing public infrastructure and achieving the highest possible flood protection standards to maintain flood insurance availability for local residents and businesses.

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