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Council Approves Legal Representation in Nationwide Settlement

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Dec. 17 meeting, the Live Oak City Council selected members to serve as mayor and vice mayor for 2026.

Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma motioned to keep Jeremy Chapdelaine as mayor for the upcoming year. The motion was approved 4-0, with Councilmember Nancy Santana absent.

City Manager Ben Moody congratulated Mayor Chapdelaine and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his service for 2025.

Chapdelaine appreciated the vote of confidence and said it's an honor to serve as mayor. He thanked the staff and councilmembers for their hard work: "It takes a team. There's been a lot of big changes over the last year, and we kicked that off early with setting our priorities and really getting a plan."

Vice Mayor Pamma said, "As we all know, the city is tough position, but you demonstrated some great leadership this year. You represented our city well." Pamma praised Chapdelaine's leadership in the last year, which included the hiring of a permanent city manager and tackling difficult budget issues. "You've led us in the right direction, and I hope in 2026 we continue that momentum and continue improving our town."

Councilmembers Bob Woten and Ashley Hernandez agreed, and thanked Chapdelaine for his hard work and steady leadership.

Councilmember Woten motioned to keep Vice Mayor Pamma in his position as well, which was approved 4-0.

Mayor Chapdelaine said Pamma had "gone way above and beyond expectations of any first-year councilmember. You've been a huge contributor." With many challenges ahead, Chapdelaine said the council will "put our best foot forward to get Live Oak steady and back on track."

The council also
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Dancing Tradition

Local Performers Treat Seniors to a Colorful Show

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Post Acute was treated to a swirl of color and music this past Saturday, Dec. 20, as the Las Hijas de Maria Mexican folkloric dancers performed a private showing for the staff and residents.

Las Hijas de Maria, translating to "the daughters of Mary," brought dancers from as young as five years of age to teenagers to share their talents and

perform for about 45 minutes. The program began with two tiny dancers swirling skirts larger than they were tall around the room.

Each routine varied along with the number of dancers as the ladies of Las Hijas De Maria performed nearly a dozen numbers for the small crowd gathered in the facilities dining area.

Onlookers would notice two distinct styles of dresses: one a long-sleeved, high-
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This little girl shows the skirts of her dress in the Sinaloa region of Mexico style dress.

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Twelve current NFL teams have never won a Super Bowl: Arizona Cardinals, Atlanta Falcons, Buffalo Bills, Carolina Panthers, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, Houston Texans, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Chargers, Los Angeles Vikings, and Tennessee Titans. So for California teams, the 49ers have 5 Super Bowl wins, the Rams have 2, and the Raiders have 3. The Chargers, like the San Diego Padres of Major League Baseball, have never won the whole thing. This year, all CA NFL teams are headed to the playoffs.

When one drives to Chico, specific landmarks along Highway 99 lead one to the big-city university town. One of those roadside landmarks, indeed the most interesting one, is being torn down as this column is being penned. The “stinky place” at the corner of Shippee Road and 99, across from the world-famous Cycleland Speedway, has been the home of dead animals in need of disposal and rendering for decades. Thousands of people have used the facility as a cover for personal gastrointestinal issues in the car; indeed, any foul stench in the car can shift blame and let one claim, “That’s the stinky place, not me,” and gain cover while in polite company. In recent years, with the advent of a gas-digesting, methane-processing system, the place stunk slightly less than it did when we were kids.

There were also more animals to be processed in the 70’s and 80s. It was exempt from modern environmental laws having been built and operational before President Richard Nixon created the EPA. Nonetheless, it was always

home to a vile stench and you knew you drove past it even if it was dark and could not be seen. For my class it was Mitch Jagoe who had the responsibility to monitor the road to alert the football team on the bus when the windows had to be pushed closed as the bus went by the dreaded facility. It was part of being the Team Captain and if you left your window down another guy (usually a wide receiver) would punch you in the arm for gasing everyone.

Gridley CALFire is still the talk of the town having hosted Santa Claus a few days before Christmas. Station 73 Local 2881 firefighters allowed Santa to cruise around the streets of Gridley on top of one of the Gridley City firetrucks. Many children lined the streets where Santa passed to wave and were overjoyed to see Santa before he started his worldwide trek to deliver the goods. Good work CALFire, thank you Santa.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley. ★

Gridley Honors Retiring CAL FIRE Chief

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council recognized CAL FIRE Assistant Chief Archie “Chip” Fowler on Dec. 15 with a proclamation honoring his retirement and more than three decades of service to Butte County and the State of California.

Mayor Mike Farr read the proclamation during a special meeting, noting Fowler’s long record of leadership, professionalism and commitment to public safety.

Farr said Fowler earned the respect of his colleagues, community members and partners for his integrity and tireless work ethic.

“Chief Fowler has served the Gridley community with distinguished compassion and unwavering commitment, leaving a legacy of excellence that will benefit residents and firefighters for years to come,” Farr said.

City officials credited Fowler with strengthening readiness, supporting firefighter development and enhancing community outreach during his tenure serving Gridley through CAL FIRE.

Fowler, who began his fire service career as a volunteer in Palermo and Thermalito, was hired as a seasonal firefighter in 1994 at the Harts Mill Fire Station near Berry Creek. He later served in Bangor and South Chico before being promoted to Fire Apparatus Engineer at Jarbo Gap and Palermo.

In 2002, Fowler was promoted to fire captain in the Lassen Modoc Unit, supervising an inmate hand crew at Antelope



Pictured is CAL FIRE Assistant Chief Archie “Chip” Fowler who will retire at the end of December after more than 31 years in public service. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

Camp. He returned to the Butte Unit in 2004, serving in the Emergency Command Center, Jarbo Gap, Kelly Ridge and Pre Fire Engineering. Fowler was promoted to Battalion Chief in 2019 at CAL FIRE’s Northern Region Office in Redding, overseeing the Intelligence Office. He returned to Butte County in 2021 as Chief of Battalion 7 and later Battalion 9A, where he oversaw the city of Oroville Fire Department. In 2023, Fowler became Division Chief of the South Division, supervising Battalions 5, 6, 7 and 9.

“It’s been an honor to be your fire chief over the last couple years,” Fowler told council, describing the fire service as deeply family oriented. Fowler added the Gridley team felt like “another family” and that everyone works very well together and is very supportive. Fowler also emphasized the continued presence of the Gridley Fire Department within the CAL FIRE partnership, and even wished

his uniform included a Gridley Fire patch.

“Even though I work for Cal Fire, paid by Cal Fire, I am truly representing the Gridley Fire Department that is still very much alive,” Fowler said.

Several colleagues from Gridley and Biggs spoke about Fowler’s mentorship and influence.

Fire Capt. Dustin Maddows thanked Fowler for pushing him to grow professionally, saying he appreciated the work he has done and the kind of enthusiasm he brought to the city.

“It will help us carry on,” Maddows said.

Council members and city staff also praised Fowler for his institutional knowledge, responsiveness, leadership and his attendance at city council meetings.

“We’re going to miss having (Chief Fowler) around City Hall,” City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said.

Fowler will retire at the end of December after more than 31 years in public service. ★

GERS Brings Together Volunteers from Several Churches



Five pastors participated in the interfaith GERS Christmas basket food giveaway. Left to right: Ed Lucas–Gridley Christian Church, Mike Davis–Lighthouse Tabernacle, Ed Melton–Christian Life Assembly, Rick Scribner and Caleb Scribner–Abundant Life. Photo by Cindy Scott

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Pastor Ed Lucas, Gridley Christian Church, was happy to bring back the Gridley Emergency Relief Services (GERS) Christmas Food Basket giveaway after a one-year hiatus. Gridley Emergency Relief Services serves community members throughout the year, and their Christmas basket giveaway is the annual culminating effort.

