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Getting Ready for Red Suspenders Day!



Gridley Police and firefighters joined the Chamber of Commerce staff for a preliminary picture in preparation for Red Suspenders Day happening on May 17. Photo by Connie Voss

Story by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The day that Gridley has been waiting for is almost here! The annual Red Suspenders Day will be on Saturday, May 17.

For those new to Gridley, Red Suspenders Day started in 1961 as a dance to raise money for the volunteer firemen. Since then, it has grown to a community-wide celebration in honor of local firefighters and policemen, and the fun lasts for two days.

To begin the festivities, one of the traditions of Red Suspenders Day is the arrests made for the “Unjustice Court,” which will be on Friday, May 16. The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the “Warrant for Citizen’s Arrest,” where residents can fill out a pretend warrant to send to friends, family, bosses, employees or



Firefighters on CAL FIRE engine number 74 spray an enthusiastic crowd. Courtesy photo

anyone else to go to “jail.” Those given a warrant will then be arrested by either the volunteer

police or the fire department and brought to Rotary Park for a mock trial. Violations listed on the Red Suspenders Day injustice ticket include jay walking, littering, running a stop sign and showing up on time to work.

Warrants for your favorite “criminal” are available online or for pick-up at the Gridley Chamber of Commerce office. Filing can be done the same day; it’s not too late. The judges, Gridley Chamber of Commerce President Bailiff Lynne Spencer and CAL FIRE Captain Mike Conaty, will sentence and jail any “lawbreakers,” where they will be fed pizza and drinks until they are bailed out. The bail amount depends on the severity of the “crime” and the ability to pay.

Also, on May 16, will be the Guns

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Red, White, and Blue, and Race Cars Too

Silver Dollar Fair is Back

Silver Dollar Fair News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The Silver Dollar Fair is back once again this Memorial Day Weekend, May 22 through 26. Get excited for some “Red, White and Blue and Race Cars Too” with fun for the whole family. All concerts and exhibits are free with the purchase of General Admission tickets. Kids under twelve get in free on Thursday.

The fair schedule is packed with events and activities for all ages. Butler Amusements is back with fun carnival games and thrilling carnival rides, including all your favorites like the Ferris Wheel, the Yo-Yo, and the Zipper. If you’re looking for a more kid friendly experience for the little ones, be sure to check out the kids’ rides too. Unlimited ride wristbands can be purchased on our website.

If you’re an animal lover, check out our Farm Babies exhibit where you can see the cute critters, now including camels, or the Feckle Farms Pony Rides and Petting Zoo where you can get up close and personal with the animals. Plus, we have delightful interactive shows happening throughout the entire weekend, including Puppets & Players where you can stop by to rest and listen to a fun tale with the kiddos. You can’t forget to check out the high-flying Dock Dogs diving shows. Enjoy tricks and stunts performed by these adorably talented dogs. This show takes “go fetch” to a whole new level.

Don’t forget to check out all the amazing food and product vendors throughout the fair. Whether you’re looking to get some shopping done with merchandise vendors or enjoy a sweet or savory treat, we have everything you need for a great weekend! Enjoy your favorite delicious fair food offerings, like Foot-Long Corn Dogs, Cotton Candy, Funnel Cakes, and so much more.

Get ready to rock out with a great live concert while the kids play into the night. We have something for everyone’s taste, and we’re not just talking about fair food. Everclear is coming to rock out on our stage with their Grammy-nominated hits like “Buy You a New

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Race to the Car and Truck Show

Story by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Red Suspenders Day attendees can ooh and aah at the annual Car and Truck Show entries May 17 on Hazel and Kentucky streets.

Better yet, attendees can sign up to have their vehicles displayed. It is not too late to register as registration begins at 7 a.m. May 17 and will cost \$20 per vehicle, the same as pre-registration.

“This year, we decided to change things up a bit and go ‘vintage’ for our categories, 1980 and older,” said event coordinator Annette Boone. Boone and her husband have a 1953 Chevy pickup registered in the show.

The oldest models registered for the annual show, as of press time, are a 1923 Model Rat Rod and a 1932 Ford Hi Boy Roadster.

Awards will be given by the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce for best engine, best truck, best hot rod, best rat rod, best interior, best paint, best motorcycle, best in show and people’s choice.

“We’re really excited to see more car clubs joining

us this year. We have four so far,” Boone said. “The cars really heat up because many don’t have air conditioning. The weather this weekend will be in the mid to upper ’70s, so it will be perfect. You can’t ask for better weather than that.”

The classic vehicles will be on display from 8 a.m. 1 p.m.

“There are other (car show) events going on the same day, so car enthusiasts have to choose. We will be doing a 50/50 raffle, right after the parade and cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100,” Boone said. “Only those who are present can win, so jump in that old vehicle and come hang with us at the Red Suspenders Day Car and Truck Show. And while you’re here, enjoy all of the other events that are going on.”

For planning purposes, the parade on Virginia and Hazel streets starts at 11 a.m. May 17 and an inaugural Police Motorcycle Competition on Washington Street will be at noon.

For more information, visit online gridleyareachamber.org/red-suspenders-days. ★



Check out this 1932 Ford Roadster. Courtesy photo



Here is a 1953 Ford Ranch wagon, suitable for big families at drive-in movies. Courtesy photo

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea has a new podcast where he interviews interesting people about topics related to law enforcement and the human condition. Kory Honea is one of the most respected public servants I have ever known and worked with. He is recognized nationally as an important leader in the field of public administration and law enforcement. Not a lot of people know this, but he has his police certificates and a law degree. You can find his podcast by typing “Kory Honea Podcast” or “Jennifer Honea’s Husbands Podcast” into

Google or Bing search engines.

If you know Terry Hamblin, can you figure out what he is up to? He seems to have something going on, and he is quieter than usual and smiling too much. I thought of Terry a few weeks ago when I was in East Hampton, New York, and found a place called Ralph’s barbershop. When I was a kid, Ralph’s barbershop was the ultimate barbershop in Gridley, and Terry had a chair there for many years. Ralph Newton was the “Ralph” and I wonder if he knows some guy stole his identity and has a barbershop in New York.

The sport of tennis seems to be on the chopping block at the Gridley High School. I always enjoyed tennis, and it is one of those sports that is available to both girls and boys. Moreover, tennis is like golf. It’s one of those sports that you should learn while you’re young because if you’re going to grow up and be an influential mover and shaker

in the world, you need to have played either rugby, tennis, golf, cricket or badminton to really fit in with the people who rule the world. Many a business deal has gone down on the golf course.

It has come to my attention that there was some sort of typographical error in the last column, for which I would like to apologize. If I ever start to doubt that people actually read this column, I can count on a typographical error to reassure me that many people are looking out for my best interests, including my own mother. In my ongoing efforts to one-up my friends who have electric cars, I have used an electric lawn mower. Just for the record, I would like to say... in the kindest possible way that using an electric lawn mower makes you miss Ed Clark and Alan Wakefield and their local businesses a lot.

Josh F.W. Cook is a chaplain and writes for the oldest newspaper in Gridley.

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Manzanita Students of the Month Honored



In the front row, from left, are Violet Thao, Saylor Solansky, Francesca Maciel and Charlie Elrich. In the middle row, from left, are Evan Kullar, Kenedee Terry, Isabella Bautista, Jax Terrell, Michael Zaragoza, Tyler Deniz and Ty Mendenhall. In the back row, from left, are Sawyer Austen, Crystal Paulino Cerros, Natalie Ferguson, Kameron Singh and Principal Joe Lodigiani. Photo courtesy of Manzanita Elementary School

Manzanita Elementary School News Release

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

They have been recognized by their teachers and their principal as students who demonstrate empathy, do their

best and are great role models for our school.

Students include Violet Thao, Saylor Solansky, Francesca Maciel, Charlie Elrich, Evan Kullar, Kenedee Terry, Isabella Bautista, Jax Terrell, Michael Zaragoza, Tyler Deniz, Ty Mendenhall, Sawyer Austen, Crystal Paulino Cerros, Natalie Ferguson, Kameron Singh and Henry Routon.

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MEMORIAL

ERNEST R. CARLQUIST JR. • 06/28/1933 – 05/09/2025

Ernest R. Carlquist Jr, 91, of Gridley, died May 9th, 2025. Ernie was born on June 28th, 1933.

He joined the US Navy on his 18th birthday and served four years on a tug boat in Hawaii.

