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Quota Club Honors Scholars



Forty-six students from Gridley, Biggs and Live Oak attended the luncheon. All students have GPAs of 3.9 or higher.

Story and photo by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Forty-six scholars from Gridley, Biggs and Live Oak High schools, along with principals and counselors, gathered for the annual Quota Scholarship Luncheon on May 16 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall.

All the students achieved a Grade Point Average of 3.9 or higher. In years past, the GPA necessary to attend the luncheon was 3.75 or higher but the cut-off had to be raised because of space.

"You guys keep getting smarter and smarter, and we only have a limited amount of money and space, so we had to take it up to 3.90," said Quotarian Sue Bernard.

Each student stood and introduced themselves and shared their inspiring plans. Plans varied from attending Butte College or Yuba College, Chico State, Washington State, University of California at Davis, Santa Barbara,

Santa Rosa or entering the military.

A few examples: Nathan Zumwalt said he plans to major in criminal justice at Butte College.

Also attending Butte College will be Ryan Taranto, majoring in kinesiology while he plays baseball.

Allie Little from Biggs will attend Chico State University for nursing.

Live Oak High School student Mason Eccles will enter the United States Marine Corps in special operations.

Bernard shared inspirational messages, first from Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, "You cannot dream of becoming something you do not know about. You have to learn to dream big. Education exposes you to what the world has to offer, to the possibilities open to you."

Bernard continued by quoting Winston Churchill, "Success is the ability to go from one failure to another, with no loss of enthusiasm."

The late Kobe Bryant said "Great things come from hard work and

perseverance. No excuses."

Finally, Steve Jobs said, "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your inner voice, and most important, have the courage to follow your own heart and intuition. The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking, because you'll know it when you find it."

Quota's mission is "Empowering the advancement of women and children" and scholarships for high school students fit that category. The cash total for the scholarships being awarded this year is \$18,500, much of which came from the Quota Thrift store revenue. Winners were announced at their school's award nights.

Several of the scholarships are earmarked for those pursuing trade schools and some are unclaimed. There is still time to apply. Call 530-546-2437 for more information. ★

Gridley Promotes Two City Employees

Story and photo by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Two Gridley employees were recognized at the Gridley City Council meeting on May 19.

Ryan Carlson is the new interim utility director and Jerry Cox is the interim public works director/supervisor. Both have taken over for retired director Ross Pippitt who did both jobs. City Administrator Elisa Arteaga complimented both men for a smooth transition.

Carlson has been working for the city for 11 years as an electrical supervisor. He assists with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) to ensure quality power delivery for Gridley residents.

Cox was formerly the public works supervisor and has worked for Gridley Public Works Department since 2008.

The first item for consideration was to approve the project list for Senate Bill 1 (SB1) that is submitted annually to the California Transportation Commission. This earmarks funds for road maintenance. SB1 the Road Repair and Accountability Act passed in 2017 addressing road rehabilitation and critical safety needs. Project revenue for Fiscal Year 2025-26 estimate is \$192,211

"This is really important to the city," said Arteaga. "We do have a plan for the roads but we don't have enough funds."



Here are promoted city employees Jerry Cox, interim public works director, and Ryan Carlson, interim utility director.

Some discussion followed, concerning funds that might come to the city through Governor Gavin Newsom's new gas tax hike. Arteaga pointed out that during the time of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encampment after the Camp Fire, money that was received was utilized for roads.

"Now we don't have that funding. We have to look for other resources," Arteaga said.

Cox and Arteaga indicated that equipment for the road repairs would have to be done either with an antiquated paver that needs frequent repairs or rent it for \$1000 per day.

City engineer Dave Harden joined

the meeting remotely. Harden commented that roads are prioritized on the rate of return, in other words, how much they are used. In addition, some pavements were not done in the last few years because of the upcoming 99 Rehabilitation project, saving the money for payments that would be needed for that, according to Harden.

Next, approval was given for a professional services agreement with Utility Design Services that was proposed by representative Al Smatsky. About 40 utility poles have been deemed rotten and were replaced by Utility Design Services in Gridley and Biggs. Smatsky said. O-Cal

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Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program at Risk

Community Action Agency of Butte County News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is facing its most significant threat since its inception over 40 years ago. Federal employee terminations and the program's proposed elimination in the fiscal year (FY) 2026 federal budget proposal have the potential to leave the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program service providers across the country stranded. Butte's Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program Service Provider, the Community Action Agency of Butte County, has taken measures to try to preserve the program that has served as a critical safety net for the area's most vulnerable populations, especially during extreme weather.

On April 1, the entire federal staff responsible for administering Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program was dismissed as part of a broader reduction at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (US HHS), which included 10,000 employees. Additionally, on May 2, the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program was eliminated in the president's budget request for fiscal year 2026.

The budget proposes to end the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program based on a 15-year-old report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and other undocumented or erroneous information about the program. The budget proposal proposes to instead support "low-income individuals through energy dominance, lower prices, and an America First economic platform."

"I hope the Trump administration is successful in bringing down energy prices, but it is unrealistic to think that will happen quickly," said Tim Hawkins, chief executive officer of Butte's Community Action Agency. "What is certain to happen more quickly is the electricity being shut off to several thousand of our most vulnerable Butte households, including many seniors on fixed incomes. And then they'll be evicted."

In 2024, the Community Action Agency of Butte County assisted 2,434 Butte households with \$2.3 million in the Low-income

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High Wheelers Knock Inaugural Season Out of the Park

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - After much anticipation, the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers knocked their inaugural season out of the park on Tuesday, May 20, at the newly renovated Bryant Field in Marysville. The long-awaited debut brought out civic leaders, baseball fans and curious locals eager to witness the return of professional baseball to the region.

The High Wheelers are the newest addition to the Pioneer League, one of Major League Baseball's Partner Leagues. While not directly affiliated with Major League Baseball farm teams, the Pioneer League maintains a professional level of play and operates in partnership with the MLB to scout and develop talent.

Opening night started strong. Alex Jones, Community Engagement drector for Blue Zones Project Yuba-Sutter, hit a high note with the National Anthem, followed by a patriotic flyover courtesy of Beale Air Force Base. It was a grand-slam kind of start, right down to the ceremonial first pitch thrown by local legend Jim Stassi, grandfather of MLB catcher Max Stassi and longtime mentor to generations of area ballplayers.

Prior to opening, the City of Marysville stepped up to the plate with \$250,000 which the High Wheelers then matched through other private sources.



June, the High Wheelers' "bat dog," retrieves a bat during the team's opening game at Bryant Field in Marysville on Tuesday, May 20. The crowd quickly fell in love with her charm and energy. Photo by Chris Pedigo

This team effort brought about \$500,000 in stadium upgrades, giving Bryant Field a fresh polish. The project included new lighting, padded outfield walls, improved seating and concessions, and a new scoreboard. As the sun dipped below the horizon, fans toasted the team's debut with locally brewed High Wheelers IPA from Sutter Buttes Brewing, while kids scrambled for foul balls near the dugout.

The High Wheelers kept their cool under pressure, securing a 5-2 win over the visiting Grand Junction Jackalopes on opening night. They followed it up with a 3-2 victory the next day, showing early signs that they're

a team with serious potential. The momentum continued into Thursday, May 22, with another nail-biting 6-5 win. On Friday, May 23, the High Wheelers dominated the field with a resounding 9-0 shutout, marking their fourth straight victory.

The streak came to an end on Saturday, May 24, as the Jackalopes managed a 6-3 win. But the High Wheelers bounced back in a big way on Sunday, May 25, sealing the six-game series with a commanding 14-4 victory.

The Jackalopes, hailing from Grand Junction, Colorado, are a seasoned squad in the Pioneer League. Like others in



Kris Anglin, a Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers pitcher, winds up during the team's inaugural game at Bryant Field in Marysville on Tuesday, May 20, against the Grand Junction Jackalopes. Photo by Chris Pedigo

the league, they face off in six-game series each week, a setup designed to cut down on travel and foster competitive rivalries.

Next up, the High Wheelers hit the road to challenge the Northern Colorado Owlz, based in Windsor, Colorado. They'll be back on home turf starting June 10, when they host the Glacier Range Riders from Kalispell, Montana.

Fans looking to get in on the action can grab tickets, see the full schedule, and pick up official gear at www.highwheelersbaseball.com. With a strong start and hometown energy behind them, it's clear this team is ready to swing for the fences. ★



High Wheelers players sign autographs for young fans along the dugout rail after their inaugural win at Bryant Field in Marysville on May 20. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Local fans filled the seats during the High Wheelers' opening night under newly installed lights at Bryant Field in Marysville on May 20. The \$500,000 renovations included enhanced seating, improved lighting, and a revived fan experience, ushering in a new era of professional baseball in the Yuba-Sutter region. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



An infielder for the High Wheelers throws on the run under the lights at Bryant Field in Marysville during the team's first-ever game on Tuesday, May 20. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Gridley Promotes Two City Employees

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analysis (an assessment of structural integrity for each pole) and Joint Pole paperwork for those poles can be carried out by Utility Design Services.

"The work is estimated to cost \$32,050 but it's projected to bring in about \$400,000 in revenue," Smatsky said.

Questions were raised by councilmembers about the possibility of reusing the old poles, which would otherwise be disposed of as hazardous waste. Smatsky indicated that could be done.

Continuing, Gridley Police Chief Todd Farr requested and was given approval to continue the School Resources Officer (SRO) agreement. The School Resources Officer agreement has been in place for four years and has been successful. Gridley Unified School District will provide \$91,453 in funding and the expense is expected to be \$118,297, resulting in a cost to the city of \$26,944, Farr said.