Members of area churches donate funds to Gridley Emergency Relief Services, with relief efforts led by Lucas. Because Lucas plans to retire this summer, local faith leaders met to delegate his relief-related activities.

Pastor Mike Davis, Lighthouse Tabernacle, has assumed the responsibility of contacting local businesses for coupons to distribute at the giveaway. This year, for example, donated coupons included Casa Lupe, Grocery Outlet, Les Schwab, Huckleberries and Janitzio Western Wear. Davis intends that the coupons benefit the recipients but also help the businesses build their customer base.

Debbie Melton, Abundant Life, Calvary Chapel, First Baptist Church, Gridley Christian Church, Hope Point Live Oak, Lighthouse Tabernacle, Sacred Heart



Community and interfaith volunteers prepared Christmas food baskets, a project organized by Gridley Emergency Relief Services (GERS). Left to right: Lani Mellor (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), Deagen Orme (Sycamore CJSF), Debbie Melton (Christian Life Assembly), and Oscar Mosquera (First Baptist Church). Photo by Cindy Scott

and preparing to lead it next year.

Volunteers gathered at the First Baptist Church on Dec. 13 to set up tables, organize food items, and guide recipients through the tables, filling their bags with food. Volunteers represented several churches: Abundant Life, Calvary Chapel, First Baptist Church, Gridley Christian Church, Hope Point Live Oak, Lighthouse Tabernacle, Sacred Heart

Catholic Church, St. Timothy’s Presbyterian Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Thermalito Baptist, and others.

It is possible that more faiths are represented at this event than any other local event. Gridley Emergency Relief Services Christmas food baskets benefit families and volunteers, strengthening community relationships and interfaith relief efforts. ★



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Dancing Tradition



Dancers of varying ages swirled their skirts in festive dances for residents and staff members of Gridley Post Acute.

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er-necked style adorned with multicolored stripes of ribbon along the hem of their skirts and collars. Similar satiny strands of ribbon were woven through the braids in the girls' hair, which was worn in loops on either side of their heads.

A more coquette style gown was worn by the other half of dancers, their dresses featuring off the shoulder necklines and made of layers and ruffles edged in lace. Large and colorful

flower headpieces adorned their hair, which were tied up in buns, their saucy attire finished with red lips.

Maria Salgado of Las Hijas de Maria told the Herald that the difference in dress styles represented various geographical locations in Mexico and the tenor of the cultures within those cities.

The young ladies in the more conservative dresses with ribbons reflected the traditional dancers of Jalisco, Mexico, while the more flirtatious look of the young



The Las Hijas de Maria Mexican folkloric dancers after their performance at Gridley Post Acute skilled nursing facility in Gridley.

senoritas came from the Sinaloa region of the country, according to Salgado.

"That style is more...flirtatious," Salgado said of the Sinaloa dresses smiling.

"There are many things" added Salgado, commenting on layers of tradition often unknown by the public in regard to the folkloric dancers, their traditional dress

and choice of song.

Residents applauded the young dancers, who joined together in the finale before going around the room single-file and waving thanks at their audience.

This is the second year the group has performed at the facility and they plan to return.

"We organize this event to raise a little awareness among our

children about the importance of giving love and companionship to our senior adults," said Lucia Chavez of Las Hijas de Maria, who also works at the facility.

The dancers and their families not only brought the entertainment, but also a spread of delicious looking Mexican fare, rice and hibiscus tea for all to enjoy after the show. ★

CDFW Offering New SHARE Waterfowl and Pig Hunting Opportunities

By California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CA (MPG) - California's Department of Fish and Wildlife's SHARE Program is now offering waterfowl hunting at two new properties in Colusa County and pig hunts in Nevada County.

Harbison Ranch will offer three blinds in flooded rice fields on 160 acres and Kemp Farms will offer one blind in a flooded rice field on 114 acres in Colusa County. Each hunt blind fits four people. One permit will be drawn for each hunt. Successful applicants will be permitted to bring up to three hunters or non-hunting partners. Hunting opportunities will be available on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays as well as both youth and veteran and active military hunt days.



The Garden Bar Preserve in Nevada County is offering two new pig hunts on 640 acres of oak woodland and grassland in Nevada County in January and February. Hunters will be allowed to camp on the property and bring one hunting or non-hunt partner. The property is 23



For more information about the SHARE Hunting Program, contact Victoria Barr, SHARE Wildlife Coordinator, Victoria.Barr@wildlife.ca.gov. Image courtesy the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

miles south of Grass Valley.

A \$13.75 non-refundable application fee (plus handling fees) is charged for each hunt choice. For more information and instructions on how to apply please visit the SHARE webpage

at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE>.

For more information about the SHARE Hunting Program, contact Victoria Barr, SHARE Wildlife Coordinator, Victoria.Barr@wildlife.ca.gov. ★



The Garden Bar Preserve in Nevada County is offering two new pig hunts on 640 acres. Photo courtesy the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Balancing Weather and Wildlife: How Science Guides the State Water Project

California Department of Water Resources Update

CA (MPG) - As a series of atmospheric rivers bring rain and high elevation snow to communities throughout California, the winter storms are crucial for the State Water Project, helping fill reservoirs and support water deliveries.

The State Water Project (SWP) is part of the backbone of California's water infrastructure – a multi-benefit project that supplies water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland, provides flood protection, generates hydropower, offers recreational opportunities and provides environmental benefits.

The SWP must balance water supply reliability with the protection of listed endangered fish species at the same time climate change alters how and when rain and snow reach California.

Current State of the System

California's recent water years have been defined by weather whiplash, with dramatic swings from extremely wet to extremely dry conditions, sometimes within the same season. With the 2026 water year already underway, DWR is looking to take advantage of the storms in December following a relatively dry second half of fall. Lake Oroville, the SWP's largest reservoir, and San Luis



The metal fish barrier for the Georgiana Slough in the activated position on March 27, 2014, in Walnut Grove, CA. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

Reservoir currently hold above-average storage levels. For some threatened and endangered fish species, signs are pointing towards another strong rebound year. The adult winter-run salmon return this past summer was the third-highest observed in 40 years. On the Feather River, the adult spring-run salmon return was the fourth-highest observed in two decades. DWR is expecting growth in the population of adult longfin smelt as well, following a positive trend of in recent years.

What's in Store for SWP Operations?

Generally, when fish populations are doing well, the SWP sees higher numbers of listed species at the fish screens near its water export pumping facility in

the south Delta. This does not necessarily mean that the SWP is harming the population. In fact, new data is showing the effects of salvaging and relocating fish at the pumps may not impact the subsequent next generation as long as appropriate pumping safeguards are in place. To continue this important work of protecting native fish species, scientists at DWR developed a genetic tool that differentiates a listed salmon from a non-listed salmon within hours. This new technology allows the SWP to better balance fish protection and water supply.

To help young salmon survive their migration through the Delta, DWR installed a bioacoustic fish fence at the junction of the Sacramento River and Georgiana Slough.

The fence uses a combination of bubbles, light, and sound to discourage migrating salmon from entering the interior Delta that could lead them to the export pumping facility. The system operates from mid-November until the end of May while salmon make their way to the ocean.

DWR also recently celebrated the opening of the Yolo Big Notch facility, a key infrastructure investment to create rearing habitat for salmon on floodplains. Scientific studies have shown that juvenile salmon using habitat in the Yolo Bypass grow faster, and the habitat offers an alternative route to the Pacific Ocean that avoids migration routes leading to the pumps in the interior Delta.

In the last few years,

DWR completed more than 7,400 acres of new habitat restoration in the Delta. These restoration projects cover wide swaths of wetlands that provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife, including listed species. Some sites, such as the recently restored Lookout Slough, also reduce local flood risk.

