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Orchard Hospital Breaks Ground on Youth Psychiatric Health Facility



Enthusiasm was high for the Youth Psychiatric Health Facility groundbreaking ceremony at Orchard Hospital on Aug. 11. Photo courtesy of Landon Stark.

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Monday, Aug. 11, Orchard Hospital proudly hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its upcoming Youth Psychiatric Health Facility, an inpatient unit set to open in Fall 2026. The event brought together approximately 50 attendees representing local and state leadership, community members, law enforcement and firefighters — all united in their support for this transformative project.

Notable guests included: Clark Redfield, from Orchard Hospital Board of Directors; Gridley City Administrator Elisa Arteaga; Gridley City Councilmember J. Angel Calderon; Gridley Mayor Mike Farr; Butte County Supervisors Tod Kimmelshue and Tami Ritter; Sutter County Supervisor Jeff Stephens; Isabella Morgan from Assemblyman

James Gallagher's office; Tasha Weaver from Senator Brian Dahle's office; Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes; Gridley Police Chief Todd Farr; Director Scott Kennelly from Butte County Behavioral Health; Margaret Desmond Hughes, Orchard Hospital Foundation Chairperson; CEO Dr. Shamsher Bhullar of American Advanced Management; and CEO Amy Micheli, Orchard Hospital.

Speakers at the event shared their enthusiasm and commitment to improving youth mental health care in the region. Many emphasized the urgent need to eliminate the long, stressful drives families currently face when seeking inpatient psychiatric services for youth.

"This project is more than just a building — it's a safe, healing place. One that provides help, support, and care when it's needed most," said

Kirsten Storne-Piazza, Director of Psychiatric Programs and Provider Relations.

The new facility will provide comprehensive inpatient care for youth experiencing mental health crises, serving Butte County and neighboring counties. Its completion in Fall 2026 will mark a major step forward in providing timely, local access to specialized mental health services, according to Landon Stark, the hospital's regional director of business development.

"The Youth Psychiatric Facility will be a beacon of hope — a safe haven for young people in their most difficult times, and a place where they will be seen, heard, and cared for," said Amy Micheli, CEO of Orchard Hospital, who also expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from American Advanced Management. ★

Council Votes to Remove Virtual Public Participation Option for City Meetings

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Aug. 6 meeting of the Live Oak City Council, resident Dale Carlson submitted a written public comment regarding a 2.5% fee increase for parcels in the Community Facilities District (CFD) 2004-1, which was approved at the July 16 meeting.

Carlson said these homes are bearing the weight of rising city costs, and the city should explore a more equitable taxation model shared across all parcels.

City Manager Benjamin Moody recommended that the City Council consider updating the remote participation procedures for city meetings.

City Council meetings were initially moved to Zoom in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing for virtual participation and live streaming. But more recently, many jurisdictions have returned to in-person meetings or a hybrid approach.

Live Oak currently allows both in-person public participation and the option for residents to call into the meetings through Zoom. The meetings are also live streamed and recorded, so they can be viewed later online.

Moody said managing the virtual participation option is often a burden on staff, and technical issues in the system can impede the proceedings. He added that virtual participation allows for abuse of the system, such as people concealing their true identity, as well as "Zoom bombings" in which callers disrupt meetings by shouting inappropriate comments.

When reviewing the level of public participation through Zoom over the last several years, Moody said it is not frequently utilized.

Nearby jurisdictions such as Gridley, Oroville, Chico, Yuba City, Marysville, Wheatland, Colusa County, Butte County and Sutter County have all removed the virtual participation option due to similar concerns, said Moody.

He recommended returning to in-person meetings for the City Council and all other city boards and commissions, while continuing the use of live stream and recording for both real-time and later viewing. The public would still be

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Move, Connect and Elevate with Eliza

The Pilates Room to Open in Gridley

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - 'The Pilates Room', brought to the community by Eliza Sannar, is one of the newest businesses to join a growing number of locally-owned establishments in historic downtown Gridley.

The 23-year-old Sannar recently opened her doors to the public for a sneak-peek of the newly renovated Pilates studio, allowing curious locals to explore the equipment used in the discipline and ask questions.

"Pilates is a mind and body exercise method focused on core strength, controlled movement and alignment," said Sannar and that it "emphasizes breathing, precision and purposeful movement."

While the method can be practiced on a mat, it was originally developed to be performed on 'reformer' Sannar tells the Herald. She currently has 8 in the studio. "Reformers are spring-based apparatus (equipment) that both support and challenge the body," said Sannar. Individuals with physical limitations such as arthritis can benefit from targeted tension exercises of the reformer while experiencing low impact. The draw is that



Beautiful balloon arches set the scene for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting held by The Pilates Room and Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, Saturday Aug. 16 in Gridley. Pictured from left are Joan Clarke, Eliza Sannar and Cathy Mills. Photo courtesy of Eliza Sannar

it can tone specific areas while also strengthening the whole body.

With opening The Pilates Room, Sannar has combined two of her passions under one roof, with the

intention to 'level-up' her clients wellness journey. Not only will she offer group and private Pilates classes at the studio, but professional

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Shocking and curious - the Pi-Line was on page 5 instead of page 2 last week. This displacement from the traditional place of honor usually only happens when the paper is packed with Butte County Fair information.

The historic Big Wheel races are the best thing about the Fair in Gridley. The Big Wheel is a plastic, low-riding tricycle recognized for its oversized front wheel and shallow seat. First produced in 1969 by Louis Marx

and Company in Girard, Pennsylvania, it quickly gained popularity among American children during the 1970s (I had one). Its success was due to its affordability and endorsements from consumer advocates, who considered it a safer choice than conventional bicycles. The consumer advocates were wrong, I assure you that kids on Hazel Street in the early 70s - we were more dangerous on Big Wheels than bikes. Some people from Gridley add Big Wheel Race victories to their resumes later in life, believing that Big Wheel championships will put them a cut above in the tight job market or when seeking a Presidential appointment.

Noted: Less boozing is going on across America. Gallup Research just published findings that the percentage of people who drink alcohol has reached

its lowest point since 1939. Only 54% of Americans are regular imbibers. The data indicates that the next generation is less inclined to the bottle. Another study points out that the next generation coming into adulthood also does not like casino gambling as much. The local Clergy may be feeling victorious as social trends head their way.

As much as the local fair advances the great American tradition of having an annual social gathering - based on food production, in Gridley, it always has the sad after-taste of being the signal to kids that school starts again, the day after the fair. Another Summer is over.

Josh F.W. Cook is an alumnus of Cal State East Bay, which is better than UC Berkeley (a lesser institution of learning also located in the Bay Area). ★

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able to submit electronic comments ahead of the meetings, and virtual participation will be retained as needed for staff participation or presentations, or for ADA accommodations for the public.

No public comments were submitted on this item, and the council voted 4-0 to approve the change, with Councilmember Nancy Santana absent.

Councilmember Bob Woten acknowledged the hard work of the new city manager, stating that he feels very "confident...about the direction we're going."

Woten said to Moody, "You've really been very dedicated to us, and I know on

behalf of the council, that we appreciate that. You keep us abreast of everything that's going on, and you're very much appreciated, so thank you."

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Aug. 20. ★



Hey, FFA Officers!



By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - With classes starting next week, Gridley High School has announced their FFA (Future Farmers of America) Officers for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Chapter officers are as follows.

President is Billy Routon, Vice President is Gaby Roque, Secretary is Gracie Yost, Treasurer is Reagan Witt, Reporter is Eve Sherer, Sentinel is Jack Routon and Public Relations is Sarah Hamman. Senior Joe Schorr will function as Regional Officer, North Valley Vice President. Photo courtesy of GHS FFA. ★

Biggs Commits to Industrial Park Reforms

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The City of Biggs has formally responded to the 2024-2025 Butte County Grand Jury report, which found serious governance lapses at the Biggs Industrial Park.

The City Council, at its Aug. 12 meeting, adopted a response letter pledging to implement all recommended reforms by early 2026.

The Grand Jury's report, titled "Big Changes in City of Biggs Government," found that city staff had approved expenditures without budgeted line items or council authorization, and allowed tenants to operate without valid lease agreements.

In response, Interim City Administrator Rodney Harr acknowledged the issues stemmed from internal control deficiencies and administrative transitions.



The Grand Jury's four recommendations were calls for a comprehensive fiscal audit, monthly public financial reporting, standardized lease agreements, and execution of legally compliant leases.

The council agreed with the Grand Jury's findings and will restore trust and transparency by appointing an independent auditor to review Industrial Park finances since July 2023, Harr said.

The city also agreed to the creation of a centralized and publicly accessible ledger for monthly financial

reporting, the implementation of a lease management system, and formalization of all tenant leases, subject to City Council approval.

Mayor James "Bo" Sheppard signed the official response letter submitted to the Butte County Superior Court Judge Michael R. Deems.

