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## It's Stampede Time

*Rodeo Season Descends on Marysville*



This cowboy holds on as the bull he is on goes to his knees in an attempt to throw him off. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By Shamaya Sutton

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - As summer ripens into early fall, a beloved tradition rounds the corner: the 91st Annual Marysville Stampede, set for Sept. 13 and 14 at the renowned Cotton Rosser Arena in Marysville. Gates swing open two hours before each performance, unveiling a two-day showcase of rodeo thrill and community spirit.

This gathering isn't just another rodeo; it's a living celebration of western heritage and a poignant thread in the fabric of Yuba-Sutter community life. The Stampede has long served both as entertainment and a meaningful backer of local causes, with proceeds benefiting organizations such as the Yuba and Sutter Sheriff's Poses, the Marysville

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Reno Rosser of Flying U Rodeo helps this lovely little mutton buster as she shoots from the gates! Photo by Chris Pedigo

## Public Health Reports First Human West Nile Virus Death of the Season

**Butte County Public Health News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) announced the first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) on Aug. 14. The Butte County Department of Public Health has now received confirmation that the individual, between 30 and 40 years old, died due to complications of their WNV illness. The individual developed a severe West Nile Virus illness with neurologic symptoms. The Butte County Department of Public Health extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends during this difficult time.

The Butte County Department of Public Health urges residents to protect themselves from West Nile Virus by reducing the number of mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites. Residents should take extra precautions as they spend more time outdoors during peak mosquito biting hours which are dusk and dawn.

As of Aug. 22, 17 human West Nile Virus infections have been confirmed in California. West Nile Virus is typically active from May through October, with August being the peak month in Butte County.

People infected with West Nile Virus generally fall into three categories: Asymptomatic (8 in 10 people), Mild to moderate fever illness with fatigue and body aches (1 in 5 people) and Severe illness with neurologic symptoms such as encephalitis or meningitis (less than 1 in 150 people). For those who develop a severe West Nile Virus illness, symptoms may last several weeks and some symptoms may be permanent.

People 50 years of age and older, and individuals with diabetes or hypertension, have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop complications.

West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Residents can reduce the risk of infection by practicing the 3 Ds of prevention:

DEET - Use a proven insect repellent that includes DEET or look for EPA-registered repellents

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## Historic Hotel Facing Modern Hardships



Gridley's historic downtown Hazel Hotel has been losing money year after year, but the Northern California nonprofit that owns it remains dedicated to keeping commercial units filled and providing low-income housing for senior citizens.

**Story and photo by Susan Meeker**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley City Council on Aug. 18 approved a loan deferral request from the Community Housing

Improvement Program, the Northern California nonprofit that operates the historic downtown Hazel Hotel that has been bleeding money year over year. The decision followed a detailed presentation

by Community Housing Improvement Program President Seanal O'Shaughnessy outlining the financial challenges associated with operating the historic property, a mixed-use

commercial and affordable housing development serving low-income seniors. "When we projected the income for the property 25 years ago, there was a large reliance on

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

the addition of retired Highway Patrol legend Jim Tupen at 91, and Tom Taylor at an even 100 years of age. Brian reports he was truly amazed at their memories and stories. Tom even talked a little about his experiences in WWII at the Battle of the Bulge. Truly a table of America's greatest generation, patriots, great men. Way to go, Brian, what a blessing.

Remembering that the Gridley Herald was the first all Apple Macintosh-produced newspaper in America, here is the Apple update of the month: There is an app on the Apple iPhone when combined with an Apple Watch that figures out if you have

fallen down (good thing for old people). Then, if you don't respond to your phone beeping, it calls your designated emergency contact or 911, to which the phone sends your location and your medical records.

Butte College Football won their first game - and as always, the question is, will they make it to the national championship again? This year's team has the potential to do it again. Earley missed the national championship last year by one play that went wrong. Go Roadrunners.

Josh F.W. Cook is an alumnus of Charter Oak State College in New Britain, Connecticut. ★

Prominent local Esquire Brian Hamman put together a nice little lunch at the Manzanita Store (home of the best Tri-Tip Sandwich in California) with three seriously senior citizens. Brian's Dad, Real Estate Scion Howard Hamman, was made to feel young at 84, with

## Public Health Reports First Human West Nile Virus Death of the Season

Continued from page 1 that contain one of the following active ingredients: picaridin, lemon eucalyptus oil, para-menthane-diol or IR3535. Always use according to label instructions. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2 months of age and older.

**DAWN AND DUSK** - Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus bite in the early morning and evening. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

**DRAIN** - Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing



For those who develop severe West Nile Virus illness, symptoms may last several weeks, and some symptoms may be permanent. Photo by Buchse12 via Pixabay

water. Eliminate or drain all sources of standing water on your property, including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Mosquitoes can lay up to 300 larvae in one bottle cap of water. For standing water that cannot be drained such as

fountains, ponds, etc., consider adding "Mosquito Dunks" or mosquito fish, which feed on mosquito larvae. Report unmaintained swimming pools to the local Mosquito and Vector Control District at 530-342-7350 or 530-533-6038. ★

# 'Let My People Go'

GOP Leader Gallagher Demands New State for Inland California



James Gallagher

Assemblyman James Gallagher's Office News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) has introduced Assembly Joint Resolution 23, in response to the chronic neglect of rural and inland California. The recent Democratic-led gerrymander would silence rural voices and rig the political system against

them forever.

AJR 23 proposes to form a new state made up of 35 inland California counties to finally give these areas a voice.

"California is run by politicians who don't care because they don't have to," said Gallagher. "They exploit our water, suppress our energy, skyrocket our costs, and kill our jobs. Whether you are from the North State, Central Valley, or the Inland Empire, life has become harder and completely unaffordable. We have been overlooked for far too long, and now they are trying to rip away what little representation we have left."

The proposed new state would include more than 10 million people, putting it among the top ten

most populous states in the nation. It would cover most of Northern California, the Sierra Nevada, the Central Valley, and the Inland Empire.

"I have come to see that the only way we can obtain proper attention is by pursuing our own statehood. With this measure, we will begin the first step of that process. We will not be subject to a state that deprives us of a fair voice," Gallagher said. "Gavin, let my people go."

The Assembly Joint Resolution 23 - Two-State Solution formally expresses California's consent, as required under Article IV, section 3 of the U.S. Constitution, to allow inland counties to form a new U.S. state, pending congressional approval. ★

## LaMalfa Reacts to California Legislature Advancing Redistricting



Doug LaMalfa

Congressman Doug LaMalfa's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement after the California State Assembly and California State Senate passed three bills allowing for a constitutional amendment to let Democrats unilaterally redraw congressional districts.

"Democrats acted to solely benefit personal political ambitions. The facade about it being about other states came down when they removed the "trigger mechanism" that this scheme would only take effect in response to actions in other states. Even more, the fact that the Democrats in the legislature refuse to acknowledge who drew these maps should make clear to anyone that this is crafted for termed-out state legislators to have tailor made seats in Congress, not equal representation. No one can look at these maps — one with a district spreading from Modoc to Marin, another shaped like a giant elephant with a trunk to bring

in downtown Sacramento with Tahoe, or sticking Lassen and Plumas counties way over on the Nevada border with Santa Rosa in a coastal county — and say they appear credible. Do you really think the former senior environmental lawyer for NRDC is going to protect or represent ranchers, farmers, or water users?"

"No state should be doing mid-decade redistricting unless directed by a court or forced to. Voters in California have voted overwhelmingly twice to prevent partisan redistricting. I will fight to make sure Northern California is represented by someone they elect, not someone Sacramento Democrats selected in a back room." ★

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## Historic Hotel Facing Modern Hardships

Continued from page 1 growth of the commercial units at the bottom of the first floor of the property," O'Shaughnessy said.

The historic structure in the heart of Gridley's original downtown also consists of 13 apartments on the upper floor for low-income seniors, with rent under \$500.

Community Housing Improvement Program acquired the Hazel Hotel in 2000 and has since invested \$438,572 in capital repairs and operating expenses. Despite full occupancy in both commercial units and housing, O'Shaughnessy said the property's revenue has not kept up with costs, resulting in year-over-year losses.

Despite the challenges of operating in the black, O'Shaughnessy said Community Housing Improvement Program remains committed to the

property and requested the Gridley City Council to defer payment on an Economic Development Block Grant (EDBG) loan to allow time to explore options for long-term sustainability, including scattered site expansion, loan restructuring, and permanent rental subsidies through HUD.