Finding Flexibility in Weather Whiplash

In December, DWR received approval from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for an amendment to the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) that helps guide operations of the SWP. This amendment allows for flexibility in decision-making around fish protection actions from December to June, including for a pumping reduction known as a "first flush" action. First flush is triggered when early winter storms swell river flows. DWR analysis shows that the rules triggering these actions can sometimes be relaxed without impacts to listed species. This week's storms will bring more water into the Delta, benefiting SWP water supply while creating better conditions for native fish.

Rain and Snow Matter Most

Ultimately, California water supply is driven primarily by the timing, location, and volume of rain and snow – coupled with the dams, canals, and pumping plants necessary

to move that water and store it for inevitable dry times. As it operates that infrastructure through the wet and potentially dry days ahead this winter, DWR is committed to using the best available science and forecasting to deliver water to communities while protecting threatened and endangered species. ★

Butte County Sandbag Locations

Butte County News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - As the region prepares for an incoming storm, Butte County is urging people to get ready early.

Sand and bags are available at two Butte County Fire Rescue stations. Bring your own shovel, filling sandbags takes time and help.

Sandbags are available at Fire Station 41, 13871 Highway 99, Chico, and Fire Station 72, 2290 Palermo Road, Palermo. ★

Council Approves Legal Representation in Nationwide Settlement



The Live Oak City Council recognized Jeremy Chapdelaine for his service as mayor in 2025 and voted to keep him as mayor for the upcoming year. Photo provided by the City of Live Oak

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 considered an updated license agreement with the Live Oak Little League for use of the city's baseball and softball facilities, with 200 children participating annually on up to 20 teams.
 The city has maintained agreements with the league for more than 16 years, and staff recommended that this time the term be extended from five years to ten, which will give the league more flexibility for facility use as well as full maintenance and repair responsibilities. This change will benefit the league while also providing annual cost savings for the city.
 League President Matt Smith thanked the council for their consideration. He said the new terms will allow the league to make capital improvements on the field and provide better upkeep, as well as organizing tournaments, bringing

more visitors to the city to support local businesses.
 The updated agreement was approved 4-0.
 Finally, the council considered a legal services contract with Stag Liuzza, LLC, to represent the city in a nationwide settlement against 3M and DuPont for negative impacts of Aqueous Film-Forming Foams (AFFF). City Manager Moody said the chemicals are a type of PFAs, or forever chemicals, that remain in groundwater.
 Michael Stag called in to the meeting and said he's been working on this case for six years with clients around the country.
 "We've been able to achieve a multibillion-dollar settlement with 3M and DuPont. It's a product liability case. It's a cost recovery case," said Stag. "It's to recover costs for public drinking water systems. There are some deadlines

that we need to meet, and there's some hoops that we need to jump through to comply with the settlement agreement to receive money out of the settlement."
 Mayor Chapdelaine said it will benefit the city to be represented by an expert in this field. Any settlement funds can be reinvested into the city's water system to manage this issue.
 City Manager Moody clarified that levels of the chemicals in Live Oak are not at action levels, but in order to secure a settlement award, they need to ensure they meet all testing and monitoring requirements.
 The contract cost is a third of the city's settlement award, plus expenses. If the city does not receive an award, there will be no legal cost. The council voted 4-0 to approve the contract.
 The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2026. ★

Here Comes Santa Claus!



Children bundled against the cold lined the streets the wave at Santa riding atop a CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Department engine as he toured Gridley last week. This little boy waves as Santa makes his way through his neighborhood.

Story and photos Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A tradition five years in the making hit the streets of Gridley two nights last week, Dec. 16 and 17 as the Gridley fire department/CAL FIRE and Gridley Police Departments took on a special mission.
 Santa Claus needed an escort through Gridley to greet the community and remind girls and boys to be good, since Christmas was just around the corner.
 Gridley's fire station 74 crew, engines

and ladder truck volunteered to take the big man in red around town two separate evenings, breaking Gridley into a north and south zone.
 Gridley Police Department units helped announce Santa's arrival with sirens chirping, lights blazing and seasonal music ringing through the cold air.
 As quickly as they approached, Santa and the folks from CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department and Gridley Police Department disappeared into night, leaving a bit of magic of the holidays in their wake. ★

Local Business Closes — Notice to Customers

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Clark & Sons in Gridley, CA, 1291 Hwy 99, owned by Ed Clark, will be closing permanently. Last day of business will be Dec. 30, 2025.
 Please pick up any items left for repair

before Jan. 9, 2026. All items not picked up by Jan. 9, 2026, will be sold to repair costs of said items. Please contact: 530-216-9648 with any questions.
 As of this point forward tender is cash only, no checks or cards will be accepted for payment. ★

LaMalfa Statement on Farm Aid Package

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement after President Trump announced an economic assistance package for American farm producers:
 "I appreciate the Trump Administration for taking important action to protect farm country," said Rep. LaMalfa. "American agriculture is faced with skyrocketing input prices and rising labor costs and is in much need of assistance. This year we achieved monumental successes for farming via H.R. 1. We increased the Death Tax exemption so that family farms can stay in families. We achieved wins in the Farm Bill like crop insurance reforms and

updated reference prices. Importantly, passage of the Secure Rural Schools act is on the horizon as well. However, there is still much work to be done, and I am actively working with the Trump Administration and the House Agriculture Committee to make sure all the farm commodities we have here in Northern California are supported as well. Food security is national security, and I commend the Administration for the release of this farm aid package."
 Last week, Congressman LaMalfa introduced bipartisan legislation with Reps. Thompson (D-CA), Newhouse (R-WA), Salinas (D-OR), and Panetta (D-CA): "the Specialty Crop & Wine Producer Tariff Relief Act." The bill provides direct support to specialty crop growers

and wine producers facing economic losses from trade relations and serves as a blueprint for supporting all of farm country, not just the crops covered in today's announcement. Rep. LaMalfa is committed to working with the Trump Administration and Secretary Rollins to find a way to include specialty crops in future packages. Countless specialty crops have been affected by trade relations, and they need to be considered in any path forward.
 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. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Finally, a break in the great fog blanket of 2025. Rain has been greatly appreciated by my garden. Everything was wet for a long time but nothing was deeply watered. I had to start watering the Japanese maple trees. I probably should have watered the fruit trees but I didn't. They have finally dropped their leaves which means once it

stops raining, I can do a first spray for peach leaf curl. Yes, it is that time again. Remember to clean up under those trees while you think about fungus. The first step in IPM (Integrated Pest Management) is cleaning up the environment around plants and trees. It is one of the areas where leaving the leaves and debris on the ground can create fungal problems and diseases. Of course, you do remove the wintering over insects. This is an area where you don't want to encourage insect hatching come Spring. There are plenty of other areas to act nice to the over-wintering insects by leaving the leaves until Spring.
 A rabbit lives under the greenhouse which is raised

off the ground but it grazes in the yard. I love seeing it. The rabbits used to look like pet bunnies, white, black and white etc. Now they are a pretty buff/brown. I'm guessing the other colors have become meals for the hawks that live a block or so away. I'm sure a fat baby rabbit fits the bill for hawk baby food. Here we are just past the Winter Solstice. A time of waiting as the light increases. Underground is a busy bee of activity with seeds getting ready to open, with roots developing further and insect eggs waiting to warm up and open up. A busy time of the year that sometimes we humans are not as aware of as all of the other life in nature. Merry Christmas. ★

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Fiber Construction Underway in Biggs

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Construction is underway on a new underground fiber optic line through the City of Biggs, with crews expected to complete the work within about three weeks, weather permitting.

The project, led by Vast Networks and contractor Hylan West, Inc., involves installing approximately 8,000 feet of underground fiber as part of a state-funded effort to expand broadband capacity in underserved communities.