After leaving the Navy, Ernie started his family with Eleanor (Azevedo) Carlquist of Gridley.

Eleanor died in 2001 and was survived by their children, Richard Carlquist of Oroville, Shirley Carlquist of Chico, and Richard Utterback of Chico, to whom they had been surrogate parents through the years and eight grandchildren.

eight grandchildren have basked in Ernie’s dedication to family.

Ernie’s unmistakable mark can be witnessed through the countless young people he mentored over the years. One of the last to be blessed by Ernie’s love and wisdom was Kael McFadden Dillman who lovingly called him “Grandpa.”

A chapel service will be held to honor Ernie’s memory at 11:00AM on Tuesday, May 20th at Gridley-Block Funeral Home, 679 Ohio St, Gridley, CA, followed by a brief graveside presentation of military honors.

MEMORIAL

SALVADOR ANTUNEZ • 07/26/1949 – 04/23/2025

Salvador Antunez, 75 of Biggs California, went to be with the Lord on April 23, 2025. Salvador was born on July 26, 1949, in Palmito, Durango Mexico to Gabino and Francisca Antunez.

Salvador was married to the love of his life Pamela, and cherished parent to Teena Antunez Barnes and Marcus Antunez.

Salvador served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Retired from Chico Unified School District after 29 years and member of his Church worship team.

Salvador is survived by his brother Arthur Antunez, sisters; Josephine Antunez, Juanita Rathbun, Lorraine Antunez, Rosa Packard (Bill), Hortensia Jackson (Rick), Anita Wilks (John), daughter Teena Antunez-Barnes (Andy), Marcus

Antunez, 11 grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. Preceded in death of (parents) Gabino and Francisca Antunez and (love of his life) Pamela Moyer-Antunez.

Celebration of Life will be held on May 17, 11 am at Calvary Concow Church 101 Gilson Court, Yankee Hill. Internment May 19, at 10 am Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

Salvador will be dearly missed by all who knew him. His legacy of music, humor, and ability to make us laugh will continue to inspire those who were fortunate to share his life.

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The exciting bed races are always a hit at Red Suspenders Day. Courtesy photo

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‘n Hoses softball game at Vierra Park, starting at 6 p.m. Local firefighters and Gridley Police will take part in the Home Run Derby, with benefits going to a local charity. Food will be available to purchase, so enjoy the fun.
On Saturday, May 17, beginning at 7 a.m., “the

finest Pancake Breakfast anywhere” will be prepared and served by Gridley Little League, Masonic Lodge and the Knights of Columbus. The breakfast costs \$8 per person.
From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17, classic cars, trucks and motorcycles will be on display at Hazel and Kentucky streets. Gridley

Chamber of Commerce will award trophies and cash prizes.
The ever-popular Bed Races will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 17 on Virginia Street. Come cheer for your favorite team. At the same time, the Lions Club will hold its Marshmallow Competition in Rotary Park.

Ongoing during the event will be the Street Faire, featuring more than 100 vendors with crafts, gifts and services. Food trucks will be located on Hazel Street at both Virginia and Washington Street corners.
All the downtown parks will be busy with kids’ games, rides and a bounce house. Live music at the Daddow Park gazebo will be provided by Emma and Will.
New this year will be a Police Motorcycle Competition on Washington Street at noon May 17, immediately following the 11 a.m. parade. Come watch policemen show their motorcycle skills!
Firemen games will assess strength and endurance on the west side of Rotary Park, starting at 1 p.m.
Finishing off the day, the Museum on Kentucky Street will serve a tri-tip dinner to raise money for a good cause. ★



Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue enjoys the Red Suspenders Day parade! Courtesy photo

Concert Celebrates Classics



The Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra musicians reflect all ages. From left are Janae Hill, Alice Baucher and Steve Shepard.

Story and photo by Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra devoted its May concert to iconic and beloved classical works by Mozart, Bach, Vivaldi, Brahms, Handel and Beethoven.
The orchestra performed Vivaldi’s “L’Inverno (Winter),” part of “Four Seasons.” The piece is easily recognizable because it has been used in many movies and commercials.
Beethoven’s “Choral Fantasia” was also performed. It was Beethoven’s precursor to “Ode to Joy” and similarities were easy to hear.
The orchestra shared classical pieces reflecting the gypsy music and dances of Eastern Europe and the magical tales from “Arabian Nights.” Jonathan Quine masterfully played the trumpet for one of Haydn’s trumpet concertos.
Joanie Grover directed “The Magic Flute,” a piece from Mozart’s final opera, which premiered two months before he died in 1791.
John Paul Bowers plays the viola in the orchestra and directs pieces. For this concert, he directed “What’s Up at the Symphony,” a whimsical mash-up of classical tunes recognizable from well-known cartoons. Bowers graduates from high school this year and heads to college.
Carol Brown, who conducted the orchestra for 10 years, is serving with her husband, Jim, as missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ethan Jacobsen and Joanie Grover have assumed the orchestra’s leadership duties. Jacobsen, the Gridley High School band director, does most of the conducting and Grover works behind the scenes to organize rehearsals and performances.
The orchestra will present its next concert in December. Concerts are free and family-friendly. ★

Gridley Christian Church Celebrates 140 Years

Gridley Christian Church News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Christian Church was first organized in 1885. God has been so very faithful to this church family. His praises are still given in song, prayer and preaching every Sunday on the corner of Hazel and Washington streets.
On Red Suspenders Day (May 17), come in and see an historical display about the church. You can also pop in for just a bit to use the restrooms or to cool off from the heat.
There will be a shaded area outside with tables and chairs so you can bring your lunch and sit a spell.
There will be a photo-op area to take some



Here is Gridley Christian Church as the church looks today. Photo courtesy of Gridley Christian Church

memorable pictures.
The kids of our church will provide lemonade, popcorn and snow cones to all asking for a donation to help with their trip to summer church camp.
Information will be available about the Colors of His Love Music Camp to be held July 14 to 20. Children 4 years old

through eighth-graders can register.
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Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington St. Call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002 with any questions or concerns you might have. It is a church where everyone is family. ★



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Live Oak Explores Water System Privatization

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak City Council considered a letter of opposition to the proposed California Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) during its May 7 meeting.

Interim City Manager Kary Hauck said that the bill “seeks to grant limited land use authority to transit agencies on properties they own or which they hold permanent easements.” If Senate Bill 79 is approved, Hauck said, transit agencies could approve developments without regard for local policies on building height, density, design or zoning codes.

“The proposed legislation would strip cities and counties of the ability to regulate land use on affected properties, override local general plans that have been carefully developed to balance community needs and growth, disregard the extensive public process required for local housing element certifications, and applied broadly to both residential and commercial developments, not just transit-oriented projects,” said Hauck. “This blanket authority ignores the distinct needs, infrastructure capabilities and planning goals of smaller rural communities.”

Councilmember Bob Woten said it was important for council to oppose this bill because Live Oak

should retain as much local control as possible. City Council voted unanimously to submit the letter of opposition.

The council then discussed a potential \$57,000 contract with PlaceWorks to complete Live Oak’s sixth Cycle Housing Element, a document outlining the city’s compliance with California housing policies. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) requires an updated Housing Element every eight years and this round should have been completed back in 2021.

The city originally contracted with Raney and Associates, which had worked on the updated housing element for several years. However, after various delays, the consultants withdrew from the project in April. Interim City Manager Hauck said that Housing and Community Development has granted the city a brief extension and staff recommended PlaceWorks complete the update and obtain state certification.

Councilmember Nancy Santana asked why the city was considering this contract when “supposably, we don’t have much money.”

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez clarified that this update is a state requirement, not something extra the city is electing to do.



Without an updated and certified housing element, associate planner Laura Stewart said, the city is ineligible for many grant funding sources, including community development block grants, infill infrastructure grants, local housing trust fund programs, affordable housing and sustainable communities’ grants, permanent local housing allocation programs and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) grants.

Santana asked why the city is now required to do this update when it didn’t previously do it. Stewart clarified that the city has been out of compliance since 2021 and added, “We’ve always had to do it. It’s been in progress.”

PlaceWorks Principal Jennifer Gastelum said, “You guys are in a predicament here.” The housing element is a challenging document to complete because the state often takes 60 days to respond to a

submission and there could be new housing policies during that time to include, she said. Gastelum also said she has “a good working relationship” with Housing and Community Development and her specialty “is stepping into problem situations” and getting the certification.