"We're hoping within the five years to have a longer-term plan," she said.

The Economic Development Block Grant loan with the city has a balance of \$192,000, with an annual debt service of \$11,447.

Council members expressed appreciation for Community Housing Improvement Program's dedication to affordable housing in Gridley and the services provided to its senior tenants.

"Some of these senior citizens have very

limited incomes," said Councilman Calderon, who motioned to provide Community Housing Improvement Program financial relief. "They wouldn't be able to afford any apartments or houses anywhere."

In response, the council approved the deferral of prior year payments and authorized continued deferral until September 2030. Payments will be amortized thereafter with maturity in 2060.

"If the five years come and we haven't been able to do a comprehensive restructure, it's our intention to just start paying the loan again," O'Shaughnessy said.

Community Housing Improvement Program also has a Community Development Block Grant Loan from the City of Gridley, with a combined balance of principal and interest of \$370,795. ★

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# Butte County Fair Celebrates Another Year

# Butte County Recognizes September 2025 as Library Fine Amnesty Month

*Launches One-Year Fine-Free Pilot Program*

## Butte County News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Library is proud to announce two transformative programs designed to re-engage our community with the Butte County Library. September 2025 will be recognized as Library Fine Amnesty Month, inviting patrons to return overdue materials without any fines. Alongside this initiative, a one-year fine-free library pilot program will begin.

Library fines and fees have traditionally served to ensure the timely return of materials and assist in replacing unreturned items. However, the costs for replacing lost materials far surpass the revenue generated from these fines, allowing us to replace only 10 percent of unreturned items. In light of this, the Butte County Library is excited to embrace new strategies that focus on recovering overdue materials and re-engaging community members with blocked accounts. Success stories from similar initiatives highlight the remarkable returns of overdue and missing items, showcasing the positive impact of such community-focused programs.

It's important to note that fines will not be removed automatically from patron's accounts during September's Fine Amnesty Month. To take advantage of this opportunity, residents must contact the library directly at 530-552-5652 or speak to staff at their local branch. Patrons



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can return overdue items without penalties and clear any outstanding fines from their account. Staff is available to assist with the process.

The one-year fine-free pilot program began Sept. 1. As part of the program, daily fines will no longer accrue for items returned past their due date. If items are not returned 30 days past their due date, a lost fee will be posted to their account. Once patrons return the items, the fees will be removed. This only applies to fines and fees generated after Sept. 1. Patrons will still be responsible for any fines and fees incurred before Sept. 1, that were not cleared during Amnesty Month.

Let's celebrate the transformative power of literature and learning together. We invite the entire Butte County community to engage with the library, explore our enriching programs, and rediscover the joy of reading.

Stay up to date with the fine-free pilot program and Library Fine Amnesty Month at <http://www.buttecounty.net/528/Library> or follow us on social media. ★

# Mother and Father Arraigned for the Fentanyl Death of Their Two-Year-Old Child

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville couple was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 25, on charges connected to the fentanyl-caused death of their two-year-old son.

Chelsea Whitfield, 29, and Anthony Solansky, 28, were arraigned on a charge of felony child endangerment with a special allegation that the endangerment caused the death of the child.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charge stems from an incident on March 9, where the child was rushed to Oroville Hospital after the parents realized he was unresponsive. He was pronounced dead a short time later, and the manner of death was ruled to be acute fentanyl intoxication.

Ramsey said a lengthy and extensive investigation by the Oroville Police Department alleges that earlier that day, Whitfield, Solansky, and the child were asleep in a bedroom of their home all day. Whitfield was sleeping after a multi-day drug bender, including fentanyl and methamphetamine. That afternoon, Solansky awoke to use the bathroom and gave his child

his cellphone to watch children's YouTube videos before Solansky went back to sleep.

An individual described as Whitfield's drug dealer entered the room unannounced about this time, and after a brief interaction with Solansky and Whitfield, retrieved some car keys and potentially provided fentanyl to Whitfield. Both parents then went back to sleep, leaving the child awake and watching cellphone videos.

It was during this time that investigators surmised that the child got into his mother's fentanyl stash.

Hours later, Solansky and Whitfield were awakened by a housemate, and that is when they discovered the child lying unresponsive next to Whitfield in the bed on her arm.

Whitfield and Solansky are both facing a maximum of 12 years in state prison for child endangerment causing death. Both are being held with no bail pending their entry of plea on Aug. 28. ★



What is becoming somewhat of a tradition, the Butte County Fair held a ribbon cutting with the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce to celebrate opening day of the fair. Photo provided by Cathy Mills, Chamber of Commerce

## By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Fair, led by CEO Matt Reed, partnered with the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce for

a ribbon cutting event to open the 2025 county fair.

Dignitaries, fair staffers, chamber members and Butte County Fair Board representatives met at the main gate opening day,

to wield scissors and officially declare the fair open to the public.

This year's fair theme was "Family Roots, Buckels and Boots" and featured grandstand events

such as the Mardesich-Becker Memorial Roping event and Destruction Derby, along with traditional livestock auction, still displays, kids zone and carnival. ★

# Beale AFB, a Premier Location for Joint Service Training

## Beale Air Force Base News Release

**BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG)** - Beale Air Force Base continues to evolve as a key force-multiplying asset in support of joint-force readiness, serving as an essential platform for training and exercises across U.S. military branches.

Beale hosted the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation (MCCRE), during which Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163 (VMM-163) based in Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California, conducted simulated expeditionary operations using five MV-22 Ospreys. The exercise showed Beale's commitment to their partnerships and the capacity to support joint, high-tempo operations simulating overseas deployments.

"We chose Beale due to its proximity to multiple new training areas that we could utilize for our exercise to provide realistic training and present new challenges," said U.S. Marine Capt. Christopher Hanke, VMM-163 action officer for the MCCRE.

To simulate operations from a foreign airfield, the Marines transformed Beale's layout into a South Pacific Island scenario, enabling training in troop insertions, tactical movements, aerial evacuations and Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP). The 9th Reconnaissance Wing (RW) supported the MCCRE by providing airfield access, operations and maintenance facilities and essential base operating support including communications,



U.S. Air Force Maj. James Oliver, 349th Medical Squadron surgeon general in charge, speaks with U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Kyle Baker, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163 MV-22 Osprey pilot in the cockpit of a MV-22 Osprey on Beale Air Force Base, California, July 29. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexis Pentzer

transportation, fuel, fire response and security.

"Beale allowed us to have working spaces for our Marines as well as a dedicated area for aircraft parking to simulate a forward operating base," said Hanke. "Its location also enabled us to conduct extended flight operations over water and maintain access to nearby training areas."

While Beale's Airmen were not on the front lines of the exercise, by providing critical support, the base's air traffic controllers, fire department and mission support elements received valuable joint-environment training. The airfield management team deconflicted MV-22 operations from Beale-assigned aircraft and coordinated access to the runway. The 9th Mission Support Group expanded the dining facility capabilities, coordinated transportation and delivered fuel and equipment to sustain the Marines' daily operations.

"Beale's operations and tower teams were very flexible for us and eager to help," said Hanke. "They extended airfield hours on a Friday to conduct night operations and were always willing to support our needs. That support allowed us to complete all our required training and directly improved our readiness for deployment."

Coordination extended beyond Beale, with Travis Air Force Base medical personnel integrated into training scenarios. This cross-service collaboration highlighted Beale's adaptability in supporting unfamiliar airframes and joint mission requirements.

"Any chance to host units from

different services exposes our personnel to new aircraft, communication methods, and operating styles," said Christopher Wheeler, 9th RW plans and programs chief. "Our air traffic controllers gained dissimilar aircraft training with the MV-22s, and our fire department trained on crash recovery and aircrew extraction for this aircraft."

Beale's ability to simultaneously host MV-22 operations while maintaining U-2, T-38 and KC-135 missions illustrates its operational versatility. Facilities like the Beale Dragon Town Readiness and Training Center further enhance the base's readiness by offering realistic joint training environments.

"This simulated environment helps us train to new and challenging scenarios while out of our normal operating area in Southern California," said Hanke. "This allowed us to induce friction in planning to better prepare for upcoming challenges on deployment."

The exercise demonstrated Beale's ability to support intricate joint-force operations while providing Airmen with exposure to diverse mission sets and operational demands.

"Beale AFB remains a force multiplier for all services," said Wheeler "This type of support and training for diverse mission sets enhances our readiness by broadening experiences and capabilities."