According to Biggs officials, the construction route begins at West Biggs-Gridley Road at the city limits, continues north to B Street, east to Eighth Street, north to E Street, east to Second Street, south back to B Street, and east to Highway 99. Work includes underground boring, conduit placement and fiber installation.

City officials received a presentation earlier this month from Adrian Yerena of Hylan West, who outlined the scope of the project and described its long-term benefits for connectivity, public services and economic development. The installation is part of a statewide initiative to strengthen broadband infrastructure in rural areas.

Vast Networks is a California-based telecommunications provider and certified public utility with long-standing ties to rural and agricultural communities. Vast operates a fully underground fiber network that serves schools, healthcare facilities, local governments, public safety agencies and businesses across multiple regions.

For Biggs, the state-funded project provides permanent, future-ready infrastructure designed to support improved broadband access, economic development, and reliable communications. Company representatives emphasized the installation does not involve providing retail internet service or competing with local providers but instead strengthens the backbone that local carriers rely on.

“From an economic development perspective, high-capacity broadband is essential,” Yerena said. “It supports local businesses, strengthens agricultural operations, enables modern education and healthcare, and makes communities like Biggs more competitive for future investment.”

Work crews will coordinate with city engineering and public works staff to avoid existing utilities and minimize impacts on city streets, officials said. Temporary traffic control and sidewalk obstructions are expected during construction, although driveway access for residents is anticipated to remain open.

Council members emphasized the importance of notifying residents about construction activity through social media, the local newspaper, and other communication channels, ruling out direct mail due to cost.

Vast Networks and Hylan West staff said they will continue working with the city throughout the installation period.

Residents with questions or concerns may contact Biggs City Hall at 530-868-5493 or office@biggs-ca.gov. ★

Sheriff's Office Recovers Two Stolen Vehicles

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release



Butte County
KORY L. HONEA, SHERIFF-CORONER

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) reported the arrest of two individuals in separate incidents on December 15 and 16, 2025, resulting in the recovery of two stolen vehicles.

Incident #1: On Dec. 15, 2025, at approximately 6:20 p.m., a BCSO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white Acura Integra near Mt. Ida Road. The driver, identified as Cuong Phan, age 44, of Oakland, fled on foot into a wooded area but

was apprehended after a brief pursuit. A subsequent investigation confirmed that the vehicle had been reported stolen in 2009. Phan was arrested on the following felony charges: vehicle theft and possession of stolen property.

Incident #2: On Dec. 16, 2025, at approximately 1:18 a.m., a BCSO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white Honda sedan near Miners Ranch

Road. The driver, identified as Sou Xiong, age 38, of Oroville, was found to be on Post Release Community Supervision. During the investigation, it was determined that the vehicle had been reported stolen. Xiong was arrested for violating the terms of his Post Release Community Supervision, as well as for the following felony charges: vehicle theft and possession of stolen property. ★

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.

Thursday, Jan. 1: All branches closed for Christmas Holiday.

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

Continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4

Chico Ice Rink

Downtown Chico Plaza, 132 W. 4th St., Chico. Whether you're here with family or friends, come make the most of winter with us on the ice. We offer skating for all ages, skate rentals, and a cozy atmosphere. Check the website at www.chicorec.gov/chico-ice-rink for tickets and latest schedule information.

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 Jan. 13 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 Jan. 13 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

ESL Conversation Group meets Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esperanza House Family Center, 630 Washington St. Practice speaking English in this free, friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is also a Zoom option from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@butte-county.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> The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 5.

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. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be in January 2026. Call 530-846-4721 for more information.

Live Oak City Council usually 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. Next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 7. Call 530-695-2112 for more information.

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 first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

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 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be Sunday, Dec. 28. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

Gridley Senior Food Distribution, 801 Washington Street, Room B. Once a month, call ahead for details: 530-846-4233.

Gridley United Methodist Church, 285 Magnolia St. Monday through Friday, during daytime hours. Come by the church and if they have food they will give client a box.

North State Food Bank, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. 2026 dates for next distribution are pending. 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. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. 2026 dates for next distribution are pending. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

Sacred Heart Parish, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1561 Hazel St., Gridley on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Call 530-846-2140 for more information. ★

Butte County Fast Tracks Jail Kitchen Overhaul

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Board of Supervisors on Dec. 16 approved a \$1.5 million remodel of the Butte County Jail kitchen, along with a separate construction change order for the county's jail expansion project, both on the consent agenda.

According to a staff report submitted by Jennifer Wilson, assistant director of the Department of General Services, the jail kitchen has reached the end of its functional life and requires modernization to maintain safe and compliant food service for inmates.

The remodel will replace major appliances that can no longer be reliably repaired, install new epoxy flooring and washable wall coverings, seal walk-in refrigerators and freezers, and upgrade electrical, plumbing and potentially gas lines to support new equipment.

Wilson noted that temporary kitchen and storage facilities will be used to ensure uninterrupted operations during construction. The Community Corrections Partnership approved the use of its available funds to finance the project, and supervisors authorized the capital project and budget amendment.

In a separate item, the Butte County Board of Supervisors also approved a \$413,365 change order to jail expansion project that covers removal and replacement of existing pavement, including cement-treated base, and installation of site lighting at the administration entrance



parking lot at 5 Gillick Way in Oroville.

Butte County's long-awaited jail expansion is a \$40 million project funded through the state's SB 863 lease revenue bond program, which required a 10 percent local match. The Board of Supervisors submitted the application in 2015 and received the full award, allowing the county to move forward with long planned improvements to the Oroville jail campus. The State Public Works Board approved the construction contract with D.H. Slater and Son Inc. in May 2023, and construction has continued under state oversight.

As of November 2025, the county issued 93 change orders totaling \$1.78 million and the project had remained under budget by about \$500,000 before the remaining funds were allocated to complete pavement and lighting work at the administration entrance, county officials said. ★

Gridley Police Report



December 2, 2025 - December 12, 2025

Dec. 2: At 10:43 a.m. on Fairview Drive, Gridley, Jesus Armondo Favela, 18, was arrested on suspicion of Adult in Possession of Marijuana on Grounds During School Activity (M) (11357(c) HS), Trespassing (M) (602 PC), and Remain on School Property/disrupt School Activities (M) (626.8(a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Dec. 4: At 4:12 p.m. on the 900 block of Hazel Street, Gridley, Bryan Paul Stueart, 45, was arrested on suspicion of Disorderly Conduct: alcohol (M) (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Dec. 5: At 3:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of SR99, Gridley, Osvaldo Guadalupe Rodriguez, 46, was arrested on suspicion of Possess Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS), Driving w/o License (12500 (a) VC), Taking a Vehicle w/o Owners consent/vehicle Theft – Motor Vehicle Theft (F) (10851(a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Dec. 7: At 2:59 a.m. on the 1700 block of SR99, Gridley, Meganann Maria Masterson, 26, was arrested on suspicion of DUI Alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC) and DUI Alcohol/0.08 Percent (M) (23152(b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Dec. 8: At 3:02 p.m. on the 1500 block of State Route 99, Gridley, Donnie Dale Graham, 31, was arrested on suspicion of Trespass Obstr Bus Oprn (M) (602.1(a) PC), Possess Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and Possess Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Dec. 11: At 12:49 a.m. on E Street and Sixth Street, Biggs, William Edward Wilkerson, 62, was arrested on suspicion of an Outside Agency – Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Dec. 11: At 6:59 p.m. on the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Don Gordon Butler, 72, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

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Newsom's \$18 Billion Budget Gap Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state's 2026-27 budget next month, he'll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.

Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature's independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.

Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.

Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget's imbalance and strain California's emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.

Even without a recession, California's economy is, in Petek's words, "sluggish." Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California's unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.

The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California's books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances — immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic's economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.

The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.

The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.

By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a "structural deficit" in the \$20 billion range.

Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.

A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.

The report catalogued the district's history of over-spending revenues and said, "This (federal) funding masked the district's existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it."

Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.

The budget problems in other school districts — Oakland Unified is a notorious example — and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would rebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that's exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!

Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.

Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That's exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.

Future hall of famer Russell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.

DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!

All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.

Kevin Durant's 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.

Doug Christie's decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.

Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.

If the Kings want to see what the team's youth have to offer let's put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.

Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.

Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.

Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It's not rocket science, so do it!

Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.

Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.

In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!

Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!

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

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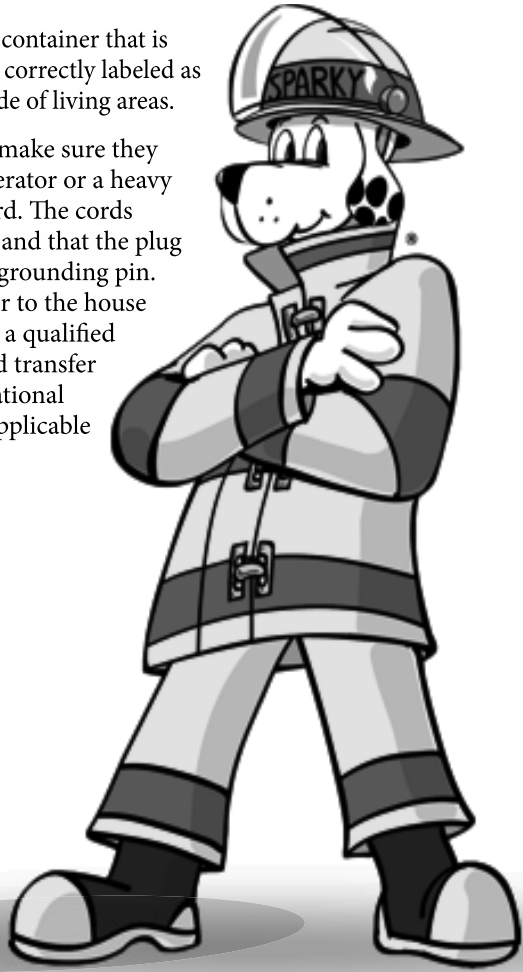


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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

What determines the size and shape of someone's belly button?

- Isana, 16, Washinton State

Dear Isana,
My belly button is a subtle scar on my tummy. It's covered by fluffy cat fur—and it's not easy to see. But humans have obvious belly buttons. They come in different sizes and shapes.

I asked my friend Cindy Brigham-Althoff about that. She's a nurse midwife and professor at Washington State University. She teaches student nurses about birth.

She told me the scientific name for a belly button is umbilicus. It's what's left of your umbilical cord.

Before you were born, a temporary organ called the placenta grew next to you. A cord connected the placenta to a spot in the center of your developing tummy. Oxygen and nutrients traveled in blood from the placenta and down the umbilical cord to your body. Waste left your body and flowed the other direction.

After you—and your placenta—were born, a midwife or doctor placed two clamps on your umbilical cord. They used special scissors to snip the cord between the clamps. That separated you from your placenta.

"The umbilical cord has no sensation," Brigham-



This is what a newborn baby's clamped umbilical cord looks like before it's cut. Some people don't cut the umbilical cord. They leave the placenta attached until it naturally separates. Wild mammals usually bite through their babies' umbilical cords with their teeth.. Courtesy photo

Althoff said. "So, babies don't feel when the cord is clamped and cut."

What's left is a small, meaty stump.

Some newborn babies need medicine or fluids delivered by an IV. Sometimes they can receive that through their stump, so they don't feel a needle poke at all.

Within a few weeks, your stump dried up and fell off. It left behind a scar—your belly button!

Brigham-Althoff told me that process has nothing to do with the size or shape of your navel. How it looks at the start is a total wild card.

But your belly button probably won't look the same for your whole life. As people grow and

get older, they may add fat tissue to their abdomens. That makes the belly button appear bigger or deeper. It can even change its shape. That's why an outie belly button—where some of the umbilical scar tissue pokes out instead of dipping in—is super uncommon among adults.

All mammals with placentas wind up with an umbilicus. It's a remnant of life inside the womb. It's a reminder that we have a lot in common with our mammal relatives.

Who are all as cute as a (belly) button.

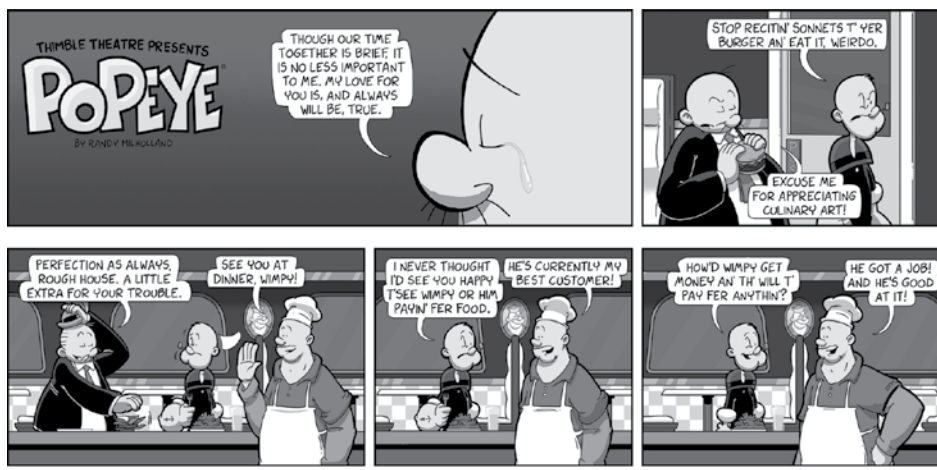
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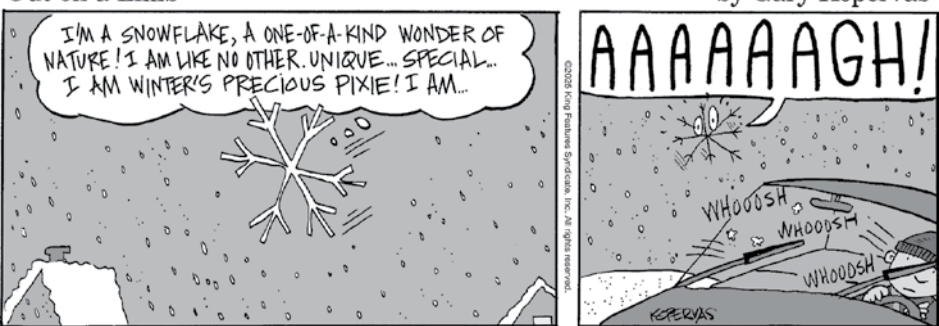
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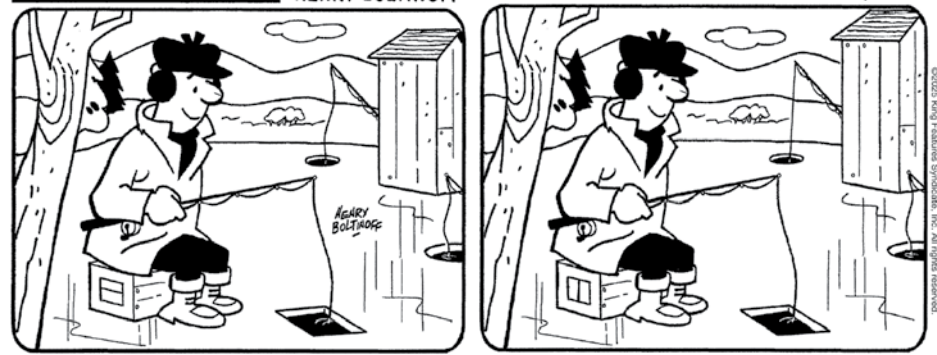
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Jairo Tena, 1840 Greenhead Court, Gridley, CA 95948
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This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office 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: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
JT 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000743
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Thai Cuisine, 407 Walnut Street, Suite A, Chico, CA 95928
Golden Chico Valley LLC, 407 Walnut Street Suite A, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: October 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 7, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
CHICO 1-2-26