Committee reports were given by Councilmember J Angel Calderon, who attended the Homeless

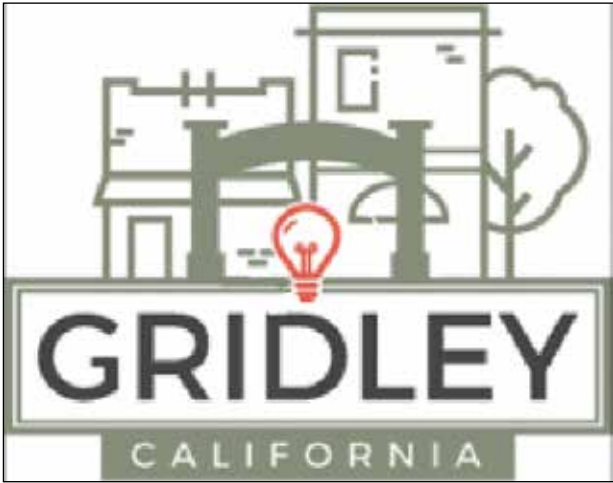
Continuum. A 10-year plan for decreasing homelessness was presented, with optimism. Calderon outlined some of the reasons for homelessness, including those on Social Security who cannot pay rent anymore.

Vice-Mayor Johnson attended a mosquito abatement meeting and reported that there have been 12 pounds in Butte County that have tested positive for Lyme Disease. West Nile Virus has been identified in nine dead birds. Mosquito fish are available through the agency and

can be helpful in reducing the mosquito population, Johnson said. The state is severely limiting the amount of pesticide that can be used in sprays to one drop per 100 gallons, not very effective.

"It all comes down to the health of our citizens," Johnson concluded.

City Administrator Arteaga spoke positively about not needed to purchase as much power this summer, although there will still be a need to purchase some at a cost of \$4.1 million. Arteaga added that the wage study is nearly



completed for the upcoming labor negotiations.

Financial Director Martin Pineda supplied figures for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds received by Gridley, totaling \$6.4

million. This information had been requested at a previous council meeting.

Police Chief Farr and Fire Chief Chip Fowler reported that there were no major incidents on Red Suspenders Day. ★

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Council Appoints New Permanent City Manager



The Live Oak City Council appointed Benjamin Moody, center, to serve as the new city manager, with a three-year term beginning on June 9. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the May 21 meeting, the Live Oak City Council announced the selection of a new permanent city manager, Benjamin Moody. The approved employment contract is for a term of three years with a total annual compensation amount of \$210,000. That total also includes a stipend for Moody's professional engineer and land surveyor certifications. His term will begin on June 9.

During public comment, Live Oak resident Cruz Mora alleged that Interim City Manager Kary Hauck had worked for Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma's election campaign, which was a "complete conflict of interest." His allegations continued, but his microphone was cut, and Vice Mayor Pamma clarified that he only purchased campaign signs from Hauck, just as fellow Councilmember Nancy Santana did.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said that the interim city manager had not been part of the recruitment process for the permanent position, so the comment wasn't relevant to the motion at hand.

The council voted 4-0 to approve Moody as city manager, with Councilmember Santana absent.

Councilmember Bob Woten said the council took a lot of time to interview qualified candidates.

"I believe we have chosen the best," Woten said.

Councilmember Ashely Hernandez said that Moody's professional certificates will allow him to wear "multiple hats," which will result in cost savings for the city.

Vice Mayor Pamma said, "You're going to be an asset to this community."

Mayor Chapdelaine appreciates Moody's "depth of knowledge across departments" and said his strengths align with city priorities.

"It's a great opportunity. It's a challenge I'm looking forward to," Moody said.

During general public comment, Mora said, "What you just did was created a Brown Act violation, which opens the City of Live Oak up to litigation. You may not cut my mic while I'm giving a public comment."

He said he believed the council should look to Councilmember Santana as an example for how to lead and stand up for the community.

"She made campaign promises and she's keeping them. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves for precluding her from the conversation and even giving her the time of day to allow her opinions and her solutions get out in the open," Mora said.

Finance Director James Ramsey presented the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. After input from council, the budget will come back for further discussion and action at future meetings.

"The city is currently in a structural deficit, but revenues have not increased commensurately," said Ramsey.

Due to inflation, there has been a significant cost increase on services, supplies, and salaries. The largest costs to the city are in public safety, for fire and police services.

In an attempt to create a balanced budget and reduce the deficit, Ramsey said they have worked to eliminate non-essential expenditures, identify opportunities for revenue production, and reallocate staffing costs. Despite those efforts, Ramsey said revenues are not sufficient to cover costs.

"So, we do have a shortfall of \$1.6 million, which we'll have to address throughout," Ramsey said.

The projected General Fund balance for June 2026 is \$437,000.

Vice Mayor Pamma requested a detailed breakdown of the cuts be presented at the next meeting.

"I think it's important for the public to realize how we all sat together, all the department heads, and we went line by line to see where we can cut and help the city out," said Pamma.

"We are trying our best here and jurisdictions are hurting across the board."

Mora said the council should defer non-essential projects, re-bid contracts, and pursue more grant funding.

"It's time to tighten your belts, cut the fat, and stop the spending," Mora said.

No council action was required, and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The council then considered an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant application, in partnership with Yuba-Sutter Transit and Pacific West Communities to create a more competitive application.

The application requests \$12 million to Pacific

West Communities to construct an affordable housing development on Larkin Road, \$1.5 million to Yuba-Sutter Transit to enhance operations, and \$4.5 million to the City of Live Oak for new sidewalks, bike lanes, and a multi-use trail.

The multi-use trail will be constructed over an existing Reclamation District open drainage ditch, which has been a barrier to the development of the already-approved Silver Oaks Subdivision. Staff said funding this enclosure will have multiple benefits.

The grant is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and award announcements are expected in December 2025.

Councilmember Woten said getting that ditch covered will be a "major accomplishment."

Councilmember Hernandez said this grant would benefit residents by "[providing] affordable housing to people who need it most. And in these tough times in our economy, I know it's desperately needed."

Simren Pamma from the Live Oak School Board said school buses are unable to complete turns at some locations in the city due to sidewalk placement, so he asked for consideration when new sidewalks are planned.

The council voted 4-0 to approve the grant application submission.

Interim City Manager Hauck said staff held the first meeting with the consultant working on the City's Housing Element. After some discussion, it looks like the city will be able to meet future growth without having to rezone any land.

Vice Mayor Pamma relayed a recent incident in which "a member of the public came in creating a scene, kicked over the city manager's door, and filed a false police report saying staff harassed that person."

Pamma said he watched a video of the incident, and the accusation is a complete fabrication, saying "The public needs to work with staff and be respectful."

Mayor Chapdelaine acknowledged the public in attendance and said he was glad to see more people than usual.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for June 4. ★

'America's Best Restaurants' Features Railhouse



Owner Tim Trusheim, America's Best Restaurants host J. Russell, Haleigh Trusheim, Kari Trusheim, and Emily Trusheim in front of the Railhouse Pub & Grill. Photo by Connie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's own Railhouse Pub & Grill was nominated for America's Best Restaurants TV show. The show's crew showed up on May 19.

America's Best Restaurants traveling west coast host, J. Russell, sat down with the Gridley Herald and answered a few questions. The America's Best Restaurants company is based in Florence, Kentucky, while Russell lives in Phoenix, Arizona. On the current trip, Russell and his videographer Josh are travelling from Sacramento to Medford, Oregon.

Some basic criteria need to be met, such as the restaurant needs to be a brick-and-mortar store, not just a food truck.

"There are three ways

to get nominated on the show. The first way is, a customer comes in, has a great time, and says 'Hey this restaurant needs to be on the show.' They'll reach out by scanning our QR code on the back of our van. The second way is the restaurant can say 'Hey, we think we deserve to be on this show.' The third way is we'll reach out to a restaurant and say, 'Hey this looks like a phenomenal place.'"

Tim & Kari Trusheim said, "someone voted for us," And it was a total surprise.

"America's Best Restaurants, what they're about, is just helping spotlight local restaurants to the nation. 2016 is when they started," said Russell. "This is my 149th episode in 29 states, and I have never seen a Tenderloin sandwich have two patties

stacked on top of each other like they have here. My favorite item is easily the Mac 'n' Cheese balls."

Russell said he judges restaurants by how long their staff has been with them, and the Railhouse employees have all been there for years. Employees Jessica and Liz confirmed this, as they have both been there eight years. They both emphasized that the best part of working there was "The owners!"

The Trusheims have 60 years of combined experience in hospitality. They have operated the Railhouse for eight years. Their daughters Haleigh and Emily work there too.

The America's Best Restaurants episode will air within three months, possibly as early as next month.

