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Where the Wild Things Are!



JoJo Kershner holds Tater-Tot, a Capybara, for children to pet during a Wild Things presentation at another location. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

Story by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, June 27, Gridley Friends of the Library hosted the Wild Things Wildlife Program at the Guardian Building.

In years past, the event was held at the library multi-purpose room but it was so popular that it had to be moved to a bigger location. Many eager children and their parents

showed up for the event. Children sat on the floor, anxiously awaiting each animal to be shown.

JoJo Kershner first captivated the audience with a large frog named Dewey Hopper, then a black and white striped Tegu lizard named Tia. Next were Nova, the Great Horned Owl and Spike, an alligator.

Kershner relayed some interesting facts about the animals, such as

the owl has seven extra bones in her neck, allowing the bird to turn her head 270 degrees, almost completely around. She ended up at Wild Things because she had been hit by a car, injuring her left wing.

He informed the audience that Tegus have become an invasive species in southern U.S. swamps. Alligators such as Spike

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Biggs Housing Project Stalled

Story by Connie Voss

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Multiple items were presented, including the affordable housing project proposed by Realtor Kory Hamman, during the June 24 regular Biggs City Council meeting.

The Hamman project includes a 42-unit apartment complex, 18 single-dwelling units and a mini storage facility. The agenda's action items were the next steps to go forward with the construction and involved map revisions and rezoning.

To recap, City Planner Bob Summerville announced at a May City Council meeting that under the parameters of Assembly Bill 430, the Campfire Housing Assistance Act of 2019, Hamman's project could not be denied if it complies to design standards.

Advocates of the project have maintained that the state has mandated affordable housing to be built in all California cities, with stiff penalties for those who don't comply. However, city residents who oppose the development have argued that other cities in California have managed to regain local control over building.

Community members, both those for and against the project, addressed the council. Hamman spoke of the positive benefits to the city, including increased revenue for the community and schools.

Again, Hamman emphasized that the project is a high-quality development to be built and maintained like unto the Ford Avenue apartments in Gridley and by the same builder. A playground, dog park and basketball court will be part of it. According to Hamman, city administrators, the city planner and the school superintendent are in support of the project.

Resident Amanda Mattos voiced strong opposition to the project, claiming that Hamman wanted to develop the seven-acre property into apartments and that "our town can't handle it."

Another resident reminded everyone that Assembly Bill 430 will sunset at the end of this year and encouraged the council to "let it (the project) go."

More than one resident voiced concerns about the impact of the increase in traffic to arterial roads maintained by Butte County, concerned with the county's reduced budget for repairs.

Then Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner pointed to Measure H funds that can be used

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On the Clock with Rotary

Story and photos
by Connie Voss

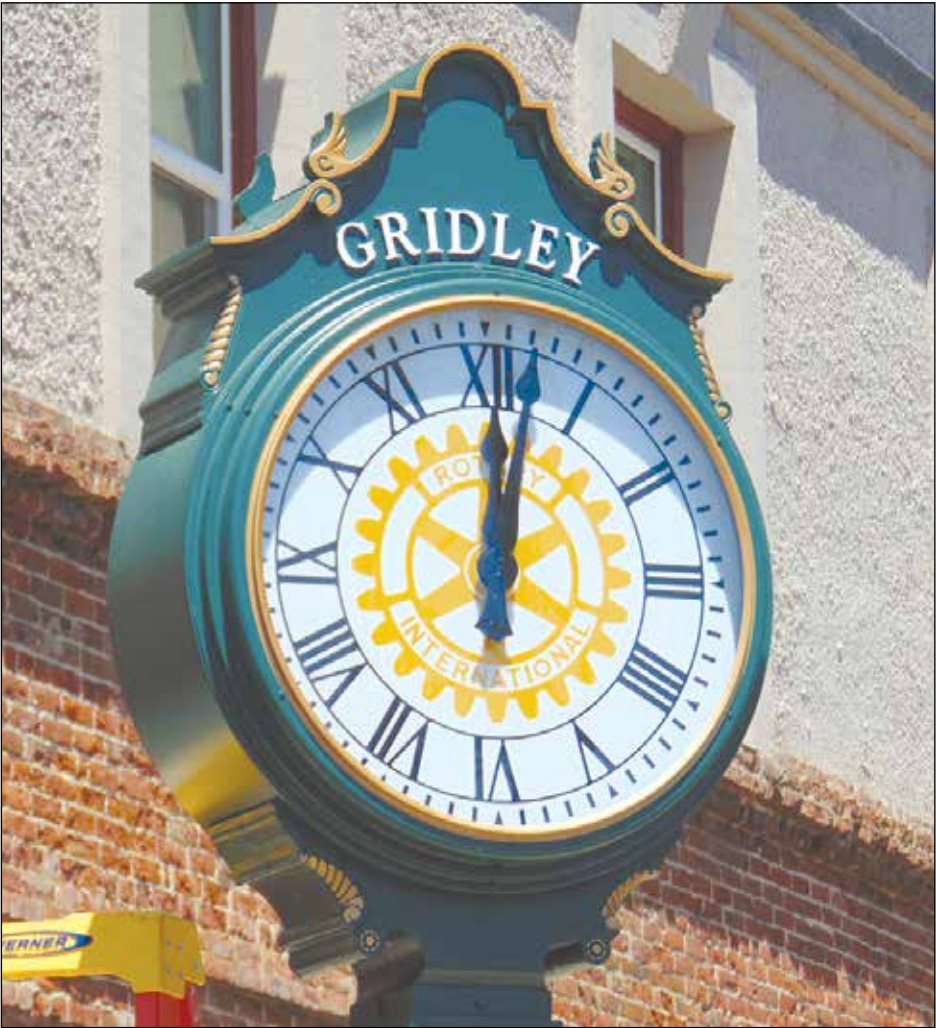
GRIDLEY (MPG) - Gridley officially has a new timepiece downtown.

The long-awaited Rotary clock was unveiled on Monday, June 30. The clock was placed in honor of Rotary's centennial and the late Dick Jones.

The ceremony was led by outgoing Rotary President Lynne Spencer. This was Spencer's last event as president and the crowning accomplishment of her tenure. President Spencer was "honored" last week by getting "arrested" and put in the Red Suspender's Day jail at the weekly Rotary meeting.

About 50 people were present for the clock unveiling, including Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, City Administrator Elisa Arteaga, Councilmember J. Angel Calderon and Rotary District Governor Steve Turner. Dick Jones' wife, Donna; sister, Beverly; daughters, Patti and Cheryl; and son, Steve, and his wife, also attended.

Spencer spoke of what an honor it was to serve



The new clock is located on the corner of Hazel and Kentucky Streets. The gold Rotary emblem can be seen in the clock face.

during the centennial year of Gridley's Rotary Club. Each president chooses a project to work on for the year and Spencer's was

the clock. Funds totaling \$20,000 were collected from 37 donors over a period of about nine months.

Rotarian Dan Boeger shared memories of Dick Jones, relating that when the Gridley Museum

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The New Pi-Line Where the Wild Things Are!



By Josh F.W. Cook

Mrs. Brock reports that she maintains regular readership of the Burleson family newspaper because she enjoys the continuation of the Pi-Line.

July is the month we celebrate America. Moreover, we celebrate freedom, which is a rare blessing in the world. What are some key aspects of freedom? A free society is built on several important basic rights. People have the freedom to speak, write, practice

their religion, and gather together, with access to a variety of independent media and protection from censorship. Political freedom means everyone can vote, run for office, and choose from different parties in fair elections. The rule of law ensures that everyone is treated equally, courts are fair, and no one is arrested without good reason. Economic freedom allows people to own property, start businesses, and trade with reasonable rules but not too much government control. Religious expression is protected, not punished. People can move freely within and outside their country and have their privacy protected. Women have rights and children are protected. Finally, access to information and education, including small independent newspapers and independent news sources round out the basic tenants of freedom. Having been in several other

countries in the last few months, America is exceptionally good. It has been refreshing to see the tide turn in the last six months, voices in our culture who were trying to perpetuate the lie that America is terrible, America is racist, America is bad, and evil have been put back in their place. The major political party whose platform is - America's wrong, bad, and evil has been set back decades. Hopefully, in the next six months, we find some way to get the lies and misinformation about our great country out of our public school system structure. America is the greatest country in the world and the greatest country that has ever been. There is a reason why your ancestors (or you) chose to come here. July is the month to celebrate our great country.

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and administrator.