"The City Council of Biggs is committed to improving transparency, accountability, and oversight related to its assets and operations," the letter states. "We thank the Grand Jury for its work and will continue to implement reforms in alignment with the recommendations provided."

Harr said the city expects to finish the measures in phases by early next year. Auditing and legal expenses under review will be managed through budget amendments or separate contracts. ★

PG&E Urges Caution During Increased Flows on the North Fork Feather River

Increased releases from Rock Creek Dam will affect Rock Creek Reach

Pacific Gas and Electric Company News Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) urges the public to take extra safety precautions as water flows will be higher through the weekend of Aug. 23-24 on a stretch of the North Fork Feather River for whitewater recreation.

During the higher flows these parts of the river contain Class III, IV and V rapids, which are only appropriate for skilled paddlers, and not appropriate for tubing.

The higher flows will occur in the Rock Creek Reach, an 8.3-mile portion of the North Fork of the Feather River in the Plumas National Forest, between PG&E's Rock Creek Dam and the Rock Creek Powerhouse near Storrie.

By 9 a.m. on Sat. Aug. 23, flows in the Rock Creek Reach will be increased to a minimum 900 cubic feet-per-second (cfs) until Sunday, Aug. 24, at 2 p.m. when flows will be gradually reduced to the season normal of approximately 400 cfs.

Whitewater flows will also occur on the Rock Creek Reach the weekend of September 27-28.

The recreational flows on the Rock Creek Reach



Many unseen obstacles can be lurking below the water's surface. Photo by PublicDomainPictures via Pixabay

are conducted in cooperation with the American Whitewater organization and the Rock Creek-Cresta Ecological Resource Committee and are usually held four weekends a year in June, July, August and September.

PG&E offers the following water safety tips:

Stay out of cold water. Sudden immersion in cold water can stimulate the "gasp reflex," causing an involuntary inhalation of air or water. It can even trigger cardiac arrest, temporary paralysis, hypothermia and drowning. When faced with swift water, even the strongest swimmers may be easily overwhelmed.

Many unseen obstacles can be lurking below the water's surface. Swift water can make these obstacles even more

treacherous. Guided trips for inexperienced paddlers are strongly recommended.

Recreating in PG&E canals and flumes is strictly prohibited. Stay out of canals and flumes, which are very dangerous due to slippery sides, sub-surface obstacles, fast moving water, and transitions to full tunnels and pipes. For more water safety tips visit: www.pge.com/hydrosafety

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Move, Connect and Elevate with Eliza



The Pilates Room offers access to eight reformers, pictured here, that support the body during exercise movements, while providing low-impact, targeted results. Photo courtesy of Eliza Sannar

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 aesthetician services of facials and eye lash/brow services. Sannar has been a practicing aesthetician in a medical spa setting for 3-years and was inspired to further her journey into supporting client wellness with becoming a certified Pilates instructor through the BASI Pilates Academy. "The Pilates Room was born out of a simple vision

that I felt our small town of Gridley was lacking: an inclusive, welcoming environment where clients feel supported and inspired, focused on wellness – inside and out." Her motto is, "Where refined movement meets radiant skin." Sannar intends to keep her classes small and tells the Herald that Pilates can be started at any level of experience. For those that

may feel anxiety in larger settings or may require extra assistance, she suggests private sessions. With a history in this town herself - she was born and raised here after all – Sannar has put much effort into curating a calm and welcoming space while keeping the original feel of the historic building that houses the studio. She rallied family for

help, and they came. Her father, Chiropractor and owner of Gridley's Spin and Sport Gym, Josh Sannar, helped her sand down and re-seal the hardwood floors, clean the crumbling decades-old brick, and repair a host of other 'fix-its'. Friends came to help clean, paint and sweep. Eliza's mother, Shelly Davis, helped her structure and manage the

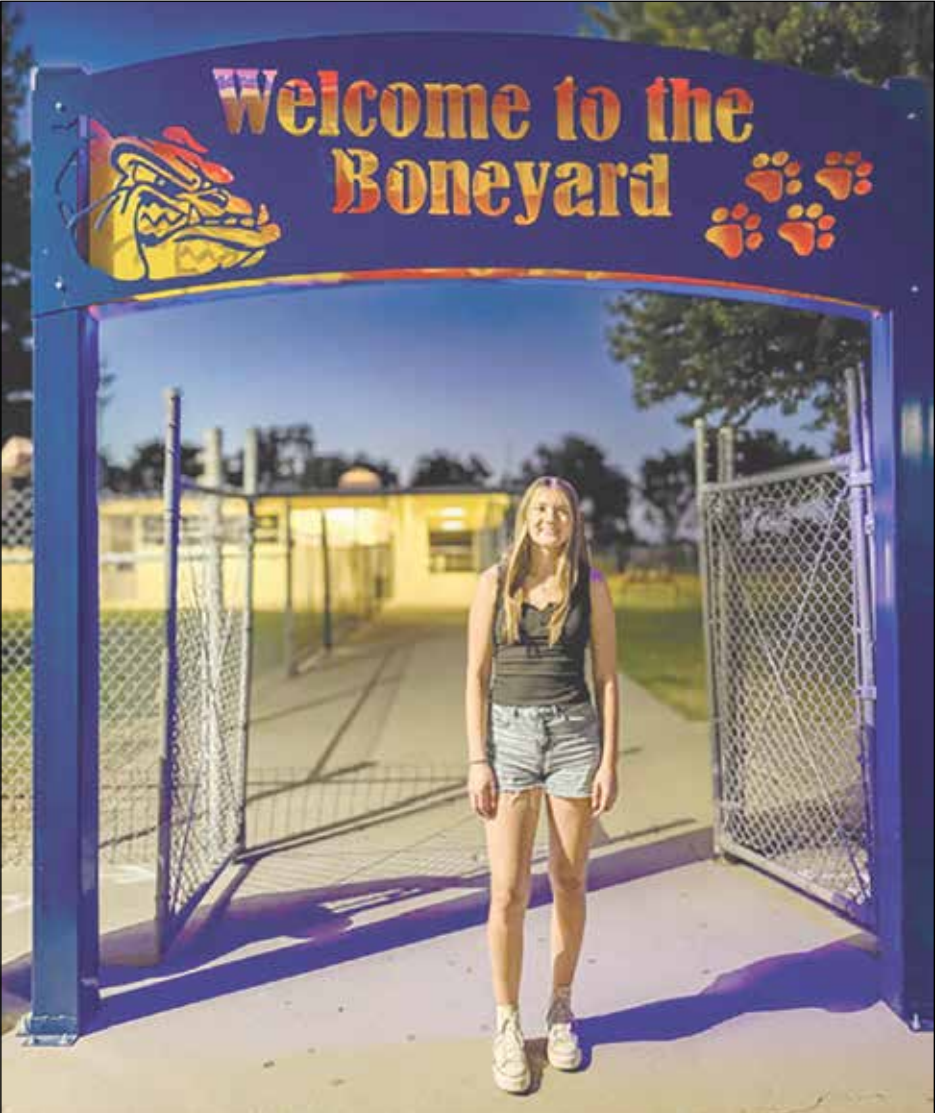


Eliza Sannar smiles at the opening of The Pilates Room, where she will offer Pilates classes and aesthetician services. Photo courtesy of Eliza Sannar

business planning and implementation, while original owners of The Wishing Corner, Grandmother Cindy Davis and Great Aunt Cathy Mills, made sure that marketing was on-point and other details were not missed. The Pilates Room held its official Grand opening and Ribbon Cutting with the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce Saturday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. The Pilates Room is located at 885 Hazel Street,

Gridley and appointments can be booked online at thepilatesroom.com. Pilates classes begin as low as \$30 a session and facial treatments as low as \$65. Doors open to The Pilates Room Sept. 4, and an excited Sannar can't wait. She said, "I want people to move, I want people to connect with community, and I want people to elevate to their best selves when they're in the Pilates Room." ★

Bulldogs Get New Sign



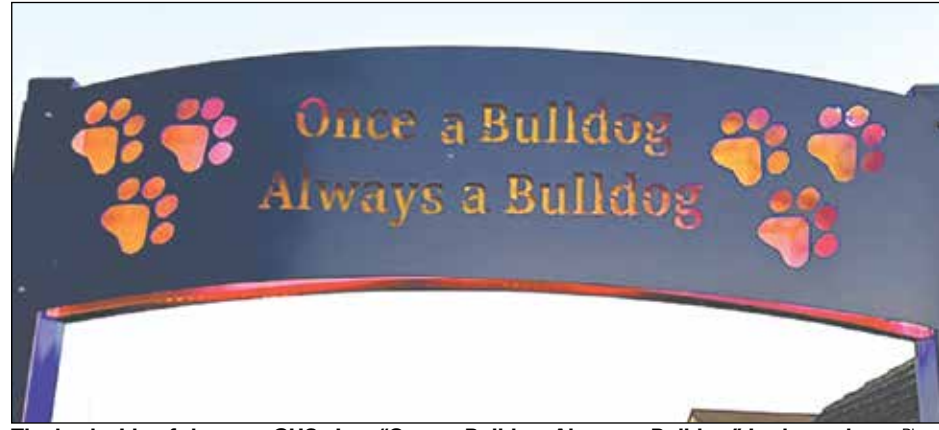
Annie Woods is shown here with the sign she built for the GHS Boneyard. Photo courtesy of Stacey Gramps