As the only west coast airfield under Air Combat Command, Beale Air Force Base remains a premier location with essential capabilities that enable joint-force training and enhance expeditionary preparedness. ★



A U.S. Air Force medical team from the 349th Medical Squadron from Travis Air Force Base conducts training on an MV-22 Osprey on Beale Air Force Base, California, July 29. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexis Pentzer

# Firearm and Probation Violation Arrest

## Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - On Aug. 23, at approximately 5:37 p.m., a Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputy conducted a traffic stop near Glenwood Avenue and Nord Avenue in Chico

for a vehicle code violation. The deputy contacted the driver, identified as Dustin Ponte, age 44 of Chico, who was on

court probation. A probation search of the vehicle revealed a loaded handgun with an extended magazine, concealed inside a

fishing flotation device. A records check revealed the firearm was not registered to Ponte.

Ponte was arrested for possession of a loaded firearm not registered to him, possession of a high-capacity magazine, and for his probation violation. ★



**Butte County**  
KORY L. HONEA, SHERIFF-CORONER

# Food & Farm NEWS

## Almond Markets Jolted by Large Crop Forecast

After farming at a loss for as many as five consecutive years, California almond growers watched prices climb for much of the past year, promising a return to profitability. Then, right before harvest, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released an unexpectedly **high crop forecast** of 3 billion pounds. “That shocked the market,” said Ali Amin, owner of Primex International Trading, a major nut exporter based in Los Angeles. Anticipating a glut, buyers pulled back, causing almond prices to drop nearly 20% overnight. The reaction erased roughly a billion dollars from the total crop value, and it eliminated the profit margin for many farmers. “You wake up at 5 in the morning and work until 10 at night, and you can’t break even,” said Jasbir Sidhu, who began harvesting almonds in Fresno and Madera counties the first week of August.

## High Beef Prices Keep U.S. Cattle Numbers Low

The supply of cattle in the U.S. is historically low, and market dynamics for ranchers could sustain the trend for some time. With their animals earning **record-high prices**, ranchers are more inclined to sell calves for cash rather than keep them for breeding, growing the nation’s herd. After drought annihilated their herds, many cow-calf operators are “finally getting out of the red a little bit,” Calaveras County rancher Michael David Fischer said, and with current cattle prices “going absolutely crazy, it encourages them to sell.” Abbi Prins, an industry analyst for CoBank in Minnesota, said she expects the size of the nation’s beef

cowherd won’t start to see signs of expansion until 2027 because it takes nearly two years for heifer calves born this year to produce their own calves.

## Water Quality Panel Focuses on Agricultural Nitrogen Use

As California water officials consider new rules, farmer advocates are pushing back against strict **limits on how much nitrogen farmers can apply** to their crops. Kari Fisher, senior counsel and director of legal advocacy for the California Farm Bureau, said it is too soon to adopt nitrogen limits, as the industry is still gathering and evaluating data to develop realistic targets. “We have found that the one-size-fits-all nitrogen and application reporting requirements don’t necessarily fit with how agriculture is grown in the state because of differences related to commodity type, where crops are grown and reliance on surface water versus groundwater and the like,” Fisher said.

## Report Examines How Farms Cope with Labor Shortages

Farm labor scarcity is a growing challenge for farmers, particularly in light of the Trump administration’s goals for mass deportations. A new report from the University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics suggests that **labor shortages** may force some California farmers to alter how they grow crops and manage workers by raising wages, changing cultivation practices, implementing labor-saving technologies, and using farm labor contractors. If immigration enforcement targets undocumented farmworkers, California farmers are expected to adopt similar strategies, the report said. ★

# Ask DR. UNIVERSE

## Why do we have germs on our hands?

– Prince, Georgia

Dear Prince,

Germs are tiny organisms—also called microbes. They’re so small you have to zoom in with a microscope to see them. They can be bacteria, viruses, fungi or other teeny things. Some microbes make us sick. Some don’t bother us at all. Some help us out.

I talked about all that with my friend Eric Lofgren. He studies infectious disease at Washington State University.

He said there are two main reasons we have germs on our skin. We pick up some microbes from the environment. Some live on our skin all the time.

“The world is full of microbes,” Lofgren said. “They’re very successful organisms, so they’re everywhere.”

The germs we pick up come from nature or other people. We use our hands a lot, so that’s the most likely place for those microbes to encounter our skin.

We run into microbes when we dig in a garden, pick up rocks or splash in a river. There are even microbes floating around in the air. Some of them stick to our skin when we bump into them.

Sometimes we pick up germs from a sick person. Maybe they sneeze or cough. Microbes fly out with their snot or spit. They land on stuff or an unlucky person in the splash zone. Germs can also come off when the sick person touches something like a door knob. The next person that touches it might pick up those microbes.

We also encounter germs that normally live inside us, like in our guts. Those microbes help us digest food and stay healthy. Since they’re in our guts, they come out with poop. They can make us

sick if they move to a new place—like our mouths or eyeballs.

Luckily, soap and the motion of scrubbing our hands sends most of those microbes down the drain.

But some microbes live on our skin full time, including our hands. Those microbes need the same things we do: space, shelter, water and food.

“If you were living on a giant, where would you want to live?” asked Lofgren. “Their forearms or their belly button? The belly button is a nice, sheltered cave with nutrients and moisture.”

The microbes that normally live on our skin tuck themselves into creases and crevices, like the gaps between our skin cells. They chow down on tasty stuff on our skin like oils and sugars.

By taking up space and using resources, these microbes don’t leave as much room for germs we pick up that don’t belong on our skin. That helps us out.

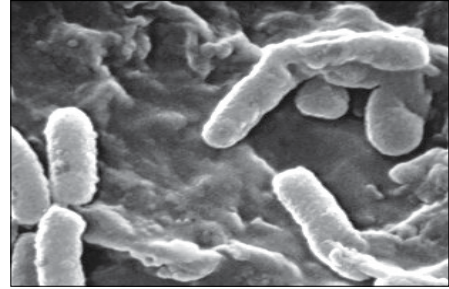
But living on our skin isn’t all throw pillows and comfy couches. Lofgren told me it’s a harsh environment for our microbes. They get jostled off and flushed down the sink. Our hands constantly encounter germs that compete with them.

So, some microbes form a sticky, slimy community called a biofilm. It’s a gluey matrix they ooze out to keep the group stuck together. That makes it harder to wash away those microbes.

I guess some germs are single (celled) and ready to mingle.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



These hotdog-shaped bacteria are called *Pseudomonas*. They hang out in soil and water. Sometimes people pick these germs up in hospitals where they can infect lots of body parts, including the skin. *Pseudomonas* can make people sick, but some people have it on their skin all the time. You can also see smaller purple bacteria nearby. Image: CDC/Janice Haney Carr

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are heading towards fall. I was watching my turtle chase my Koi. I was daydreaming about why that is when I saw something that confirmed my opinion that the turtle was chasing but not catching on purpose. Before the Koi came when it was about 3 inches long the turtle never chased the three Comets. I’ve had

them for about six years they are big. While the Koi was small, I never saw the turtle chase it ever. This last spring the races began. The now 13” Koi zooms by, immediately afterward I would see Houdini my Red Eared Slider male in hot pursuit. When I first realized this was happening constantly, I call my son in law who is a turtle expert. Turtle societies pay him to attend conferences, to give turtle talks. He asked was it biting at the fish? “No,” I said. He has plenty of time at various times to bite the fish if he wanted to. “I have no idea,” he said. I’ve been watching this fish and turtle show for a while. The other day while I was watching

and daydreaming about this behavior as the other fish ate, both Houdini and the Koi stopped because Houdini decided to gobble food. As he snapped up the pellets the Koi came right next to him and gobbled the food first. At no time was there an attempt to bite it on Houdini’s part. They both ate. The turtle going from clump of floating food to clump of floating food. The Koi doing the weird nose up so his underneath mouth can gobble. The Koi was here and there but returned repeatedly to eat near the turtle with no consequences. They are very fit I’m sure after all that racing around for long periods of time. Maybe they are playing. ★

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## Hoarding and Fire:

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fills the home and prevents the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional Health concerns.

### Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

### How Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm’s way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

### How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

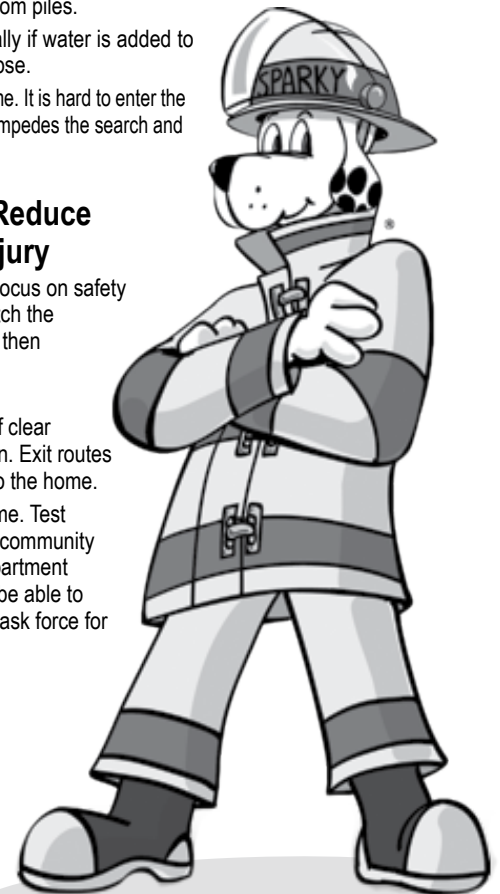
When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person’s language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.

Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.

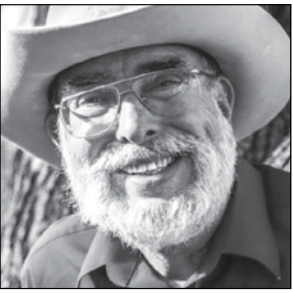
Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month. Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

**Sparky the Dog**  
Gridley Fire Station 74



# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

We knew it was coming when Bert came into the Mule Barn truck stop the other day. He took his usual stool at the philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, where he reigns as Cutting Edge Technology Advisor to the board of directors.

It was that glint in his eye that gave it away. "Hi Bert."

"Hi Doc. Say, isn't this a beautiful day? It's 32 out there."

"Doesn't seem that cold," said Steve, our resident cowboy, who tends to look at everything from the back of a horse.

"Oh, not 32 degrees, dear friend ..."

Dear friend? We're in for it.

## "You have a Barometer?"

"... but 32 inches of mercury in the barometer. Winds are calm. Sun is shining. No chance of snow."

"You have a barometer?"

"Oh yeah. You can't always depend on the TV weather guy, you know. You see, it's not just where the barometer is that tells you what the weather's like, but it's where it is now in relation to where it was before. That's what they call the trend."

"Heard that word before," said Doc.

"It's scientific. Got a book about it the other day. Maizie picked it up at the library. You see, to the layman, the world outside looks kinda nice, doesn't it? Sunshine, no wind. Looks like a beautiful day. But to the expert ... to the meteorologist ... that's just the start. Oh yes. He'll look outside at

the beautiful weather, but he realizes it's simply a precursor to the weather we'll have tomorrow. He'll know, you see, from how the mercury is responding in the glass ... we call the barometer a glass ... what kind of weather to expect tomorrow. That's what sets us apart from other people."

"Because you read a book?"

"... And I have my weather station ... yes."

"So what kinda weather is coming tomorrow, Bert?"

"Oh ... 'bout like today."

"So the barometer told you that?"

Bert looked a little sheepish. "I didn't have time to figure it out. Heard it on the news."

**Amaze your friends by reading a new barometer? Why not? Here's how. <https://www.netatmo.com>.** ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



How much does an NBA team mean to a city? Just ask the residents of Seattle Washington that question.

In 2008 the Seattle SuperSonics ceased to exist and overnight became the Oklahoma City Thunder. That's right, the Oklahoma City Thunder that just hoisted the Larry O'Brien trophy and became the reigning NBA champs.

I wonder how many Seattle residents could even watch the finals on TV.

Ever since that ominous decision was made, Seattle has been knocking on the door of the commissioner's office, demanding that the NBA give back what was taken from them. Allow Seattle an expansion team, because with a degree of certainty the NBA is going to expand, and don't be surprised if Seattle doesn't get their wish.

That very same city came within a gnat's eyelash of taking the Kings from Sacramento to Seattle in 2013, and it may well have happened had commissioner David Stern not stepped in, along with the help of then city mayor Dennis Johnson.

It took a change in ownership and the building of the Golden One Center to keep the Kings in Sacramento, and Vivek Ranadive suddenly stepped into the picture.

The Sacramento fans have been largely appreciative of Ranadive, and have shown a high degree of patience, having only tasted the playoffs one time since he took over the team.

But over a decade has passed, and basketball fans want what the Oklahoma City Thunder have, a championship team. At the very least a team that can be counted on to make the playoffs every year.

This year's draft portents a favorable outcome, as both Nique Clifford and big man Maxime Raynaud displayed skills in the NBA summer league that gave Kings fans good reason to be excited.

Few NBA teams in history have had a less favorable draft history than the Sacramento Kings, and it's become a moniker that the team and fans alike would like to kick.

Why do some franchises have such consistent success drafting players, why other teams seem to struggle.

In the case of Sacramento Kings, it's likely you need to look no further than the owner himself.

Vivek Ranadive has been a savior to the city and for that he deserves praise. But when it comes to assisting with draft selections, most fans would like Vivek to find something else to do.

The ominous Marvin Bagley III selection was not so long ago, and as most fans know, Luca Doncic was overlooked by the Kings, only to be drafted by the Atlanta Hawks one pick later. Inexplicably, Atlanta traded Doncic to the Dallas Mavericks immediately, demonstrating that Sacramento is not the only franchise that has difficulty judging talent.

But looking back won't help the Sactown boys today, as new head coach Doug Christie has a big job ahead of him.

If we are to listen to the pundits, the Sacramento Kings will be lucky to win 30 games, and that I say, bunk!

Dennis Schroder has yet to make a single assist, and I expect Schroder to join this talented group of players and be the ball distributor that Scott Perry believes he can be.

Sacramento's starting five will stand up to any team in the NBA, and the real question remains how strong the bench will be, and how much can they be counted on to contribute every night.

OKC just provided an illuminating script to show what a championship bench looks like, and its high time the Kings paid attention to how championship teams get things done.

I believe that the Kings have a trove of young talent, and the question is whether Doug Christie can be both teacher and coach.

If Doug Christie can find a way to add 10 bench points per game, look for the pundit's predictions to go out the window.

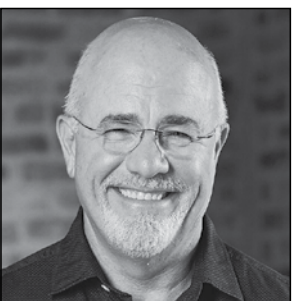
Last season's bench scoring of 26 points per game won't get it done, but 35-40 would be an instant game changer for Sacramento.

Where will this extra scoring come from? I hope Isaac Jones and Nique Clifford will help us get there, but I'm reminded that trade rumors may not just be rumors.

The Kuminga trade is not entirely dead, and Russell Westbrook remains a free agent with a lot of gas left in his tank.

By all means, do not give up hope Kings fans, because Scott Perry has yet to fully strut his stuff. We may hear something very soon!

All the best!  
*Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com).* ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to get out of debt and start handling my money better. Should lower the amount I'm contributing to my 401(k) so I can pay off my car and house faster?

—Austin

Dear Austin,

I'm trying to get out of debt and start handling my money better. Should lower the amount I'm contributing to my 401(k) so I can pay off my car and house faster?

Austin

Dear Austin,

I can tell you're excited about the idea of getting out of debt. And that's a good thing! But I don't want you to get ahead of yourself when it comes to gaining control of your finances.

Here's my Baby Steps plan. The first thing you

## Dave Ramsey Says

### The Tortoise and the Hare

should do is set aside a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. That's Baby Step 1. Next comes Baby Step 2, which means paying off all your debt, except for your house. This would include your car. During this time, you should temporarily stop any kind of investing and retirement contributions, so you can attack your debt with a vengeance.

Once your mortgage is the only debt you have, it's on to Baby Step 3. This means you start saving money to grow your beginner emergency fund into a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. After that, it's on to Baby Step 4, which is investing 15 percent of your pre-tax income for retirement. In your case, that would mean re-starting contributions to your 401(k).

The rest of the plan goes like this. Baby Step 5 is

putting money into your kids' college funds, if you have kids. Baby Step 6 is focusing on paying off the house early, and then comes the real fun. Baby Step 7 is where you build wealth and give like crazy.

It may take a little time in some cases, but there are millions of people out there who will tell you this—following the Baby Steps works!