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Time for Teddy Bear Check Ups



Orrin anxiously waits for his sock monkey (also named Orrin) to have his broken arm set. Photo by Connie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Stuffed toys of all kinds (not just Teddy Bears) made it to the 26th annual Teddy Bear Clinic at the Gridley Medical Specialty Center on May 15. The goal is to help kids learn that the doctor’s office is not a scary place. Members of the Pathways program at Orchard Hospital served as clinicians. All of them experienced the Teddy Bear Clinic in grade schools. “I came here with Manzanita as a first grader. I want to become an architect, but I really like Pathways because it’s a lot of fun,” said Pathways student Gus Stogsdill. Pathways is available to high school students during all four

years at Gridley High School. The nursing students go to Orchard Hospital two days a week for shadowing nurses and other hands-on experiences, according to Gracie Leishman. The Pathways volunteers saw Monster Trucks, as well as a penguin that had broken an arm and a leg when he was skydiving and forgot his parachute. Mae Povey’s stuffed toy had broken ears, for which Band-Aids were applied. A student named Brickston had a snow leopard with a broken tail and was given a splint. Many of the stuffed toys were updated on their immunizations. Between five and six hundred Transitional Kindergarten (TK) thru first grade students from Manzanita and McKinley



Students lined up at the first table to supply patient information. Courtesy photo

Elementary schools, Kids Castle and a few independent pre-schools were in attendance. McKinley students walked over, and the Manzanita students came by bus. Several dozen extra stuffed animals were lined up behind the exam tables for students who forgot to bring theirs. One girl started crying hysterically because she wanted one of the extras in addition to her own! One of the Pathways students gave it to her. At the first table, assistants registered each patient from the respective student, including the ailments requiring treatment. Information forms were collected for each and every patient. Event coordinator Kirsten Storne-Piazza, who

started the program 28 years ago, reviews all of them one-by-one after the event is over. “I look for red flags (for children in abusive situations). I have had two since we started. Kids will say what’s wrong with their animal more than they’ll say what’s wrong with themselves,” Storne said. Storne got the idea for the clinic when she attended a conference back east. Talking with local law enforcement, they all agreed to try it out. The program has been held every year, except for the years during the Covid pandemic. CalFire, Gridley Police, and First Responders were all present to instruct kids on what to do in emergencies, and answer questions about what they do. Firefighters showed some of their equipment and taught the kids to crawl low under smoke during a fire. Gridley PD officer Ashley Gibson informed children about the 911 system. The First Responders showed the students the stretcher that they use for people with injuries. Each student received a coloring book entitled “A Visit to the Hospital” to help children know what to expect if they ever become a patient. Children and adults all had an enjoyable, educational time. ★



Pathways students wait for the next group of students to arrive at the Teddy Bear Clinic. All spoke favorably of the Pathways program. Photo by Connie Voss

2025 Community Awards Winners

City of Oroville News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Oroville is pleased to announce the winners of three major community awards designed to honor the pride and stewardship of local individuals. Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence winner was Lake Oroville Area Garden Club. Established in 2002, this annual award honors individuals or groups whose lifetime achievements have significantly improved the quality of life in Oroville. Named in memory of Samuel J. Norris, who served as Oroville’s City Engineer from 1911 to 1952, the award recognizes visionary leadership and civic service. Norris was instrumental in developing the city’s early infrastructure, including the stormwater system and paving plans for the business district projects that continue to benefit Oroville today. Recipients of this award are individuals or groups who have made a lasting impact on Oroville through community service, positive leadership, and achievements that inspire others to make a difference. Historic Preservation Award winner was Washington Building, established 1856; The Huntington House, established 1910; The J.M. Clark Building, established 1856

Presented by the Oroville Historic Advisory Committee, this award recognizes individuals, businesses, or organizations that demonstrate outstanding commitment to the preservation and restoration of Oroville’s historic architecture and landscapes. “Oroville’s identity is deeply rooted in its historic character,” said Patrick Piatt, Community Development Director. “This award celebrates the pride and stewardship of those who protect and restore the city’s most cherished landmarks.” The City launched the award in 2024 and plans to offer public tours of this year’s winning properties starting in October, continuing a new tradition that brings local history to life. Your Voice for the Arts Award winner was Oroville State Theatre Arts Guild; David Tamori Presented by the Oroville Arts Commission, this award honors individuals and organizations who have made a meaningful impact on Oroville’s cultural scene through artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation. Nominees are evaluated for both the quality of their work and their contributions to the community. “We are so pleased to celebrate the people who make Oroville what it is,” said Mayor David Pittman. “Their dedication, creativity and leadership bring our community to life and move us forward.” ★





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Bulldogs Fall Short in Playoffs

By Dillon Longmire

COTTONWOOD, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball season ends against the West Valley Eagles. On Tuesday, May 20 the Bulldogs baseball team traveled to Cottonwood to face the West Valley Eagles in their second playoff game. After losing to Lassen in their first playoff game, the Bulldogs needed to win this game in order to continue in the playoffs. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs offense came to a screeching halt right at the worst time. The Bulldogs were overwhelmed by the Eagles as they scored two runs to start the game and without a response from the Bulldogs, the game quickly got away from them. The Eagles scored another run in the second inning, and then another three in the fourth to extend the lead to 6-0. After a scoreless fifth inning by both teams, the Eagles would score two more runs in the sixth and with another scoreless inning from the Bulldogs, the Eagles held a strong 8-0 lead entering the seventh. After holding the Eagles to nothing, The Bulldogs would only score one run (senior Richard Villalobos) ultimately ending the season with an 8-1 loss. Although it didn’t end the way the Bulldogs wanted, this season was still worth celebrating. The Bulldogs finished with a 19-10 season record (second in Northern Section Division III) and 10-0 in league play (first). The experience, and memories made will be something the young men on the team will never forget. ★

Supporting California’s Salmon Supply

Governor Newsom announces upgrades to 21 fish hatcheries to boost salmon populations

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced on May 8 that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is upgrading 21 fish hatcheries to boost the state’s salmon and trout populations and protect hatcheries from the impacts of climate change.

The project helps build the California salmon and trout supply, which are central to the health of California’s biodiversity but also Indigenous peoples, communities and the state’s multimillion-dollar fishing industry.

“Our salmon populations are not only an important part of our state’s biodiversity but a rich component of our history and heritage. We have a responsibility to prepare for the future, protect the ecosystems, and people whose well-being are connected to the continued success of these important species,” said Governor Newsom.

Over the past decade, state-operated hatcheries have experienced a host of climate-driven impacts, including reduced cold-water availability, increased disease outbreaks, emergency fish evacuations due to extreme weather events and wildfire threats, which caused temporary facility closures. These issues have strained hatchery operations and threaten the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s ability to meet its fish production goals, including those for federally and state listed species.

The “Climate Induced Hatcheries Upgrade Project”



The project helps build the California salmon and trout supply, which are central to the health of California’s biodiversity but also Indigenous peoples, communities and the state’s multimillion-dollar fishing industry. Photo courtesy California Department of Fish and Wildlife

was first funded with \$15 million in emergency drought funding in 2021. Since that funding was allocated, Department of Fish and Wildlife has been working with leading hatchery and hydrology consultants to identify specific concerns regarding water quality and quantity, fish rearing and water supply infrastructure and operational inefficiencies at the hatcheries. Consultants developed individual reports for each hatchery with recommendations and changes needed to address climate issues and provide reliable operations for the next 40 or more years.

“As climate disruption continues to reshape California’s landscape, Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to innovative action to support our state’s fisheries and the communities that depend on them,” said Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Charlton H. Bonham. “The Climate Induced Hatcheries Upgrade Project is

a roadmap to ensure that our state-operated hatcheries can meet the challenges of the future while promoting ecological health and economic vitality.”

Jay Rowan, Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries branch chief said, “Department of Fish and Wildlife recognizes the important role our hatcheries play in species conservation and providing commercial and recreational fishing opportunities for Californians. Our hatcheries are on the front lines experiencing some of these rather dramatic changes in the environment that are impacting our operations. These upgrades and modernization efforts are key elements of the California Salmon Strategy for a hotter, drier future.”

The Climate Induced Hatcheries Upgrade Project included a thorough assessment of each hatchery’s water supply, fish-rearing infrastructure and operational efficiency.

Key findings and proposed upgrades include resilient

infrastructure; replacement of aging plumbing and valving systems to prevent costly emergency repairs and ensure reliable operations into the future. Many state-operated hatcheries are more than 80 years old.

Implementation of partial recirculating aquaculture systems, water treatment and temperature management systems will reduce water demand and improve efficiency, while reducing pathogens that can cause disease.

Integration of advanced control systems and passive energy generation will minimize water use, operational costs and environmental impacts.

Infrastructure upgrades tailored to withstand more extreme climate events are projected over the next 20 to 40 years, ensuring production remains sustainable.

Governor Newsom has worked with tribes, communities and industry partners to help build and protect the state’s vital salmon populations. Last year, Governor Newsom announced California’s first strategy to protect the iconic fish species for generations to come through the California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter Drier Future. In March 2024, Governor Newsom distributed \$50 million in grants to support a diverse array of habitat restoration projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, McCloud River, and wetland and meadow projects statewide. And in August, as a result of the administration’s Klamath Restoration Project, a collaboration between local, state and tribal partners, fish began swimming freely again in the Klamath River for the first time in more than 100 years. ★

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program at Risk

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Home Energy Assistance Program utility assistance payments and 105 households with over \$1.5 million in energy-efficient and safety upgrades through its Home Weatherization Program. The impact of the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program goes beyond providing bill payment assistance; it plays a critical role in maintaining low-income households’ health and safety.

For more than 40 years, the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program has assisted eligible, low-income households with energy bills, providing vital assistance during both the cold winter and hot summer months. Each year, more than six million low-income households across the country rely on Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help keep the lights on.

The Community Action Agency of Butte County asks the general public, elected representative offices, investor-owned utilities, California Community Choice aggregators and community stakeholders to support the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program. More information is available at LIHEAPHelpsCalifornia.org.

For more information, contact Chief Executive Officer Tim Hawkins by emailing thawkins@buttecaa.com.

For 58 years, Community Action Agency of Butte County has worked to improve the economic security and well-being of low-income residents of Butte County and the surrounding service area through diverse housing, human service programs and community collaborations. ★

Beale Air & Space Expo Returns

Historic Show After Seven-Year Hiatus

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - For the first time in seven years, Beale Air Force Base is opening its gates to the public for the 2025 Beale Air & Space Expo, a high-flying, family-friendly event celebrating “70 Years at 70,000 Feet.”

Taking place on June 7 and 8, this long-awaited exposition promises cutting-edge aerial performances, ground displays, interactive exhibits and a few historic firsts.

“This is a rare opportunity for the public to visit the base, learn more about its operations, and see some really cool air-based performances,” said Capt Breeze, Air Operations Director for the Beale Air Show.

Due to past cancellations caused by COVID-19 and ongoing construction, many locals and even current service members stationed at Beale have never experienced an air show at the base. While nearby areas such as Travis Air Force Base host one every two years and Sacramento holds one annually, Beale has often been overlooked despite its vital role in high-altitude reconnaissance and intelligence operations.