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A very resourceful young lady, 2025 graduate Annie Woods, has created a beautiful new sign for

the Bulldog Boneyard at Gridley High School. Due to Woods past experience as a four-year welding student and member of the Agricultural Mechanics Team for

Future Farmers of America (FFA), Principal Rikki-Lee Buresch approached Woods with the idea of replacing the existing old sign with a new one equipped with electric



The back side of the new GHS sign, "Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog," is shown here. Photo courtesy of Stacey Gramps

lighting. Buresch explained what she envisioned, and Woods went to work. "She gave me some ideas, communicating for a couple of weeks, and I drew up plans," said Woods, "During the building process I would check back with her for approval of each step. I had to make the posts as well as the sign, in addition to doing the electrical wiring, sand blasting and power coating. It took about 6 months to finish. I was really proud to leave a legacy at the school." Woods said she did about 90% of the work, and delegated others as needed to help with tasks such as moving the sheet metal. For that reason, it was a good leadership experience for her. "It was almost a calling," Woods said. Although the sign was completed last winter, it was installed by the Gridley High School maintenance crew just last week

in time for football season. "I have been so proud of this girl for so many things, but this leaves me speechless!" said Woods' mother, Stacey Gramps in a Facebook post. Just one of her many other accomplishments, Woods was chosen by Gridley Rotary Club to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA) last year. Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening is a five-day camp held at

Grizzly Creek Ranch near Portola, California. Woods joined dozens of other north state delegates to learn leadership and the value of 'Service Above Self, the Rotary motto. Woods has shown her commitment to service with the Gridley High School sign project. This endeavor leads to her future plans to study Construction Management at Boise State University, at least tentatively. ★



Adding the finishing touch to the masterpiece, Annie Woods signs her name. Photo courtesy of Stacey Gramps

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Gridley Veterans Hall Reopening for Public Use



The iconic Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall will soon reopen for public use. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After five years of closure and more than a decade of limited access, the iconic Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall will soon reopen for public use, following a decisive vote by the Butte County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 12.

The decision marks a significant shift in policy, reversing a 2013 resolution that restricted the hall's use to veteran-sponsored events only, said Butte County Director of General Services, Mike Hodson.

The Board will shift management of the facility to the Butte County Fair Association, a nonprofit organization that has agreed to take over rental scheduling, maintenance and custodial duties of the facility, which underwent a \$1.6 million renovation and reopened to veterans earlier this year.

Hodson said county staff, local veterans and representatives from the Fair Association met with Butte County Board Chair Tod Kimmelshue, whose district includes

the Gridley area, to address longstanding logistical challenges, including the absence of the required veterans committee to manage public rentals, which made community access difficult.

Public use of the historic building, which was constructed in 1926, responds to a growing demand for event space in Gridley, where few comparable facilities exist.

"The chairman (Kimmelshue) was very clear that he wanted the facility to be open to the public," Hodson said. "It was an economic driver. It was a unique facility to the county."

The proposed arrangement with the Fair Association will be limited to the Gridley facility and does not apply to other county halls, Hodson said. Veterans will keep priority access to the building and exclusive use of the designated meeting room, which will be rekeyed for their use only.

Hodson said a Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted to define the County and Fair Association's roles and responsibilities. The Fairgrounds will serve as

the main point of contact for public rentals and will track income and expenses related to the hall. Reporting frequency will be decided according to the level of rental activity.

The Board's action honors the hall's original purpose for veterans, while expanding its availability to the broader community for meetings, celebrations and gatherings, officials said.

Financially, because the Fair Association is a nonprofit organization without bidding and prevailing wage requirements, maintenance costs for the Veterans Hall should be significantly lower, Hodson said. Once the agreement with the Fairgrounds is in place, no income or expenditure related to the Gridley Veterans Hall will go through county procedures or accounts.

"You get away from all those other sorts of hurdles that make our cost so much more expensive," Hodson said. "We will be able to have greater service for the hall and for maintaining the hall." ★

CDC Confirms Dangerous E. Coli in Big Chico Creek

No-Swim Advisory Remains in Effect



Butte County Public Health News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) has received lab results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirming the presence of E. coli O157 in multiple locations along Big Chico Creek. The samples, collected on July 17 and July 24, match the same strain that sickened and hospitalized several children earlier this summer. Butte County Public Health urges the public to continue following all no-swim advisories for the creek until further notice.

"This is not your average creek bacteria – this is a new and dangerous strain of E. Coli that continues to be found in the creek this summer," said Butte County Public Health Officer Dr. Jarett Beaudoin. "If you've been thinking about taking a swim in the creek, please don't."

Since the no-swim advisory was issued on July 18, BCPH has not received any new reports of waterborne illnesses linked to the creek.

Preliminary CDC findings suggest the E. coli

O157 contamination likely came from grazing animals or birds, though the exact species has not yet been identified. For this strain of E. coli O157, it is very unlikely that the contamination came from human fecal matter.

The CDC has recommended further investigation of the creek system to pinpoint the source(s) of E. coli O157 contamination and explore possible solutions. BCPH is continuing to investigate other potential sources and is actively consulting with subject matter experts to determine next steps. Updates will continue to be shared in a timely manner as BCPH works to ensure the safety of this beloved waterway.

This investigation may take several months, and the no-swim advisory will likely be in place for the entire season.

E. coli O157 is a dangerous variant that can cause severe illness, hospitalization, and in some cases, kidney failure.

For more information on E. coli, visit: www.cdc.gov/ecoli/about/index.html

For updates on the Big Chico Creek advisory, visit: www.buttecounty.net/610/publichealth ★

MEMORIAL

RICHARD WILLIAM TEESDALE • 10/31/1934 - 08/03/2025


Richard "Dick" W. Teesdale of Oroville passed away on August 3, 2025.

Richard was born in Los Angeles in 1934. He would join the Marines and eventually meet and marry his wife of 67 years, JoAnn. He would spend most of his life working as a farmer and with the Farm Bureau, spending 34 years in Sutter County and 56 years in Butte County.

Richard was preceded in death by two sons: Richard "Rick" and Ronald "Ron" Teesdale.

He is survived by JoAnn Teesdale (wife), son Mark Teesdale (Betsy) of Oroville, son Raymond Teesdale of Bangor, 7 grandchildren: 9 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of life will be held Wednesday September 3 at the Gridley Moose Lodge, beginning at 2:00 p.m.



MEMORIAL

KRISTIN WASSER • 08/26/1948 – 07/11/2025

Kristin Wasser joyfully and peacefully went to her heavenly home on July 11, 2025 at 76 years old after a brief battle with cancer. She left this earthly world knowing how truly loved and cherished she was, with the love surrounding her a reflection of all that she had poured into others throughout her life. Kris was born on August 26, 1948 in Akron, Iowa to Thomas and Sara (Erickson) Dalton. She was the third of five daughters known as the "Dalton Girls". She solidly took her position as the middle daughter, following the rules and keeping the peace, which was not always an easy task in a one-bathroom apartment. Her sisters, Kate, Kim, Patty and Lori, would go on to be some of the most important relationships to her. Sisterhood was a defining quality of her life. As a freckle-faced blue-eyed little girl, she attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Hawarden, IA. While there she perfected her impeccable penmanship, and dreamed of becoming a nun one day. She went on to West Sioux High School where she graduated in 1966. Perhaps it was the lack of earrings or color in the wardrobe but, by the time of graduation, her visions of the convent had been replaced by dreams of California and she went to join her older sisters Kate and Kim living in Burbank, CA. She immediately went to work for the FBI for a few years before she began working for Flying Tigers Airlines where she was employed until 1977. During that time she moved to a bungalow in Redondo Beach, drove a sports car, and lived out her California dreams during her 20s. In 1976, Kris reconnected with a Hawarden hometown boy, Doug Wasser. They quickly fell in love and married on November 20, 1976. Shortly after their elopement at Love's Chapel in Reno, NV, they were presented with the opportunity to return to their rural roots and purchase land in Biggs, CA. They bought the property, after a brief visit in 1977, and that is where they remained for the next



MEMORIAL


RONALD GRANT TEESDALE • 08/31/1963 - 07/31/2025

Ronald Grant Teesdale of Oroville passed away on July 31, 2025.

Ronald was born in Yuba City in 1963. He would spend most of his life working as a heavy equipment operator, spending 61 years in Butte County.

Ronald was preceded in death by one brother: Richard "Rick" Teesdale. He is survived by his mother JoAnn Teesdale of Oroville, brother Mark Teesdale (Betsy) of Oroville, brother Raymond Teesdale of Bangor, son Joseph Prock of Gridley, daughter Andrea Teesdale of Montana and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of life will be held Wednesday September 3 at the Gridley Moose Lodge, beginning at 2:00 p.m.