One reason that the city’s housing element submission hadn’t previously been approved, Gastelum said, was because the current document doesn’t show that Live Oak has enough residential land to accommodate future growth. She told City Council that one aspect of the update might include rezoning certain land uses to increase the allowable housing density. While she clarified that the city doesn’t have to construct the housing, the city needs to have policies that facilitate various housing densities and identify fair housing practices.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the new

contract with PlaceWorks.

The city is in the process of undertaking a potential water rate increase since the water fund has been operating at a deficit for many years. Because water rates have not been raised in approximately 20 years, the current rates are insufficient to cover operational costs and infrastructure maintenance.

As a possible alternative option, Interim City Manager Hauck suggested that the city consider divesting the operations to a private utility company, which would assume full operation and management of the water and sewer systems.

The city could issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from interested water agencies, which Hauck said would give City Council an idea of how the privatization process works so council could make an informed decision. The Request for Proposals would be an exploratory process and the city would not be obligated to enter a contract.

Councilmember Hernandez said it’s important for councilmembers to have multiple options so they can make informed decisions.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said, “It’s clear we’re really out of time in regard to acting on this. There’s been far too much

inaction... We have some hard decisions to make ahead of us, and I think it’s great to be able to see the big picture and share that info and get it out there.”

During Public Comment, Shannon McGovern, a representative of the private water company CalWater, said she would like an opportunity to speak at a future meeting to provide details about the services they offer.

One resident said he would like to see a comparison between the possible rate increases and potential water costs through a private company. Hauck explained that those numbers would be available after companies had submitted responses to a Request for Proposal.

Another resident said, “In the long run, I would really hate to turn over control of our local water and sewer to a private entity.” Unlike the city’s water fund, he said, a private company would be driven by profits, which could mean higher costs for the customers. He supported the rate increase, because “it’s going to be less in the long run than what CalWater’s going to charge us.”

City Council voted unanimously to direct staff to release a Request for Proposal.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is on May 21. ★



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Gallagher Commends Law Enforcement for Preventing Planned Attack



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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -
On May 14, in response

to the arrest of two teens accused of planning a violent attack in Tehama County, Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) issued the following statement commending the swift action of the Tehama County Sheriff’s Office and local law enforcement:

“I want to thank Tehama County Sheriff Dave Kain and all involved law enforcement for their swift

action in stopping a potential tragedy. Their vigilance and dedication to public safety protected countless lives. We are grateful for their service and commitment to keeping our communities safe.”

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

Red, White, and Blue, and Race Cars Too

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All concerts will be held at the Farmer’s Brewing Stage at 9PM on their respective days.

The Spazmatics (80’s Cover Band) will be on Thursday, May 22.

Everclear (90’s Rock) will be on Friday May 23.

George Birge (Country) will be on Saturday, May 24.

High Horsepower Truck & Tractor Pull will be on Sunday, May 25.

Demolition Derby will be on Monday, May 26.

You won’t want to miss out as we celebrate “Red, White and Blue and Race Cars Too” at the Silver Dollar Fair this Memorial Day Weekend.

For more information on the event schedule or to purchase tickets, visit SilverDollarFair.Org ★

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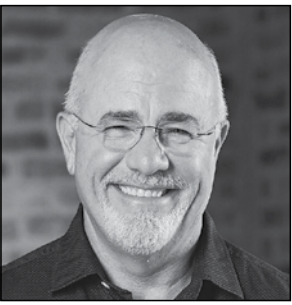
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Dave Ramsey Says All of Your Brain Means *Both* of You

Dear Dave,

My husband and I live in India. I'm from the States, and he was born here. When it comes to our finances, I manage our American investments, and he manages our Indian investments. Every month, we sit down with spreadsheets and go over our finances. I trust him completely, but I'd like to better understand our investments here and how they work. Should I just defer to his judgment, or should I learn to understand things a little better?

– Anna

Dear Anna,

I always tell folks to make sure they completely understand their investments and how they work. So, there's absolutely nothing wrong with learning more about the side of your investments he manages.

I learned a long time ago that when you're married and it comes to

making decisions, you should use all of your brain. That means *both* of you. Two heads are better than one, right? Back when I made all my mistakes with money and we went broke, I didn't listen to anyone about anything. I thought I knew it all. We had investments and owned pieces of property my wife never knew about or laid eyes on.

When it came to our finances, she always trusted me and told me to do what I thought was best. Well, it turns out, I was an idiot. If I'd had an ounce of sense or humility back then, I'd have gone to her with my all my bright ideas. Knowing her thoughts or hearing her say, "I don't know about that, honey. I've got a bad feeling about it" might've saved us a lot of pain and heartache — if I'd listened. But now, I understand like never before the meaning of Proverbs 31:10-12. "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is above rubies. The heart of her husband

safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain" (NKJV).

I'm sure your husband is lot smarter about things than I was. And he's obviously open to talking with you about all this and showing you things. That's a really good sign. But if I were him, and something were to happen, I'd want you to understand everything. I'd want you to know exactly what you have going on and how it all works.

Great question, Anna!

– 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. ★



Bankruptcies Show Stress in Farm Economy

After a four-year downward trend, U.S. farm bankruptcies are on the rise again, with growing concern that the financial health of farms across the country will continue to falter. A total of 216 U.S. farms filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy last year, up 55% from 2023. With 17 filings, California led the nation. "It's just the tip of the iceberg," said Shawn Gill, a Central Valley almond grower who has been trying to reorganize his debts under Chapter 12, noting he has friends who are in a similar situation. "You're going to see a lot more bankruptcies or people going under."

Committee Rejects Tax Credit Bill that Aimed to Offset Farm Overtime Costs

Farm advocates and farmworkers left the state Capitol disappointed last month after a proposed tax credit aimed at boosting farm employment opportunities and assisting farms in California failed to advance out of the state Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. Senate Bill 628, authored by state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, would have created a tax credit to offset the cost to farmers of paying overtime wages. The bill was designed to address unintended consequences of California's 2016 agricultural overtime law, which proponents said would boost farmworker pay but ended up causing workers to lose hours and income, according to research from the University of California, Berkeley.

On the Record: American Psychological Association President Discusses Mental Health in Agriculture

Debra Kawahara, president of the American Psychological Association and associate dean of academic affairs at the California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, spoke about mental health on farms and in rural communities for Ag Alert's® Q&A series, On the Record. "I think there's been an acknowledgment in society at large, and also on farms, that mental health issues are important," said Kawahara, whose family grows strawberries, blueberries, cherimoyas and assorted vegetables in San Diego County. "But there is still much work to be done to overcome the stigma and encourage help-seeking behaviors."

Researchers Remove Proteins in Wheat Harmful to People with Celiac Disease

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have deleted a cluster of genes in wheat that generates gluten proteins that can trigger immune reactions without harming the bread-making quality of the globally produced grain. The findings were published this month in the journal Theoretical and Applied Genetics. "The gluten proteins we eliminated are the ones that trigger the strongest response in people with celiac disease, and their elimination can reduce the risk of triggering the disease in people without celiac disease," said wheat geneticist Jorge Dubcovsky, whose lab at UC Davis conducted the study. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott


Spring is a time of renewal. So many young plants seeking to make seeds. Annual plants this is their purpose. Most summer vegetables are treated like annuals. We grow them, pick their bounty and pull them out. In reality tomatoes and bell peppers can keep going. Under the right conditions they can be kept warm enough to keep going through the winter. I've never done

this but I know of people who do and the plants seem to produce fruit another year. Of course, this means using fertilizer to make them healthy that second go around.

Using fertilizers on plants is something I'm doing more of at this time. Until now I have been an occasional plant feeder. Having Bonsai trees has shown me how much plants benefit from gentle and regular feeding. The trick is to know what you are feeding for and use low number organic foods. For example, look on the label for things like 4-3-3- or 10-10-10 and dilute it so it is lower than 10-10-10. This way you don't burn out your plants with too much fertilizer. I've been getting more flowers on the

epiphyllum (orchid cactus) since I started using 0-10-10 fertilizer in the late winter. I've also started fertilizing the geraniums with a basic flowering food and wow what a wonderful display of flowers. Since I've been using fruiting fertilizer my crabapple and olive bonsai trees are loaded with blooms and hopefully will fruit. I've been experimenting with making fertilizer teas. I put some organic Japanese Maple food into a bucket and added water. I let it sit for a few days then use the liquid to feed the maples instead of having flakes of food on the top of the soil. Stinky but effective. Come by the Green Thumb plant sale on Red Suspenders Day. Great plants and cheap prices. ★





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

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

Tuesday, May 20: Creative writing group, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. In an informal setting, writers share their stories, poems, reflections with the group. (G)

Wednesday, May 21: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon kids’ club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Friday, May 23: Sure Start family playtime, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, May 24: All branches closed for Memorial Day holiday.