“Hosting an event on this scale at a military base like Beale is exceptionally difficult and I don’t think the public understands how much work and red tape there is to open the gates to a base like Beale to the general public,” Breeze said. “So, consider this your one opportunity to come out and see what



Here’s a poster for the 2025 Beale Air & Space Expo, celebrating “70 Years at 70,000 Feet.” The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 7 to 8 at Beale Air Force Base and is free and open to the public. For details, upgrades and parking information, visit www.BealeAirShow.com. Courtesy of Beale Air Force Base

Beale AFB has to offer. We’re putting a really good program together for you and we’re excited to show off what we do at Beale because we so rarely get to do that.”

Headlining the event are the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, who will take to the skies at 3 p.m. each day. This performance marks a historic

first where pyrotechnics will be incorporated into their show for the first time.

“This will be the first time in history that the Thunderbirds will have pyro added to their act,” Breeze said. “We’re hoping to do a proof of concept for the Thunderbirds so that moving forward we can open

up pyro to the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds. So, if you want to witness history, come to the Beale Air Show.”

However, it won’t just be the Thunderbirds lighting up the sky. Breeze said that the crew is planning to add pyro to “just about everything” to further punctuate the aerial acts.

“And yes, that means

fire,” added Breeze with a grin.

The Beale air show is set to feature more than 40 aircrafts, from warbirds and military jets to emergency response helicopters and even radio-controlled planes. Attendees will get a rare glimpse of the TS-11 Iskra, a Polish jet trainer that Breeze notes “might be the only one in the U.S. air show circuit right now.”

Aviation fans of all ages will enjoy exploring hangars dedicated to interactive STEM education, simulations and a vibrant Kid Zone packed with activities. Live music will also be provided by the Band of the Golden West.

“There’s going to be something for everyone, so bring out the whole family,” said Breeze.

Another special highlight will include a dramatic display from the SERE specialists (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) out of Edwards Air Force Base. These tactical experts will parachute from a Black Hawk and an Osprey while wearing U-2 pressure suits, mimicking conditions where aviators might have to eject from high-altitude aircraft.

“I’m really starting to dig into these niche portions of aviation, stuff that people might not expect to see at a military air show,” Breeze said. “Aviation isn’t just pilots flying the Thunderbirds; aviation is everything, from people flying balloons and drone aircraft and parachuting. We’re trying to put all that on display for the public and let every corner of aviation be covered.”

The Beal Air & Space Expo is free to attend, including parking, although upgraded seating, VIP passes and perks are available for purchase at bealeairshow.com. Those looking to attend should also claim their free passes and tickets online prior to arrival. Parking passes must be visible in the dashboard.

Gates open at 8 a.m., with venue access beginning at 9 a.m. and flying demonstrations starting around noon. Early arrival is highly encouraged for the best parking. Free shuttle service will be available for those parking farther out. Guests should enter through the Wheatland, Doolittle, or Snider gates and are strongly advised not to park along roadways or shoulders outside the base as all lanes will be dedicated to event traffic.

Prior to the air show, a special kickoff celebration will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 6, with a meet-and-greet with the Thunderbirds at Veterans Park in Marysville, an opportunity to grab autographs and photos before the big show.

Ear protection is recommended, especially for young children or anyone with sensitive hearing. Visitors are also encouraged to share their favorite moments online using hashtags #BealeAirShow and #BealeAirSpaceExpo.

“This is your one opportunity to come out and see what Beale AFB has to offer,” Breeze said. “We’re putting a really good program together for you and I hope that you enjoy it.” ★

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. Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

Tuesday, May 20 through Saturday, May 31: All Butte County Library branches will be taking a break from regular programming to prepare for summer reading. Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Monday, June 2: Gridley book club, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (G) Gridley Friends of the Library meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, June 3: Creative writing group, 1p.m. to 3 p.m. (G)

Wednesday, June 4: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon kids’ club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, June 5: Kiddo camping, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come camping with us! Welcome Summer with a variety of fun camping-themed activities. Who needs the wilderness when you’ve got the library? (G)

Friday, June 6: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

Sunday, June 1

Honey Run Covered Bridge Grand Re-Opening and 60th Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 1670 Honey Run Rd., Chico. Get ready for a morning filled with delicious pancakes, great company, and a historic celebration. The beloved Sheriff’s Wagon will be back flipping pancakes and serving up tradition. Information and tickets at <https://www.hrcoveredbridge.org/events>

Saturday, June 7

Preserving Food with Friends, 10 a.m. to noon at the Garden at St. Timothy’s, 410 Jackson St. This month we’ll be working on pickles. For more information, contact preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 11

Stay Kool at the Pool and Movie night, 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, Live Oak. Free swim and hot dogs, plus a movie. Bring your lawn blanket and lawn chair. More information at 530-695-2112.

Wednesday, June 18

Water fight with the Sheriffs, 11 a.m. to noon at Pool Park, Live Oak. For more information, call 530-695-2112.

Thursday, June 19

Butte County Farm Bureau’s 2025 Summer BBQ at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. No-host social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. This fundraiser includes a raffle, silent auction and live auction, dinner, dessert and bounce house for the kids. Tickets and more information at <https://www.buttefarmbureau.com/>

Meeting Minders

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

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., 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

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. 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. The next meeting will be Monday, June 2.

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, June 11. 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 June 4.

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. ★

Gavin Newsom’s Off-The-Mark Budget Numbers Undermine His Credibility Again



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Governor Gavin Newsom’s revised state budget assumes California will see a sharp decline in projected revenue, largely because President Donald Trump’s tariffs will slow the nation’s economy.

Newsom blames a “Trump slump,” as well as an unanticipated increase in spending on Medi-Cal, California’s medical program for the poor, for punching a \$12 billion hole in the budget.

Both of those factors, however, underscore a consistent trend in budgets Newsom has proposed and signed during the last six years, projections of income and outgo that miss the mark, often by many billions of dollars, thus undermining the credibility of the governor’s financial depictions.

The most obvious example happened in May 2022, as the state’s economy was recovering from the brief, but severe recession caused by shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Newsom presented a revised 2022-23 budget that was \$14 billion higher than his original proposal, boasting that the state was experiencing a \$97.5 billion surplus. “No other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this,” Newsom said as he unveiled the revision.

The budget he signed a

month later added still another \$7 billion in spending with immense new commitments, including cash payments to poor families, expanded health care for undocumented immigrants and new funds for early childhood education.

The surplus Newsom extolled, however, was an illusion. He and his budget advisors had assumed that a one-time spike in state revenues would be permanent, setting a new base of personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes well in excess of \$200 billion a year.

But it didn’t happen.

A year ago, a brief passage in Newsom’s 2024 to 2025 budget revision acknowledged the error.

“Due to the revenue spike from 2019 to 2020 to 2021 to 2022, the budget acts of 2021 and 2022 were based on forecasts that projected substantially greater revenues in the last two fiscal years than occurred,” the budget declared.

“Substantially greater” indeed.

An accompanying chart on revenues from the state’s three major tax sources revealed that “The total difference across the four fiscal years is a negative \$165.1 billion,” meaning the error was \$40 billion or more a year.

However, the fiscal damage was done. Newsom and the Legislature had already committed the state to tens of billions of dollars in new spending based on revenues that didn’t exist. They created what’s called a structural deficit, a chronic gap between income and outgo, that’s currently estimated at \$10 billion to \$30 billion a year.

One might think that, having made such an immense error of fiscal judgment,

Newsom and his Department of Finance would be ultra-careful in projecting revenues and spending.

Apparently not.

Last year, one of those 2022 commitments based on the erroneous surplus projection, the extension of Medi-Cal coverage to everyone in the state, including undocumented immigrants, took effect. Early this year, the administration revealed Medi-Cal costs were outpacing expectations by more than \$6 billion, mostly due to the coverage expansion.

In other words, it’s a double whammy. The false assumption of budget surpluses has been compounded by a false assumption about Medi-Cal costs, thereby worsening the structural deficit that, if left to fester, would compound itself even more. The Legislative Analyst’s Office says the deficit could reach \$42 billion by 2028-29.

The administration’s sorry record on income and outgo projections should make the Legislature and the voting public very skeptical of Newsom’s current assumption that the “Trump slump” from tariffs will punch an even larger hole in the budget.

That certainly could happen, but with tariffs and their impact shifting day-to-day, putting any number on the revenue impacts is nothing more than guesswork. And we already know that the administration’s fiscal guesses are unreliable.

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)

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
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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, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, CA 95928, \(530\) 895-9017, konuwaso@butte.edu](mailto:ButteCollegeSBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, CA 95928, (530) 895-9017, konuwaso@butte.edu)



Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Why do we Lose our Hearing when we Get Older?

– David, 10, Wisconsin

Dear David,

I love visiting with my grandcat. But sometimes I have to talk loudly so she can hear me.

I asked my friend Christine Portfors why that is. She’s a biologist at Washington State University.

She told me it’s all about the hair cells inside our ears.

They aren’t really hairs. They’re sensory cells. Hair cells have tiny, bristle-like tufts that stick out—called cilia—that look a little bit like hairs.

Those hair cells are why we can hear.

First, sounds funnel into our ears. They bonk into the ear drum and make it vibrate. Then, three itty, bitty bones make those vibrations bigger. They send the vibrations to the inner ear. There are tons of hair cells there. The vibrations ripple over our hair cells, making the cilia move or bend. It’s like turning on a switch. Electrical signals zoom up the auditory nerve to our brains. Then, our brains make sense of what we’re hearing.

But, as we get older, our hair cells start to break down. After years and years of responding to sound vibrations, they simply wear out.

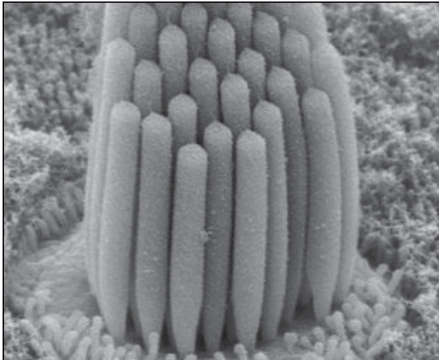
“The real problem is that hair cells can’t repair themselves or regrow,” Portfors said. “So, once they wear out, they’re gone—and you lose your ability to hear all those different types of sounds.”