Annual Fireworks Warning Issued

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - District Attorney Mike Ramsey reminded the public that any possession of fireworks, even those designated as "safe and sane," within the unincorporated portions of Butte County is illegal and strictly prohibited.

Ramsey noted that only the cities of Oroville, Gridley, and Biggs allow for the sales of "safe and sane" fireworks within their city limits. Ramsey noted that any lighting or even possession of any fireworks outside those city limits is illegal and subject to fines upwards of \$1,000 and six months in county jail. Fire

danger will be high this 4th of July holiday as recently shown in local fires and any possession in the county area will be vigorously prosecuted.

"Do not buy fireworks within a city and believe just because they are designated as 'safe and sane' that they can be taken out of the city. No fireworks can leave the city limits," Ramsey said, recalling that the destructive Thompson Fire in Oroville was started by so-called "safe and sane" fireworks last year on July 2, 2024.

Ramsey also warned that any fire either intentionally or negligently set by fireworks would be prosecuted as a felony.



JoJo Kershner enlists the help of volunteers to hold a massive snake, part of the Wild Things presentation held recently. Photo by Chris Pedigo

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also hail from southern swamps and can swim faster than dolphins, according to Kershner. Previously endangered, there are more than 2-million alligators in North American swamps, according to the animal handler.

Capybaras are the world's largest rodent species and capable of running at speeds up to 22 MPH, Kershner told the captivated crowd.

By far, the animal that stole the show was Tater Tot, a 2-year-old capybara. Native to South America, this capybara was born when the mother went to Wild Things and rejected the baby. Kershner bottle-fed Tater Tot from the time she was 4 days old.



JoJo Kershner of Wild Things displays a black and white striped Tegu, sticking out its tongue. Photo by Connie Voss

Everyone lined up to pet the animal. The line stretched halfway around the room but no one complained. The children were delighted.

In conclusion, Kershner encouraged everyone to

recycle, pick up garbage and to get involved in what you care about.

Most of the animals at Wild Things have been injured or displaced and can no longer survive in

the wild.

The organization is based in Colfax in Placer County. If you have an animal that needs rehoming, call Wild Things at 530-878-2618.



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Nova, the Great Horned Owl looks at the audience. Photo by Connie Voss



Everyone's favorite, Tater Tot the capybara, received plenty of petting at the end of the show. Photo by Connie Voss

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Biggs has New Interim City Administrator



The new Biggs interim city administrator is Rodney Harr. "I'm here to help in any way I can," Harr said. Photo courtesy of Cliff Wagner

Story by Connie Voss

BIGGS (MPG) - Biggs has hired a new interim city administrator to replace outgoing Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner.

Wagner had worked the maximum number of hours possible under California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) regulations and his last day was June 30.

Former Gridley Police Chief Rodney Harr will now carry out the interim city administrator duties.

"Thanks to all of the city council and staff for their support during this challenging time for the city," Wagner said. "The city staff members are really the unsung heroes, fulfilling all of the

requests and keeping the city running smoothly."

Harr served on the Gridley Police force for 33 years. His roles included detective, narcotics detective, sergeant in 2009 and lieutenant in 2019, with a promotion to the position of Gridley Police Department Chief of Police in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maintaining the highest of standards, Harr mentored other officers with his exemplary skills. Harr, known locally for his institutional and policy knowledge, integrity and expertise, will be a welcome addition to the city.

The council had reached out to Harr to ask if he would assist the city by filling the role until a permanent city administrator could be found.

"Biggs is an important community," said Harr. "I worked for 20 some years protecting it as part of the police force. I'm here to help in any way I can. The breadth of my career has been dealing with conflict resolution and de-escalation. I hope to bring a sense of calm and positivity, as well as find a permanent city administrator who reflects the community and its values."

Mayor Bo Sheppard said, "We are thrilled to welcome Rodney Harr to Biggs. His extensive experience in public safety, crisis management and city administration will be invaluable as we navigate the upcoming months and continue to serve our community effectively." ★

On the Clock with Rotary

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burned down, Jones saved the American flag.

Gridley Mayor Mike Farr was unable to attend but prepared written remarks that were read by Councilmember Calderon: "This clock will serve as a daily reminder of our shared commitment to progress, unity and honoring of both our history and our future."

Representing Congressman Doug LaMalfa, Teri DuBose awarded the Rotary Club a plaque of congressional recognition and thanked the Rotary Club for the service rendered to the community over the years.

Next, Steve Jones thanked everyone for remembering his father who gave countless hours of service as part of Gridley Rotary for 50 years. Dick Jones' grandfather settled in Gridley in 1907, where the family was raised and attended Gridley schools.

"Dad loved this community. He loved the people. He loved interacting, sharing, visiting and volunteering whenever he



Steve and Debbie Jones are shown here next to the clock honoring Steve's father, Dick Jones.

could," said Steve Jones.

"During fair time, you could always find dad at the Rotary booth with Dan and Howard, pouring beer and barbecuing," he continued. "We grew accustomed over the years to tagging

along with dad on all of the projects needed around town, whether it was cleaning something up, painting something, building something; we liked that."

Dick Jones was known in the community for his contributions to Gridley Little League and its youth players.

"Dad loved baseball and tried to make sure that nothing stood in the way of a kid playing baseball, whether he paid their registration fees to make sure they could play, got them a uniform, got them a glove, whatever they needed," Steve Jones said.

In addition to the newly dedicated clock, Jones passion for baseball was previously commemorated with the dedication of "Dick Jones Memorial Field" or the large diamond at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley. ★



Outgoing Rotary President Lynne Spencer collected \$20,000 to fund the clock.



MEMORIAL

LOUISE (LANGWORTHY) WEDIN BLOCK • 05/16/1929 - 06/30/2025

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson Street, in Gridley, for Louise (Langworthy) Wedin Block, who passed away peacefully at her home on June 30, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Louise was born to Lou and Avis Langworthy on May 16, 1929, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest and graduated from Kennewick High School in Kennewick, Washington, in 1947.

She married Leland Wedin on December 28, 1950, in Yreka, California, where they met while working at the Siskiyou Daily News. As Lee began his career with Safeway Stores and progressed into management, the couple moved to Redding, where Louise attended Shasta College and especially enjoyed the drama department. They later relocated to Chico, where their daughter Lisa was born, and then to Gridley, where their son Mark was born. Gridley became their long-term home, where they lovingly raised their family.

After raising her children, Louise returned to school and proudly earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Chico State University in 1979. She went on to work at Wilson School for 17 years, first as a Teacher's Aide and later as the Media Center Clerk, where she became a beloved and respected presence.



Louise enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, and reciting poetry, which she often shared with joy and warmth. She was a dedicated member of Beta Sigma Phi for over 40 years, cherishing the friendships and service it brought into her life.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leland Wedin, in 1981, and later married Roland Block in 1995. Louise and Roland lived in both Washington and California until his passing in 2006.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa VanDeHey (Roger) and son Mark Wedin (Stefanie), both of Gridley; stepchildren Rance Block (Alison) and Karen Faler, both of Washington; grandsons Colby, Taylor, and Grayson Wedin of Gridley; granddaughters Lily Wedin of Gridley, Samantha Block of Colorado, and Natalie Block-Schmidt of Washington; and great-grandchildren Harper, Harlen, Haisley, and Elliott Wedin, Everett Wedin Stanton, and Lexton Schmidt.

Louise will be remembered for her deep love of family, her gentle spirit, and the wisdom and warmth she shared so freely. She touched many lives and leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and grace.

Following the service, a private graveside ceremony for family will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, PO Box 567, Kanab, UT 84741-0567, or to Gridley Friends of the Library.



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- *Pay yourself first.* If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.
- *Invest appropriately.* Your investment decisions should be guided by your retirement goals, along with how long you have before you need the money and how comfortable you are with different levels of investment risk. If you deviate from these guideposts — for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk — you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.
- *Avoid financial "potholes."* The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt — the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.
- *Give yourself some wiggle room.* If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans — perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer — you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display — but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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Community Calendar

Butte County Libraries

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

Friday, July 4: Libraries closed to observe Independence Day holiday.