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 RSD Parade & Street Faire, car show, vendors, food trucks, live music and Fireman Games. More information at <https://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: <https://faintinggoatguild.com/Shows/CCFGS/CCFGSHomePage.htm>

Thursday, May 22 through Monday, May 26

Silver Dollar Fair at the Fairgrounds

2357 Fair St., Chico. Kick off summer with our carnival, pony rides, fair food, pig races and live entertainment. Tickets

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American Legion Bingo, Thursdays from 4 p.m. 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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

Thursday Night Market: Downtown Chico holds a night market every Thursday night through September 25, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Broadway. The market offers a vibrant blend of farm-fresh produce, unique artisan crafts, and live entertainment, all set in a lively community atmosphere. Presented by the Downtown Chico Business Association. Call 530-345-6500 for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. 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: <http://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 a.m. 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 p.m. 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. ★

Clash Over Teen Sex Solicitation Reveals Rift Within California Democratic Party



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

A reliable political axiom — at least in California — is that when one party achieves dominance in some arena, it fragments into factions defined by ideology, gender, economics, ethnicity, geography or even personality. The axiom has been demonstrated at the local level for decades, such as the perpetual infighting among San Francisco’s dominant Democrats, or the ceaseless squabbling among Republicans when they controlled Orange County.

Democrats achieved absolute dominance in state politics over the last quarter-century, holding all statewide offices and capturing supermajorities in the Legislature and within the state’s congressional delegation.

One might think that such hegemony would manifest itself in sweeping responses to California’s most pressing issues, such as homelessness, poverty, water supply, wildfires and housing shortages — particularly after Gavin Newsom became governor on promises to seek “big, hairy audacious goals.”

It was not to be. The issues that were plaguing California when Newsom took office in 2019 are as formidable as ever, reflecting not only their complexity but the tendency of the dominant party to become a collection of often

hostile quasi-parties.

The disunity has appeared on multiple occasions, but what’s happened over legislation to crack down on sex crimes against children is a stark example.

Two years ago, state Sen. Shannon Grove, a Republican from Bakersfield, carried legislation that would have added human trafficking of a minor to the state’s list of serious felonies, thereby qualifying an offender for tougher penalties. Democrats stalled the bill, which was opposed by criminal justice reform groups. But when reporters asked Newsom about it, he intervened, essentially compelling the Legislature to pass it.

Last year, Grove took up the issue again with legislation that would increase penalties for anyone who solicited sex from a minor, but Democrats insisted that they wouldn’t apply if the minor was 16 or 17 years old. Gay rights advocates demanded what was termed a “carveout,” contending that including older teens could backfire if the law was used to punish consenting relationships.

Grove grudgingly accepted the amendment as the price of getting the measure approved, but the issue was rejoined this year with a bill carried by Assemblywoman Maggy Krell, a Sacramento Democrat who had been a sex crime prosecutor.

Krell’s measure would eliminate the carveout for 16- and 17-year old victims but in a replay of the previous year, fellow Democrats on the Assembly Public Safety Committee struck that provision of the bill, leading to a public squabble on the Assembly floor last week.

Republicans sought to restore the bill’s original purpose and Krell endorsed the effort, saying “We need to say, loud and clear, that if you’re under 18, a child, a minor ... the person buying that person should be charged with a felony. It’s plain and simple, sex without consent — that’s rape.”

She picked up vocal support from some other Democrats but Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas beat back the effort and punished Krell by taking her name off the bill and inserting a phrase declaring an intent to deal with the issue later.

“No one in the room is OK with” minors being sold for sex, Rivas said. “This is a nuanced issue and conversation.”

That, however, is not the end of it because Newsom once again entered the debate.

“The law should treat all sex predators who solicit minors the same — as a felony, regardless of the intended victim’s age,” Newsom said in a statement. “Full stop.”

The image that emerges from this dustup is that of a Democratic Party at war within itself, with Rivas trying to be an “ayatollah,” as former Speaker Willie Brown once described himself, and Newsom distancing himself from his party’s leftist tendencies as a prelude to running for president in 2028.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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)

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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

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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)

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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

How do glasses work?

– Prisha, 8, Pennsylvania

Dear Prisha,
I got glasses as a kitten. I put on my new spectacles and was floored by the crisp details. I had no idea you could see individual leaves on trees. I thought everyone saw a green blur.

I talked about that with my friend Dr. Rachna Narula. She’s an eye doctor—called an optometrist—at Washington State University.

She told me that glasses help direct light to the correct spot in the eye so we can see.

“If someone’s eyeball is too short or too long, glasses help focus the image on the retina because that’s where the person can see,” Narula said.

We see because light gets inside our eyeballs and hits a layer of tissue at the very back called the retina. That tissue is full of cells that change light into electrical signals and shoot them up the optic nerve to our brains. Our brains turn the signals into images.

Getting light to hit our retinas depends on different parts of the eye working together. First, the light goes through the clear, squishy tissue at the front of the eye called the cornea.

The cornea bends the light to focus it toward the retina. Then, the lens, which is behind the cornea, bends the light a bit more.

A black and white illustration of the parts of the eyeball.

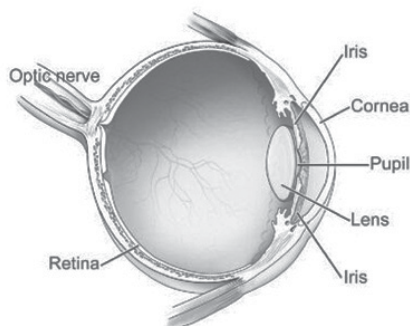
The pupil and iris also help light get into the eyeball. The pupil is the small dark spot we see in the center of our eyes. It’s like a window that allows light to enter the eye. The iris is the colored part of our eyes. Its muscles make the pupil bigger or smaller to control how much light gets in. Image: NIH/Wiki

Ideally, the cornea and lens work together to bend the light so it hits the retina.

But sometimes the distance from the cornea to the retina is too long or too short. The bent light hits in front of the retina or behind it. That makes our vision blurry.

Some people are near-sighted, or myopic. Their distance vision is blurry. Their eyeballs are too long, so the light focuses in front of the retina.

Some people are far-sighted, or hyperopic. Their up-close vision is blurry. Their eyeballs are too short, so the light focuses behind the retina.



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Some people have astigmatism. Their cornea or lens isn’t perfectly round. It’s shaped more like an egg. That scatters the light, making it hit lots of places at the same time. That also makes things blurry.

An optometrist can measure the length and shape of our eyeballs. They use lots of instruments and ask us questions to figure out the perfect lens to correct our vision. Glasses bend the light before it

gets to the cornea. So, the glasses lens, the cornea and the eye’s lens work together to bend the light just right.

A glasses lens can curve inward—called concave—to fix near-sightedness. Or the lens can curve outward—called convex—to fix far-sightedness.

You can tell what kind of lenses you have by looking closely at them.

“Concave lenses are thinnest at the center, and as you go out, they become thicker,” Narula said. “Convex lenses are the opposite. They’re thickest in the center and become thinner toward the edges.”

Some eyeballs need both kinds of correction, so some lenses do both.

Narula told me that lots of people don’t realize they’re having trouble seeing—like me thinking trees are green blobs. It can make doing stuff or learning difficult. It can give us headaches or make our eyes super tired.

That’s why we visit the optometrist. The right glasses can reframe how we see the world.

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Soul Metamorphosis, 5887 Bennett Road, Chico, CA 95973
Keri L Aschwanden, 5887 Bennett Road, Chico, CA 95973
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000353
The following person(s) are doing business as: Winters Bakery, 2250 Notre Dame Boulevard, Apt 4, Chico, CA 95928
Jesse D Winters, 2250 Notre Dame Boulevard, Apt 4, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: May 2, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 2, 2025
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WINTERS 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000350
The following person(s) are doing business as: Honeysuckle Farms, 4801 Vivian Lane, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Honeysuckle Farms LLC, 4801 Vivian Lane, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
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HONEY 6-6-25

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 per-

sons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing 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
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
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
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
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
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Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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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 otherwise 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.
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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.
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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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New Salmon Releases to Support Populations

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a significant shift of California’s salmon strategy, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has begun releasing juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon from California Department of Fish and Wildlife -operated hatcheries into the main stem of the Sacramento River for the first time.