—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.* ★

## California Schools Reverse Truancy Trends

### Improving Reading Scores Could Be Next



By Dan Walters, [CALMatters.org](http://CALMatters.org)

Good news is a rarity in California's massive public school system, which purports to educate nearly 6 million students but struggles to improve chronically subpar academic achievement levels on state and federal tests.

The most recent round of "Smarter Balanced" assessments showed fractional improvement at best, with fewer than half of all students meeting or exceeding state standards in English language skills, and scarcely one-third doing so in math. Meanwhile, California continues to fare poorly compared to other states in the tests administered by the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

We did get a bit of positive news about California schools recently. After decades of what were termed "reading wars," California's political establishment is finally embracing phonics, a proven technique for teaching children to read that could boost the state's low reading scores. It's a minor miracle that pushes aside years of trendy reading instruction that had failed.

Another miracle may also be occurring: California is making progress on its exceedingly high levels of chronic absenteeism.

A few years ago, in the aftermath of the COVID-19

pandemic, nearly one-third of the children enrolled in public schools were chronically absent from classes. You can't learn if you're not in class, and the absences negatively affected overall academic achievement, the futures of millions of kids and the state's need for trained or trainable workers as those in the huge Baby Boom generation retire from the workforce.

Chronic absenteeism also adversely affects the finances of local school systems because aid from the state is calculated on attendance, not just enrollment. Schools with high absenteeism rates also tend to have low levels of learning and lose the money they need to raise achievement.

California wasn't alone, of course. However, it kept its public schools closed longer than most in other states, and the makeshift online classes were a poor substitute for classroom instruction.

Children from low-income families, whose parents could not work from home to monitor participation or afford private tutoring, suffered the most from school closures. Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's education establishment were responsible for unnecessarily prolonging them.

From 30% chronic absenteeism in 2021-22, California dropped to 25% in 2022-23 and 20% in 2023-24, according to a new state-by-state report on absenteeism by SchoolStatus, a company that provides consulting services to school systems. California's 18% decline over the last two years was the third-most of any state surveyed by SchoolStatus, behind just Nevada and New Mexico. Nationally, the

decline was just 6%.

The report bolsters what Tony Thurmond, the state superintendent of schools and a 2026 candidate for governor, hailed last week.

"Due to historic investments in student supports and family engagement, California has cut TK-12 chronic absenteeism levels by one-third, from 30% in 2022 to 20% in 2024," Thurmond said. "We are on track and committed to reduce chronic absence by 50 percent over five years."

The SchoolStatus report did have one caveat: that reducing absenteeism is relatively easy in elementary grades but becomes progressively more difficult in middle school and particularly among high schoolers.

"Student attendance deterioration accelerates systematically from the middle school transition onward," the researchers noted. "Chronic rates more than double from 5th grade (14.22%) to 12th grade (32.13%)." They called for "targeted intervention when districts track early warning indicators like partial-day absences, tardiness patterns, and family communication response rates during those critical transition years."

Lasting progress will depend on keeping kids in danger of dropping out of high school in class and learning what they need to survive in a competitive world.

*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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# 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, Sept. 5:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

**Saturday, Sept. 6:** Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

**Tuesday, Sept. 9:** 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, Sept. 10:** 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, Sept. 11:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

**Friday, Sept. 12:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

**Tuesday, Sept. 16:** 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, Sept. 17:** 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, Sept. 18:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Movie night, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

**Friday, Sept. 19:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies' Night Out movie, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Men and teens invited. (G)

**Saturday, Sept. 20:** Batman Day at the Library, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (G) and noon to 4 p.m. (B) Join us at both locations for crafts and fun activities honoring Gotham's iconic heroes. All ages are welcome – come dressed as your favorite character and enjoy a day dedicated to the Dark Knight.

## Saturday, Sept. 6

**Live Oak Fall Festival Parade.** Parade starts at 11 a.m. on Broadway, followed by the festival at Live Oak Memorial Park, 10140 O Street, Live Oak. This year's parade theme: your favorite sports team! All kids and adults are encouraged to wear their favorite team attire

for the parade. Show off your hats, jerseys, shirts, or anything else, with pride. Festival includes crafts, food, car show, music and so much more. Free for everyone. For more information, contact Live Oak City Hall Parks & Recreation department at 530-695-2112.

**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 festive pie fillings. For more information, contact preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com

## Sunday, Sept. 7

**Taste of Downtown Chico.** 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy this culinary adventure with live music, local flavor, and downtown charm. Over 25 local restaurants, breweries, and pubs will offer exclusive bites and sips. From savory to sweet and everything in between, there's a taste for everyone. Ticket holders will receive eight tasting vouchers and an event guide, available for pick-up starting at 11 a.m. at Chico City Plaza. Tickets and more information at www.downtownchico.com

## Friday, Sept. 12

**Movies in the Park: Inside Out 2.** Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and favorite people for an unforgettable evening under the stars at Veterans Memorial Park, 100 Wildwood Ave., Chico. Arrive early to enjoy fun activities, games, crafts, and face painting before the movie begins. Local food trucks will be onsite with tasty treats and drinks for purchase, plus we'll be serving up free movie theater popcorn. Our wonderful community partners will be there with hands-on fun for all ages. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. – movie starts just after sundown.

## Saturday, Sept. 13

**The Gilded Garden 114th Anniversary Gala.** Join the Butte Humane Society to celebrate 114 years of happy endings. Event starts at 5 p.m. in the Big Room at Sierra Nevada Brewery, 1075 East 20th Street, Chico. This black-tie optional gala supports the life-saving work of one of Butte County's oldest non-profits. Guests will enjoy fine dining, captivating entertainment, and spirited auctions. Tickets are available at www.buttehumane.org/events For more information, call 530-343-7917.

## Sunday, Sept. 21

**Harvest Festival and Car Show & Shine.** Join the Rotary Club of Durham

for their 46th Annual event in Durham Community Park, 1847 Durham-Dayton Highway, Durham. There will be a pancake breakfast, cooked and served by Rotary members from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., or until sold out. Following that is a barbecue lunch with hot dogs, tri tip sandwiches, and beverages from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out. There will be live music, a craft and vendor fair, children's activities, and displays of antique engines and tractors. Car show begins at 9 a.m. and a \$25 entrance fee will be collected on site, space limited to the first 200 cars. Funds raised from the event go back into the Durham community for scholarships and local projects. For more information, call 530-864-0795.

## 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 Hall, 267 Sycamore St.

**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 Sept. 9 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

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

**Downtown Chico Night Market** every Thursday night through Sept. 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.

**ESL Let's Talk** meets Mondays through the end of October, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gridley Farm Labor Housing, 850 E. Gridley Road. Practice speaking English in this friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@buttecounty.net for more information.

**Gridley City Council** meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 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. 17. 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. 17.

**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.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** meets the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

## 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.

**First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry,** 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. Next distribution will be Sunday, Sept. 28. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

**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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The following person(s) are doing business as: One Little Oven Bakery, 2010 Renz Road, Durham, CA 95938  
Lacy Tibbetts, 2010 Renz Road, Durham, CA 95938  
Date filed in Butte County: August 14, 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: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000606  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Shelter Cove Studios, 187 Greenbank Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966  
David Richard Barbara, 187 Greenbank Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: August 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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SHELTER 9-26-25

### 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 OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV03025  
Petitioner Shakeena Cordelia Waheed filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zylon Prince Pankhi Malcolm to Zylon Prince Pankhi Waheed.  
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 06 TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on August 21, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
WAHEED 9-26-25

Superior Court  
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POWERS 9-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV02943

Petitioner Melissa Anne Bryant filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Melissa Anne Bryant to Melissa Anne McGowen.  
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 24, 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 August 14, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025  
BRYANT 9-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV03025  
Petitioner Shakeena Cordelia Waheed filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zylon Prince Pankhi Malcolm to Zylon Prince Pankhi Waheed.  
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 06 TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on August 21, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
WAHEED 9-26-25

## NOTICE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS

Reclamation District No. 833  
1643 W. Biggs-Gridley Road, Post Office Box 247  
Gridley, California 95948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 21, 2025, an operation and maintenance assessment was ordered paid for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and terminating June 30, 2026, which operation and maintenance assessment will be Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$20.00) for each parcel that is one (1.00) acre or less in size. For every parcel which is 1.01 acres or more, the charge will be Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$5.00) per acre. The assessment shall be payable in installments or in one payment as determined by the Tax Collector of the County of Butte and shall be payable concurrent with the installment, or if no installment payment is permitted, with the first installment of the taxes of the County of Butte. This payment, if not made as a part of the County tax billing, shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as are levied upon delinquent payments of County taxes and assessments, and which amount of penalties and interest will be added thereto and collected for the use of the District if delinquency in payment occurs.