Saturday, July 5: Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Monday, July 7: Gridley book club, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (G) Gridley Friends of the Library meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, July 8: LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination to life by joining us for a hands-on afternoon of LEGO fun. All are welcome to attend, and kids under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

Wednesday, July 9: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, July 10: Chill Thrills, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Learn the science behind the salt and cream reaction that makes ice cream possible. Take home your very own hand-made ice cream that will bring a scoop of happiness to the whole family. (B) Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Spielberg Spectacular – a library film festival, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join us for the third of a 4-movie celebration of legendary filmmaker Steven Spielberg. Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering these classics for the first time, this festival is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. Films are rated PG or PG-13. Patrons under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. (G)

Friday, July 11: Sure Start family playtime, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Tuesday, July 15: Creative writing group, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (G) LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination to life by joining us for a hands-on afternoon of LEGO fun. All are welcome to attend, and kids under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

Wednesday, July 16: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, July 17: Pony beads, LEGOS, and clay, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Craft time together in the air-conditioned library. (B) Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (B) Family movie night, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy "Minecraft" at the library. (G)

Friday, July 18: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Pony beads, LEGOS, and clay, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Craft time together in the air-conditioned library. (G) Ladies' night out movie, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (G)

Now through Wednesday, Aug. 6: Summer reading program at the Barber Branch Library, 10321 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Kids to age 17 are invited to read books, collect points and earn prizes. In addition, every other Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., we'll have a special craft time. July 9, we'll be making African masks. Have questions? Call us at 530-822-3223.

Friday, July 4 4th of July Parade

Starts at 9 a.m. in downtown Chico. Watch our community come together for a patriotic procession featuring creative floats, spirited local organizations, and a sea of red, white, and blue. Bring the whole family to cheer on the parade, enjoy festive decorations and soak in the lively atmosphere. More information, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, see www.chicorec.gov

Friday, July 4 4th of July Fireworks

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Nelson Sports Complex, 2280 6th St., Oroville. Enjoy a spectacular fireworks show over Thermalito North Forebay, starting 30 minutes after sundown. Celebrate this free event with food, crafts, swimming and music. Lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets and coolers are welcome.

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Saturday, July 5 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 with stone fruit. For more information, contact preserving-foodwithfriends@gmail.com

Saturday, July 5 Dive-In movie

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley pool, 2320 North Ave. Chico. Snacks, drinks, popcorn, and ice cream will be available for purchase. Grab your lounge chairs, floaties, and other pool accessories, and get ready to enjoy the show from the water. Pool opens at 7 p.m. and "Moana 2" starts at sundown. Tickets available at www.chicorec.gov

Saturday, July 12 Street-Ready Summer Self-Defense series

Noon to 2 p.m. at Cultivate Power Fighting Arts, 2360 Oro Quincy Hwy. Oroville. In this free workshop (#2 of 3), you'll learn how to protect yourself using only what you carry every day – your hands, your voice, and your awareness. This is for everyday people – no experience needed. More information and a link to register at www.cultivatepower.net

Friday, July 18 Cardboard Boat Races

Free in Live Oak. Building begins at 5:30 p.m. and races begin at 7 p.m. For more information, see "Parks and Recreation" at www.liveoakcity.org

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., in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 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. Presented by the Downtown Chico Business Association. Call 530-345-6500 for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. to 7p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> The next meeting will be Monday, July 7.

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 on Wednesday, July 16. 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 July 16.

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. ★



MEMORIAL

FRANCIS "FRANK" WARREN HEINRICH • 06/20/1922 - 06/19/2025

Francis "Frank" Warren Heinrich, a devoted family man, World War II veteran, and pillar of his faith community, passed away on June 19, 2025, in Gridley, California, just one day before his 103rd birthday. Born on June 20, 1922, in Live Oak, California, Frank was the beloved son of Francis Richard Heinrich and Catherine Agnes Foss. As the ninth of eleven children, Frank grew up during the Great Depression on his family's farm in Live Oak, alongside his sisters and brothers—Gertrude, Catherine, Clara, Richard, Edward, Walter (Brother Nicholas of the Franciscan order), Charles, William, Robert, and Harold, all of whom pre-deceased him.

He began his education at the Hedger School, a one-room schoolhouse, before graduating from Live Oak Elementary and attending Live Oak High School. Frank then spent three years at St. Joseph's College, a Catholic seminary in Mountain View, California, where he completed high school and began college.

In October 1942, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, serving until March 1946. He volunteered for sea duty

on the USS General William M. Black, a US Navy troop transport ship. His naval service took him across the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans, as well as the Mediterranean Sea.

After the war, Frank worked for the Metropolitan Life and New York Life insurance companies in San Francisco, where he met and married Irene Josephine Hanratty. They wed at St. Paul's Church in San Francisco in 1953, moved to Gridley, and shared a loving marriage until Irene's passing in 2022. He was well-known in Gridley and throughout California's agricultural communities for the work he did during his over twenty-five years of service for Kilby Manufacturing.

Frank was a devoted father to Stephen, Daniel (Ruthann), and Christine Heinrich. He was a cherished grandfather to Danielle Mays (Don), Melissa Momboisse (Rick), Michael and Allison Upton, and a proud great-grandfather to Charlotte and Elliott Mays. He was also an uncle to 40 nieces and nephews.

A man of deep Catholic faith, Frank served Sacred Heart Parish in Gridley in

numerous capacities, was a long-standing member of the Knights of Columbus, and, earlier in life, was a member of the Catholic Young Men's Institute. He was an active member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Gridley chapter, for over 40 years where he enjoyed fellowship with friends and family.

Frank found joy in hunting, fishing, golfing, and traveling with Irene. His life was characterized by service, faith, and love for his family and community. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by those who knew him.

Visitation and rosary will take place On Monday, July 7 from 4-8 pm, with a rosary beginning at 7:00 pm at Gridley Block Funeral Home. Funeral mass will take place on Tuesday, July 8 th at 10:00 am preceded by a rosary at 9:30 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church followed by burial at Live Oak Cemetery. Following interment, a celebration of Frank's life will be held at the Gridley Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or a veterans' organization of your choice.



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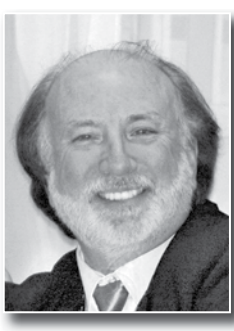
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Biggs Housing Project Stalled

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for those purposes. One person requested that the city have a conversation with the county about its ability to repair the roads.

Mayor Bo Sheppard assured the resident that “we will get you an answer.” Summerville indicated he has previously met with the planner and engineer at Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) and “they had no problems with it.”

In answer to concerns that the original 42 apartments planned would blossom to a higher number of units, Summerville gave his assurance that changes could not happen without another building permit.
“That would be illegal,” Summerville said.
Mattos commented that

Hamman and Wagner did not live in Biggs and would be unaffected by the outcome of the project. Wagner clarified that he lives in the county on Pryde Avenue, which is a major artery directly into Sixth Street.

“I am an impacted and affected party to this question,” Wagner said.

Hamman rebutted the arguments and concluded by saying “Biggs is lucky to get this.”

Councilmember Doug Arnold and Mayor Sheppard commented in favor of Biggs needing growth.

“We need more people in the city,” Arnold said.

City attorney Greg Einhorn advised the council that there was not a legal basis to deny the project.

City Council put the item to vote, with Councilmember Jerome Squires recusing him-



self from voting due to the proximity of his property to the project. Subsequently, all four

of the actions that were needed to advance the project failed by lack of a second motion to bring the item to a vote or by no initial motion on the actions.

Moving on, other action items included adopting policies regarding delinquent property taxes, as well as renewing a contract with Butte County for animal control services.

Public comment was made indicating dissatisfaction with present animal control services, especially the lack of response to calls. Wagner suggested inviting county representatives to a council meeting for public input concerning areas of needed improvement.

Councilmember Anita Wilks pointed out that according to county reports, there have been

animal control responses within the city. If residents get no response, they should contact the city, Wilks said.

Another contract renewal with CalFire was approved for the coming fiscal year. The cost of the contract increased by \$131,737, from last year due to the future hiring of an additional firefighter and the work week also was raised to 66 hours.