The release of approximately 3.5 million fall-run Chinook salmon smolts into the main stem of the Sacramento River occurred in mid-April near Redding and Butte City. The fish originated from increased production at California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s hatchery operations at the Feather River Fish Hatchery and the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery. California Department of Fish and Wildlife -operated salmon hatcheries historically have supported populations on their home rivers elsewhere in the Central Valley.

“We strongly support the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s bold decision to release salmon smolts directly into the main stem of

the Sacramento River, a historic first that gives juvenile fish a fighting chance at survival,” said Scott Artis, executive director at Golden State Salmon Association. “With Sacramento fall-run Chinook returns at crisis levels, and fishing families and businesses having been impacted since 2023, this innovative move is exactly the kind of action we need. We applaud the tireless hatchery staff who made this possible and stand with them in the effort to rebuild our salmon runs and revive California’s commercial and recreational fisheries.”

Last month, for the third year in a row, the federal Pacific Fishery Management Council recommended the closure of all commercial salmon fishing in California while also recommending an extremely limited ocean sport fishing season due to continued low abundance of salmon populations.

While fisheries managers are seeing some positive signs for fall-run Chinook salmon in other parts of the Central Valley due in part to increased hatchery production from state-operated hatcheries and better in-river conditions with wetter years, returns to the main stem of the Sacramento River remain at

concerningly low levels.

“The naturally spawning Sacramento River salmon populations have been the primary driver of California’s commercial and recreational salmon fisheries for decades,” said Jay Rowan, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Branch Chief. “Poor spawning and migration conditions for fall-run Chinook during the past two droughts have resulted in low returning adult numbers the last three years. These low adult returns not only affected fishing seasons but also reduced the number of spawning adults and, consequently, the number of juvenile salmon available to take advantage of the good river conditions to rebound this part of the run. The extra effort by our hatchery staff to maximize production has allowed us to take measures this year to speed up the rebuilding of these critical Sacramento River natural spawning areas. This significant shift in strategy speaks to California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s long-term commitment to boosting these important salmon populations.”

The 3.5 million fish being released into the main stem of the Sacramento River are part of an additional 9.7 million salmon



The fish originated from increased production at California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s hatchery operations at the Feather River Fish Hatchery and the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery. Photo courtesy of California Department of Fish and Wildlife

produced in 2025 above normal production goals, funded in partnership with ocean and inland fishing groups. California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s hatchery operations, in coordination with the state Department of Water Resources, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and the federal Bureau of Reclamation, will raise and release more than 28 million fall-run Chinook salmon in total in 2025.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Sacramento River salmon releases are being timed with increases in water flows that have been shown to improve survival in their journey to the Pacific Ocean and with salmon releases from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Coleman National Fish Hatchery in Shasta

County to overwhelm predators with a massive volume of released fish.

Additionally, California Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided the Coleman National Fish Hatchery with 10 million salmon eggs to help meet its production goals and offset low adult salmon returns to the federal fish hatchery located on Battle Creek about 3 miles east of the Sacramento River in Anderson.

The juvenile salmon released into the Sacramento River are expected to imprint on the main stem during their migration to the ocean, which in three years upon their return to freshwater is expected to increase the number of adults utilizing important natural spawning areas within the main stem. ★

Memorial Day Ceremony Features Col. Glen Brady

Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In honor of our nation’s fallen servicemen and women and in recognition of those still serving, the Gridley-Biggs

Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee invites area residents to join the annual Memorial Day Ceremony and observances on May 26.

This year’s event featured speaker is Colonel Glen Brady, retired from the United States

Air Force after 26 years of distinguished service. The ceremony will conclude with a fighter jet flyover by pilots from the Ninth Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base.

The Community Memorial Day Ceremony will be at the


Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, 2023 Highway 99, Gridley, from 10 to 11 a.m. May 26.

For more information, contact Cliff Wagner at 530-321-1388.


Local citizens representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and

the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery formed the Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee in 1996 to raise funds for a memorial to honor veterans of foreign wars and overseas action as well as those who have served in peace time. ★

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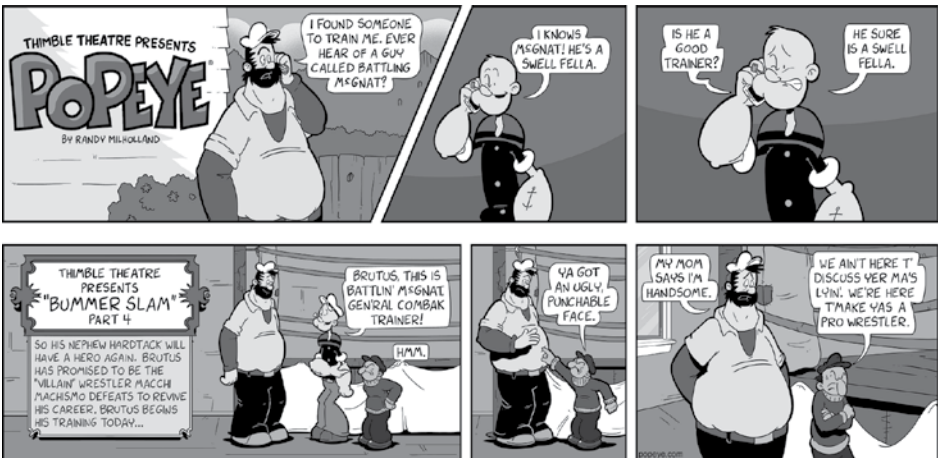
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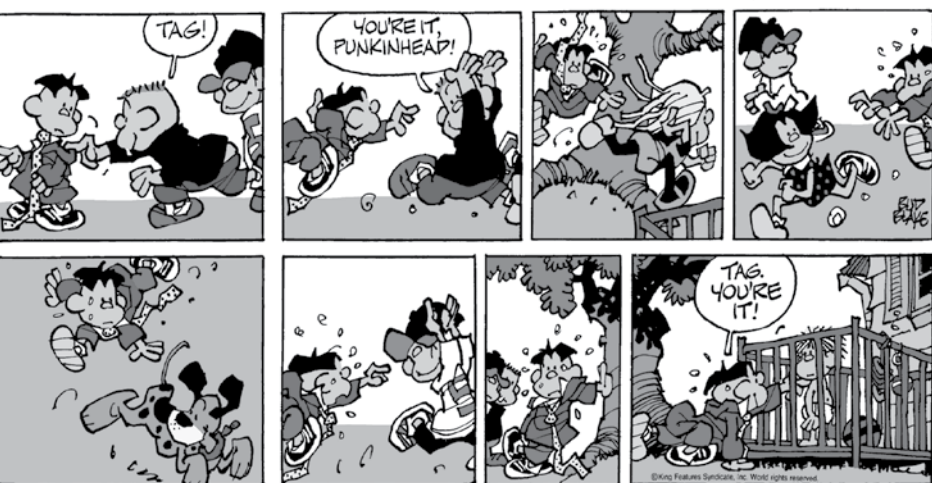
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Why a Contentious Project to Raise California’s Shasta Dam Could Move Forward Under Trump

By Alastair Bland,
CALMatters.org

Near the southern flank of Mount Shasta, springs and snowmelt converge to form the McCloud River. This Sacramento River tributary, held sacred by the Winnemem Wintu tribe, teemed with Chinook salmon before Shasta Dam, built in the 1940s, blocked their annual migrations.

“The winter run was the main sustenance source for the Winnemem Wintu throughout history,” said tribal member Gary Mulcahy. “We consider them the grandfather of all salmon.”

For several years, Winnemem Wintu leaders have collaborated with state and federal officials to reintroduce the critically endangered fish to this wilderness waterway in a historic effort to revitalize the McCloud and reconnect with their past.

But a federal proposal to increase the height of Shasta Dam by more than 18 feet to provide more water to farmers now threatens the tribe’s land and could harm salmon runs.

Contemplated for decades and gaining traction among Republican lawmakers, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s proposed Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project would boost the capacity of California’s largest reservoir.