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Dated: June 26, 2025

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833:

SHANNON FONTAIN  
Secretary



# COMICS & PUZZLES

## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Panel 1: "I WOULDN'T TRADE YOU FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA"

Panel 2: "OF COURSE, THAT'S CONTINGENT UPON TARIFFS."

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS **POPEYE** BY EDDY MELROD

Panel 1: "THIS HAS BEEN THE WORST DAY... WELL, WELLS, MUMPS A MONTH OR SO."

Panel 2: "VA GOTTA LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, OLIVE."

Panel 3: "WELL, I DO ENJOY COMPLAINING."

Panel 4: "PLEASE FIND A DIFFERENT BRIGHT SIDE."

Panel 5: "OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK."

Panel 6: "IT'S NOT EVEN A COOL RUB-ON TATTOO!"

Panel 7: "MEANWHILE..."

Panel 8: "HOW ARE WE SPOSED TO GET THIS TUB BACK TO OUR TOWN?"

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Panel 1: "EVERYBODY'S A COMEDIAN."

BOSS GAVE US THIS HORN. HE SAID IT'S "MAGICAL."

HE SED ME JOS' GOTTA BLOW IT AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE...

...AN A MAGICAL MIST WILL GENTLY TRANSPORT THE SHIP TO OUR HOME!

MINUTES LATER, I GUESS I SHOULD'VE EMPHASIZED "GENTLY!"

BE FAIR! WHEN AM I EVER GONNA GET THAVE A HORN SOLD AGAIN?

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is added to board, 2. Bush is taller, 3. Hat is larger, 4. Line is added to board, 5. Cloud is smaller, 6. Mountain is added.

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Panel 1: "TUESDAY NIGHT DODGEBULL LEAGUE DOWN AT THE TRENDY FITNESS CLUB"

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

Panel 1: "WHAT'D YOU BUILD, HUGO?"

Panel 2: "A BIRD FEEDER FOR MY YARD"

Panel 3: "ONCE YOU START FEEDING 'EM YOU HAVE TO KEEP ON DOING IT"

Panel 4: "'CAUSE THEN THEY'LL COUNT ON IT"

Panel 5: "YOUR BIRDS WONT KNOW WHERE ELSE TO GET FOOD"

Panel 6: "AND IF YOU GO AWAY OR SOMETHING, YOU GOTTA REMEMBER TO PAY SOMEBODY ELSE TO FEED 'EM"

Panel 7: "AND IF YOU EVER FORGET OR GET SICK, MAYBE THEY'D STARVE!"

Panel 8: "BUD BLAKE"

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

Panel 1: "Ms. Figby, you were supposed to remind me not to be a jerk today!"

Panel 2: "I'M REALLY KINDA LOOKING FOR AN ARRANGEMENT THAT MAYBE SAYS 'I'M SORRY.... YOU FEEL THAT WAY.'"

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**ACROSS**

- "Call of the Wild" dog
- Lightning McQueen, e.g.
- Island near Java
- Popular hairdo in the 1960s and '70s
- Governmental space agency, acr.
- Meat in a casing
- Larry Bird's target
- Narrative poem
- Richard Bachman to Stephen King
- "Sherman's Mr. \_\_\_\_\_"
- Fence plank
- Small jar
- FedEx competitor
- "Tabaqui of 'The Jungle Book'"
- Most vital part
- a.k.a. Home of the Brave
- Bewilder
- Y'all
- Phonograph media
- Williams sister's return
- "Two mints in one" classic mints
- Celt
- Red carpet suit
- Pirate's turf
- Flag on a ship, pl.
- Solar system model
- Like a fiddle
- Sweating room
- Chesterfield, e.g.
- "National Crime Prevention Council's mascot"
- "The Martian" (2015) actor Matt \_\_\_\_\_
- Verbal exam
- Half-man, half-goat
- Deflect
- Charge a tax
- Division word
- Darn a sock, e.g.
- Bo Peep follower
- Long, long time

**DOWN**

- Scrooge's exclamation
- E.T. transporter, e.g.
- Photo editing option
- 1/100th of a ruble
- Mafia's top dogs
- "All joking \_\_\_\_\_"
- Risqu
- \*Target's mascot
- "Si, mi chiamo Mimi" in La Boheme, e.g.
- Law school test acronym
- \_\_\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life
- Interstellar cloud
- Flying stingers
- Omani and Yemeni
- Consume
- TV Judy's title
- Of the Orient
- Lawyers' loads
- Major European river
- Relating to Scandinavia
- Like a button, but more so
- English homework
- Swine and avian diseases
- \*Maid Marian of Disney's "Robin Hood" movie (1973)
- \*The Big Red Dog
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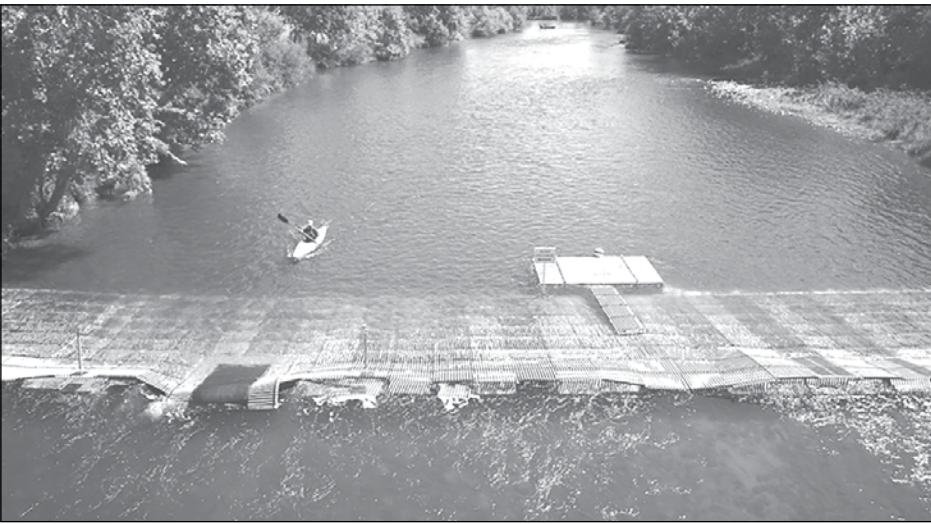


# Gridley Police Report

## August 13, 2025 - August 26, 2025

- Aug 13:** At 12:17 a.m. on the 1600 block of CA-99, Gridley, Patricia Lynn Duty, 42, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant, Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and Possessing a Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 13:** At 10:12 p.m. on the 0 block of Gridley Road, Gridley, Dustin Derek Scott, 45, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 14:** At 2 a.m. on the 400 block of East Gridley Road, Gridley, Daniel Ramon Trevino, 45, was arrested for Probation Violation: Rearrest/revoke (M) (1203.2(a) PC), Restricted Driver Operate Vehicle w/o Interlock Device (M) (23247(e) VC), Driving w/license suspended – DUI (14601.2(a) VC), Expired Registration (4000(a)(1) CVC), No Proof Of Insurance (16028(a) VC), Current Month And Year Tabs Shall Be attached To The Rear License Plate (5204(a)(1) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 14:** At 10:10 p.m. on the 100 block of Magnolia Street, Gridley, Donnie Dale Graham, 31, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant, Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS), and Possessing a Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 15:** At 5:39 p.m. on the 3000 block of Tenth Street, Biggs, Charles Richard Benish, 33, was arrested for Violation of Court Order Dom Violence (M) (273.6(a) PC), Threaten Crime With Intent To Terrorize (M) (422(a) PC) and Fail To Register As Arson Offender (M) (457.1(h) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 17:** At 7:39 a.m. on the 1900 block of West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, Taylor Jay Mcpherson, 34, was arrested for Inflict Corporal Injury on Spouse/cohabitant/dating Relationship – Aggravated (F) (273.5(a) PC) and Probation Violation: rearrest/revoke (M) (1203.2(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 17:** At 10:11 p.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, Anthony Caudillo, 31, was arrested for PRCS Violation (F) (3455(a) PC), Assault – Intimidation (M) (240 PC), Fight/Challenge Fight Public Place – Disorderly Conduct (M) (415(1) PC) and Vandalism: deface Property (M) (594(a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 18:** At 7:04 a.m. on the 100 block of California Street, Gridley, Amanda Lavonne Macraney, 48, was arrested for Inflict Corporal Injury On Spouse/cohabitant/dating Relationship – Aggravated (F) (273.5(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 18:** At 8:46 p.m. on the 1400 block of Peach Street, Gridley, Stephanie Nicole Ingraham, 42, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 20:** At 10:40 p.m. on the 1400 block of SR99, Gridley, Michael John Creek, 42, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 21:** At 7:43 p.m. on Magnolia Street and SR99, Gridley, Edward Everett Elliott, Jr, 54, was arrested for Display On Vehicle/resent To Officer Unlawful Registration (M) (4462.5 VC), and Expired Registration (4000(a) (1) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 22:** At 9:26 p.m. on the 100 block of Magnolia Street, Gridley, James Albert Myers, 33, was arrested for DUI Alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC) and DUI Alcohol/0.08 Percent (M) (23152(b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 24:** At 9:41 a.m. on SR99 and East Hazel Street, Gridley, Casey Ryan Alger, 51, was arrested for Possess Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS), Unlawful Possession/use Tear Gas Or Tear Gas Weapon (M) (22810(a) PC), Possession Open Container (23222(a) VC) and Probation Violation: rearrest/revoke (F) (1203.2(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 25:** At 12:46 a.m. on SR99, Gridley, Michael Steven Long, 63, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 26:** At 6:17 a.m. on the 1400 block of Peach Street, Gridley, Stephanie Nicole Ingraham, 42, was arrested for Battery: spouse/ex Spouse/date/etc – Simple (M) (243(e)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Aug 26:** At 8:47 p.m. in the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Timothy Andres Zavala, 44, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Felony Warrant, Obstruct/resist/etc Public/peace Officer/emergency Med Tech – All Other Offenses (M) (148(a)(1) PC), Possess Narcotic Controlled Substance (M) (11350(a) HS), Possess controlled Substance (M) 11377(a) HS) and Disorderly Conduct: alcohol (M) (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