Department reports included Public Works Superintendent Paul Pratt reporting that a guard rail was damaged by a hit-and-run driver on West Biggs-Gridley Road. Preliminary estimates on the cost of repairing the rail are more than \$2,000, plus labor. Anyone with information on the driver’s identity is encouraged to call the City of Biggs at 530-868-5493. ★

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TEIL 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000427
The following person(s) are doing business as: Honeybee Charcuterie Company, 2152 Eagle Meadows Drive, Gridley, CA 95948
Scarlett J Predix-McClellan, 2152 Eagle Meadows Drive, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: June 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 4, 2025
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HONEY 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000413
The following person(s) are doing business as: SNS Landscaping and Design, 1442 Sheridan Avenue, Apt 3, Chico, CA 95926
Skyler A Zimmerman, 1442 Sheridan Avenue, Apt 3, Chico, CA 95926
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SNS 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000332
The following person(s) are doing business as: Good Frickin Hot Chicken, 952 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Shandana Inc, 1245 Hazel Street, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: April 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 24, 2025
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CHICKEN 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000208
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lux Perfume, 1950 E 20th Street, G 710, Chico, CA 95928
Shandana Inc, 1245 Hazel Street, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: March 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 12, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
LUX 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000356
The following person(s) are doing business as: A1OCO Studios, 3262 Kettle Creek, Chico, CA 95973
Jasmine Atencio, 3262 Kettle

Creek, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 5, 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: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025
A1OCO 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000436
The following person(s) are doing business as: Can I Get A Ride, 2 East Gridley Road, Suite B 310, Gridley, CA 95948
Katrina M Shampeau, 2 East Gridley Road, Suite B 310, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: June 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000438
The following person(s) are doing business as: Supreme Clean, 3089 Tenth Street, Biggs, CA 95917
Silas Z McFall, P.O. Box 1128, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: June 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 2, 2025
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SUPREME 7-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000461
The following person(s) are doing business as: Parallel Property, 66 Marybill Ranch Road, Chico, CA 95928
George R Nicolaus, 66 Marybill Ranch Road, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: June 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2011
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PARALLEL 7-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000371
The following person(s) are doing business as: Raliberto's Taco Shop, 116 Table Mountain Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
FRG Fernandos Taco Shop LLC, 2031 Forest Avenue, Suite 108, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: May 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 5, 2025
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: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025
RALIBERTO'S 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000394
The following person(s) are doing business as: Eight Six O, 860 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Natalie J Ratliff and Sarah M Kelly, 860 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: May 21, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 21, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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

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RATLIFF 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000462
The following person(s) are doing business as: Calafia Auto Sales, 1746 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Calafia Enterprises, 1746 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: June 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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BIGGS 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000455
The following person(s) are doing business as: Threshold, 4134 Stone Valley Court, Chico, CA 95973
Ardonlake, LLC, 4134 Stone Valley Court, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: June 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025
THRESHOLD 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000464
The following person(s) are doing business as: E3 Business Services, 928 Neal Dow Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Marcos Gonzalez, 928 Neal Dow Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: June 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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GONZALEZ 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000451
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Pilates Room, 885 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Eliza Sannar and Shelly Davis, 1945 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: June 16, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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PILATES 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000442
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bidwell Notary & Services, 3051 Eaton Road, Chico, CA 95973
Cristina Borja Cordova, 3051 Eaton Road, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: June 10, 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: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025
BIDWELL 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000449
The following person(s) are doing business as: Impact CDL Training/Impact CDL, 2009 Challenger Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965
Idaho CDL Training LLC, 1111 S Orchard Street, Unit 239, Boise, ID 83705
Date filed in Butte County: June 13, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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IMPACT 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000481
The following person(s) are doing business as: Biggs Baptist Church, 2395 6th Street, Biggs, CA 95917
Biggs Ministry Center, 2935 6th Street, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: June 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #25CV01933
Petitioner Heather Evenson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Irelynn Kathleen Monroe Curtis to Irelynn Kathleen Monroe Evenson.
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 July 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on May 23, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
EVENSON 7-4-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #25CV01131
Petitioner Angelina Marie Frazier filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alexandria Cooper-Lynn Brady to Alexandria Cooper-Arlene Leahy.
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 July 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on June 2, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
FRAZIER 7-4-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #25CV01132
Petitioner Bryan Anthony Leahy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bryan Anthony Leahy to Michael Anthony Leahy.
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 July 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on June 2, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
LEAHY 7-4-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #25CV01081
Petitioner Shelly Elaine Glayzer

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Grayson James-Laurance Glayzer to Grayson Ender-Lux Glayzer.
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 July 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on May 28, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
GLAYZER 7-4-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #25CV02289

Petitioner Taylor Nicole Goodwin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Taylor Nicole Smith to Taylor Nicole Goodwin.
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 August 8, 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 June 25, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: July 4, 7, 11, 18
TAYLOR 7-25-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JO ANNE M. YORK
CASE NO. 25PR00242
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Jo Anne M. York.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Diadra Cain, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Diadra Cain 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: July 15, 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: Debby M. Ehrlich, 4305 Third Avenue, suite 3405, San Diego, CA 92103; (805) 312-8059
Publish: June 27, July 4, 11, 2025
YORK 7-11-25

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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Property Address: 637 RIDGE STREET, PORTOLA, CA 96122
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/19/2021. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU,


YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/06/2025 at 11:00 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/24/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-0008030, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of PLUMAS County, State of California. Executed by: KATHRYN E MCCLURE AND DARRYL G HOGAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) East Entrance Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 125-193-002-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 637 RIDGE STREET, PORTOLA, CA 96122 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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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. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". 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 call 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website www. awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-040360 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: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 24-040360 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of

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TRUSTEE SALE

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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services,

LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0475835 TO: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 07/04/2025, 07/11/2025, 07/18/2025 GRIDLEY HERALD 7-18-25

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-02
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
GRIDLEY-BIGGS CEMETERY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, acting as the legislative body of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Maintenance Assessment District, has previously ordered through Resolution 94-3 the formation of an assessment district pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, known as the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Maintenance Assessment District, for the purpose of financing certain cemetery facility improvements as specified in the District's Master Plan and for the purpose of funding maintenance operations of those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, through Resolution 94-3, has ordered that the cemetery improvements specified in the original Engineer's Report dated April 8, 1994, be constructed, and has estimated that the cost of such proposed cemetery improvements is greater than can be raised from a single annual assessment, and has ordered that the estimated costs of these improvements, other than the costs of maintenance and servicing, be raised by an assessment levied and collected in annual installments over a period of 20 years, commencing in fiscal year 1994-95 and ending after fiscal year 2013-14; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 14-01, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code sections 22608 and 22585 et seq., declaring the intention to extend the annual assessment period an additional 20 years, setting a public hearing for June 11, 2014 and requiring that the notice of public hearing and assessment ballots be mailed to all District property owners as shown on the equalized tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly published and mailed as required by Resolution 14-01, Streets and Highways Code sections 22585 et seq. and Government Code section 53753 and the assessment ballots were timely mailed to all owners of property within the District as shown on the equalized tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, at 7:00 AM on June 11, 2014, as set forth in Resolution 14-01, the Board held a public hearing and afforded all interested persons an opportunity to heard, closed the public hearing and directed the Clerk to tabulate the assessment ballots that had been received prior to the close of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the ballots were tabulated and there was no majority protest, the Board may proceed with this Resolution of intent to levy and collect assessments for fiscal year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Sections 22622, 22623, 22565 and 22661 authorize the preparation of an Engineer's Report on an annual basis which shall describe any proposed new improvements or any substantial changes in existing improvements, set forth an estimate of the costs of any improvements and/or maintenance, specify a diagram for the assessment district, specify the amount to be assessed upon various types of assessable lands within the assessment district, and include in the estimate and the assessment for fiscal year 2025-2026 the total amount of the annual installment assessment ordered in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, an Engineer's Report for fiscal year 2025-2026, as authorized and ordered by the Board, has been prepared, which Engineer's Report generally describes the general nature, location, and extent of the new improvements or any substantial changes in existing improvements and maintenance, provides an estimate of the costs of any proposed new improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and refurbishments and maintenance, sets forth a diagram for the assessment district, specifies the amounts to be assessed upon various types of assessable lands within the assessment district, and sets forth the total amount of the annual installment assessment for fiscal year 2025-2026 ordered by this Board of Trustees in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Engineer's Report has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 22623, and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to act pursuant to Streets and Highways Code sections 22585-22595.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board finds:

a. the preceding recitals are correct;

b. compliance has been had with all requirements of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, including, but not limited to sections 22585-22595, and section 53753 of the Government Code;

c. the tally of the assessment ballots timely received was in favor of the assessment as set forth above;

d. the Board may proceed with the levy and collection of assessment as set forth herein;

and,

e. Said assessment is a valid property-related fee as defined in Article XIII D, section 6(b) of the California Constitution:

(1) Revenues from the fee shall not exceed the funds required to provide the property related service: maintenance and expansion of the cemetery for exclusive use of property owners and families.