40+ years. "The Farm" as it was lovingly coined, is where Kris learned to drive a tractor, milk a cow, and make overalls fashionable. After a few years of rearing farm animals, they decided to have children of their own. Their son Hayden was born in 1979, followed by daughters Sarah in 1981 and Courtney in 1985. Kris was a caring, selfless, encouraging and devoted mother. She loved her children unconditionally. Once her children were all school-aged, she returned to work at the Butte County District Attorney's office, where she worked for 25 years in various secretarial roles. She loved her work at the D.A.'s office and established many meaningful and lasting friendships with her colleagues. She retired in 2013 to focus on the role she was truly created for: Nana. Kris adored her grandchildren more than anything in this world, and the feeling was mutual. Nana's house was a place of refuge; a place where the answer was always yes; a place where the hugs were warm and plentiful; a place where the snacks were superior; and a place where the grandkids laced to be. Her support was unwavering, her pride was overflowing, and she made every single one of them feel special and loved in their own unique way.

The cornerstones of Kris's life were faith and family. She was a dedicated follower of Christ and an active member of Grace Lutheran Church for nearly 50 years. Her resolute faith was, and continues to be, a beacon for us all. Her nurturing spirit extended well beyond her own children and grandchildren and included countless nieces, nephews, and friends who were lucky enough to experience her warmth and acceptance. So many were blessed to know the love of "Aunt Frissy" and "Mama Kris". Her comforting nature was epitomized through her home. She had a keen eye for design and a gift for making spaces beautiful and inviting. There wasn't a season she didn't decorate for or a room she wouldn't rearrange. She had an iconic sense of style and wouldn't dream of leaving the house without lipstick. She lived her life full of faith and joy, poise and beauty, grace and strength, and that is also how she left this world. She was warmly reunited with many loved ones who had gone before her, including her parents Thomas and Sara Dalton, her sisters Patricia Dalton and Lori Fryer (Dalton), her nephews Dalton O'Donohoe and Matthew Haley, and perhaps most eagerly with her sweet granddaughter Hazel Brewer. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Doug Wasser; son Hayden (Sarah) Wasser; daughter Sarah (David) Brewer; daughter Courtney (Mateo) Marquez; grandchildren Lena Hansen; Hayes and Elin Wasser; Hudson, Vivian and Everett Brewer; Leo, Ramona, and Oscar Marquez; sisters Kate O'Donohoe and Kim Jennings; and many nieces and nephews. As difficult as it has been to begin to navigate our lives without our Mom, our Wife, our Nana, our Sister, our Aunt, and our Friend here, we can look to her example of steadfast faith and gather strength from her favorite Bible verse, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12 A celebration of life will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Gridley, CA on August 25, 2025 at 11am. A reception will immediately follow the service and the Colonia Building in Biggs, CA.

Oroville Elder Abuse Arrest



Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On July 22, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to a home on Diane Court in Oroville, in response to an active physical altercation.

Upon arrival, a male, later identified as Frankie Riveraramirez, age 31 of Oroville, exited the residence and was detained without incident.

Inside the residence, deputies found an elderly victim on the floor with injuries that occurred during the altercation. Emergency medical services were requested immediately.

An investigation revealed the victim had been assaulted by his grandson, Frankie Riveraramirez. When the victim arrived at the hospital, detectives determined he had suffered major injuries requiring treatment at an out of area hospital.

Riveraramirez was arrested for felony charges of elder abuse and battery. He was booked into the Butte County Jail. The victim is currently receiving treatment at an out-of-area hospital. ★

Teen Who Stabbed Classmate at Gridley High School Sentenced to One Year in Juvenile Hall

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - After multiple delays, the 15-year-old who stabbed his classmate in the back at Gridley High School in March 2025 appeared in Butte County Juvenile Court and was sentenced to one year in the local juvenile hall.

During the hour-long sentencing hearing, Butte County Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez first heard the recommendation of the local Probation Department that the youth, who suffers from psychological and behavioral issues, should only serve six months in the juvenile hall's least restrictive program to allow an earlier opportunity for the youth to be released from the hall to begin outpatient treatments not offered in the hall. The youth's attorney also agreed with the Probation Department's recommendation and urged the judge to adopt it.

However, Butte County Deputy District Attorney Alexis

Noel objected to the Probation Department recommendation, noting that it did not allow sufficient rehabilitative time for the seriously dangerous youth to receive the extensive treatment he requires, and would pose a serious threat to public safety if he were to be released to voluntary, outpatient treatment too early. The prosecutor instead urged the judge to consider the factors that pointed to the youth's danger to the community, and to consider the hall's more restrictive program which would allow for a maximum confinement and treatment time of up to four years.

Noel pointed out the vicious and callous nature of the stabbing, where the youth admitted he had planned the stabbing for days and once in the school's gym locker room, shoved the nine-inch blade of a kitchen knife into the back of the unsuspecting 15-year-old classmate all the way to the knife's hilt. The juvenile defendant then walked out of the locker room and grabbed a snack from the



cafeteria before fleeing the campus.

Noel also noted during the investigation of the stabbing, the youth's adopted mother told and showed officers alarms that she had placed on the youth's bedroom door in the past year to alert the family if he came out of the bedroom at night, as she was afraid of his violent and dangerous tendencies.

Noel additionally stated that while the youth has been incarcerated in the juvenile hall, since his arrest on March 26, he has been involved in numerous serious incidents, including violent and racist outbursts, threats to

stab and kill others and repeated attempts to instigate physical altercations with other youth in the hall.

Noel also echoed the sentiment of the victim's mother, who asked Noel to tell the judge that the probation-recommended sentence of six months was "a slap in the face of the victim and a slap on the wrist of the defendant." The prosecutor noted that during the juvenile proceedings, the victim's mother had shown immense compassion for the youth who nearly killed her son, expressing hope that the youth receive appropriate support and treatment, but agreed six months was too little time.

Noel showed the judge photos of the victim's injuries, noting he had to undergo multiple life-saving surgeries and continues to suffer both the physical and mental effects of what happened to him.

The Probation Department noted its recommendation of the less restrictive six-month sentence was appropriate by stating that the significant

developmental-disability treatment services they believe the juvenile defendant needed are not available within the local juvenile hall and that any more time spent in custody than necessary would be detrimental to the mental and physical health of the juvenile.

Noel however noted that the local Probation Department has numerous excellent rehabilitative programs available in the local juvenile hall that could help rehabilitate the youth.

Ultimately, Judge Rodriguez sentenced the juvenile defendant to the less-restrictive program within the juvenile hall for a period of up to one year, retaining jurisdiction to extend that term with placement in the more restrictive program. He also ordered that the youth could be released from the hall under the care of a probation officer to be transported for specialized treatment services outside the juvenile hall.

The juvenile defendant will return to court for a review of his progress on Oct. 8. ★

Forest Ranch Illegal Marijuana Grow Arrests

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

FOREST RANCH, CA (MPG) - On July 29, at approximately 12:38 a.m., deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) responded to a report of shots fired in the 13000 block of Doe Mill Road, Forest Ranch.

Upon arrival, deputies conducted a protective sweep of the property and confirmed that no gunshot victims were found.

However, during the sweep, deputies discovered an illegal marijuana cultivation and processing operation on the property.

The investigation revealed the presence of live marijuana plants growing inside two greenhouses, as well as an outdoor grow site located on an adjacent parcel. Additionally, processed marijuana in various stages of preparation was located inside

the residence on the property.

Several individuals were detained at the scene. Detectives subsequently obtained a search warrant for the property.

During the execution of the search warrant, deputies located and seized 1,483 marijuana plants, processed marijuana and two firearms.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the following individuals arrested for illegal cultivation of

marijuana included the following.

Caleb Anthony Swenson, age 38, of Chico, Jose Sanchez-Nicolas, age 23, of Oaxaca, Mexico, Antonio Aquino, age 26, of Bakersfield, Hector Garcia-Viscara, age 41, of Mexico and Margarito Garciamichel, age 56, of Sinaloa, Mexico.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional details will be provided as they become available. ★



Chico Woman Pleads to Gross Vehicular Manslaughter

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - In Butte County Superior Court Aug. 13, in the afternoon, a Chico woman admitted to crashing into and killing another Chico woman after a high-speed chase that crossed from Glenn County into Butte County in June of 2022.

Elizabeth Ann Dahl, 49, pleaded no contest to a charge of felony gross vehicular manslaughter of Chico resident Mia Gentry, 51, on Highway 32 near Meridian Road west of Chico on June 1, 2022, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Dahl, speeding eastbound on Highway 32, ran nearly head-on into Gentry, who was driving westbound.