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: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026
STORMYS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000911
The following person(s) are doing business as: Criddle Farming & AG Repair, 606 Justeson Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Jim Criddle and Claudia Criddle, 606 Justeson Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: December 11, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2009
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: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
CRIDDLE 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000918
The following person(s) are doing business as: La Perla Taqueria Mexican Grill, 450 Broadway Street, Chico, CA 95928
Gary A Sanchez-Hernandez and Juan F Sanchez-Hernandez, 450 Broadway Street, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: December 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 12, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed 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: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
LA 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000916
The following person(s) are doing business as: El Reparo Taqueria Cocina Mexicana, 2190 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
El Reparo LLC, 2190 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: December 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 12, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
EL 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000912
The following person(s) are doing business as: Paradise RV, 958 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969
William A. Blalock and John II Whitaker, 6150 Bowman Drive, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: December 11, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed 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: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
PARADISE 1-16-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV04229
Petitioner Audrey Jeanne Woods filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Audrey Jeanne Woods to Audra Jeanne Woods.
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 January 7, 2026, 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 October 29, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
WOODS 1-2-26

TRUSTEE SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV04433
Petitioner Bruce Tou Her filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bruce Tou Her to Bruce Tou Yang.
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 January 28, 2026, 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 December 11, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
HER 1-16-26

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. CA-25-1017171-CL
Order No.: FIN-25007093 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/10/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication

of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Nicole M Riddles Recorded: 6/21/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0037355 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of BUTTE County, California; Date of Sale: 2/4/2026 at 03:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance of the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$120,716.72 The purported property address is: 905 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, GRIDLEY, CA 95948-2206 Assessor's Parcel No.: 010-221-014 Legal Description: Please be advised that the legal description set forth on the Deed of Trust is in error. The legal description of the property secured by the Deed of Trust is more properly set forth and made part of Exhibit "A" as attached hereto. The Easterly 110 feet, with lines parallel to lot lines, of the North half of Block 2, as shown on that certain map entitled, "Map of Serviss Subdivision No. 1, adjoining the City of Gridley, Butte County, California being a portion of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 31, TWP 18 N., R. 3 E., M.D.B. & M.", which map was recorded in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Butte, State of California, on April 8, 1924, in Book 9 of Maps, at Page(s) 32.All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1017171-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-15241 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/19/2025 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Nida Taylor, Foreclosure Coordinator PPP #25-009723
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must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS: For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1017171-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1017171-CL IDS Pub #0282148 12/26/2025 1/2/2026 1/9/2026
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T.S. No.: 25-15241 Loan No.: *****225 APN: 063-250-013-000
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/24/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: LAURA ARDEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST AND BRYAN HAYWOOD, A SINGLE MAN AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST

Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 8/24/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0033914 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 1/21/2026 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: Main entrance Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$423,150.09 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4620 WENDLIS RD FOREST RANCH, California 95942 A.P.N.: 063-250-013-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this Internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-15241. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-15241 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/19/2025 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Nida Taylor, Foreclosure Coordinator PPP #25-009723
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Sutter Tournament Brought Quality Matchups

By YSBC

SUTTER, CA (YSBC) - Three local girls basketball squads battled it out at the Sutter Union campus from December 18 through Saturday, December 20 as the Huskies hosted an eight-eight bracket tournament.

The field welcomed three Northern Section schools (Gridley, Chico and Colusa) and fellow Sac-Joaquin Section combatants (Nevada Union, Placer, River Valley and Faith Christian).

Chico defeated Nevada Union 61-51 in the final.

Sutter

The young Sutter Huskies went 1-2 in the tournament and continued gaining experience game-by-game.

Sutter lost their tournament opener to Gridley by five before they rebounded next night and beat Colusa for the second time in three attempts this year.

In the Huskies final game of the tournament last Saturday, Sutter lost to a talented Placer team that has been off to a hot start in the first half of their season.

Huskies freshman Gia Rickertsen scored all 10 of her team leading points in the opening quarter. Sutter trailed 18-14 at the end of the first.

Placer gained a lot of momentum and took advantage of some of the



Sutter senior Presley Peyret (2) drives the ball into the lane on Saturday, December 20 during the Huskies' defeat to Placer. Photo by Steven Bryla

Huskies' mistakes in the second and Sutter didn't score double digits in a quarter for the rest of the afternoon.

Placer led by 16 at the half and extended it to 21 after the third. Huskies head coach Brandee Harter told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they had a great tournament and have learned a lot through the first third of the season.

Sutter is scheduled to travel to Reno, Nevada and participate in the Hug high school tournament that starts on Saturday, December 27.

River Valley

River Valley went 0-3 in the Sutter tournament last weekend and competed well against the Northern Section schools.

The Falcons lost their opening game of the tournament as they played Chico, who eventually won the whole tournament by 25.

River Valley was beaten by Foothill Valley League foe Placer in a significant loss by a lot of points in the second game. The Falcons battled it out with Colusa in the tournament final that went

back-and-forth for the whole game.

River Valley senior guard Rylee Bradfield battled it out with Colusa junior Peyton Miller were the only two players in the game who scored double-digits.

Bradfield had 17 points in the loss and Miller had 19, including when she hit the game winning shot with 17 seconds remaining as she drained a three-point shot from the right side of the floor.

The Colusa defense held off the Falcons offense for the final shot and the



Faith Christian senior Presley Berry (21) shoots a free throw in the Lions' victory against Gridley on Saturday, December 20. Photo by Steven Bryla

RedHawks secured the 37-36 victory.

Faith Christian

The defending CIF Nor Cal Division VI Champions took third place overall in the Sutter tournament as they played the hardest schedule throughout the tournament.

On December 18, they played Placer, who was ranked in the top of five of the Sac-Joaquin Section teams.

Faith Christian led at the half as they were able to get plenty of transition-fast

paced baskets in the first half.

The Lions held off a late charge by Placer and senior Presley Berry iced the game with a couple late free-throws for Faith's victory.

Faith Christian lost their first game of the season on the next night against Chico that went down to the wire. Chico's three losses came to all high-level Division 1 teams in the SJS.

The Lions ended the tournament with a controlling win over the Gridley Bulldogs on Saturday, December 20. ★



Sutter senior Presley Peyret (2) drives the ball into the lane on Saturday, December 20 during the Huskies' defeat to Placer. Photo by Steven Bryla



River Valley sophomore Emma Jolly (33) lays the ball up on Saturday, December 20 in the Falcons' loss to Colusa. Photo by Steven Bryla

Miniature Dachshund Wins California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Willy, a miniature long-haired dachshund, has earned the \$1,000 Grand Prize in the fifth annual California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest. The award was announced during the 107th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Anaheim.

Open to Farm Bureau members, the competition asked entrants to submit photos and answer brief questions about their dog.

Marshal Hagedorn, owner of Hagedorn Forestry Management, works as a tree feller in Shasta and Tehama counties and also runs cattle near Montague. He and his girlfriend, Bailey Thomas, adopted Willy in February 2023. Willy quickly became an active member of the ranch, helping control critters like rabbits and ground squirrels. When Hagedorn heads into the woods for logging work, Willy tags along, offering both companionship and moral support.



Willy, a 2-year-old miniature long-haired dachshund, is the winner of the annual California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest. He was nominated by Bailey Thomas, who shares Willy with her boyfriend, Marshal Hagedorn. Photo courtesy of photographer Frank Rebelo

oversized trees that the loggers can't handle with their machines," Hagedorn said. "He goes with me everywhere every single day."