Besides normal wear and tear, there are other ways our hair cells can take damage. Sometimes ear infections, head injuries and other diseases harm them. Sometimes medicines damage hair cells as a side effect.

Sounds that are too loud also hurt your hair cells. That’s extra true if the loud noises go on for a

long time or happen regularly.

Maybe you’ve been somewhere super noisy or had your headphones cranked up mega loud. When things were quiet again, you may have heard a ringing sound inside your ears. Portfors



This hair cell is in the inner ear of a frog. The long bits that look like hairs or bits of spaghetti are the cilia. Image: NIH

says that’s your hair cells alerting you that loud sound is damaging them.

Luckily, it’s usually easy to protect your hair cells from loud noise. You can avoid very loud places—or only stay a short time. You can wear ear muffs or ear plugs when it’s loud. You can turn down your

headphones. I learned that if someone else can hear my headphones while I’m using them, that means they’re definitely too loud.

Someday scientists will probably be able to fix damaged or worn-out hair cells.

“What’s interesting is birds and reptiles regrow their hair cells,” Portfors said. “So, there’s lots of research trying to understand why mammals don’t. Is there a way that we can understand the different genetics and help humans regrow their hair cells? That’s a huge area of study.”

In the meantime, use your ear protection—just like you use other safety gear like seatbelts and helmets. And if you’re lucky enough to have an older person in your life, help them stay connected.

It can be lonely to lose your hearing due to age, but spending time with you is ear-resistible.

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 Honeysuckle Farms LLC, 4801 Vivian Lane, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
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 This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2025
HONEY 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000365
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Plants and Produce, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969
 John T Heinke, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969
 Date filed in Butte County: May 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 7, 2025
 This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
PLANTS 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000357
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Synergy Studio, 4696 Foothill Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
 Adriana Long, 4696 Foothill Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
 Date filed in Butte County: May 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
SYNERGY 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000358
 The following person(s) are doing business as: JD Company, 1545 Lewis Oak Road, Gridley, CA 95948
 Jacob Dunlap and Kayla Dunlap, 3247 Smith Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
 Date filed in Butte County: May 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 5, 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 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025
JD 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000345
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Arnold Bros, 50 Oakcrest Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
 Ruben R Arnold, 50 Oakcrest Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
 Date filed in Butte County: April 29, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 29, 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: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025
ARNOLD 6-20-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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
 Filed on April 18, 2025
 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
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 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.
 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
 Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 2025
MOORE 5-30-25

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 130-290-010-539 TS No: CA05000426-23-4 TO No: 250068519-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 3, 2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM, East Entrance, Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 6, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-0006683, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by PATRICK A WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND TOBI L WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for SUMMIT FUNDING, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 39 GRAEAGLE MEADOWS RD, GRAEAGLE, CA 96103 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$167,749.25 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or

savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www. Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000426-23-4. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www. Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA05000426-23-4 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: May 20, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000426-23-4 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www. Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0474746 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 05/30/2025, 06/06/2025, 06/13/2025
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City of Biggs City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Biggs City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, California, to consider the following matter:

Approval of the Report of Delinquent Fees (Report) related to utility charges for collection on the property tax roll prepared by the Butte County Tax Collector.

A list of addresses potentially affected by this action is on file with the City Clerk.

The City Council shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the Report. Their final determination shall cause the Report to be filed with the County of Butte. The Tax Collector shall include said delinquent fees and charges for taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land.

Property owners and any other interested persons may contact Carrie Pahuja, Billing and Collections, at 530-868-5493, or submit written comments to City Hall prior to 4 p.m. on June 24, 2025, or by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov, or in person at the Public Hearing.

As a continued courtesy to the public, the meeting will be broadcast free via the internet - no comments will be allowed remotely. The zoom link to watch the meeting is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5308680100>.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Billings and Collections, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Roben Benish
 City of Biggs City Clerk

The Gridley Herald 5-23, 5-30-2025

BUTTE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

2025-26 BUDGET AND LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN: INSPECTION AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the 2025-26 proposed budgets and Local Control and Accountability Plan for the following school districts in Butte County will be available for public inspection on the dates indicated below. Also shown are the dates, times, and locations for the public hearings on the 2025-26 proposed budgets and LCAP.

Biggs Unified School District
 Public Inspection: June 6, 2025 to June 11, 2025
 300 B Street Biggs, CA 95917
 Public Hearing: June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
 Biggs Unified School District
 300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Gridley Unified School District
 Public Inspection: June 6, 2025 to June 10, 2025
 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948
 Public Hearing: June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gridley Unified School District - Board Room
 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Manzanita Elementary School District
 Public Inspection: June 20, 2025 to June 25, 2025
 627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948
 Public Hearing: June 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 Manzanita Elementary School
 627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948

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Food & Farm NEWS

Farmers Liquidate Assets to Pay for Operating Costs as Lenders Retreat

California farmers are selling land, water, equipment and other assets to raise the cash they need to grow their crops this year as a struggling farm economy affects lending activity by banks. Many farmers typically take out yearly operating loans to pay for labor, fertilizer, fuel and other costs, and then they pay back the loans after harvesting and selling their crops. But after consecutive years of rising production costs and low crop prices, “what’s happened is the working capital—those loans—just dried up,” said Bill Berryhill, a former state lawmaker who grows winegrapes, walnuts and almonds in Sacramento, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

Tariff Uncertainty Hurts Agricultural Exports and the Economy

California agriculture advocates made the case in Sacramento this month that federal trade policies should prioritize certainty and predictability to benefit farmers and agricultural exporters. “Countries are looking at us as not as reliable a trade partner as we used to be,” Matthew Viohl, a California Farm Bureau policy advocacy director, said while testifying during an informational hearing hosted by California Treasurer Fiona Ma. The hearing focused on consequences of President Trump’s tariff policies on California industries, including agriculture, and came as the U.S. and China announced a 90-day scaling down of their triple-digit tariffs.

Fish and Game Shelves Proposal to Restrict Coyote Control Efforts

California farmers and ranchers expressed

relief after the California Fish and Game Commission decided last week to hold off on making any changes to how coyotes are managed in the state. On the table was a proposal to consider restricting take—or killing—of coyotes and establishing a regulated hunting season and bag limits for the predator. The commission said it would not pursue any changes for now, though it may consider other, more narrow proposals in the future. “There is no empirical evidence coyote populations are threatened in any sense,” said Ned Coe, a cattle rancher and Modoc County supervisor, adding he has lost calves to coyotes. “That is my livelihood.”

Newsom Budget Proposes Fast Track for Delta Water Conveyance Tunnel

Gov. Gavin Newsom released his revised budget last week, saying the state faces a \$12 billion budget deficit. The governor’s \$322 billion spending plan for 2025-26 includes a proposal to fast-track the construction of the Delta Conveyance Project, a \$20-billion tunnel beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The tunnel would create a second route to move water to State Water Project pumps that transport water to urban and agricultural users south of the delta. The project supplies water to 27 million people and 750,000 acres of farmland. “While the project has received some necessary permits, its path forward is burdened by complicated regulatory frameworks and bureaucratic delays,” the governor’s office said in a statement. ★