Dahl was first spotted speeding north on Highway 45 (Canal

Street) in Hamilton City by a California Highway Patrol officer who was by the side of the road finishing up writing a ticket on another driver. The officer quickly began to follow Dahl as she turned her 2016 Toyota Rav 4 onto State Route 32 heading east through Hamilton City at 75 mph in a 35-mph zone.

The CHP officer attempted to perform a traffic stop, turning on his lights and sirens and chasing after Dahl through the heavy commute traffic.

However, Dahl continued forward, ignoring the officer's lights and sirens for approximately five minutes. On the tight, two-lane roads of SR-32, Dahl's pursuit was captured on the officer's dashcam, showing that Dahl nearly crashed multiple times, crossing over yellow lines into opposing traffic, weaving onto the shoulder and aggressively passing at least a dozen other vehicles at



speeds over 85 mph. The officer stopped his pursuit due to the high volume of other cars on the road in the hopes that the driver would slow down.

The officer continued to drive east on Highway 32 and quickly arrived at the scene of the collision between Dahl's Toyota and Gentry's 1996 Lincoln Continental near the intersection of Meridian Road in Butte County. Both vehicles had heavy damage to the front and driver's sides.

Gentry was found deceased in her vehicle, and Dahl had major injuries, but was alive and had to be cut from her vehicle. Dahl was taken to the hospital, where blood tests were taken and later determined to show no signs of alcohol or other illegal drugs, and a slight amount of marijuana. Officers released her to the hospital due to her injuries that precluded booking at the jail.

Due to vacancies and backlogs in the post-COVID era, it took the California Highway Patrol's specialized Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) nearly two years to complete their 326-page investigation. However, the report determined that Dahl had crossed over into the westbound lane and collided nearly head-on with Gentry's vehicle.

Ramsey said his office had to wait until the report was finished to file charges in 2024. At that

time, Dahl's criminal defense lawyer requested a series of continuances to engage a doctor to evaluate Dahl for medical and emotional issues to explain her driving actions.

Ramsey said a preliminary hearing was held on May 28, and Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway found sufficient evidence to hold Dahl to answer on the gross vehicle manslaughter charge.

Dahl was in court to set a date for her jury trial when she changed her plea from not guilty to no contest. Ramsey said his office is still waiting on the defense's doctor's report, which may shed some light on whether Dahl's claimed diabetes condition contributed to the chase and deadly collision.

Dahl is scheduled to be sentenced for her crime on Oct. 29. She faces a maximum sentence of six years in state prison under California law. ★

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LaMalfa Applauds \$80 Million in Forest Service Funding

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement after the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that the U.S. Forest Service is awarding \$80 million in Wood Innovation Grants to promote wood products manufacturing, expand forest management and fuel economic growth across America's timber producing regions.

"This funding supports the kind of work we've been calling for: harvesting timber, reducing fuels, restoring local mills, and finding new uses for American wood," said Rep. LaMalfa. "Years of federal mismanagement and red tape have turned our forests into firetraps. We're finally seeing real steps to reverse that. These projects will strengthen rural economies, create good jobs, and help get our forests back to a healthy, managed state. I want to thank Secretary Rollins and President Trump for their leadership in making this happen."

With this funding, the Forest Service is moving forward on 189 project proposals across the public, private and non-profit sectors in 39 states and the District of Columbia.

These projects will expand markets for mass timber construction, including

workforce housing, upgrade lumber production infrastructure to boost local processing capacity, scale up biochar and wood energy using advanced pyrolysis technology and new kilns and help convert forest restoration byproducts into usable materials, reducing hazardous fuels and making forests safer

These Forest Service grants directly support jobs in harvesting, milling and wood manufacturing, while advancing new uses for wood, a renewable, domestic and cost-effective resource that's vital to America's construction and energy sectors.

This announcement builds on USDA's \$200 million timber investment in May of this year and is part of a broader strategy to promote economic opportunity and long-term forest health by streamlining regulations and speeding up project approvals.

The full list of funded projects can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/energy-forest-products/wood-innovation/grants>.

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



Dairies use in Vitro Fertilization to Tap Strong Beef Market

Recent improvements in cattle reproductive technology have given dairy farmers access to a lucrative market segment. Within the past few years, more dairies have begun transferring beef cattle embryos to dairy cow surrogates, earning money amid soaring demand for the calves. "It's becoming a much bigger piece of the puzzle," Tulare County dairy farmer Blake Wilbur said. Retired dairy cows have long been used for low-priced steaks and ground beef. And during the past decade, breeding a portion of dairy herds with beef genetics has become common, as dairies earn a higher price for crossbred calves. More recently, embryos made through in vitro fertilization have enabled dairies to sell purebred calves into the beef supply chain.

USDA Fields Questions About Plan to Slash Staff, Facilities

As the U.S. Department of Agriculture moves forward with its reorganization, questions remain about how the changes will affect farmers. USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden responded to concerns and fielded questions late last month about the reorganization during a hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Sen. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the committee, asked why a USDA hub was not placed in California, the No. 1 agriculture-producing state. In response, Vaden said the proposed hub in Utah is closer to California than Washington, D.C., and said that hub locations were chosen to lower the cost of living for federal employees. Agricultural stakeholders have until Aug. 26 to weigh in on USDA's sweeping reorganization plan, which Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced late last month.

Low Prices, other Woes Put Squeeze on Farm Economy

California farmers continue to face significant economic challenges as they contend with lower commodity prices and soaring production costs that have been made worse by inflation, regulatory burdens, trade disruptions and other financial headwinds. That was a central message from the State Board of Food and Agriculture meeting last week in Sacramento, where industry leaders pointed to current and trending conditions that have impacted farm profitability and threaten the long-term viability of some farms. Inflation, pest control restrictions, regulatory uncertainty, water constraints, and rising labor and capital costs have created "a level of instability that we have not seen in decades," said Alexi Rodriguez, president and CEO of the Almond Alliance.

Farmers Grapple with Pest Challenges Due to Neglected Farmland

Farmers continue to face pest exposure from abandoned or poorly maintained farmland. The sagging farm economy has left many farmers unable to maintain their farmland, with the winegrape sector alone having lost almost 35,000 acres of vineyards during the past year. "There are more and more abandoned fields and orchards," Jenny Holtermann, president of the Kern County Farm Bureau, said in a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Holtermann spoke with podcast host Gary Sack about the burden of untended lands on neighboring farms. "Whenever there's an abandoned field around you, you have to consider the pests associated with that," Holtermann said. "When you have abandoned fields, our land values are also decreasing." ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Let this mild summer continue. Let's keep it under 105 and have regular decreases in temperature to the low 90s until Fall. There are neighbors on both sides of my house who have planted maple trees for Fall color and shade. On one side is an October Glory in a small part of their backyard, about ten

feet from our shared fence and 40' tall. I've felt that if my front yard shade tree were to ever die, I would plant an October Glory. We'd have about a 20' tree and some shade in front of our window in about five to six years. Then I thought, no I would probably plant one or two of the bigger colorful Japanese Maples that get to 20 feet and no taller in that same five to six years. May the current tree remain for a long time. I love the golden Fall leaves.

All this tree thinking came about when our northside neighbor planted a Sunset Red maple tree in their front yard. It is short and young. I looked it up. It's

a fast grower and should grow about three feet a year until it reaches 50' feet tall and 40' wide. This in my opinion is too big for the average yard. It will have intense red leaves in the Fall. My husband was complaining about future leaves and seeds with another maple nearby. I smiled at him and said, "That's why only Japanese Maples should be planted near houses. The taller ones like Emperor One and Bloodgood get to about 15 to 20' and cast plenty of shade and have glorious Fall color. There are still leaves and seeds but a good size for a yard. No one asked my advice. At ninety-six (hopefully still in my house) it might be a problem." ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

How Do Cell Phones Work?

- Colleen, Michigan

Dear Colleen,

When I was little, I liked to move the radio dial in the car. I could hear different channels with music or talking. Plus, static in between.

My friend Ben Belzer reminded me of that when we talked about your question. He's an engineer at Washington State University.

"Your cell phone is basically a digital radio," Belzer said.

Any place with cell phone coverage gets divided into cells. They could be six-sided hexagons like the cells in a beehive. Or they could be any shape with flat sides. The size of the cell depends on how many people live there. A cell tower stands in the middle of each cell.

Let's say you want to text to me in Washington. You type "hi" into your phone.

The computer in your phone translates "hi" into binary code. That's computer language. It's made of a string of 0s and 1s.

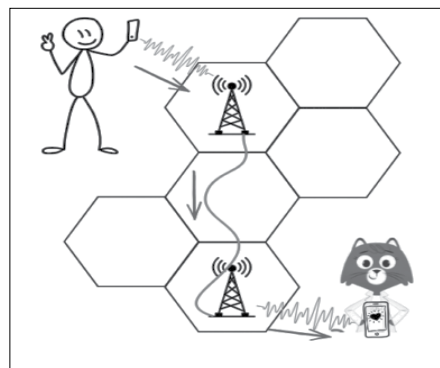
The letter h is 01101000 in binary code. The letter i is 01101001. So, "hi" looks like this: 01101000 01101001.