Since President Donald Trump took office for his second term, the federal government has not mounted any public effort to raise the dam. But Trump has taken several steps in that direction, including signing executive orders instructing federal officials to waive environmental rules and deliver more water to California growers.

Last week, the dam project appeared to get a push in the House Natural Resources Committee’s budget reconciliation bill, with a designation of \$2 billion “for construction and associated activities that increase the capacity of existing Bureau of Reclamation surface water storage facilities.” Though the budget language does not name Shasta Dam, experts say it’s precisely crafted to facilitate the project.

“There’s no mystery here,” said Barry Nelson, policy advisor with the Golden State Salmon Association. “That language is designed to push the Shasta raise.”

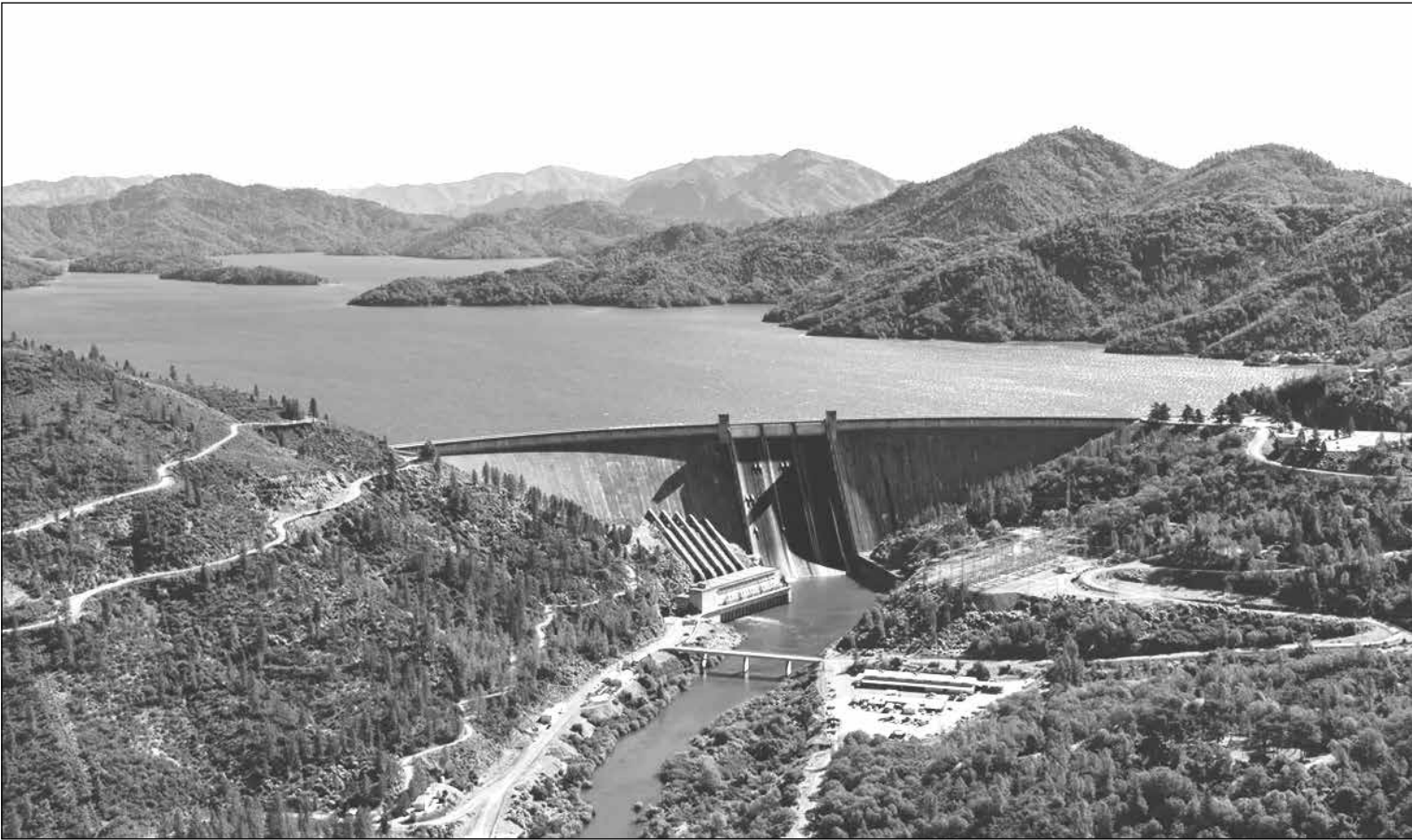
Raising the dam was the “number-one priority” water project for the first Trump administration, Nelson said.

However, U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, a Republican whose district includes Shasta and who helped draft the budget language, told CalMatters that while he endorses enlarging Shasta Dam, the reconciliation bill’s “funding is not for any specific project.”

Last year, a bill that would have allocated funds for enlarging the dam while prohibiting state laws from obstructing the project died in the House. It was sponsored by 12 California Republicans, including LaMalfa.

The Bureau of Reclamation estimated in 2014 that enlarging Shasta Dam would cost \$1.4 billion — roughly \$1.8 billion in today’s dollars. Obtaining the array of state and federal permits for the dam could take years and is likely to face court challenges.

The project would provide an additional 51,300 acre-feet



An aerial view of Shasta Dam. A federal project to enlarge the dam seems to be gaining momentum. Photo by Sara Nevis, California Department of Water Resources

of water per year to recipients — mainly farmers — of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project, according to a federal estimate. That would increase the amount they receive on average by less than 1%, which Ron Stork, a policy expert with the group Friends of the River, referred to as “decimal dust.”

The dam project would claim some of the Winnemem Wintu’s last remaining territory and could violate the state’s Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which explicitly prohibits constructing reservoirs on the McCloud’s final miles before entering Lake Shasta.

State officials have publicly opposed the project in the past. In 2013, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife said raising the dam would have “significant and unavoidable impacts” on the Sacramento River ecosystem. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has similarly warned federal officials that the project would restrict high-water flows and reduce fish habitat.

State officials declined to comment for this story. Bureau of Reclamation spokesperson Peter Soeth also declined to comment.

Stork, a longtime opponent of the dam raise, said the Trump administration is liable to ignore the state law. Trump’s January executive order directed federal officials to deliver more water through the Central Valley Project “by increasing storage and conveyance ... notwithstanding any contrary State or local laws.”

“We certainly expect some serious mischief here,” Stork said. “The president’s executive order more or less says, ‘Please find ways to accomplish my agenda by trying to get around state and federal law.’”

Mulcahy, the Winnemem Wintu’s government liaison, said Lake Shasta flooded 90% of his tribe’s historical territory. “Village sites, sacred sites, cultural gathering sites,” he said.

Increasing the dam’s height will do even more damage, he said, periodically inundating many important gathering places, including the Kabyai Creek burial ground, where dozens of tribal members were laid to rest after a vicious 1854 massacre by white settlers.



An aerial view of fall-run Chinook salmon migrating and spawning in the Feather River in Oroville on Oct. 28, 2024. Photo by Xavier Mascareñas, California Department of Water Resources

It would also flood a cleansing pool for Winnemem men, a riverside dancing mesa and a young women’s coming-of-age ceremony site called Puberty Rock. This, Mulcahy said, will fray some of the last remaining cultural threads holding together the tribe, which he said consists of about 140 members.

“We wouldn’t be able to hold the ceremonies that are necessary to fulfill our spiritual and cultural needs,” he said.

The Winnemem Wintu are not included on the official list of federally recognized tribes, which could limit their influence over the project.

Polarizing farmers and environmentalists

Like many Delta and Central Valley water supply projects, the Shasta Dam raise has polarized farmers and environmentalists in a dispute over how it would affect Chinook salmon.

Environmentalists and fishery advocates say it will imperil already declining salmon populations, while project proponents, including the Westlands Water District, say it will help the ecosystem.

Westlands provides water, imported mostly from the Delta, to San Joaquin Valley farmers who grow 150,000 acres of pistachios and almonds — their main crops — as well as other fruits, grains and vegetables.

But General Manager Allison Febbo said the Shasta project isn’t directly about water supply. Rather, she said, it’s meant to help fish. Febbo explained that increasing the reservoir’s volume will keep its water colder, which is essential for spawning.

If the plight of the fish improves, Febbo said, regulations on water diversions might be eased — which would amount to an indirect benefit to water users like Westlands.

“We keep getting ratcheted down as the species continues to decline, so our water supply isn’t going to get any better until the species gets better,” Febbo said.