# Feather River Fish Monitoring Station Provides Improved Population Data on Fish Species



A kayak prepares to cross the Feather River Monitoring Station located in Oroville, California, part of Butte County, Aug. 23, 2023. The fish monitoring station will provide information on abundance, run timing, and origin (hatchery or natural) of steelhead and Chinook salmon populations in the Feather River that will be used to enhance fisheries management. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Water Resources

## California Department of Water Resources News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Since abundant running water first began flowing through the Sierra Nevada foothills to form the Feather River, fish species like Chinook salmon and steelhead have been migrating up from the Pacific Ocean to spawn. Listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act due to population declines stemming from recent drought and reduced ocean food supplies, monitoring efforts are essential to track population trends and guide management and recovery efforts. With the installation of a fish monitoring station in the Feather River near Oroville, the California Department of Water Resources can more accurately track the arrival timing, number, species and origin (natural or hatchery raised) of returning fish.

“The fish monitoring station is a valuable reporting tool for counting Chinook salmon and steelhead populations in the Feather River,” said Byron Mache, Environmental Scientist with the California Department of Water Resources Division of Integrated Science and Engineering. “Accurate estimates allow DWR and its partners, like the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Service, to track the success of hatchery activities along with environmental and fishing impacts.”

Located approximately 6.5 miles downstream of the Feather River Fish Hatchery, the California Department of Water Resources fish monitoring station is located near the bottom of the low flow channel, a section of the river that offers lower river temperatures and improved gravel habitat, making it a prime holding and spawning environment. As fish migrate up the river, they are forced to pass through a chute in the monitoring station that spans the river channel. The chute contains an underwater camera that captures video of fish using motion detection software.

The California Department of Water Resources scientists review the video footage to determine the exact species of fish and can check to see whether the adipose fin has been clipped. A clipped adipose fin indicates that fish are of hatchery origin. Since the monitoring station was installed, The California Department of Water Resources scientists have recorded more than 10 different fish species in the Feather River, including Chinook salmon, steelhead, Sacramento pikeminnow, hardhead, pink salmon, chum salmon, American

shad and striped bass.

Prior to the construction of Oroville Dam in the 1960s, fish migrating from the Delta and Sacramento River could travel 170 miles or more to the upper reaches of the Feather River. Historically, spring-run Chinook salmon returning in April, May or June would access the upper Feather River to hold and spawn thanks to higher river flows from winter rains and snowmelt. In contrast, fall-run Chinook salmon traditionally return in the fall, making the valley floor their natural spawning habitat.

With Oroville Dam preventing spring-run Chinook salmon from migrating further up the Feather River, they now spawn in the valley at a similar time as fall-run Chinook salmon, making it difficult to differentiate between the two using traditional survey methods.

“For years DWR and its partners have estimated fish populations by tracking how many fish entered the Feather River Fish Hatchery and through carcass surveys in the river,” says Mache. “This monitoring tool provides key data to California fisheries and water managers and significantly reduces staff time counting fish on the river.”

In previous years, the California Department of Water Resources would have at least four boats a day on the Feather River with staff spending weeks at a time in the fall estimating the Chinook salmon population. Carcass survey efforts have now been reduced by around 75 percent thanks to the installation of the monitoring station.

In 2024, the California Department of Water Resources was able to track spring-run Chinook salmon returning to the Feather River as early as mid-March with more than 7,000 returning between March and the end of June. Approximately 17,700 spring-run were estimated in the Feather River in 2025, the best return since 2013. Chinook salmon that migrate up the river starting in July are considered fall-run, with the monitoring station tracking more than 40,000 fall-run between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2024.

Population data from the California Department of Water Resources Feather River Fish Monitoring Station is updated regularly on CalFish.org with overall Central Valley Chinook salmon population data reported in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s GrandTab report.

“With the improved data that the fish monitoring station provides, water managers will be able to ensure that these important fish populations are around for future generations,” Mache says. ★



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# Biggs and Gridley Football Dominate in 2025 Openers

By Steven Bryla

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (YSBC)** - The Biggs Wolverines and Gridley Bulldogs football teams opened the 2025 season with big statement victories on Friday, Aug. 29.

Both teams faced their first opponents of the 2024 playoffs and for Gridley, it was the same result, but a lot of new pieces that were imputed into new roles, shined. The Bulldogs had a new signal caller under center for the first time in four years as senior quarterback Eli Punzo is taking snaps.

Punzo found senior tight end Riley Engleman twice in the end zone as Engelman hauled in two touchdown passes for 37-yards in the win. Punzo carried the ball 12 times for 90-yards on the ground and controlled the offense.

Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa sports that he was proud of the way that Punzo ran a controlled offense against University Prep.

Senior running back Isaac Punzo and junior running back Marcus Duncan combined for 100 yards on the ground and Duncan powered his way into the end zone for his first varsity touchdown as a Bulldog.

The Gridley defense couldn't have started out 2025 better than they did as they held an offense to under 250-yards of total offense.



Gridley High School Varsity Bulldogs charge onto the field at their first home game, held Friday August 29. Photos by Max Tolman

Zumwalt told YSBC that the Panthers attempted to contain senior defensive lineman Jason Davis Jr., but that only freed up so much more opportunities for the rest of the Bulldogs defense.

The "Boneyard" won't see Gridley jerseys roaming on Friday nights for a while as the Bulldogs get a bye week and have a couple of road games.

Gridley's next action will be on Friday, Sept. 12 as they travel to Winters and take on the Warriors.

The Biggs Wolverines needed to make a statement on Friday

night after their 2024 season ended way too early at the hands of the Weed Cougars.

When YSBC checked in with Biggs during the preseason, we were told by multiple players that they didn't want the game close, and they made that a reality in a 52-0 shutout win.

Wolverines head coach Brian Harrison told YSBC that they have multiple goals on both sides of the ball; they accomplished a lot of them on Friday night, including their rushing yards (368), completion percentage



Biggs senior quarterback Skyler Long (16) rushes the ball during the Wolverines' 52-0 victory on Friday, Aug. 29 against Weed. Photo by Chris Pedigo

(75%) and first downs (16). Biggs had a controlling 32-0 lead at the half.

Wolverines senior quarterback Skyler Long completed six passes (two for touchdown passes) for 72 yards in the air and rushed for 125 yards and found the end zone four times.

Biggs junior fullback Ayden Owen rushed for 73-yards on the ground and junior defensive back Cashton Acosta ran the ball four times for 67-yards and two rushing touchdowns.

There was a heavy cost as

senior wide receiver/defensive back Hunter Seipert suffered a significant injury and will be out for a while.