Your phone sends out invisible energy called radio waves. A transmitter inside your phone uses those waves to send me your message. It changes the radio waves—like how tall or fast the wave is—to represent the 0s and 1s in your message. That's called modulating.

Your phone beams the modulated radio waves from your phone. They zoom through the air to the nearest cell tower. An antenna there catches the waves. Then, the cell tower sends the message all the way to the cell tower closest to me. Usually, it

sends it through cables buried underground. Once it arrives at my nearest cell tower, that tower beams the radio waves to my phone.

A chip in my phone decodes the radio waves back into 0s and 1s. Then a processor in my phone converts those digits back into letters I can understand. It shows up as "hi" on my screen.



Every cell contains a cell tower. Messages travel through the air to the cell tower. They often move down cables between towers.



Claude Shannon figured out how to send information through binary code—like our phones do. Here, he's working with a robot "mouse" he invented with researcher Betty Shannon. It was one of the first-ever experiments with artificial intelligence. Image: Bell Labs

Something similar happens if you send me a picture or voice call me.

For a picture, your phone's computer breaks the image into dots called pixels. Then it maps the color and position of each dot using binary code. It's kind of like how you graph information in math class—but with way more information than we can handle.

For a voice call, the microphone inside your phone picks up the vibrations of your voice. Those vibrations move a tiny magnet and coil to make electricity.

Then your phone's chip translates that electrical signal into binary code.

From there, your picture or voice travels from your phone to mine just like the text message did. All that happens incredibly fast. It's so quick that we don't even hear a delay when we chat on the phone.

When it comes to communication, cell phones really tower above the rest.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

SPARKY'S CORNER

Grease Fires

Careless cooking is the number one cause of residential fires. Never leave anything unattended while cooking!! CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Department would like to offer these helpful tips in the event of a kitchen cooking fire as well as some safety information.

- Never put water on a grease fire. Close the oven door, turn off the stove, or put a lid over the pan ... when it is safe to do so, CALL 911.
- Keep a fire extinguisher close by, preferably within 10 feet from the stove next to the exit of the kitchen.
- Don't store items that can burn on or near your stove top.
- Keep stove top, hood, and oven clean
- Keep children away from hot liquids and always use potholders. Scald and burn injuries are on the rise. Young children and the elderly are most at risk.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!
Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

It's the American Way

even found it yet.

He'd make leather stuff and bring it to town and either sell it here, or mail it off to people. He'd maybe come to town four times a year. So what do you do when you are mailing leather and avoiding people's questions? Well, you could become a legend. And Jenkins did just that.

He liked cats, and he'd always load up with a store-bought bag of cat treats and started teaching our cats to jump. He'd start by scrunching a cat against his shins, then block the escape route with his hands. The only way out was to jump his hands ... and they did.

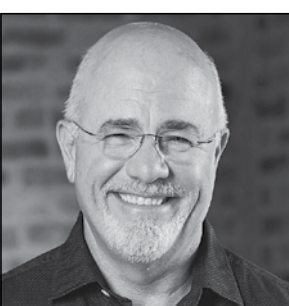
Every time they jumped, Jenkins gave them a cat treat. He started in on strays, then

moved on to gentle house cats owned by old ladies. First thing you know, he had all but one cat in town happily jumping for a treat. Sometimes they just jumped for fun.

The only cat that failed was that three-legged cat of the Garcia family. Named Tripod, of course. Well, old Tri gave it his best, but having just one hind leg didn't get the job done. But he got a treat for trying, anyway.

Old Man Jenkins died on one of his trips to town, and no one has ever found his cabin. But that's okay. Maybe legendary status is reward enough. It's the American Way.

Train your cat to use your toilet? Why not? www.catspraynomore.dcle.org. Let us know how it goes. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Honor Your Obligations

do in these kinds of situations.

You know, lots of times when people say they can't afford something, what they're really saying is they don't want to give up fun stuff in order to honor their obligations. If that's the case, I'm not the guy you need to be talking to or want on your team. You accepted the responsibilities that came with borrowing money. That means if you don't get to eat in restaurants, go on vacation or buy cool new gadgets until you repay the debt, that that's how it is.

However, if you're already living on a crazy-tight, rice and beans budget, and \$20 is literally all you can squeeze out, then give them \$20 a month. That way, at the very least, you're trying to honor your obligation. And you can tell them with a clean conscience it really is all you can afford.

But there's a bright spot

in all this. If you're already scrimping and saving and paying all the money you have—first toward running your household, then secondly to your creditors—you'll find an amazing thing starts to happen. Your dollars start to stretch a little bit further. This will help you clean up your student loan mess and enable you to have a little better life in the process.

Good luck, Sydney. You can do this!

— Dave

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

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Kings fans have been waiting for the next domino to fall, but Scott Perry has been playing his cards ever so close to the vest. Rumors abound regarding frontrunners Jonathan Kuminga, Austin Reeves, Russell Westbrook and more, but thus far teams are asking too much, and Scott Perry is unwilling to part with core pieces of the Kings roster.

Will there be a move that will bring excitement to Sacramento? My guess would be yes, but let's assume for just a moment that what you see is what you get to start the 2025/2026 season.

Here are the 4 key factors that need to take place for the team assembled as we know it now to make the playoffs.

Keegan Murray needs to shoot 40% or above from 3-point range and average 15 points per game.

Zach Lavine needs to settle in as the all-star he has been and be a team leader alongside Domantas Sabonis.

Significant playing time needs to come to Issac Jones, Devin Carter, and newcomer Nique Clifford. That means night in and night out consistent playing time for these youngsters.

Dennis Schroder must play like the veteran point guard he is, and value the basketball, while distributing the ball to shooters on the team. Schroder needs to play smart and drive when it's there and take the open shot when it comes to him.

Be the guy that Scott Perry traded for and don't try to do too much. There is talent all around him, so Schroder just needs to let the game come to him and take advantage of the experience he already has.

Are these 4 things doable? I absolutely believe they are, and I don't expect to see miracles overnight if Doug Christie follows this recipe.

There are multiple unknowns that would change these factors, among them being the potential loss of spark plug Malik Monk. Malik has been #1 in trade rumors, and other teams have not been jumping at the chance of having him on their team. This is largely because coach Christie insisted on pounding a square peg into a round role last year when he put the ball in Monk's hand and said, "be a point guard." Sadly, what Kings fans grew to realize is

Malik is not a point guard, it doesn't come naturally, and the experiment was a dismal failure.

As a result, Monk's value as a multi-faceted player took a hit, and the Kings are forced to offer him up as a #2 guard, but not much else.

For those of us that love Malik and his up-tempo game, it's hard to see him being disrespected by the league, and it's possible that this fan favorite will be wearing a Kings uniform on opening night. Worse things could happen, and I wish Malik all the best.

2026 could be a huge year for Malik if he returns to form, and I think the Sacramento Kings fans would like nothing more.

DeMar DeRozan is a great player that is not getting the praise he deserves. Able to play multiple positions if called upon, DeMar is capable of scoring from every corner of the court, and his pedigree is hard to find.

I believe the Kings need to value what they have already and not be too quick to move off DeRozan. Much like Dennis Schroder, DeMar needs to stay within his game, and his game can be something special.

Yes, Kings fans, there is a plethora of talent on this team just the way it's assembled, so let's get to know the newcomers and get ready to root them on.

As with all teams, chemistry will tell the tale, and if this team can identify who they are and play real team basketball, they can and will surprise a lot of NBA teams this season.

Power forwards are hard to come by, and the Kings already have one that is about to get away. Break out the wallet Mr. Ranadive and sign big man Trey Lyles before this free agent gets away. I'm a huge Trey Lyles fan and for good reason. He is the consummate team player and never complains. Excellent 3-point shooter that has a nice inside game and can rebound. Do not let this guy get away!

Stay tuned Kings fans. I have a feeling a move is coming soon!

All the best!

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

Newsom's Congressional Redistricting Faces Hurdles



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom justifies — or rationalizes — his drive for a mid-decade reconfiguration of California's congressional districts as a heroic mission to thwart President Donald Trump's power grab.

Newsom, who seems to be edging ever closer to a 2028 presidential campaign, proposes to alter the state's 53 districts to shift five or six seats now held by Republicans into Democratic hands during the 2026 elections.

If successful, it would neutralize efforts by Texas Republicans to gerrymander its districts to gain a similar number of seats. Republicans hold a paper-thin majority in the House of Representatives and Trump has sought mid-decade redistricting in Texas and other red states to block Democrats from gaining control in 2026.

The Texas situation is in limbo because Democratic legislators have fled the state, but how long they can hold out is unclear. Newsom played host to some Texas Democrats last week as he talked up action in California, which would require voter approval in a November special election.

"I think the voters will approve it. I think the voters understand what's at stake," Newsom said on Friday. "We live in the most un-Trump

state in America."