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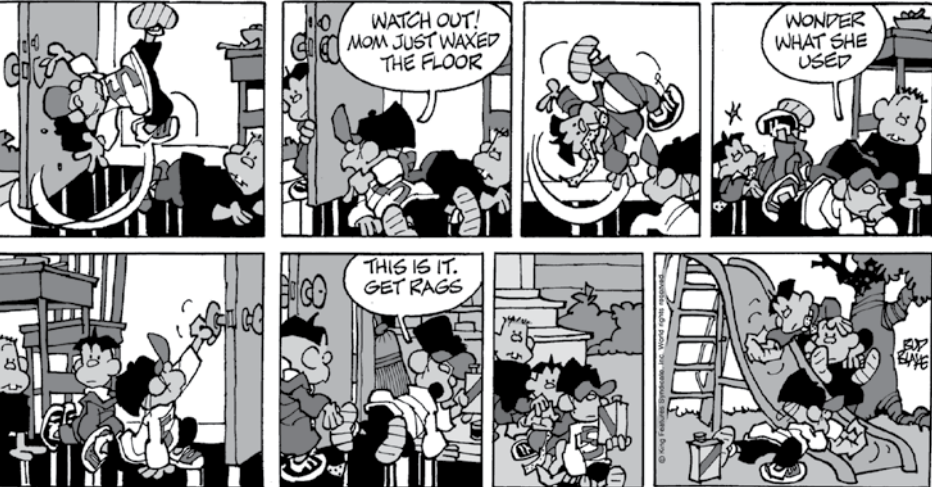
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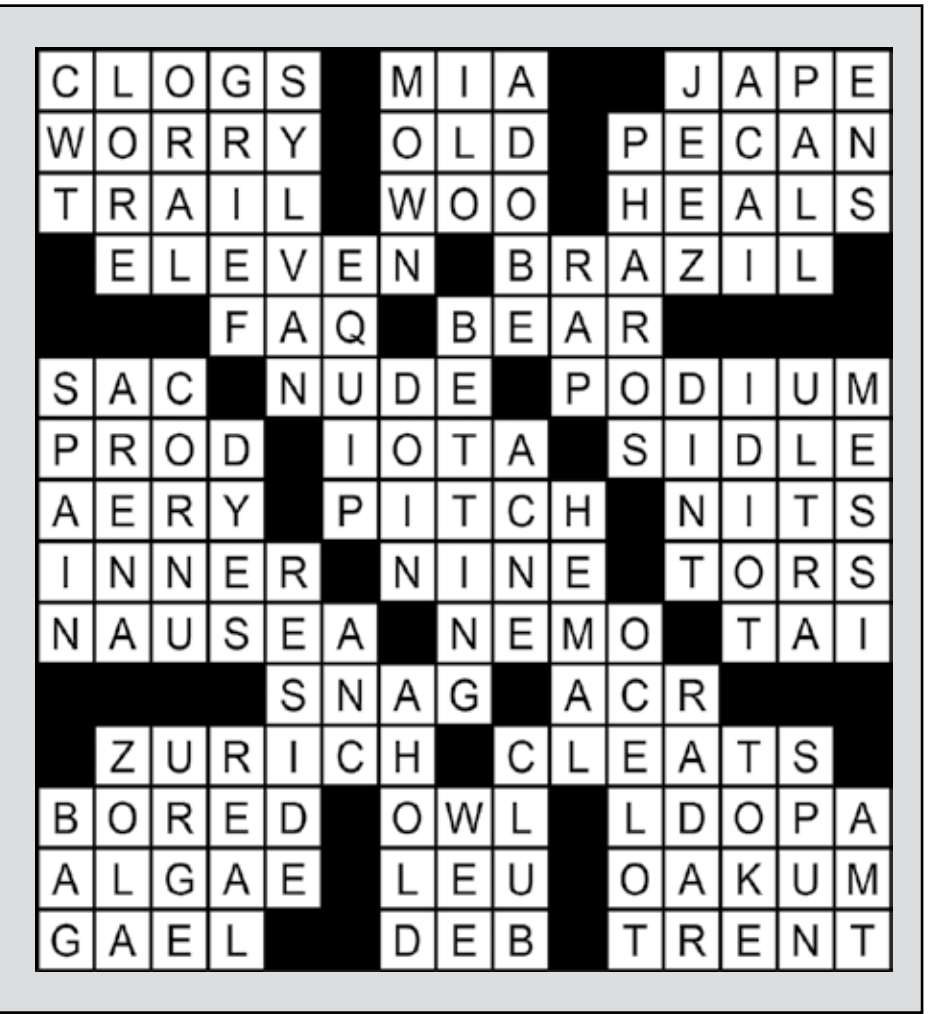
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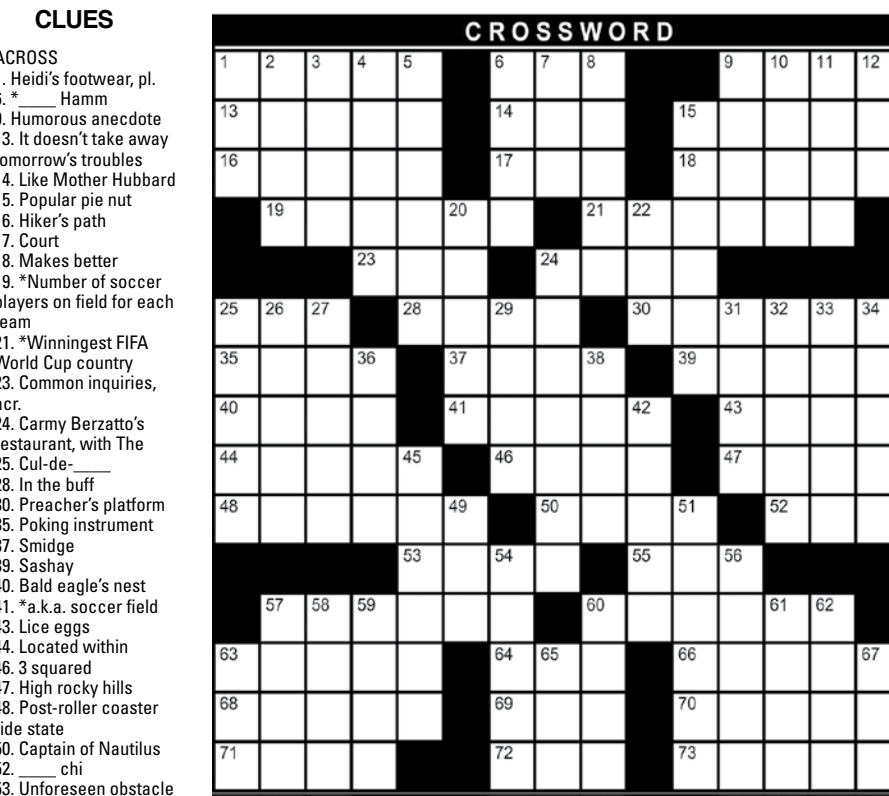
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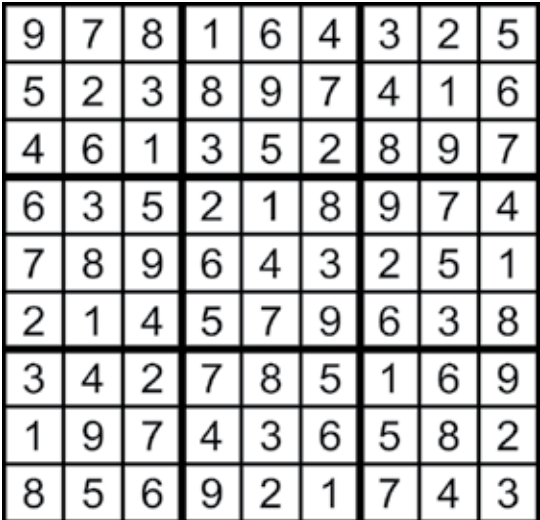


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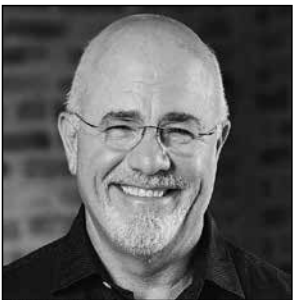


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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I own a small business, and over the years we haven't grown quite as much as I expected or hoped. We're doing okay, but I often find myself questioning my own decisions after the fact. Do you have any suggestions for an entrepreneur looking to improve their decision-making abilities?

– Nikki

Dear Nikki,

I'm glad you're taking the condition of your company, and the direction it's heading, so seriously. Believe it or not, developing your decision-making skills takes practice and hard work, just like anything else. Even the best thinkers and decision-makers look back from time to time and wonder if they really did the right thing for their businesses and their team members.

Now, you're not wrong if you're sweating a little at the thought of how much practice it takes to develop these skills. Developing finely-tuned decision-making skills isn't easy. And like any process, it takes time. Here are a few ideas that may help you develop into a better decision-maker in the future:

Take an appropriate amount of time to decide - Acting on impulse,

Dave Ramsey Says Making Better Decisions

or with too little information, is foolish and dangerous. But then, so is thinking yourself to death. If the impact of the decision is small, don't waste too much time making the call. But if it's big or risky, spend more time thinking it through. It also doesn't hurt to seek the counsel of someone outside your organization you trust and respect.

- **Gather several options** - Creativity may be problem-solving's best friend, but options are the fruit of creative thinking that lead to amazing solutions. You'll feel more confident when you gather information and ideas, and study what you're dealing with.

- **Learn how to delegate** - By doing this, you'll free up more brain space to make decisions. And most likely, make better decisions.

- **Set a deadline** - This will help you overcome procrastination, or freezing in fear of making the wrong decision. Put a target date on your calendar, and decide by that day. Period.

- **Play out the worst** - case scenario in your mind - This may sound counterintuitive, but when you think through the worst that possibly happen, you'll see that making the call probably won't kill you—even if you're wrong.

- **Remember, choosing**

not to decide is a decision - Sometimes, it's the best path you can take for the short term.

- **Commit to your decision** - Follow through!
- **And finally, take care of yourself physically** - Get enough sleep and exercise so you can think logically and be well-reasoned. James Clear, the bestselling author of Atomic Habits, says, "Your problems adjust to their true level of importance after a hard workout and a good night of sleep."

Leaders lead. Always. When your team sees you taking steps to improve yourself and the company, they'll buy-in more easily to your vision for the future. They'll have added confidence in you. And it may just inspire them to undertake a journey of self-improvement, as well.

I hope this helps, Nikki!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



What do the Dallas Mavericks and the Sacramento Kings have in common? Both teams traded away inexplicably the face of their franchises, and both were in the recent lottery draft with almost impossible odds to acquire the #1 pick.

The Dallas Mavericks traded beloved Luka Doncic to the L.A. Lakers, and GM Nico Harrison somehow retained his job. The Mavericks came to the NBA lottery night with a 1.8 percent chance of acquiring the #1 pick. Fans know that the lottery is anyone's guess, as the Dallas Mavericks defied the odds and are poised to choose 6'9" Cooper Flagg out of Duke.

At 6'9" and 225 pounds, as impossible as it may seem, the Mavericks are poised to replace Luka with a carbon copy that is 3 inches taller and 8 years younger.

After Harrison's Lakers trade, nothing's certain in Dallas, but it's hard to imagine anyone botching the most obvious pick since, dare I say, Luka Doncic, who was acquired via trade after being drafted #3 by Atlanta.

Dallas has come close but has brought home a championship since Luka was acquired from Atlanta in 2018. Now, with Kyrie Irving at the point and Anthony Davis in the paint, 18-year-old Cooper Flagg might just be the missing piece.

The Sacramento Kings Monte McNair was not as fortunate, as his trade of DeAaron Fox was too much to overcome, and Sacramento fans must wait to see what basketball acumen new GM Scott Perry will bring to the table.

Perry finds himself immediately on the hot seat, as there is no time to make any more mistakes.

Pundits say Jure Holiday may become available as the Boston Celtics look to fine tune their lineup, and Holiday is a player that can help on both ends of the floor.

The Kings have improved their team defensively, and that is in no small part to building from within, as Keon Ellis continues to raise eyebrows with his defensive skills, and Keegan Murray has made similar strides over the past two seasons.