Willy, though not a

traditional herding breed, has taken to the job naturally. He's never been trained to corral livestock, but he uses his bark and energy to move calves and

even larger cattle.

"That's just it. He's so small and when he comes out of the grass at full speed, they don't really know what to think,"

Hagedorn said.

The first runner-up honor, and a \$500 prize, went to Jim, a border collie owned by Kelsey Nichols of Solano County.

At Nichols' 3,000-acre Rio Vista Ranch, Jim is known for his loyalty and hard work. After losing a hind leg to infection, Jim is now back to his regular duties.

Second runner-up, and \$250, was awarded to Corduroy, owned by Sam Terpstra of Stanislaus County. The labradoodle enjoys hunting for pests and "earns his keep every day, patrolling for gophers and joining in on daily tasks," Terpstra said.

Third runner-up, and \$100, went to Sheila, an Australian cattle dog who catches gophers, digs mounds and brings joy to everyone on the vineyard managed by her owners, August D'Amato and Ben Forgeron of Napa County.

The Farm Dog of the Year Contest is supported by Nationwide.

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Chico Man Sentenced for Hate Crime Against Reporter

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 18 in Butte County Superior Court, a Chico man was sentenced to jail time and probation on a felony hate crime charge for vandalizing a local television news reporter's camera.

Kiano Saechao, 23, appeared before a local judge, who ordered him to serve two years of formal probation with specific conditions, including anger management classes, community service, and \$2,200 in restitution for damage to the reporter's camera. The judge also ordered him to serve 212 days in Butte County Jail, but credited him with the 106 days he had already served awaiting trial and sentencing, allowing his release today.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the hate crime charge stemmed from a Sept. 4, 2025 incident at approximately 6 a.m., when local Action News Now reporter Nathan Espindula was finishing up a live on-air segment in the parking lot of the Elks Lodge in Chico.

Espindula reported that while filming in the Elks Lodge parking lot, he saw and heard Saechao approaching. Espindula then heard Saechao making racial slurs toward him. Espindula immediately entered his vehicle, but in his haste, left his camera equipment outside. Espindula then used his cell phone to record Saechao



Pictured is Kiano Saechao. Courtesy photo

and the comments Saechao continued to make outside Espindula's vehicle.

When Espindula tried to leave the scene in his vehicle, he inadvertently ran over a scooter Saechao had placed under Espindula's car. This further enraged Saechao, who then walked over to Espindula's video camera and knocked it off its tripod, causing extensive damage to the camera's electronics.

Ramsey said that hate has no place in this community and that his office will continue to hold accountable those who seek to victimize people solely because of their perceived differences.

"No matter someone's background, no one is above the law, nor beneath its protection." ★

California State Fair to Move to Fall Beginning in 2027



Fairgoers ride a carnival attraction during the California State Fair this past summer in Sacramento. Fair officials announced the event will move to fall dates beginning in 2027. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Fair will shift from its traditional summer schedule to a fall timeframe beginning in 2027, fair officials announced.

The change is intended to address increasingly extreme summer temperatures in the Sacramento region and improve conditions for fairgoers, staff and vendors. The 2027 fair is scheduled to run from Sept. 17 through Oct. 3.

Officials said the 2026 California State Fair, set for July 17 through Aug. 2, will

be the final fair held during the summer months.

According to fair leadership, the decision follows several years of evaluation and planning, including consideration of public safety, attendance patterns and operational impacts related to prolonged heat. Many other state fairs across the country already operate during fall months.

Fair organizers said the schedule change is a long-term shift and part of broader efforts to adapt the event to changing climate conditions while preserving its traditions. ★

LaMalfa Makes Statement on Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement after voting in favor of H.R. 6703, the Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act:

"I'm pleased to see the House pass real change for our healthcare system," said Rep. LaMalfa. "This bill gives people more choice, helps lower costs and represents a step in the right direction. These reforms will lead to decreases in insurance premiums in the coming years. Folks in my district need more immediate relief. Families are still facing costs that are needlessly high, teetering on the edge of insurmountable healthcare expenses. Congress has a responsibility to address this before even more people are priced out of coverage entirely."

The Lower Health Care for All Americans Act represents a significant step toward making health insurance more affordable, particularly for small employers and individual consumers. The bill expands

Association Health Plans, allowing small businesses to join together to access group rates and larger networks on ACA exchanges. It also deregulates Stop Loss Insurance, encouraging more employers to offer health benefits without the burden of Obamacare's red tape. Employers can now place funds in employee accounts, giving workers greater flexibility to choose the plan that works best for them.

The legislation also increases transparency for Pharmaceutical Benefits Managers (PBMs), cracking down on practices that drive up drug costs. Additionally, it ends the practice of insurers inflating silver plan prices to capture larger federal subsidies. These changes are expected to save federal dollars, reduce premiums by an estimated 11%, and reduce reliance on costly insurance payouts.

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. ★



California Farm Bureau President Heralds 'Bright Future'

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass applauded the organization's principles and celebrated its accomplishments this year in an address delivered last week at the Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. "Despite all the challenges we have in the world, all the challenges we have in agriculture, we still have a tremendously bright future," Douglass said. "I believe that it's because of Farm Bureau that the future of California agriculture looks bright." A diversified farmer and rancher in Glenn County, Douglass was first elected in 2023 to lead the Farm Bureau. Last week, she was reelected to another two-year term. Also reelected last week to two-year terms were Vice President Shaun Crook, a Tuolumne County forester, and Second Vice President Ron Peterson, a Stanislaus County cattle rancher and dairy farmer who also grows almonds and silage crops.

California Farm Bureau Updates Group's Policies

California Farm Bureau approved changes to the organization's policies last week during a House of Delegates session at the organization's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Delegates voted to approve new and updated policies related to issues

such as wine import subsidies, abandoned farmland and immigration enforcement. In total, California Farm Bureau approved 13 new or updated policies, several of which came in response to recent challenges farmers and ranchers have faced. "Every year, when we have changes that we want to incorporate—if it's a new issue that's come up or maybe we're unhappy about how a policy was previously written—how we take the opportunity to make those changes," said Matthew Viohl, a federal policy director for the California Farm Bureau.

Young Farmers and Ranchers Urged to be Industry's Voice

Young farmers and ranchers from across California convened Dec. 6-7 in Anaheim for the 2025 California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference, where agricultural leaders underscored the need to strengthen grassroots involvement and cultivate the next generation of industry advocates. "We need diverse voices and perspectives to help shape our future—not only the future of Farm Bureau, but of California agriculture as a whole," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass, a Glenn County farmer and rancher. "Our young farmers and ranchers are an important feeder for our county Farm Bureau boards and for the leadership of the California Farm Bureau." ★

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LaMalfa Leads Push for Passage of Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization



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WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) and Congressman Joe Neguse (D-CO), alongside their colleagues Senators Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Ron Wyden (D-OR), are leading a bipartisan coalition of

lawmakers in sending a letter to House leadership requesting urgent reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act. The bill, which unanimously passed in the Senate in June, would reauthorize the program through Fiscal Year 2026 and provide lapsed payments for 2024 and 2025.

Funding for the Secure Rural Schools program lapsed in September of 2023, with the last authorized payments distributed to counties in early 2024.

“... Counties and school districts across 41 states have seen a 63 percent cut in funding. This \$177 million loss is devastating for rural communities, leading to school closures, delayed road and bridge maintenance and reduced public safety services. These are not abstract policy debates; they are tangible consequences for local governments and the communities that steward untaxed federal lands,” the letter reads.