Well maybe, but Democratic gerrymandering of California's districts will not be as easy as Republican gerrymandering in Texas.

In Texas, as in most states, the legislature controls redistricting. Under its current maps, enacted after the 2020 census, Republicans hold 25 of its 38 seats, Democrats have 12 and there's one vacancy.

Ironically, Democrats fare much better in Texas than Republicans do in California, where the GOP holds just nine of the state's 53 seats under maps drawn by an independent commission. Newsom, backed by Democratic legislative leaders, wants voters to set aside the commission's maps for as many as three election cycles and approve a new plan with more Democratic districts.

If Texas moves forward, the proposal, which has not been shared publicly, would require the California Legislature to place it on the ballot after lawmakers return next week from summer recess — and just four days to act under current law. However, the Legislature has often exempted itself from ballot measure deadlines, so one must assume that the proposal will make the ballot.

That's the easy part for Newsom. He would still have to persuade voters who are no more than lukewarm despite the unpopularity of Trump in California, according to private polling.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who championed the creation of an independent redistricting commission, says he'll oppose Newsom's plan and Charles Munger Jr., a wealthy scientist who bankrolled two ballot measures to create the commission, says he'll support an opposition campaign.

Given the stakes, Trump and Republicans would probably flood the state with opposition campaign money while Democrats would do the same, with even more money coming from labor unions and other Democratic allies.

Newsom also faces the possibility of legal battles, such as issues over what data he uses to draw the new districts.

The state commission used numbers from the 2020 census, which pegged California's population at 39,538,223. The latest estimate from the Department of Finance's demographic unit is 39,529,000, a tiny difference. However, there are also differences within the state, according to the state's estimates, with coastal counties tending to lose population while inland counties gaining.

Districts must be equal in population — within tight tolerances — but also must not disenfranchise protected ethnic groups, according to federal law.

These factors all could be bases for litigation, perhaps including intervention by Trump's Department of Justice.

After the 2000 census, the threat of federal intervention played a big role in the California Legislature's previous redistricting effort, blocking Democrats from drawing partisan maps.

Prolonged litigation could block Newsom's plan from taking effect in 2026 even if he gains voter approval this year. This game is just beginning.

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000534 The following person(s) are doing business as: R and K Mobile Entertainment, 1030 Butte Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965 Raymond Jackson and Jacqueline Jackson, 1030 Butte Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965 Date filed in Butte County: July 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025 MOBILE 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000533 The following person(s) are doing business as: Option Care, 111 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Suite 150, Chico, CA 95926 Option Care Enterprises, Inc., 3000 Lakeside Drive, Suite 300N, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 Date filed in Butte County: July 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 12, 2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000536 The following person(s) are doing business as: Cubhouse, 2005 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Xpression Transformational Living, 1235 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Date filed in Butte County: July

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000531 The following person(s) are doing business as: Dani Padgett Photo, Dani Padgett Studio, 2799 Grape Way, Chico, CA 95973 Danielle Padgett Watson and Eric James Watson, 2799 Grape Way, Chico, CA 95973 Date filed in Butte County: July 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 1, 2019

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000549 The following person(s) are doing business as: Point Roan Photography, 3017 6th Street, Biggs, CA 95717 Omar Jimenez and Salina Jimenez, PO Bos 138, Biggs, CA 95917 Date filed in Butte County: July 24, 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. 2525-0000518 The following person(s) are doing business as: 110 ALPHA, Moss and Metal, 9436 Corbett Court, Durham, CA 95938 John A Moss and Kendra A Moss, 9436 Corbett Court, Durham, CA 95938 Date filed in Butte County: July 10, 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 #25CV02661 Petitioner Ilda Zamora Carrillo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ilda Zamora Carrillo to Hilda Zamora Carrillo.

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 October 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Filed on July 29, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025 CARRILLO 9-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV02565 Petitioner Shawnta Powers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Davontae Jaeshawn Powers-Simmons to Davontae Wayne Crosby.

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 September 17, 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 July 29, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025 POWERS 9-12-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DECIDERIO RODRIGUEZ REYES AKA DECIDERIO REYES AKA DECIDERIO RODRIGUEZ CASE NO. 25PR00121

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Deciderio Rodriguez Reyes aka Deciderio Reyes aka Deciderio Rodriguez.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Martha Bouknight, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Martha Bouknight 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: August 26, 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 Petitioner is: Martha Bouknight, 6309 Wexford Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621; 916-726-4265 Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 2025 REYES 8-22-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NICACIO SORIA; AKA: NICACIO RODRIGUEZ; AKA: NICACIO SORIO RODRIGUEZ CASE NO. 25PR00334

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Nicacio Soria; aka: Nicacio Rodriguez; aka: Nicacio Sorio Rodriguez.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Maria Del Carmen Soria, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Maria Del Carmen Soria 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: September 16, 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.

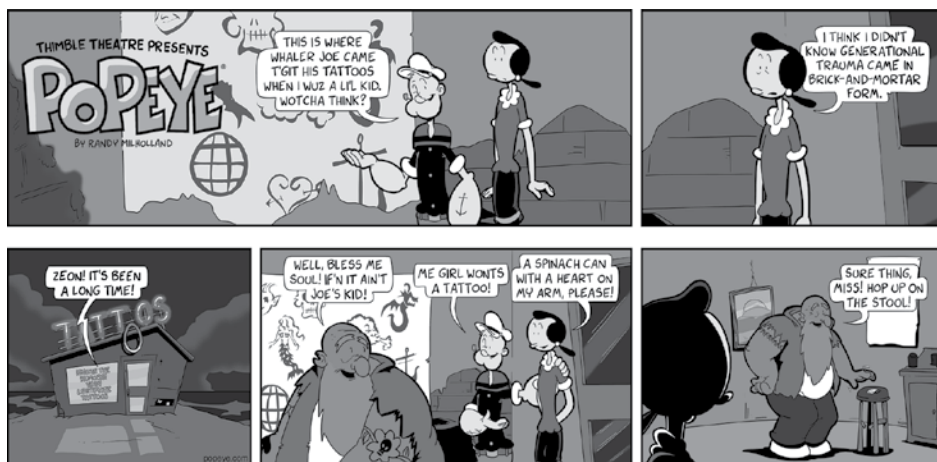
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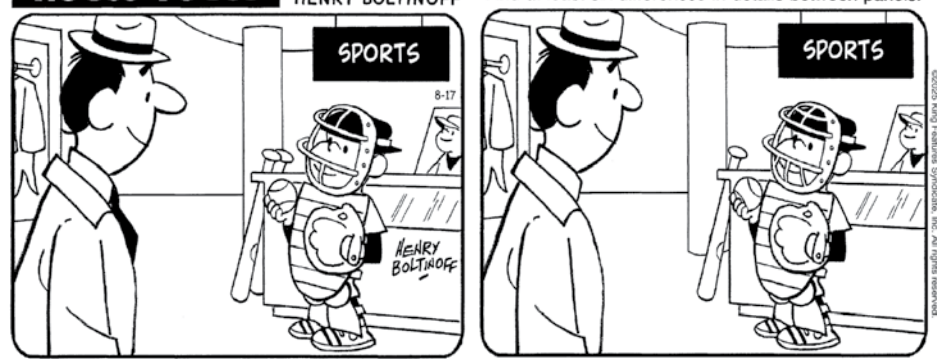
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 - *YDS, TD or INT
 - Black like certain tree
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 - *Worth 6 points
 - Way, way off
 - Owl cries
 - Come and ____ it
 - Ape
 - Stucco or aluminum on a house wall, pl.
 - "Wheel of Fortune" request
 - Bette Green's "Summer of my ____ Soldier"
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 - European Economic Community
 - *NFL Hall of Famer Greene or comedian Hart
 - Seed coat
 - Cylindrical flower cluster
 - Stir or fuss
 - City in Illinois
 - #10 Down's counterpart
 - Small dog's bark
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 - *Point value of a safety in football, pl.
 - *Worth 3 points in football (2 words)
 - Behind a stern
 - Raise the roof
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 - Some are slippery
 - Scrap
 - Ballpark fig.
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 - Molokai party
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 - Declares to be true
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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, Aug. 22: Sure Start family story time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, Aug. 23: Creative Concoctions, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us for a cozy, creative experience where coffee and tea become your paint. This all-ages program invites artists young and old to explore unique watercolor-style artwork using brewed coffee and tea as natural pigments. (B)

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Creative writing group for adults, 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, Aug. 27: 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, Aug. 28: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Creative Concoctions, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join us for a cozy, creative experience where coffee and tea become your paint. This all-ages program invites artists young and old to explore unique watercolor-style artwork using brewed coffee and tea as natural pigments. (G)

Friday, Aug. 29: Sure Start family story time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, Aug. 30: All branches closed for Labor Day holiday.