Holiday commands a steep paycheck at over 40 million a year, so at least one

high priced King would likely have to go. Many believe that would point to a trade involving DeMar DeRozan, but a trade involving 3-point specialist Zach Lavine can't be ruled out.

Whether the Kings make a play for Holiday or someone else, it's certain that Scott Perry and assistant B.J. Armstrong will be looking to add a true NBA point guard, and not just a capable fill-in.

King's fans would love to see Devin Carter make a leap forward and show fans why he was drafted in the first round a year ago. Carter had many moments last season that gave rise to the notion that this could be the Kings point guard of the future. Only time will tell, but it's unlikely that the new front office will be in wait mode.

Sacramento is looking for some of the Dallas lottery magic, and if there's anything we've learned about the NBA, nothing is taken for granted.

Scott Perry and B.J. Armstrong deserve to show what they can bring to the table, and just how well they can assess talent. A new culture is brewing, and fans are going to have to wait to see what that will look like.

I'm guessing that next season will bring a renewed focus on defense, and even without a trade, the Kings have a roster that can either start or bring players off the bench that can play defense at a high level. Expect to see changes in the roster, sooner rather than later. If Jrue Holiday is among those changes, he gets my vote, as I believe Holiday's game would be a natural fit for the Kings, and he checks multiple boxes.

For many fans, it's not hard to remember the agonizing 20-win seasons, so despite the disappointment that 40 wins created last year, don't lose heart.

There is real talent on this team, and has been stated many times before, Domantas Sabonis is the real deal. I hope Scott Perry realizes what he has, because this is one big man to build a team around, and I want to see Sabonis in the paint next season leading the NBA in rebounds and double doubles once again!

All the best Kings fans and keep the faith! ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots




By Barbara Ott

As a gardener I am constantly presented with conflicts of morality. In a garden whether it be flowers, vegetables, berries or fruit trees decisions are made that affect living beings. Take weeds for instance. They are living beings that have purpose. Some weeds are herbs and can be used to make teas. Some have very pretty flowers. Others are

simply obnoxious. When I come across weeds, I have to decide whether or not to destroy their lives. Because I am picking plants that I want in the garden seldom do I pick to keep the weeds. The obnoxious ones are a constant conflict of life or death. These create a low-level conflict because they are so overwhelming and invasive. For example, the plant I call Velcro plant otherwise known as sticky weed grows rapidly and clings to everything. There is not much of a conflict towards it when I rip it out by large stringy, sticky strands. Where the conflict arises is when I wonder if I've gotten the roots. Do I work more and dig out the roots or

do I hope that I've done the job and move on. Another plant that is considered a weed and has many great healthy properties is the dandelion. In the Spring it is an important source of food for bees. But if one of these fuzzy puffballs escapes a garden will soon be full of dandelions. I grow enough early blooming flowers that the conflict of whether or not to dig out the dandelions is not that hard. I know I'm providing food for the bees. I still spend a bit of time feeling badly while I pull them out because I know what a great plant it is and I love having puffballs to make wishes. In real time I appreciate a life where pulling weeds is a conflict. ★



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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.


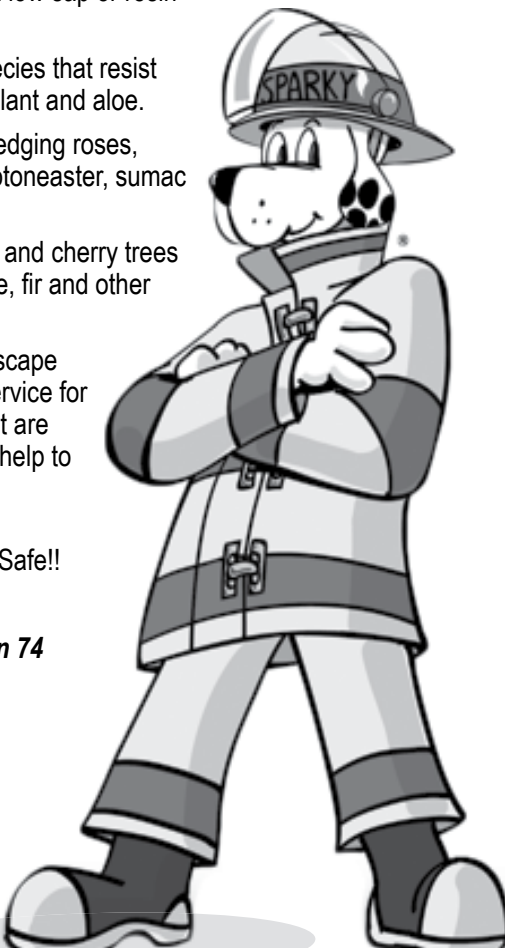
The good news is, you don't need a lot of money to make your landscape fire safe. You will find that a fire-safe landscape can increase your property value and conserve water while beautifying your home.

- 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



Residents Paying Nearly Double for Power since 2015

Texas Electricity Ratings News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - California has seen the second largest increase in energy costs, with a 74% increase between 2015 and 2023. Maine has faced the biggest increase in energy costs for customers, with a 76% increase from 2015 to 2023. At the other end of the scale, Utah has had the smallest increase in energy costs at just 3%.

With inflation rising, it seems that our hard-earned dollars are traveling less distance every year, and as a result, there is a growing concern around the country with regards to the ever-increasing cost of utilities. With this in mind, a new study has uncovered the states where residential consumers have faced the biggest increases in energy costs over the years, with Maine topping the list.

Energy experts at Texas Electricity Ratings used the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA) to find the increase in each state’s average electricity price in cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) that residential consumers paid from 2015 to 2023.

The ranking is based on, and ordered by, the states which have seen the biggest increase in this time frame with Maine seeing the largest increase overall, 75.7%, as opposed to Utah residents who have seen the smallest increase, 2.9%.

The Pine Tree State, Maine ranks top and has faced the biggest increase in energy costs in the U.S., with customers paying 75.7% more in 2023 than they were in 2015. The average electricity cost for consumers in 2015 was 15.61 cents per kilowatt-hour, which rose to 27.42 cents in 2023. Residential consumers saw the biggest increase in energy costs between 2022 and 2023, from 22.44 cents to 29.51 cents per kilowatt-hour, an



California has seen the second largest increase in energy costs, with a 74% increase between 2015 and 2023. Image by NickyPe from Pixabay

increase of 7.07 cents.

California is second, with an increase of 73.7% in energy costs from 2015 to 2023 for customers. In 2015, consumers in the Golden State paid an average of 16.99 cents per kilowatt-hour, which jumped to 29.51 in 2023. From 2022 to 2023, customers faced an energy cost increase from 25.84 cents per kilowatt-hour to 29.51 cents, which is 3.67 cents.

With a 52.2% increase in the average kilowatt-hour cost for customers New Hampshire ranks third. In 2015, residential consumers in the Granite State paid an average of 18.5 cents per kilowatt-hour, which rose to 28.15 cents in 2023. Energy customers saw the biggest increase from 2021 to 2022 from 19.85 cents per kilowatt-hour to 25.46 cents, which is a difference of 5.61 cents.

In fourth-place is Massachusetts where customers faced a 49.3% increase in energy costs from 2015 to 2023. In 2015, the average cost for

Bay Staters per kilowatt-hour was 19.83 cents, which rose to 29.61 cents in 2023. Customers saw the biggest increase from 2022 to 2023, from 25.97 cents per kilowatt-hour to 29.61 cents (3.64-cent increase).

Fifth on the list is Hawaii, with a 43.2% increase in energy costs for consumers between 2015 and 2023. On average, energy customers paid 29.6 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2015, which jumped to 42.39 cents in 2023. Aloha State consumers saw the biggest increase in costs between 2021 and 2022, from 33.49 cents per kilowatt-hour to 43.03 cents, which is a significant 9.54 cents.

Next is Connecticut where consumers paid 42.7% more for energy in 2023 than in 2015, ranking sixth overall. The average cost per kilowatt-hour in 2015 was 20.94 cents in the state, which rose to 29.88 cents in 2023. Nutmeg State customers saw the biggest increase from 2021 to 2022, from 21.91 cents per kilowatt-hour to 24.61 cents

per kilowatt-hour (2.7 cents increase).

With an increase of 40.1% in energy costs between 2015 and 2023, Rhode Island ranks seventh. In 2015, the average cost per kilowatt-hour for Ocean Staters was 19.29 cents, which rose to 27.02 cents in 2023. From 2022 to 2023, residential consumers saw the biggest difference in a year, from 23.21 cents per kilowatt-hour to 27.02 cents (3.81 cents).

West Virginia is in eighth-place, where customers have faced an increase of 39.4% in their energy costs. The average cost per kilowatt-hour in the Mountain State was 10.08 cents in the state, which increased to 14.05 cents in 2015. Between 2015 and 2016, residential consumers saw the biggest difference in a year, from 10.08 cents per kilowatt-hour to 11.44 cents per kilowatt-hour (1.36 cents).

Following in ninth position is Pennsylvania, with an

increase of 32.7% in energy costs from 2015 and 2023. On average, energy customers in the Keystone State paid 13.64 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2015, which jumped to 18.1 cents in 2023. The biggest increase in the state was between 2022 and 2023, from 15.94 cents per kilowatt-hour to 18.1 cents, which is a difference of 2.16 cents.

Completing the top 10 is Florida where energy costs increased by 31.4% between 2015 and 2023 for customers. In 2015, consumers from the Sunshine State paid 11.58 cents per kilowatt-hour on average, which increased to 15.21 cents in 2023. The most significant difference in costs was between 2021 and 2022, from 11.9 cents per kilowatt-hour to 13.9 cents (two cents).

At the other end of the ranking is Utah. Within the Beehive State, energy costs increased by just 2.9% between 2015 and 2023 for customers. In 2015, consumers paid 10.88 cents per kilowatt-hour on average, which increased to 11.20 cents in 2023.