(2) Revenue derived from the fee is not used for any purpose other than that for which the fee was imposed. The fee provides **only** for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery.

(3) The amount of the fee imposed upon any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership does not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The fee provides **only** for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery.

(4) The fee is imposed for a service that is actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the property in question. The charge provides for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery which is available to the persons paying the charge and not available to the general public.

(5) The fee is not imposed for general governmental services where the service is available to the public at large in substantially the same manner as it is to property owners. The charge provides for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery which is available to the persons paying the charge and not available to the general public.

Section 2. Declaration of intent to levy and collect assessments pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 22624.

a. Said assessments will be levied and collected within the boundaries of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Maintenance Assessment District, which comprises all that area lying within the boundaries of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District. A full and detailed description of the boundaries of the Assessment District and the parcels of land within the district is contained within the Engineer's Report.

b. The Board of Trustees declares its intent to continue to levy and collect assessments for fiscal year 2025-2026 within said District at a rate of \$1.50 per month or \$18.00 per year per single family residential unit, apartment unit and/or condominium, all as set forth in the Engineer's Report. This is the same rate as that of the prior fiscal year. The total number of parcels to be assessed and an estimate of total annual assessment revenue are contained within the Engineer's Report. The estimated cost of the proposed cemetery improvements specified in the Engineer's Report is greater than can be raised from a single annual assessment, and therefore, the estimated cost of these improvements, other than the cost of maintenance and servicing, will be paid for by this assessment, which will be levied and collected in annual installments over a period of 20 years commencing in fiscal year 2014-15 and ending after fiscal year 2033-34.

c. Improvements within said assessment district to be funded by said assessments shall include construction of expanded cemetery facilities at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery and ongoing maintenance items as detailed within the Engineer's Report which is incorporated herein by this reference.

d. Reference is hereby made to the Engineer's Report which is on file with the Clerk of the Board for a complete description of proposed improvements to be undertaken in fiscal year 2025-2026 and thereafter, the cost thereof, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the proposed assessment district.

e. The Board hereby declares that this resolution of intention constitutes a notice of hearing regarding its intent to levy and collect assessments within the assessment district for fiscal year 2025-2026. This hearing shall be held at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 9, 2025, at 8:30 AM, at the office of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, 2023 State Highway 99, Gridley, California. The clerk is hereby directed to publish this notice as a notice of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 6061.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District this 11th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

YES : 3 TRUSTEES: Larry Evans, Larry Hamman, Charles Nuchols

NOES : 0 TRUSTEES:

ABSENT : 0 TRUSTEES:

ABSTAIN : 0 TRUSTEES:

Larry Evans

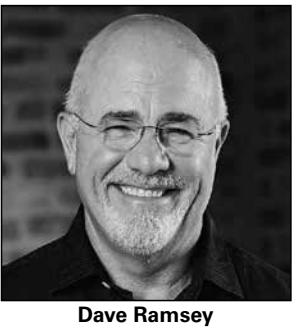
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Dear Dave,

What's your advice on asking for a raise in a delicate workplace situation? I've been with my company almost six years, and I make the same money as one of my co-workers, who has been with the company for an equal amount of time and holds the same title. I have no problem, all things being equal, but in my mind they're not equal. During our tenure with the company, I have consistently taken on more responsibility—asked for it, even—and produced bigger and better results than he has. All things considered, at this point I feel I have the right to complain about the situation, because I think I should be making more money than he does.

— Jacob

Dear Jacob,

Believe me, I understand how you feel right now. But no, you don't

Dave Ramsey Says Make Your Case, and Don't Worry about the Other Guy

have the *right* to complain. You agreed on your pay when you took the job, and you should perform your duties with integrity and character. What someone else does, or in this case *doesn't* do, has nothing to do with your title or personal compensation.

Now, if you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance on the job, that's fine. It's sounds like it may even be understandable, given the situation. So, if that's the case, sit down with your leader and make a logical, objective and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. I wouldn't mention your co-worker, and especially don't bad-mouth him, because it's not relevant. Taking that approach could also make it come off as just a case of sour grapes to your boss. As a leader, I can tell you that's not an attractive look on anyone. What's relevant here is the value you bring to the company. Period.

Do you hear what I'm saying, Jacob? If you think you deserve a raise, *and* you've got the results to prove it, sit down and have a respectful conversation with your leader. Make your case. Show him or her the numbers in black and white, the value you bring to the company and explain why you feel you should get more money. I really think you'll have a better chance of getting your work recognized and rewarded if you'll approach things this way.

Good luck!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-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



In the life of every NBA franchise, there are times that will try the patience of every fan and times of utter disillusionment. A series of moves last season by the Sacramento Kings put many fans in one of those boxes and trading away the face of the franchise didn't help.

Heading into last week's draft, "gloomy" hardly captured the mood around the Kings both for the franchise and its fans. A series of poor moves left them with just one pick and that at #42. Hardly cause for excitement.

As draft night approached, Kings fans had yet to see a glimpse of new GM Scott Perry's thought process, as virtually no moves had been made. While there was talk of him trying to land a first-round pick, hopes of that happening looked slim as the draft began.

When it appeared all was lost, commissioner Adam Silver announced that the Sacramento Kings had navigated a swap of draft choices, giving Sacramento the opportunity to pick a player at #24 of the first round. I immediately was excited, but at the same time wondering what we had to give up to acquire a first round pick.

To my amazement, Perry had orchestrated a swap of first round picks but giving up one of the two picks the Kings already had in the 2027 draft, meaning that Sacramento could realize a first round pick immediately. I waited to hear if there was more to the trade but to my delight, it was a straightforward swap of first round picks.

Perry's first move as the new GM of the Sacramento Kings made quite a splash. Little did I know there was more to come.

At #24, Sacramento chose Nique Clifford, a fifth-year player from Colorado State. Last season, he averaged 18.9 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.4 assists, and 1.2 steals, shooting 50% from the field. At 23, this 6'5" guard/small forward brings strong versatility and is known for his defense and rebounding, making him an ideal fit for the Kings.

But Perry wasn't content on just reinforcing the backcourt. At pick #42, he grabbed 7'1" Maxime Raynard, a senior from Stanford. Stanford's head coach couldn't stop praising the 22-year-old center, and for the first time in recent memory, NBA pundits are showering the Kings with praise. Many are calling the 2025 draft one of the best in franchise history.

Basketball fans were treated to a highly competitive finals, highlighted by some of the best defense in years. I was especially impressed by center/forward Chet Holmgren, who emerged as the series' x-factor. His versatility, handling the ball, shooting threes, blocking shots, and running the floor, left Indiana with no answer for the electric big man.

Surprisingly, when I watched the highlight clips of second round pick Maxime Raynard, I found myself looking at a close facsimile of Chet Holmgren, and with a full four years of college experience, Raynard is likely to see a significant amount of playing time in the upcoming season.

With Sabonis, Valanciunas and now Raynard, finding playing time will be a challenge for Kings coach Doug Christie but Kings fans have much to look forward to.

Raynard is being called a stretch 5, meaning in addition to his inside abilities, he is a capable 3-point shooter as well. Hard to believe he was still available at #42 but maybe the fates of the Sacramento Kings are finally changing. Changing at a time in which a new GM is giving Kings fans a glimpse of his capabilities.

It is refreshing to hear ESPN and others praising the Kings draft and most pundits are giving Sacramento an overall A, something that rarely if ever happens in Sactown.

Hope, euphoria, optimism. Pick your adjective but there is a definite climate change happening in Sacramento right now and Scott Perry is presenting himself as more than a capable GM. Are there more movies coming? I absolutely think so but I am hopeful that they will be as prudent and thoughtful as the ones we've just witnessed.

All eyes on summer league, Kings fans, and it will be interesting. I will be in Las Vegas and will be reporting on what I see with my own eyes but without a doubt, this upcoming season just got a lot more interesting.

Stay tuned, Kings fans.

All the best!

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

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The heat is on. The tomatoes are happily ripening but once it is over 100 degrees they will slow down. It is what they do here. The first ripe tomatoes of the year are always the best. They are probably just like all the others that come on later, but they are the first ripe tomatoes and they simply hit the spot. Then there will be too many. This is simply

the pattern of summer tomatoes. Of course, then many of us will can them for winter. I used to make spaghetti sauce, salsa, and stewed tomatoes. Now only stewed tomatoes will be canned. Other tomato sauces will be made from the base of the stewed tomatoes. We can stewed tomatoes because we have bell peppers and onions, stewed tomatoes contain all three. We are already plaguing our neighbors with zucchini. I'm going to try making zucchini chips. I'm told they are good. We'll see if they are good enough to take the time to make them. I'll let you know.