LaMalfa also stressed that the project would be “a win-win” by increasing water storage and better insulating the reservoir’s cold-water pool.

“More water for people and

more cold water for salmon,” LaMalfa said. Raising the dam would mean “more water for people and more cold water for salmon.”

But Nelson, at the Golden State Salmon Association, said Shasta Dam has already “been absolutely catastrophic for salmon.”

“The idea that a Shasta raise would benefit salmon — particularly under this set of federal agencies — is absurd,” he said.

Completed in 1945, the dam blocked Chinook from reaching hundreds of miles of stream habitat. For the winter-run Chinook — whose unique life cycle involves residing and spawning in freshwater through summer — the ice-cold McCloud was their stronghold.

“It can be 110 degrees in the canyon there, and you can be standing in the river in waders and your legs are so cold it hurts,” said Rene Henery, California science director with the group Trout Unlimited, as he explained the importance of the McCloud to the future survival of winter-run Chinook.

“The idea that a Shasta raise would benefit salmon — particularly under this set of federal agencies — is absurd,” said Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association.

Today, the fish — which enter freshwater in the winter — cling to existence in a short stretch of river downstream of Lake Shasta, surviving thanks to the release of cold water stored deep in the reservoir. However, this resource frequently runs out in the

summer as the fish lay and fertilize their eggs, which can lead to complete spawning failures in lethally warm water.

While a more voluminous reservoir could theoretically keep its water colder for longer, Henery said the changing climate is likely to complicate this equation. Filling the enlarged reservoir in a hotter, drier future is the main problem.

“Dams don’t make water, so in a low-water year, raising the dam does nothing,” he said.

In wet years, he added, the enlarged dam will harm fish by capturing water that would otherwise flood vital wetland habitat downstream, like the recently restored Yolo Bypass, west of Sacramento. “The inundation we get on the Yolo Bypass is what’s keeping salmon populations hanging on in the Sacramento,” Henery said.

Jon Rosenfield, science director at the advocacy group San Francisco Baykeeper, added that “expanding the dam will capture more of the high flows (during wet years) that are now the only lifeline those fish have.”

Mulcahy said he is hopeful that the project — though currently revving with Republican horsepower — will soon run out of steam. Labor and material costs are rising, he said, and the longer the project goes unbuilt, the more expensive it gets.

“They’re going to try and negate state law so that they can proceed however they want,” Mulcahy said. “But if we can last this one out, I think it may bury itself once and for all.” ★



Rows of pistachio trees in farmland outside of Mendota. Farmers in this area receive Central Valley Project water from the Westlands Water District. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local



Water flows through the Delta–Mendota Canal near Firebaugh on May 2, 2025. The canal is part of the Central Valley Project. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

Rep. LaMalfa Announces Winner of 2025 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On May 6, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced the winner of the Spring 2025 Congressional Art Competition. Anderson Union High School Senior, Neo Garcia, won for her piece “Fools Gold.”

The annual Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students in California’s First District. This year’s theme was “California Gold”.

“I’m thrilled to announce that this year’s winner of the Congressional Art Competition is Anderson Union High School Senior Neo Garcia. Her piece, “Fools Gold” perfectly captured this year’s theme,” said Rep. LaMalfa. “This piece, which shows a person panning for gold only to discover pyrite in the river, offers a thoughtful take on the hopes and hardships of California’s Gold Rush history. It’s a clever reflection on the fine line between promise and disappointment. Neo’s work will represent the North State in the halls of the Capitol, where it will be seen by visitors, staff, and my colleagues on their way to the House floor.”



Anderson Union High School Senior, Neo Garcia, won for her piece, “Fools Gold.” Photo courtesy of Congressman Doug LaMalfa

The winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol along with other contest winners from Congressional districts nationwide. The winner not only receives the honor of having their art hang in the Capitol exhibition but will also receive two tickets from Southwest Airlines to fly to Washington, D.C. and take part in viewing their art in the exhibition. There will

also be a reception in the U.S. Capitol held in honor of the Congressional Art Competition winners.

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. ★

What They’re Saying: LaMalfa Introduces Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act



Doug LaMalfa

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - May 8, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) introduced H.R. 3300, the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2025, to ensure aerial fire retardant remains available for wild-fire suppression efforts without being tied up in Clean Water Act permitting delays. The bipartisan bill clarifies that federal, state, local, and tribal fire-fighting agencies do not need a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to use fire retardant from aircraft when responding to wildfires. The bill, introduced alongside Reps. Panetta (D-CA) and Hurd (R-CO), has already earned strong support from local leaders, here’s what they’re saying:

“The Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act gives wildland firefighters the tools they need to protect lives, communities, and forests from catastrophic wildfire. It will prevent unnecessary litigation that could block the aerial use of fire retardants, one of the most effective tools we have to slow the spread of fast-moving fires. This commonsense bill, paired with proactive, science-based forest management, is essential to confronting our nation’s growing wildfire and smoke crisis. With another dangerous fire season approaching, Congress must act swiftly to pass the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act. We cannot afford to let our forests burn while proven suppression and management tools are tied up in red tape,” said Travis Joseph, President/CEO, American Forest Resource Council.

Matt Dias, president and CEO of Calforests said, “maintaining healthy forests supports the economy in Northern California and beyond and safeguards communities at risk

from catastrophic wildfire, but prevention is not enough. Fire retardants have played an integral role in stopping some of the most devastating wildfires in recent history, and the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act will ensure our wildland firefighters continue to have access to this critical firefighting tool. I urge Congress to pass the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act to safeguard aerial fire retardants, which is ultimately a decision to prioritize lives, land, businesses, and forested environments.”

Chair Butte County Board of Supervisors Tod Kimmelshue said, “Butte County knows first-hand the destruction that wildfire can bring to our communities. It’s essential that firefighters have the ability to use fire retardant to protect lives and communities.”

Chris Edwards president of Oregon Forest Industries Council said, “Oregon is home to some of the most productive forests in the world, but the severe wildfire seasons in recent years have made it clear that many of these landscapes are increasingly vulnerable and at risk. In order to maintain this treasured resource for recreation, for key species habitat, and for the production of renewable building materials, the agencies that are responsible for keeping our communities and forests safe during wildfire season must have every tool in the toolbox available for use. The Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act is a perfect example of commonsense legislation that will facilitate the timely and effective use of one of the most essential suppression tools available to us. We urge Congress to take quick and decisive action in passing this Act.”

Butte County Supervisor Doug Teeter said, “the health, welfare, and economic prosperity of the residents of Butte County, along with many other rural communities, are uniquely reliant on, and impacted by, the Forest Service’s wildfire suppression efforts, which is why I am urging Congress to pass the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act to allow the Forest Service to continue deploying aerial fire retardants.”

Paul Petersen, Executive Director of the United Aerial Firefighters

Association (UAFA) said, “UAFA is deeply troubled by efforts to restrict the use of aerially applied fire retardant through legal challenges. At a time when wildfires are expanding rapidly into the Wildland-Urban Interface where communities are at greater risk, fire retardant is a proven, essential tool in assisting wildland firefighters in their fight to contain, control and defeat wildfire. The tools that slow or stop the spread of wildfire are critical to protecting lives and property. As this lawsuit threatens to continue into its third year, UAFA strongly supports Congressman LaMalfa and Senator Lummis’ legislation, the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2025, which allows the federal, states, and tribal governments to continue the use of aerially applied fire retardants.”

Bill Connelly, Rural County Representatives of California, Butte County Representative said, “aerial fire retardant is one of the most effective wildfire suppression tools in our firefighting arsenal. Its swift application can stop a wildfire from becoming catastrophic, saving lives, property, and landscapes. The Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act will safeguard this critical tool for firefighting agencies, ultimately protecting our families, businesses, and communities.”

Greg Bolin, Town of Paradise, California said, “no one knows the damage that wildfires can cause more so than communities like mine. We lost our town to one of the biggest fires in California history, so securing access to aerial fire retardants for wildfire suppression is a very personal issue for us. Our brave firefighters need every tool in the toolbox to protect human lives and property against wildfires, and the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act would significantly move the needle in that effort.”

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Fire Safe Landscaping

With the spring planting season finally here, the Gridley Fire Fighters would like to talk a little about some landscaping options while still staying fire-safe!

A fire-safe landscape isn't necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. A fire-safe landscape uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home. Fire resistant plants are great in California because they are often drought tolerant too.