The U.S. Energy Information Agency’s “Electricity Data Browser” was analyzed to reveal the average cost per kilowatt-hour for customers in each state between 2015 and 2023. The ranking has been created, based on the states which have seen the biggest increase from 2015 to 2023.

“With rising energy costs putting a potential strain on household finances, it is important to track these increases throughout the years,” said chief executive officer of Texas Electricity Ratings Karl Trollinger. “For the majority of states, the biggest increases that consumers have faced came during the more recent years of 2021, 2022 and 2023. Before that, energy costs didn’t increase significantly and even decreased slightly at times.” ★

Data Shows Slowing Decline in Overall School Enrollment

California Department of Education News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - On May 21, the California Department of Education released 2024 to 2025 school enrollment data on DataQuest (<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>), showing that the decline in public school enrollment has begun to slow.

While the overall decrease in school enrollment compared to pre-pandemic levels continues to be a source of strain on public schools, new initiatives such as transitional kindergarten (TK) show significant growth and signs of promise as local educational agencies (LEAs) work to reengage families, especially as California’s families experience increased economic hardship.

“The overall slowing enrollment decline is encouraging and reflects the hard work of our local educational agencies across the state,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. “While we have more work to do, the dramatic growth in transitional kindergarten is inspiring and shows that providing rigorous and quality programs can be a key ingredient to bringing more families back to our schools. One of our initiatives in this area is expansion of Dual Language Immersion programs as a strategy to drive future enrollment growth by providing school programs that are in high demand from California’s families.”

In the 2024 to 2025 school year, overall student enrollment declined by 0.54 percent compared to the year prior, representing a slowing of declining school enrollment. Though the change from the prior school year is minimal, the difference between current year enrollment and pre-pandemic enrollment remains significant.

The most significant trend in California’s 2024 to 2025 school enrollment data reflects an increased demand for specific education initiatives, such as transitional kindergarten.

Even as overall enrollment has fallen, transitional kindergarten enrollment continues to boom, with



In the 2024 to 2025 school year, overall student enrollment declined by 0.54 percent compared to the year prior, representing a slowing of declining school enrollment. Image by febrion eka saputra from Pixabay

a year-over-year increase of 17.2 percent. The number of local educational agencies offering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) at all school sites has increased to 85 percent, and as transitional kindergarten expansion creates more spaces in state preschool, enrollment of 3-year-olds in state preschool continues to rise. Overall, more and more families are taking advantage of public opportunities for early learning.

This growth in preschool and transitional kindergarten shows that directly responding to California families’ enthusiasm for specific educational initiatives is a strong path to reengaging families in schools.

Dual Language Immersion (DLI) programs have shown significant growth statewide: as of 2023 to 2024, there were 1,036 Dual Language Immersion programs in California, a 39-percent increase from 747 Dual Language Immersion programs in 2018 to 2019.

Recent local data shows that Expanded Learning program expansion mirrors trends in transitional kindergarten and dual language immersion expansion: as the number of seats increases, they are filled. In Elk Grove Unified, broadened access to Expanded

Learning programs has increased program enrollment from 3,300 to 12,000, a 264- percent increase.

These data points offer insights into in-demand educational initiatives and a potential path to reversing long-term school enrollment trends.

More information about Superintendent Thurmond’s initiatives can be found on the California Department of Education Initiatives web page at cde.ca.gov/eo/in/. Another webinar about California’s dual language immersion expansion is scheduled at 2 p.m. June 3 and can be viewed on the California Department of Education Facebook page at facebook.com/CAEducation. For more information on Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) and transitional kindergarten, see Universal Pre-Kindergarten frequently asked questions and transitional kindergarten frequently asked questions on the California Department of Education website. Transitional kindergarten is a core component of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. It enrolls students in the first year of a two-year kindergarten program, using a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. ★

State-Specific Tools Highlight Small Business Tax Deduction Benefits

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation’s leading small business advocacy organization, has released two new digital tools to help small business owners, policymakers and the public in California. These tools help with understanding the significant economic impact of the 20% Small Business Tax Deduction and what’s at stake if Congress fails to make it permanent.

The new tools include an interactive map that allows users to explore how extending the Small Business Deduction would power job creation and gross domestic product (GDP) growth in every Congressional district across California. The National Federation of Independent Business also launched a tax calculator to provide small business owners in California with personalized estimates of how much more they could owe in federal income taxes in 2026 if the deduction expires.

“These new tools give small business owners and elected leaders in California real data about the economic stakes,” said John Kabateck, state director for National Federation of Independent Business in California. “If Congress fails to act, millions of small businesses across the country, including right here in California, will face a massive tax hike. That means fewer jobs, less investment and slower growth for our communities. We urge Congress to make the 20% Small Business Tax Deduction permanent.” ★

“We also applaud the United States House of Representatives passing the One Big Beautiful Act this morning. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is one of the most pro-small business pieces of legislation in recent history, and Congress has a historic opportunity to provide more than 33 million small business owners with permanent tax relief,” said Kabateck.

According to National Federation of Independent Business’ interactive map, if the deduction is extended, California could see an increase of 272,292 jobs and \$20.2 billion in gross domestic product more than the next decade. The district-level data allow lawmakers and local leaders to understand exactly how small businesses in their communities stand to gain when the tax deduction is made permanent or lose if it is not.

The tax calculator helps individual small business owners project their potential tax increase if the deduction is not extended. For example, a California small business owner with a personal income of \$75,000 and qualified business income of \$150,000 could see a tax increase of more than \$13,000, depending on their full financial profile.

To explore the tools and learn more about how National Federation of Independent Business is working to protect California’s small businesses, visit SmallBusinessDeduction.com.

Keep up with the latest California small-business news at nfib.com. Follow the National Federation of Independent Business on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA. ★

Myths About Organ Donation Explained

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - With last month being Donate Life Month, it’s a good time to clear up some misconceptions that hold many residents back from being organ donors.

Lori Singh, a donation program consultant for Donor Network West, met with the Gridley Herald to provide clear-cut guidance for organ donation.

Singh has worked in organ and tissue donation for 22 years. Donor Network West has 175 hospitals in Northern and central California, as well as northern Nevada. Singh works with hospitals in Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Plumas and Lake counties. Since Enloe Hospital has a large trauma center, Singh spends most of her time there.

“I’m there to help ensure that their program is successful and that the process goes smoothly. There are a lot of regulations surrounding donation through the federal government, so hospitals want to be in compliance with that,” Singh said. “I provide annual education for their staff, so the staff is up-to-date and aware of the process.”

Singh also manages any problems that arise, as well as follow up with the hospital staff involved in the procedure.

“One of the most meaningful things for them is knowing they put in all this effort and work and supporting this grieving family and there is sadness involved when there is a donation because they are losing a loved one but the other end of the



The Reno Aces show their support for organ donation. Courtesy photo

spectrum is there’s a family and a patient at another hospital transplant center that are receiving the most miraculous call they could ever get, that they are going to get that organ that they need to sustain their life. That’s one of my favorite parts of this job is sharing the good news of the sad story: the heart that was recovered last week went to a 35-year-old mother of two in San Francisco or both kidneys were transplanted successfully.”

Myth one: If I sign up to be a donor, the hospital (or paramedic) will see that on my license and they won’t try to save my life. They’ll just want to take my organs.

Fact: Donor Network West and other organ

procurement agencies are not affiliated with the hospitals. The organ donation representatives are only called in after all life-saving measures have been exhausted, Singh said.

Myth two: Organ donation is against my religion.

Fact: “That is not true,” Singh said. “Most major religions accept and support organ donation, including Catholicism, Islam, Buddhism, most branches of Judaism, and most Protestant faiths. Some religions believe organ donation is an act of charity. The most important thing is if you don’t know where your religion stands, ask a member of your clergy.”

Myth three: People who donate organs or tissues cannot have an open

casket funeral or they can’t have a viewing.

Fact: “Donor’s bodies are treated with care and respect. The surgeries to remove organs are performed like other surgical procedures. Incisions are not visible once the body is dressed for burial,” said Singh.

Myth four: Wealthy people can skip the wait list and get their transplant faster.

Fact: “Rich and famous individuals cannot and do not get priority on the wait list,” Singh said. “It really comes s down to factors such as your blood type, your body size, location of where the donor is versus where the recipient is, severity of the illness and the length of time a recipient is on the wait list.”

Currently, more than 100,000 people are on the organ wait list.

Myth five: I’m too old to donate or I’m not in the best of health so nobody would want my organs.

Fact: “Maybe one organ is not healthy, but if even one other organ is healthy, we would proceed with that donation,” Singh said. “There’s no standard cut-off age. Very few medical conditions keep you from donating. Don’t rule yourself out now. Let the donor team figure that out when the time comes.”

Myth six: My family will be charged additional cost if I decide to donate my organs.

Fact: The organ donor’s family does not pay for the procedure. “Once they have exhausted all efforts

to save your life, and that is no longer an option, all those additional costs are paid for, so there’s no cost to the family,” Singh said. “The recipient’s insurance pays for those costs.”

Myth seven: My family can overturn my decision to be an organ donor.

Fact: You are designating your end-of-life decisions when you sign up through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or on the website, as a “First Person Authorization.” This is a legally binding document. The family does not have that decision to make. If you sign up to be a donor, it’s important to let your family know, so they aren’t surprised when it happens.

Many individuals sign up for organ donation when they get their driver’s license, indicated by a little pink dot on a donor’s license. Another way is through an Advanced Care Directive or on the website at donatelifecalifornia.org or the Spanish version at donatevidacalifornia.org.

Those who have questions or want to volunteer with Donor Network West can go to donornetwork-west.org.

“One organ donor can save up to eight lives. Tissue donors can save an additional 75 people. There are never enough organs for those that need them,” Singh said. “Twenty-two people die every day because they didn’t get the organ they needed in time. There are so many people in need and so many people that could have an extended life if more people said yes to donation.” ★



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