I experienced something new the other day. I have a Blue Jay

that has claimed the front yard and the bird bath there. She nests in our orange tree each year. The orange tree is in the back. I was out front doing some work and I heard a Blue Jay that sounded a bit off. I looked around for the local marauder, she rips out shredded coir from hanging baskets, rips out the moss from around my Bonsai trees, (that bird is now trying to claim the back yard.) As I looked around what did I see but a Mocking Bird on the fence. That little bird who has always done pretty bird song was rasping out the sound of the Blue Jay. I didn't know they could do that. Amazing. Enjoy these early days of Summer. ★



Farm Bureau Urges Common Sense and Compassion in Immigration Enforcement

Following immigration raids on California farms this month, the state Farm Bureau expressed solidarity with farmworkers and advocated for a sensible approach to immigration enforcement. "California Farm Bureau stands with the men and women who plant, cultivate, harvest and process the crops that make California the leading producer of fruits, vegetables and nuts in the United States," said Bryan Little, senior director of policy advocacy for the Farm Bureau, which represents more than 26,000 farm and ranch families in the state. "Indiscriminate deportations could disrupt California agriculture, rural communities and the broader economy."

California Cherry Grower Reflects on a Challenging Year

Tom Gotelli, who grows, packs and ships cherries in San Joaquin County, reflected on a difficult season for California cherry growers, many of whom lost as much as half their crop. "Pretty much all the varieties were affected. I think the warm temperatures in December and January affected the trees' dormancy," Gotelli told Ag Alert® in a field report. "Our cherries go all over the world, and we exported a decent amount, although the U.S. has been a really good market for us because Americans love cherries. A greater share of our cherries went to the domestic market this year. But because of the light crop, no one got what they wanted.

Everybody wanted more." California Ranchers Adapt as Wolves Threaten Cattle

California's growing wolf population has caused significant challenges for the state's ranchers. Cattle ranchers such as Billie Roney in Tehama County have changed the way they operate to protect their herds. "We have weaned calves younger and earlier than ever before to try to minimize the damage done by the wolves," Roney told Ag Alert® in a field report, adding that the calves were "too easy prey" to be sent with the herd to graze this summer in the mountains. Roney said she also built corrals to protect her cattle from wolves at night. "It's really hard on the cattle when you confine them in a small space like that," she said.

California Grown Launches New Agritourism Website

Californians and visitors to the Golden State hoping to experience a slice of farm life may find it a little easier this summer to find the U-pick, tasting room or farm stand that most catches their interest. That's thanks to a new website launched this month by the marketing organization California Grown. "California is more than the country's leading agricultural state—it's a living classroom and a place where food, family and farming intersect in powerful ways," said California Secretary of Food and Agriculture Karen Ross. "This new website makes it easier than ever for people to connect with the people and places who grow our food and steward our land." ★

Politicians Ignore Agriculture's Troubles but Boost Movie Business



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When James Marshall discovered traces of gold in the American River in 1848, he ignited the famous California Gold Rush that attracted a tidal wave of immigration and led to statehood just two years later.

However, not everyone who made the arduous trek to California in the mid-19th century was seeking gold. Many — including those in the ill-fated 1846 Donner Party — wanted farmland.

Completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 made immigration into California and shipping produce out of the state much easier. As the gold rush quickly waned, agriculture became the state's dominant industry, globally famous for fresh fruits and vegetables.

California's vast network of reservoirs to capture water and canals to deliver it was originally created to help farmers prosper. They still use, by a wide margin, most of the system's water.

While California is still No.1 in agricultural production among the states, generating about \$60 billion a year, other sectors, such as technology, health care and logistics now play much larger roles in the state's economy.

This is the time of year when crops are maturing and farmers are looking forward to harvests, shipments

and paydays. But agricultural leaders see this year as one of the industry's most trying periods, beset by economic and political factors that could significantly reduce production.

"When we talk about the things that are keeping me up at night, it really comes down to what is going to keep our members in business," Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, said this month during a gathering of industry leaders.

She cited a federal census of agriculture which revealed California has lost 20% of its farmers in the last decade. The industry is at a tipping point, she declared.

She also pointed to a study by researchers at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo that detailed rising costs of producing lettuce in the Salinas Valley due to government regulations. It found that costs of environmental, labor and food safety regulation are \$1,600 per acre, up 63.7% since 2017, while income from lettuce has been virtually stagnant.

The list of factors affecting the industry also includes rising labor costs due to state wage regulations, new limits on pumping water from wells and demands from the state to reduce water diversions from rivers.

This year brought two new adverse factors — President Donald Trump's tariffs that could generate retaliatory tariffs, depressing export markets, and Trump's sweeps of undocumented immigrants, who are a major portion of the agricultural labor force.

Alexi Rodriguez, president of the Almond Alliance, told the gathering

that China had been the top market for almonds until 2018, when an earlier round of Trump's tariffs cut shipments. "After this year, China is likely to drop out of the top 10 export markets for almonds as a result," she said.

The state's labor costs also put California's growers at a disadvantage.

"We're sitting here in California and getting our brains beat in with costs that are through the roof and going up against my competitors in the East Coast paying \$8 to \$9 an hour for labor, and we're dealing with the same customers," said Mike Way, a bell pepper producer in the Coachella Valley. "What's my choice? My choice is to shrink my acreage and go elsewhere."

As agriculture's acreage declined, so too did its economic importance and its once-dominant political clout vis-à-vis other economic interests. Efforts by Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders to double state subsidies for the film industry underscore that decline.

Newsom, et al, say the subsidies are necessary to keep film production from declining further. The film industry pegs its economic contribution at \$30 billion a year, just half of agriculture's output.

Implicitly politicians believe that producing movies is much more important than producing food.

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. ★

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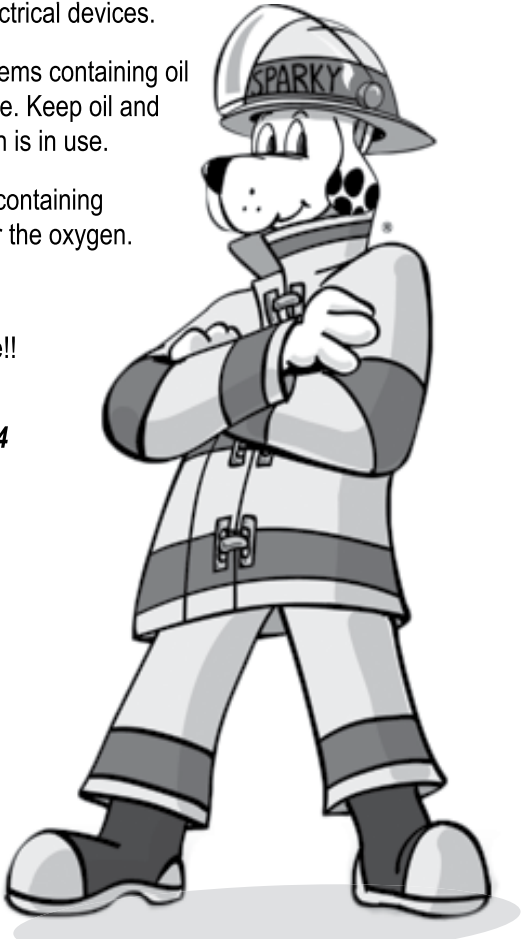
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- Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.
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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Do Video Games Rot Your Brain?

– Joie, 10, Texas

Dear Joie,

After answering science questions all day, I like to play Mario. It's relaxing to smash Goombas and zoom down pipes.

I asked my friend Dene Grigar if that's wrecking my brain. She leads the Digital Technology and Culture program at Washington State University Vancouver.

She told me that sometimes people dismiss new things by calling them harmful.

That often happens with new technology or media. People reacted that way to railroads, telephones, cameras and television.

People even freaked

out about books. For a long time, books were hard to come by, and regular people couldn't read. When that changed, folks worried about "reading fever." They thought reading would rot their brains and harm society. Experts call that a moral panic.

Usually, those attitudes relax when people learn more about the new technology or media.

"The reason people say video games rot your brain is because most people don't know how to read a game," Grigar said.