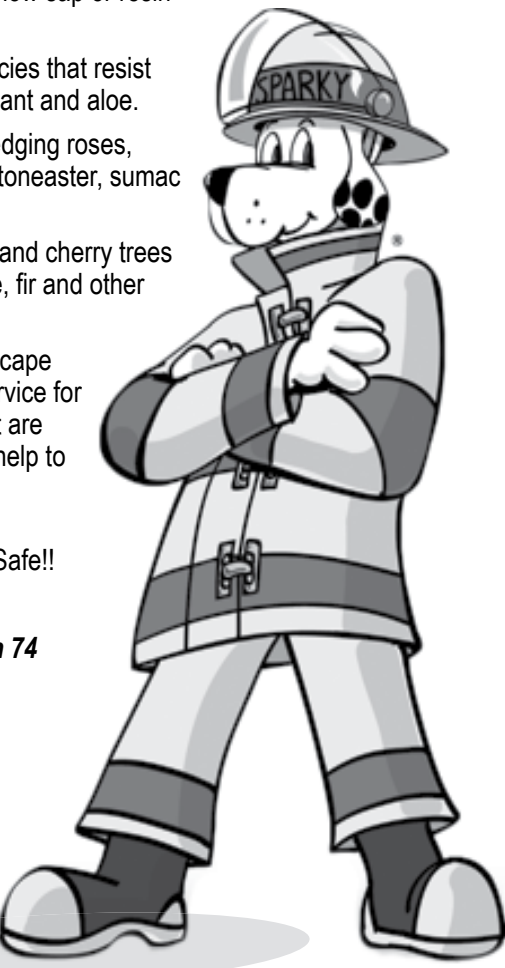
The good news is, you don't need a lot of money to make your landscape fire safe. You will find that a fire-safe landscape can increase your property value and conserve water while beautifying your home.

- Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, decks and roadways.
- Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective firebreaks.
- There are no “fire-proof” plants. Select high moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content.
- Choose fire-retardant plant species that resist ignition such as rockrose, ice plant and aloe.
- Fire-resistant shrubs include hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.
- Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that is less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

Check your local nursery, landscape contractor or county extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your environment, and help to plan your landscape.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Creative Thinkers Presents Original ‘Robin Hood’ Production

Creative Thinkers News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Creative Thinkers is thrilled to present “Robin Hood: The Ballad of the Hooded Archer,” an original stage adaptation, at the Church of Glad Tidings from May 18 through 23. This fresh take on the timeless legend of Robin Hood bursts with humor, romance, thrilling swordplay, and a modern twist, making it a perfect adventure for audiences of all ages.

Performances will take place nightly at 7 p.m. at the Church of Glad Tidings, 1179 Eager Rd, Live Oak, bringing to life Sherwood Forest’s iconic hero, his loyal band of misfits, and their daring fight against a corrupt crown. Featuring original music, local talent, and unexpected surprises, this family-friendly production celebrates courage, community, and the enduring spirit of justice.

Inspired by classic Robin Hood tales and countless retellings, writer Caleb Zurakowski and director Joe Steele craft a love letter to the stories we cherish, infused with vibrant energy and a contemporary voice.

“This version is for everyone,” says Steele. “Expect laughter, heart, and a few surprises that will keep you on the edge of your seat.”

Tickets are available at the door, \$10 per adult, \$5 per child.

From daring rescues to duels in the forest, The Ballad of the Hooded Archer promises an unforgettable experience that brings the legend to life like never before. Don’t miss this thrilling celebration of heroism and hope.

For more information, visit the Creative Thinkers Facebook page at facebook.com/CreativeThinkersYubaCity. ★

Gridley Trap Team Gets Big Donation

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For the third year in a row, the Gridley Moose Lodge has made a sizeable donation to the Gridley Trap Shooting team (officially known as the Clay Target Team). Moose Lodge Past Presidents Larry Evans and Travis Stoppelmore, along with Troy Thompson, presented the award with a giant check for \$1,500 at Gridley High School on May 2.

“They helped with the Crab Feed (Feb. 22). They helped us set up, serve and clean up. We had a jar for donations that night and that’s what we gave to them,” said Evans.

Coached by Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Justin Kern, the team consists of 44 members from both Gridley High School and Sycamore

Middle School. About one-third of the team is female, said Kern.

Other sponsors besides the Moose Lodge include the California Deer Association and the National Rifle Association.

The team receives plenty of adult support from Keith Hamilton, Todd Quist, Andrew Becker and Drew Hall.

Part of the California State High School Clay Target League, the team practices at Coon Creek in East Nicklaus. Each member of the team shoots two rounds of 25 shots each week. Kern then enters the top 16 scores virtually for weekly competitions with the rest of the league. Other communities in the league include Bakersfield, Bishop, Orland, Foothill, Turlock, Whittier and Yreka. Gridley placed first in the league last year, according to Kern.

The season runs from March



The Gridley Trap Shooting Team receives a check for \$1,500 from the Gridley Moose Lodge. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzich

until the end of the school year.

On May 31, 21 students from Gridley will compete with 29 other teams in the state tournament at Kingsburg. Each competitor will shoot 100 rounds. Most of the Gridley contestants will be high school age but middle school students with weekly scores of 30 or better will participate as well, according to Kern. ★

Bulldog Baseball Finish the Season Strong

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball finished the regular season out strong as they ended on a seven-game winning streak, 19-8 overall, and 10-0 in league.

The Bulldogs finished off the regular season in back-to-back games against the Oroville Tigers. On Tuesday, May 6 the Bulldogs hosted the Tigers and dominated. After taking an inning to get their bats warmed up, the Bulldogs scored three runs at the bottom of the second to take an early 3-0 lead. The Scoring would continue as they would score one in the third inning, and then an explosion of five runs in the fourth. While the Bulldogs provided strong offense, their defense played just as well as they would allow 0 runs up to the start of the fifth inning. That would continue to be true as the Bulldogs held strong on defense and scored one more run to end the game early with a final score of 10-0.

On Thursday, May 8, the Bulldogs traveled to Oroville for part two of their back-to-back match-up. The Tigers, eager to make up for their bad loss just two days earlier, started the game off better, only allowing a single point after two innings. That would not hold, as the Bulldogs scored four runs at the top of the third to extend the lead to 5-0. The Tigers would score one run at the bottom of the fifth and the score would hold at 5-1 until the top of the sixth, where the Bulldogs would detonate for nine runs leaving the home crowd stunned. The Bulldogs would hold strong on defense and once again, end the game early with a final score of 14-1.

Heading into the playoffs, the Bulldogs are the No. 2 seed behind the West Valley Eagles in the Northern Section Division III. The Bulldogs will play the winner of the game between the Lassen Grizzlies, and the Central Valley Falcons on Tuesday, May 13. Regardless of the opponent, the Bulldogs will play at home on Friday, May 16 at 4 p.m. ★



Big Game Looms for Bulldogs Softball

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs softball team split in their second-to-last week of the regular season.

On Tuesday, May 6, the Bulldogs faced the Las Plumas Thunderbirds in Oroville. After a dominating previous week, the Bulldogs completely cooled off and could not get anything going. While not being able to score, the Bulldog defense suffered too, as the Thunderbirds scored 10 total points, and ended the game early with a final score of 10-0.

The Bulldogs quickly made up for their loss against the Thunderbirds when the Live Oak Lions traveled to Gridley on Friday, May 9. The scoring got started early, as the Lions scored a single point at the top of the first. The Bulldogs responded with five runs of their own to take an early 5-1 lead. After holding the Lions to 0 runs at the top of the second,

the Bulldogs added two more runs to their already lopsided lead. The scoring would slow down for both teams until the bottom of the fifth when the Bulldogs scored five more runs to end the game early after allowing only one more run from the Lions. The Bulldogs would win the game 12-2. All but two players on the Bulldogs scored at least one run.

The Bulldogs will face the Orland Trojans at home on Tuesday, May 13, after press time, in a crucial game that could decide seeding for the playoffs. Right now, the Bulldogs stand with a 15-5 overall record and 5-4 in league. If the Bulldogs win this upcoming game against the Trojans, that could vault them to No. 2 in the league and help them hold on to their No. 1 seed in the Northern Section Division III. With a loss, it could mean a falling down to the No. 3 seed in the section forcing a win-to-play scenario in the playoffs rather than a first-round bye. ★



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