Continuing through Sunday, Aug. 24

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Friday, Aug. 22

Movies in the Park: Wonka

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at DeGarmo Park, 3428 Esplanade, Chico. Grab your family and friends, pack your blankets and chairs, and join us for a blockbuster night under the stars. The fun kicks off at 6 p.m. with family-friendly activities, delicious treats from local food trucks, and free movie theater popcorn to complete the experience. More information at www.chicorec.gov

Saturday, Aug. 23

Pop-Up Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stoble Coffee Roasters, 418 Broadway, Chico. Grab your favorite drink and treat from the café and make your way through the workplace glass doors to shop from more than a dozen vendors.

End of Summer Car Show and Concert

1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 1472 Oliver St., Oroville. The show starts at 1 p.m. and we'll feature a concert by the Delfonics at 5 p.m., dancing to follow. For more information contact Kenny Vest at 530-990-3407.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Mile-Long Yard Sale, Downtown Oroville

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1998 Montgomery St., Oroville. Stroll along Montgomery Street's historic homes and discover hidden gems from residents and local organizations. Take a break from your treasure hunt to grab a bite and a refreshing drink from one of our downtown eateries. Businesses will have special sales going on all day. More information at www.downtownoroville.com

Meeting Minders

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

American Legion Bingo, Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Memorial Building, 249 Sycamore St, Gridley.

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

Butte County Board of Supervisors generally meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

Downtown Chico 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 7 p.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> Due to Labor Day, the next meeting will be Monday Sept. 15.

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

Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board meetings are generally on

the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 3. 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 Sept. 3.

Rotary Club of Gridley 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.

Community Resources – Find Food

First 5 Family Center at Esperanza House, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, at 630 Washington St., Gridley. Caregivers are welcome to drop in for help with resources for their families, access to our food pantry, diapers, and assistance with applications or translations. Call to schedule an appointment: 530-782-0293.

Live Oak Soccer Park, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. monthly on the first Wednesday, 9150 Linda St., Live Oak. Next distribution will be Monday, Sept. 3.

North State Food Bank, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly on the second Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Next distribution will be Tuesday, Sept. 9. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution will be Tuesday, Sept. 9. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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Gridley Football Roundup

Gridley Bulldogs 2025

2024 record: 8-4, lost to Lassen in NSCIF D-III semifinals

Coach: Daniel Zumwalt

League: Butte Valley



GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs come into the 2025 season with a lot of motivation that was built within the last month of last year's season.

Despite drawing the No. 5 seed in the 2024 CIF Northern Section D-III postseason, they avenged a week one loss to University Prep (Redding) and took eventual champion (Lassen) to the final minutes in inclement weather.

As Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt enters his second season in charge of the Bulldogs, new leadership for the team won't be an issue. Zumwalt expressed the class of 2025 had brilliant leadership by Gus Stogsdill and Cesar Ortiz, but the leaders of the Bulldogs showed significant signs last season that Zumwalt is excited to see this season.

"I love the confidence they have and bring into practice day in and out," Zumwalt said. "You saw their abilities to naturally slide into leadership roles."

Offense

2026 Quarterback, Eli Punzo

Punzo will be the first new set of hands that have received the ball since 2025 quarterback Gus Stogsdill handled the ball for the past three seasons. Punzo has a great throwing motion and a strong ability to hold onto the ball.

Punzo displays speed and if he catches a corner, defenders will read the number on the back of his jersey multiple times throughout the year.

Punzo told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he wants to be a role model to every player in the program and make sure everyone on the roster stays united. Zumwalt expressed that Punzo has a work ethic that is hard to top and Punzo expressed to YSBC that whatever type of work you put in off of the field, will show up during competition.

Punzo will also be playing safety for the Bulldogs, where he hauled in three interceptions last year.



Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt rolls a piece of equipment during practice on July 28. Photo by Chris Pedigo

2027 Running Backs, Marcus Duncan and Manny Sandoval

Zumwalt told YSBC that he is excited to see what Duncan and Sandoval are able to produce at the varsity level, as Duncan was the primary ball handler at quarterback in the junior varsity level. Zumwalt added that Duncan and Sandoval both have phenomenal-upfield vision to where they have quick reaction times to make people miss.

Defense

2026 Defensive End, Jason Davis

The Gridley defense will be anchored by one of the biggest problems in the Northern Section last season. Davis man-handled opposing offenses and haunted

the dreams of quarterbacks. Davis led the Bulldogs with 72 tackles last season, including 16.0 for a loss.

Davis told YSBC he doesn't waste a day as there is always something to improve and get better at daily. "There is nothing to stop you from putting in the extra work, especially when your opponents are working too," Davis said.

Davis expressed this year is about making memories on the field with his friends that will last for a lifetime.

2026 Cornerback, Noe Moran

Moran expressed to YSBC that his offseason work stemmed from the heartbreak loss against Lassen last year. "We need to put in the work and go above and beyond all of our competition,"



Gridley 2026 quarterback/safety Eli Punzo tosses a pass on July 28. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Moran said. "You have to do the hard work when everyone else is off."

Moran added that holding one another accountable throughout the season will be a big component throughout the entire program.

The opening matchup of the season against University Prep is a great start for the Bulldogs as they avenged last year's opening loss in the postseason.

Gridley's preseason will set them up for another opportunity to make a play at the BVL title as they were in contention with Orland last year.

The Bulldogs will host the "Harvest Bowl" against Live Oak on October 24 in the quest for their 12th consecutive victory in the series.

All of the captains of the Gridley squad expressed they

wanted to win, but the memories they plan to make this season will last and always be in their thoughts moving forward from the program. ★

Schedule

8/29 vs. University Prep (Redding), 7:30 p.m.

9/12 at Winters, 7:30 p.m.

9/19 at Colusa, 7:30 p.m.

9/26 vs. Paradise, 7:30 p.m.

10/3 vs. Willows, 7:30 p.m.

10/10 vs. Orland* 7:30 p.m.

10/17 at Oroville* 7:30 p.m.

10/24 vs. Live Oak* 7:30 p.m.

10/31 at Las Plumas (Oroville)* 7:30 p.m.

11/7 vs. Corning * 7:30 p.m.

*** Butte View League game**



Gridley 2026 running back/cornerback Noe Moran catches a pass on July 28. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Gridley 2026 defensive end Jason Davis (right) runs through a drill on July 28. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Gridley Titans Football

Titans Start Season!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans, Gridley's youth football and cheer organization officially kicked off play, Aug. 16.

The 4 teams that comprise the organization, 8u, 10U, 12U and 14U teams, traveled to Colusa for their first game away game of the season.

The Titans hit the road for a good portion of their season, but home games are set for Sept. 13 (versus Anderson), Oct. 12 (versus Las Plumas) and Oct. 18 (versus Central Valley). Playoffs begin Oct. 26. ★

Titans 8U Flatten Jr. Redhawks



8U Team captains show off their numbers. Photo courtesy of Dustin Terrel

By Dustin Terrel

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 8u Gridley Titans opened the 2025 season against the Jr. Redhawks in Colusa with an outstanding showing

on both sides of the ball leading to a 34-0 victory.

With solid offensive line play by Valentino Guillen, Adrian Vasquez, Xander Beum, Jake Ryan and Matias Corona,



Serious Titans get ready to trample the Redhawks before their game, Aug. 16. Photo courtesy of Dustin Terrel

touchdowns were scored by Emmett Burns, Kanon Buzzard, Benten Waller, Jax Terrell, and Branston Crislip.

Captains for the game were #9 Kanon Buzzard,

#99 Valentino Guillen, #69 Xander Beum, and #21 Mateo Thao.

The 8u titans return to action Saturday Aug. 23 against Durham Jr Trojans. ★

Titans 14U Falls Short

By Randall Huff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - This past weekend our 14u Gridley Titans opened the season with an away game against the Colusa Red Hawks. It was a close game, but unfortunately the Titans fell short with a final score of 19-6.

Deagan Orem scored the Titans first touchdown of the season on a 90-yard reception from quarterback Nick Kent. The Titans look forward to their next game against the Durham Jr. Trojans this Saturday. Please come out and support our Gridley Titans. ★

Coach Carr Says Goodbye

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School Coach Ron Carr has announced his decision to move on from his position with Gridley Unified School District.

Carr has both taught and coached students at Gridley High and Sycamore schools for nearly a decade, with a focus on football and basketball.

On Aug. 11, Carr shared on

social media that, "after being blessed with a few different opportunities, I have accepted a position at a small school in Oroville called BASES. It was a decision I did not take lightly."

Carr writes, "To my players — many of you I have known and coached since you were in sixth grade, whether on the basketball court or the football field. I have watched you grow, not just as athletes,

but as young men of character. Over the past seven years here in Gridley, you have all left an imprint on my life that I will carry forever. I hope I have been able to impact your lives in some small way, because you have certainly made me a better coach, teacher, and person. And to your parents, thank you for your support and for allowing me to be a part of your sons' lives over the years."

Carr will be missed. ★



Carr has both taught and coached students at Gridley High and Sycamore schools for nearly a decade. Photo courtesy of Tammy Carr



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