It turns out games are more than cool graphics. They tell stories and use narrative structure—like books. The skills we use to analyze great literature are the same ones we use to analyze great games.

That's why experts talk about "reading" a game instead of just playing it.

But most people have teachers to guide us as we learn to read and examine literature. We don't usually get that with video games.

A good way to start reading a game is to look at the character you're playing—your

avatar. Notice how they interact with the in-game world. Think about how your choices affect their journey. Compare what they go through with your own experiences in the real world.

When I play Mario, I can just stomp Goombas. Or I can think about how Mario leaves home to track down his kingdom's kidnapped leader. He jumps and squishes his way across unfamiliar lands. He defeats enemies in dungeons—only to be teleported to a new world with even more bad guys.

Sometimes the real world feels like that, too. We tackle one obstacle, and another one pops up. It takes serious grinding (and maybe help from a tutorial or friend) to keep going. It needs a hero who doesn't give up.

Grigar told me that kind of analysis separates a good game from a not-so-good one.

"What I look for in a quality game isn't the graphics," she said. "It's whether I'm moved to do something thought-provoking. Am I thinking through this story? Do I need to make decisions? Is my brain tasked with doing something useful?"

Making those choices and completing those quests might teach your avatar something about the in-game world. It may show you something about the real one.

The right game—like the right book—could help you level up.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



Virtual reality is new technology. It changes how we experience a game. Dr. Grigar says it could help us visit museums and interact with artifacts—from home or school. Image cropped by Dr. Universe

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Gridley Police Report



June 14, 2025 - June 30, 2025

- June 14:** At 2:18 p.m. on the 1700 block of SR 99, Gridley, Shelly Marie Flower, 50, was arrested for Driving w/license suspended-DUI (14601.2(a) VC), No Proof of Insurance (1628(a) VC) and Expired Registration (4000(a)(1) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 15:** At 7:42 a.m. on SR 99 and Township Road, Gridley, Jeremy Allen Camper, 45, was arrested for Obstruct/resist/etc of a Public/Peace Officer/ Emergency Med Tech – All Other Offences (M) (148(a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 17:** At 9:36 a.m. on Jay Drive, Gridley, Edward Eric Everett, 36, was arrested for Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and Possession of a Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 18:** At 6:24 a.m. on Magnolia Street and Randolph Avenue, Gridley, Thomas Wayne Cecil Cabrera, 33, was arrested for Felon/addict/possess/etc Firearm (F) (29800(a)(1) PC), Prohibited Person Own/possess/etc Ammunition/etc (F) (30305(a)(1) PC) and Mfg/sale/etc Large Capacity Magazine (F) (32310(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 20:** At 9:00 p.m. on the 400 block of Mcrae Way, Yuba City, Gurpreet Singh, 35, was arrested for Forgery: false Checks/records/certificates/etc. (F) (470(d) PC), Make/pass/etc. fictitious Check With Intent to defraud (F) (476 PC) and Obtain Credit/etc. use Others Id – Impersonation (M) (530.5(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 21:** At 12:46 p.m. on the 100 block of Washington Street, Gridley, Don Gordon Butler, 72, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 21:** At 8:41 p.m. on the 200 block of Spruce Street, Gridley, David Poncho Valdez, 48, was arrested for Battery: spouse/ex Spouse/date/etc – Simple (M) (243(e)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 22:** At 8:26 p.m. on E Gridley Road and Fairview Drive, Gridley, Hilary Dawn McClelland, 39, was arrested for Forge/alter Vehicle Registration/etc. (M) (4463(a)(1) VC), Driving W/license Suspended (14601.1(a) VC) and Expired Registration (4000(a)(1) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 23:** At 11:04 p.m. on Spruce Street and SR99, Gridley, Danielle Marie Beauchamp, 51, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 27:** At 2:32 a.m. on the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Glenda Louise Kennedy, 57, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- June 28:** At 4:36 a.m. on Sycamore Street and Jackson Street, Gridley, Eduardo Avina, 30, was arrested for Vandalism: destroy Others Property (F) (594(a)(3) PC) and Vandalism: destroy Others Property (M) (594(a)(3) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

Justice Served Life Sentence of 74 Years to Life

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Justice Lamar Alleyne, 43, of Oroville, was sentenced June 25 in Butte County Superior Court to a total of 74 years to life in prison after having been found guilty by a jury last month of felony counts domestic violence and assault, and 46 counts of restraining order violations.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stemmed from a Dec. 2, 2024, incident at the Best Western Hotel in Chico, where Alleyne pinned his girlfriend to a bed and strangled her. The victim was able to break free but Alleyne continued his attack and punched the victim in the head, causing her to lose consciousness. The victim was able to escape from the hotel and go to a friend's house. The friend called law enforcement and helped the victim seek medical care.

Alleyne was arrested and continued to communicate with the victim while incarcerated at the Butte County Jail, despite a criminal protective order being in place that stopped him from doing so.

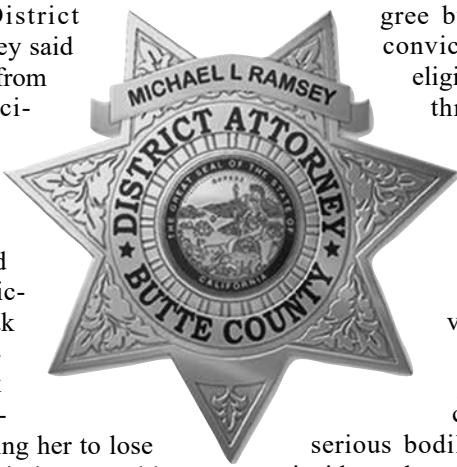
At the jury trial, the prosecutor, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Jessica Miller, put on an expert in intimate partner abuse, who told the jury that continued communication after a violent encounter is typical when a relationship is based on a cycle of violence. The expert, DA investigator Sophia Parsons, showed

Alleyne had continued communication both directly and through third parties up through the week of the trial, consistent with techniques used by abusers to exert power and control over their victims. The victim in this matter refused to testify at trial.

Alleyne's prior convictions include a 2019 conviction for solicitation for murder, as well as 2003 convictions for criminal threats and first-degree burglary. These prior convictions made Alleyne eligible under California's three-strike law to be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison on each of the new felony convictions.

After the jury convicted Alleyne, he then entered a no-contest plea on a separate case to battery with serious bodily injury for a 2025 incident where he punched a 19-year-old male victim in the face, knocking him to the ground before stomping on his head, causing permanent scarring to the victim's lip.

During the sentencing, Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway found no mitigating factors relating to Alleyne and said that while she had discretion to strike the prior strikes, in order to sentence Alleyne to a lesser sentence, Alleyne's criminal history of violent behavior throughout his adult life, compelled her to sentence him to the maximum for public safety. She then proceeded to sentence Alleyne to two 25-year-to-life terms, plus 24 years in state prison. ★



Beat the Heat

How To Stay Cool During a Hot California Summer

California.com Team News Release

NORTHERN VALLEY, CA (MPG) - The California heat can sneak up on you during the summer. Here's some helpful tips so you can beat the heat during a hot California summer.

There's a unique allure to California's summer, the brilliant sun gilding sandy beaches and mountain peaks, cities buzzing with energy and color, and an infectious spirit of adventure permeating the air. Yet, beneath this idyllic picture lurks a formidable challenge - the California summer heat.

The temperatures, often hitting above the 90-degree mark, can make the Golden State's charm a little more daunting. But fear not! For every blazing sunray, there's a method to tame it, ensuring your summer isn't spent holed up in air-conditioned retreats, but out exploring California's myriad offerings. Here are tips and tricks to beat the heat, stay safe, and truly relish the natural beauty California delivers.

Stay Hydrated

While this seems simple, it's often overlooked. As temperatures rise, so does your body's need for water. Dehydration can sneak up on you and lead to dizziness, fatigue, and even heatstroke. Make sure to consume at least 8-10 glasses of water each day. If you're participating in strenuous activities, add an electrolyte drink to maintain your body's salt balance.

Dress Appropriately

The summer California sun is no joke, and your outfit choice plays a significant role in staying cool. Opt for loose, breathable fabrics like cotton or linen and light-colored clothing that reflect rather than absorb sunlight. A hat with a wide brim to protect your face, sunglasses to guard your eyes, and shoes (and socks) that allow your feet to breathe are also essential.