Harrison told YSBC that he is crushed for Seipert to lose significant time of his senior season but is happy that he will continuously be around the team on a consistent basis and will be a vocal leader from the sidelines.

The Wolverines defense put a hurt on Weed as they had five sacks, two interceptions, a fumble recovery and eight tackles for loss. ★

## Why Not Us? Lions Determined to Change the Perception

By Steven Bryla

**LIVE OAK, CA (YSBC)** - The Live Oak Lions come into the 2025 season with angst and a winning attitude but want to make a statement this season.

Live Oak was knocked out of the first round of the 2024 postseason by Lassen, who eventually won the CIF Northern Section Division III championship. Lions head coach Robert Tilton told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they are continuing to expand on what they have established as a crew over the past couple of seasons.

Tilton added that they focused on the mental side of the game this off-season because if their mind wasn't 100% there, how could they be 100% on anything else.

Tilton said the slogan "Why not us" and it was voted on by the team. "Why can't it be us and go accomplish our goals that we set this year," Tilton said.

2027 quarterback Kaiden



Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton (blue shirt) and assistant coaches play defense during a drill on Aug. 6 at Lions' practice. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Dulan and 2026 quarterback will be the dynamic duo the Lions are going to rely on holding down the clean snaps under center. Tilton said that Dulan and Perigo will be playing on both sides of the ball, so the health of both athletes will be key for the offense to be successful.

Tilton added one of the best parts about his returners this season will be the lines on both sides of the

ball. That was one of the biggest strengths for the Lions in 2024. "Although we had a good part of our line experience graduate last year, we have so much returning in 2025 and were excited again," Tilton said.

Another year of Live Oak football, and another year of an Ehrke dominating on the line on both sides of the ball. 2027 lineman Chase Ehrke expressed to YSBC that

they are focused on getting better on a daily basis and they bonded great throughout the offseason to get ready for their first game on Friday.

The Lions schedule is a competitive one as their non-league schedule has some familiar faces when they were in the Sacramento Valley League as they host Paradise and Winters. They will travel nearly 15 miles down the



Live Oak junior quarterback Kaiden Dulan hands the ball off during the Lions' practice on Aug. 6. Photo by Steven Bryla

road to Yuba City and play a hungry River Valley team that is hungry for revamping their program as an independent this year.

If Live Oak wants to bring the Harvest Bowl trophy home for the first time since 2012, they need to shut out all of the outside noise and believe in themselves to get the job done on October 24 at Gridley. Past senior classes claimed to be the class to get over

the hump but is the class of 2026 going to be the one capable of ending a long drought against a cross-town rival.

Perigo told YSBC that the Lions need to go into the game with the right mindset, in years past it was.

"Oh well it's Gridley; we don't have a chance. This year we aren't going in with that mindset," Perigo said. ★

## Gridley Volleyball Bites into Season

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Returning to the courts this year, Gridley High School Varsity Girls Volleyball has taken a large chunk out of their opponents.

The varsity girls, led by Coach Liz Ayon, began season play against the Durham Trojans, in which they would take the win 3-1.

They would continue their victory streak, beating the Anderson Cubs 3-0, Marysville Indians 2-0 and Red Bluff Spartans 2-0. They'd hit a snag with the East Nicolaus Spartans. The girls would take their first loss of the season, with a final of 2-0 Spartans.

Gridley would need another cycle to find their footing, falling to the Orland Trojans 2-0 before winning against Marysville, 3-0 and

Central Valley 3-0.

Tuesday, Sept. 2 they took the court against the Lincoln Fighting Zebras.

Gridley's skills were highlighted in a nearly perfect win in all three sets against the Zebras.

Sophomore Iris Counihan leads the 'dogs with an average of 3/1 kills per set, also the holding the highest hitting percentage and digs per set for the team. Returning players senior Tati Rivero and sophomore Abby Boyan are close behind Counihan for digs.

Senior Avery Mendenhall and Sophomore Kambelle Tolman on defense have been providing excellent blocks for their teammates, with back up from Senior Yalany Romo.

After last years post season performance, narrowly being knocked out in the finals, Gridley Volleyball returns strong



Yalany Romo No. 2 swats the ball back down over the net and keeps Marysville from scoring. Photo by Libby Tolman

to the courts once more.

The Bulldogs are set to play the West Valley Eagles, Thursday September 4, with the Hamilton Tournament scheduled for Friday. At the time of this article participating teams were still to be announced.

Gridley Girls Varsity Volleyball is Tati Rivero, Yalany Romo, Isabel Santillan, Iris Counihan, Abby Boyan, Madison Carey, Rebecca Solis, Kambelle Tolman and Avery Mendenhall. ★



Iris Counihan No. 5, tips the ball back over the net, with backup from Tati Rivero No. 0 (white jersey), Isabel Santillan No. 4 and Yalany Romo No. 2. Photo by Libby Tolman

# It's Stampede Time



This mutton buster holds on tight! Photo by Chris Pedigo

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Fire Department, Friends of the Yuba-Sutter Fair, Active 20/30 Club, Marysville Rotary, local schools and other important non-profits

Under the production expertise of the Flying U Rodeo Company, the Stampede promises full-throttle rodeo action. Though the 2025 lineup isn't fully spelled out online, past editions have featured a compelling blend of sanctioned events: bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, team roping and women's barrel racing. Youth-focused fun also has a place in the Stampede narrative. Flying U Rodeo's past programs have carved out experiences like mutton bustin',

pony rides, coloring contests, face painting, and even silver-coin hunts in the arena.

Beyond that, the Marysville Stampede's social and philanthropic efforts kick-on long before the bronc's do. The production's arrival underscores a year's worth of community goodwill, crowd-drawing entertainment, and fervent local pride. The build-up begins on Friday, Sept. 5, with the Cowgirl Soirée. Starting at 11 a.m. this elegant gathering will be hosted at the Red Roof Ranch in Live Oak and is meant to celebrate women in agriculture and the enduring resilience of the cowgirl spirit. Tickets are required and can be purchased online at [tinyurl.com/bdeywyty](http://tinyurl.com/bdeywyty).

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, the Stampede revives California's oldest running Cattle Drive, a free, family-friendly spectacle that steps off in Yuba City at Cooper & Bridge Street promptly at 6 p.m. From there, the herd rolls down Bridge Street, crosses the 5th Street Bridge, continues along D Street, and finishes at Cotton Rosser Arena at Riverfront Park in Marysville. Expect longhorn steers, horses and wagons, tractors and trucks, rodeo queens and cowboys, the Stampede Committee trolley, and floats from local 4-H and FFA clubs.

The momentum carries into Thursday, Sept. 11, with the Geweke Sponsor Social in Yuba City. This private gathering honors the rodeo's valued

sponsors with delicious food, refreshing drinks, sponsor spotlights, rodeo entertainment updates,

and meet-and-greet opportunities.

On Friday, Sept. 12, the action heads to the Posse Arena at 5396 Marysville Rd. in Browns Valley for the Local Team Roping Qualifier. Sign-ups begin at 5:30 p.m., with roping starting at 6 p.m. Admission is free, and families are welcome to enjoy the competition. Food will be available for purchase, and participants will compete for prizes and cash winnings.

Then comes the main event — the 91st Annual Marysville Stampede — on Saturday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Sept. 14, located at the Cotton Rosser Arena (1010 Biz Johnson Dr., Marysville). Saturday's performance is Patriot Day, when all active-duty military, veterans, and first responders receive free admission with valid ID or badge. Gates open at 2 p.m., and the rodeo begins at 4 p.m. Sunday is Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day, supporting breast cancer

awareness. Guests wearing pink will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a pair of Justin Boots. Gates open at 1 p.m., with the rodeo starting at 2 p.m. For added convenience, advance tickets purchased this year are valid for either day, giving fans flexibility to choose which performance to attend. Tickets are available at [maryvillestampede.com/tickets](http://maryvillestampede.com/tickets): adults \$20; children ages 4–12, \$10; kids 3 and under, free. Purchase online before September 13 to save \$5 per ticket. In-person ticket outlets include Cotton's Cowboy Corral, 320 5th St., Marysville; Yuba City Grange Co-Op, 1262 Stabler Ln.; Yuba City, 530-777-3551; and in Wheatland, The City Grill, 1912 Hwy 65. Proceeds from the Marysville Stampede support local schools, charities, first responders and other non-profit organizations. For full details, visit [maryvillestampede.com](http://maryvillestampede.com). ★



Lovely ladies sped through the arena, rounding three barrels in mere seconds, most rides under 19 seconds' total. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



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