National Association of Counties (NACo) Executive Director Matthew Chase said, “Counties applaud Senators Crapo and Wyden and Representatives LaMalfa and Neguse for leading this bipartisan push to reauthorize Secure Rural Schools. With unanimous Senate support and strong bipartisan support in the House, the path forward should be clear: Secure Rural Schools keeps schools operating, roads maintained and public safety services funded in communities that manage vast federal lands, and must be reauthorized now. Given that more than 700 rural counties have been awaiting these payments since the program lapsed at the end of FY 2023, we urge House leadership to act expeditiously by including SRS reauthorization in any end-of-year package.”

Becky Pringle, president of the National Education Association added, “Every public school student in this

country should have opportunities and resources that are not determined by their ZIP code. Our students deserve access to a wide range of learning experiences that prepare them for the real world. Today, one in five public school students attends a rural public school. Rural students and the communities that support them need sustained investment. That is why we applaud the bipartisan, bicameral call for the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act and send it to the President for signature. Our nation’s rural students need this support to reach their full potential. We are grateful to Senators Crapo and Wyden and Representatives LaMalfa and Neguse for their steadfast commitment to rural communities, their families, and their students through their leadership on this important measure.”

The first Secure Rural Schools program was authorized in 2000

with enactment of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. This legislation specifically assists counties containing tracts of federally owned forest land that are tax-exempt. The program provides payments to county governments in areas where those forests are located because counties do not receive tax revenue from federal land; the payments come through timber receipts and other revenue-generating activities within U.S. national forests. Since the program was not reauthorized, county payments reverted to 1908 timber sharing law, which represents about an 80 percent cut for some counties.

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Gridley Defends Title at Raczniak Tourney

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - While suffering three losses at their own Invitational two weeks ago, playing against tough competition from the Bay Area paid off as the Bulldogs swept their competitors at Colusa's 44th Annual Georgia Raczniak Tournament, and in the process successfully defended the championship they won a season ago.

Moving the ball fluidly, crashing the boards and playing tenacious defense, Gridley went on to defeat Williams 57-30, held off Sutter 53-50, then trounced the host RedHawks 66-32 at the event which ran from Dec. 18-20.

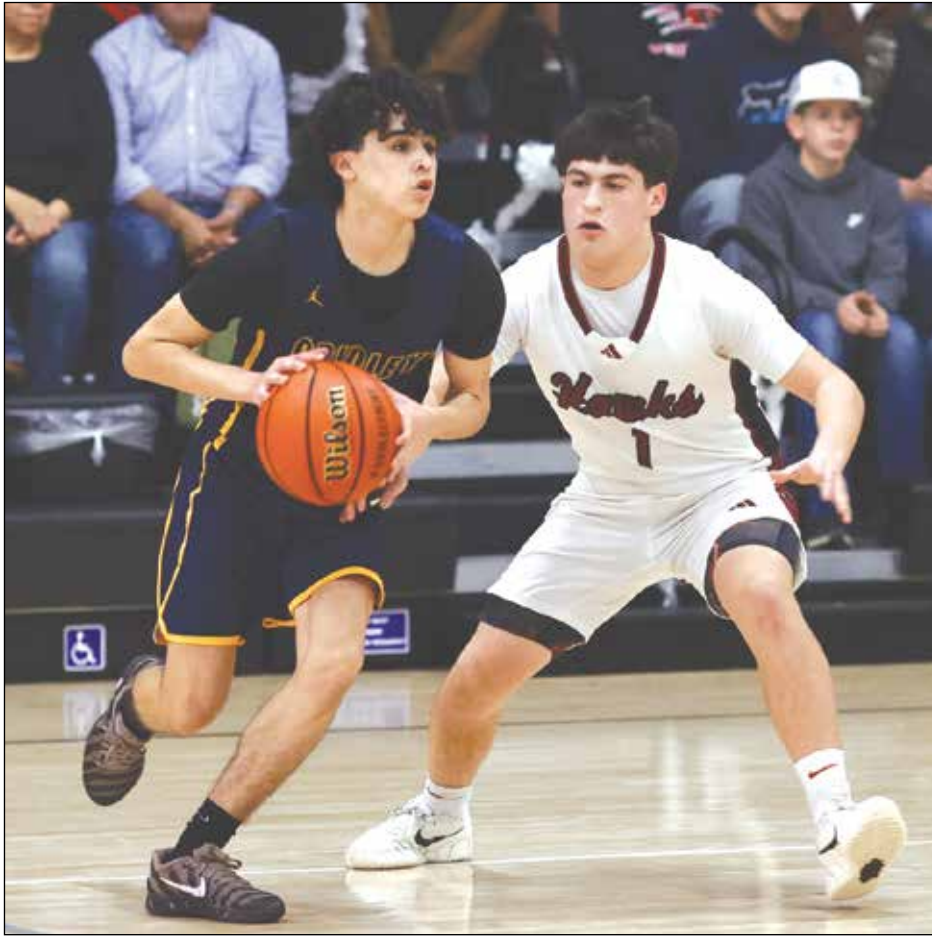
In its first outing against the Yellowjackets, the Bulldogs' press created turnovers that they turned into transition buckets and that ultimately contributed to a running clock in the final quarter.

Still getting back into play shape after an illness, Bikram Kullar tossed in a game high 14 points, while Ulysses Anguiano finished with 12 points in the easy win.

However, in a repeat of 2024, the best game of the tournament was played the following evening in a battle with Sutter that saw the two teams tied 28-28 at the half and Gridley clinging to a 37-36 advantage at the end of the third period.

Things got somewhat dicey for the Bulldogs in the final quarter when after committing a turnover, Sutter turned to the inside game and took a 47-46 lead with under two minutes remaining.

Yet, the Bulldogs were



Gridley guard Thiago Rosales was an All-Tournament pick at the 44th Annual Georgia Raczniak Tournament in Colusa.



The Bulldogs' Jacob Boyan was named to the All-Tournament team at Colusa's 44th Annual Georgia Raczniak Tournament.

unfazed as Thiago Rosales answered by draining a shot from beyond the arc to put Gridley back on top 49-47 with 1:26 left on the clock.

Then after getting a stop on the Huskies' ensuing possession, Kullar hit a three which ultimately proved to be the final nail in the coffin although Sutter, to their credit, continued to fight until the final buzzer.

Kullar again paced Gridley ending the night with 16 points, while Anguiano and Jacob Boyan chipped in with 10 points apiece.

After such a tight contest, last Saturday's championship game against the host RedHawks, although chippy in the end,

was rather anti-climactic as the Bulldogs led wire to wire, always finding an answer to the few runs that Colusa managed.

Perhaps the Bulldogs felt the need to prove they were the superior team given that when the two squads met on Dec. 9, they

escaped with just a one-point win.

However, in Gridley's defense, it was the first game back for the athletes who had played football and they had yet to find the range and weren't exactly in basketball shape.

Still, Coach Nathan Link said that a priority was placed on defense and particularly locking down the perimeter against both Sutter and Colusa.

"We played better defensively," said Link. "It was a point of emphasis to defend against the three, because we did not do that the first time against Colusa and to their credit, they hit the shots. We wanted to challenge both Sutter and Colusa so they didn't have open looks."

Yet, the offense did its part as well with Kullar and Anguiano accounting for 17 points apiece, Rosales adding 10 and Boyan dropping in nine.

For his efforts, Kullar was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Boyan and Rosales earned spots on the All-Tournament team.

Overall, Link is pleased by the depth on his team and the progress it continues to make saying, "We have a lot of guys that can contribute and further down the line we can be confident that there is not a lot of drop off when they are on the floor."

Now 8-3 on the season, the Bulldogs will return to action on Dec. 27 at Dixon's Ram Jam. ★



Gridley's Bikram Kullar was the MVP of the 44th Annual Georgia Raczniak Tournament held in Colusa from Dec. 18-20.



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