Cool Off in California's Waters

Embrace the natural cool-off spots that California offers. From the Pacific coastline to the countless rivers and lakes in its natural parks, a refreshing dip is never too far away. But remember, while the ocean provides a respite from the heat, it's crucial to use a waterproof, broad-spectrum sunscreen to protect your skin from the intense rays.

Time Your Outdoor Activities

To stay safe during a hot California summer, timing is key. Avoid being outdoors during the peak sun intensity hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Plan your outdoor activities, be it hiking, sightseeing, or beach time, for the early morning or late



Always be aware of the weather forecast, especially during periods of extreme heat. Follow the guidance from public health officials and take heat warnings seriously. Photo by Couleur via Pixabay

evening when temperatures are relatively cooler.

Embrace Indoor Activities

When the mercury reaches its peak, seek refuge indoors. Museums, art galleries, shopping malls, and movie theaters are great places to escape the heat for a few hours. Many California cities have these options in abundance. Remember, during periods of extreme heat, the state often sets up cooling centers—public spaces where you can safely cool down.

Practice Safe Sun Care

Sun protection goes beyond just slathering on the sunscreen. Choose a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 and reapply every two hours, especially after swimming or excessive sweating. Seek shade whenever possible, and don't forget to protect your lips with an SPF lip balm. You do not want to be dealing with a painful sunburn after a day out in the sun. In the long term, diligent use of sunscreen can help avoid health issues later on from repeated, damaging sun exposure.

Stay Informed

Always be aware of the weather forecast, especially during periods of extreme heat. Follow the guidance from public health officials and take heat warnings seriously. Extreme heat can lead to serious health conditions like heatstroke.

By following these tips, you can navigate the California summer safely, staying cool while enjoying all the natural beauty and cultural richness the Golden State has to offer. California in the summer is hot, but with a bit of planning and care, it doesn't have to leave you feeling the heat. ★

California Awards \$15 Million to Support Tribal Economic Growth

Governor Gavin Newsom's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Jobs First Council announced \$15 million in grants to 14 California Native American tribes, tribal coalitions, and tribally led organizations on June 25. The grants support projects aimed at spurring economic growth, providing job training, cultivating business development, protecting the environment, and conducting research and development.

"This \$15 million commitment recognizes that, since time immemorial, California tribes have been best aware of the opportunities and advantages of their regions and communities. California is proud to partner with tribes across the state to support good jobs and expand economic opportunity in a meaningful and lasting way, delivering on the promises we made years ago," Newsom said.

The announcement includes awards for projects spanning a range of local investments, from developing community centers to constructing a bioenergy production facility, including Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians was awarded \$1.51 million to develop a strategic energy plan.

"Our tribal partners are uniquely positioned to grow their local communities and economies utilizing cultural values and principles of self-determination," said Tribal Affairs Secretary Christina

Snider-Ashtari. "Today's awards promise to advance our shared goals for a stronger economy and greater opportunities for all Californians."

California Indian Museum and Cultural Center was awarded \$587,000, and will develop a career pathway program in the health sector titled "Climate-Ready Tribal Community Health Representatives." Kashia Band of Pomo Indians were awarded \$999,000 in order to conduct the pre-development activities necessary to establish the Kashia Aquaculture Center.

Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria was awarded \$999,000, to conduct the pre-development activities necessary to establish a Resilience Hub and Multi-Functional Community Center.

Native Development Network was awarded \$776,000 to conduct research supporting the development of career pathways in the clean economy, healthcare, and high-tech sectors.

Native First Lending was awarded \$1 million to develop a revolving loan fund for Native American businesses in Los Angeles County.

Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe was awarded \$744,000 to support land restoration activities on two culturally significant historical sites.

Owens Valley Career Development Center was awarded \$1.995 million to develop career pathways in the clean economy.

Pit River Tribe was awarded \$954,000 for a comprehensive land use

assessment to identify locations for new businesses in industries such as tourism and outdoor recreation.

Scotts Valley Energy Corporation was awarded \$1 million for a bioenergy production facility.

Southern California Tribal Chairperson's Association was awarded \$933,000 to develop an Innovation Ecosystem to support small businesses in the clean economy sector.

Table Mountain Rancheria was awarded \$950,000 to conduct pre-development activities for the TMR Healthcare Center.

The Sierra Fund was awarded \$945,000, which will provide economic and workforce development planning support for two local Tribes.

Tule River Economic Development Corporation was awarded \$1.6 million to develop career pathways and provide training in the clean economic sector.

"Each of these awards represents our efforts to invest in locally driven projects that will advance meaningful job creation, attraction, and access across California," said Dee Dee Myers, Senior Advisor to Newsom and Director of GO-Biz, as well as Stewart Knox, Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development. "The California Jobs First Council is honored to have the opportunity to invest in these 14 communities and we look forward to working closely with our tribal nation partners to ensure the ongoing success of their projects." ★

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Operation Dry Waterfor Fourth of July Weekend

California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks’ Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is urging all boaters to boat sober this Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Division of Boating and Waterways and local law enforcement agencies are participating in Operation Dry Water from July 4 to July 6, a nationwide initiative to reduce boating under the influence (BUI) and to promote safe boating practices.

“Recreate responsibly: wear your life jacket, designate a sober operator and make safety the priority every time you’re on the water,” said Ramona Fernandez, deputy director of Division of Boating and Waterways. “Operating a boat under the influence is not only illegal, it’s dangerous. Protect lives by staying sober behind the helm.”

During the Operation Dry Water weekend, boaters can expect increased patrols and sobriety checkpoints on waterways, as well as outreach and education efforts, such as safety demonstrations and informational materials. There will also be collaboration with local marinas, boating clubs and community organizations to spread the message of sober boating.

Launched in 2009 by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, Operation Dry Water has drawn public attention to the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

According to U.S. Coast Guard 2023 Recreational Boating Statistics, alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 17% of deaths.

The Operation Dry Water campaign goal is to educate boaters about the dangers of alcohol and drug use while operating a vessel to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities that occur as a result of boating under the influence.



Top and bottom left: Officers from Contra Costa and Yolo County sheriff departments are among many agencies participating in Operation Dry Run. Right: An officer conducts a routine vessel stop. Photos courtesy of Division of Boating and Waterways

Alcohol can impair a boater’s judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. It can also be dangerous for passengers. Intoxication can cause slips, falls overboard and other dangerous incidents.

In California, it is against the law to operate a boat or water ski with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 percent or more. Officers can also arrest boaters with a blood alcohol concentration of less than 0.08 percent if conditions are deemed unsafe.

Boating under the influence convictions can result in up to six months in jail and/or fines of up to \$1,000. Two convictions within seven years could add a jail term of up to one year. Boaters caught operating under the influence might also have their voyage terminated and their vessel impounded.

Participants in this year's Operation Dry Water in California include California State Parks' Auburn State Recreation Area (SRA) in El Dorado and Placer counties, Lake Oroville in Butte County, Lake Perris SRA in Riverside County, Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino County, and Pichaco (SRA) in Imperial County.

Additionally, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

and several city police departments, including Blythe, Sacramento, South Lake Tahoe and Truckee, are participating.

County Sheriff Departments from Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba counties are also involved.

To ensure safe boating, California State Parks’ Division of Boating and Waterways urges boaters to wear a life jacket, take a safe boating course and get a California Boater Card, file a float plan in case of emergency, carry proper safety equipment and implement clean and green practices such as proper disposing of trash and utilize shore-side recycling stations.

Life jackets save lives. Make sure everyone on board is wearing a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket that is appropriate for the intended boating activity.

For more information on Operation Dry Water or boat safety practices, visit www.nasbla.org/operationdry-water/home or call 859-225-9487. ★

Multiple Structures Burned in Sheldon Fire



Firefighters investigate some of the heavy machinery located on the property, looking for other areas where fire might have popped up during the Friday, June 27 blaze. Photo courtesy CALFIRE/Butte Unit

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On the evening of Friday, June 27, both CAL FIRE Butte Unit and Gridley Fire Department crews responded to calls of a fire on Sheldon Avenue, Gridley.

A large blaze ignited on a property situated near the junction of Sheldon and Highway 99.

According to a CAL FIRE Butte Unit social

media post, two storage containers and an outdoor enclosure sustained major damage. Crews were able to keep the flames out of a large shop located nearby.

According to Rob Kenyon at Station 74, the coordinated attack by local fire crews and assisting resources resulted in an aggressive knock-down of the fire.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. ★



Firefighters look on as they approach a fire that broke out in storage buildings located on Sheldon Avenue. Photo courtesy CALFIRE/Butte Unit



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