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Fresh Cooking Takes Root in Gridley Schools



Gridley Unified School District Nutrition Department staff and Chef Ann Foundation apprentices, from left, Briana Swanson, Nelly Maxwell, Jessica Lopez, Michele Diaz, Audelia Campos, Hortencia Mercado and Lexi Salazar.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Unified School District's Nutrition Department is serving up fresher meals under the direction of Nutrition Director Michele Diaz.

Diaz brings 22 years of experience to her role and a focus on wholesome nutrition. She has overhauled district kitchens, shifting the emphasis to scratch cooking rather than relying predominantly on prepackaged or processed food items.

Menus built around freshly prepared meals have allowed Diaz to partner with local farmers and producers. The department now sources fruits, vegetables and beef from area suppliers.

Diaz also worked with No Kid Hungry, a nonprofit campaign through Share Our Strength that helps provide healthy meals to children and



Michele Diaz holds a commemorative engraved chopping knife presented upon her graduation from the Chef Ann Foundation fellowship.

families, including during the summer months. She secured a grant that helped cover department costs

while promoting the summer meal program, which provides five days' worth of meals to children ages 0 to 18 in the community.

"We went from serving 6,000 meals in our regular summer school program to serving 29,000 meals this summer," Diaz said. "We would feed about 200 to 300 kids a week."

Diaz said children had to be present when picking up noncongregate meals to prevent abuse of the program.

"It was a huge success," Diaz said. Looking ahead, she added, "We are hoping to extend that to a seven-day meal service, so we are able to feed those kids on the weekends as well."

In addition to expanding access to nutritious meals, Diaz has continued her own professional development.

Diaz was one of 26 individuals accepted into a 13-month fellowship

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Gridley Launches Hunt for Recreation Manager

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The City of Gridley is reshaping the future of its recreation services, moving to restore full leadership to a department that has operated without a director for years.

On Feb. 17, the city council approved a new recreation manager position, adopting a job description and salary range that clears the way for recruitment.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said the manager will oversee programs, supervise full-time and part-time staff, coordinate with public works on park maintenance, and take the lead on budgeting, grants and program development.

"There's a lot of grants out there for parks and recreation," Arteaga said. "So, we need somebody that will take the leadership on making sure that we have these areas covered."

City leaders framed the move as a response to growing community expectations. Participation in youth sports continues to rise, residents have pushed for more diverse and better-organized programming, and the city is constructing a new sports complex, a project that will require dedicated scheduling, maintenance coordination and long-range planning. The manager is expected to help expand leagues, improve customer service, and strengthen partnerships that support both youth and adult recreation.

Councilman J Angel Calderon, before approving the position, stressed the need for stronger soccer opportunities and emphasized that the new recreation manager should bring a clear vision for expanding the program.

"This is an area that actually is greatly needed in Gridley because our kids are going to Chico," Calderon said. "They travel all the way to Chico just for practice and then games outside, even outside the state. So, it's a very important concept for our city."

The council approved a monthly salary range of \$4,301 to \$5,764, structured across seven steps. The recreation manager will report directly to the city administrator and serve in a mid-management position responsible for guiding the department's

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Chamber Hosts Edward Jones Ribbon Cutting



Rob Haerberle of Edward Jones, center in gray, cuts the ribbon at his Highway 99 office in Gridley on Feb. 18. He is joined by family, colleagues and members of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated Edward Jones financial advisor Rob Haerberle with a ribbon cutting Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Chamber members, community supporters and Haerberle's associates gathered at the Edward Jones office at 1516 Highway 99 to officially welcome the new financial advisor.

Haerberle transitioned to the Gridley office in May

2025 when he took over for Adam Groen, who previously held the position.

Haerberle is no stranger to the area.

"Having been raised in Gridley, I understand and value the importance of community," said Haerberle as he reflected on returning to his hometown.

"As I look back at my childhood, from McKinley School through Gridley High School, I realize that many people and places in this area played a huge role in making me who I

am today. It only feels right that I now have the opportunity to give back."

Haerberle brings 22 years of banking experience to his role as financial advisor. He previously worked with Wells Fargo Bank and Tri Counties Bank before joining Edward Jones.

Since 2025, Haerberle has expanded his presence and provided financial services to local residents.

His focus areas include retirement savings strategies, wealth management, college savings plans and

financial services tailored to farm and ranch families. He also works with nonprofits and Hispanic families on financial planning. Haerberle is bilingual and speaks Spanish fluently.

Haerberle's wife, Randi, joined him for the ceremony along with fellow Edward Jones colleagues Joe Cunha, CFP and CEPA, associate financial advisor Samantha Schut, chamber members and community supporters as he cut the red ribbon. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Carter for his hard work and dedication to the community. In a post shared on the Sheriff's social media, officials thanked him for his efforts and noted his commitment to supporting public safety. Interestingly, when the boy got home, an employment application for the sheriff's office was stuffed in his backpack.

We note with great sadness the passing of Ed Roach - one of Gridley's most prominent citizens and a great fellow. The words Coach and Roach not only rhyme, but they also go together in every way for Ed. The obituary notes that he was a very successful track coach. I counted myself among his greatest failures. I was so unathletic (but like Michelle Hatamiya, I was good at student government) that I was relegated to being the Portuguese shotput and discuss retriever boy. I didn't notice at the time that I was training with an Olympic athlete. Still, I was so terrible at shot put that I would come to practice to retrieve the discs thrown by Leslie Deniz as she was on her way to the Olympics and a successful career in law enforcement. When Leslie decided to become a police chief, I immediately saw a connection between Coach Roach's successful

career in the Highway Patrol and Leslie's choice of profession after winning a silver medal at the Olympics. There are hundreds of young people who were shaped by Ed Roach's coaching. He was a tough guy. A real American hero and role model. He was a devoted family man and a devoted Lutheran. He donated hundreds and hundreds of hours of his time helping young people with track and field. He was a true asset to our community, and he will be missed. America needs more people like him who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to make the world a better place and a safer place.

The Commander of the Chico Highway Patrol Office is a Gridley man. Marc Stokes is the number one CHP leader in the North County. It's kind of nice that he lives in Gridley. Gives us an extra cop around town. He is showing himself to be a great leader and we hope the CA Highway Patrol does not take him away to Sacramento and some desk job. I'm convinced if the highway patrol didn't constantly do commercial enforcement on large trucks a lot more of us will be dead.

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

MEMORIAL

WILLIAM T. WILKERSON - 06/13/1942 – 02/16/2026

William T. Wilkerson, also known as Bill, passed away on February 16, 2026 of pneumonia at age 83.

He moved to Gridley, CA, in 1951 with his family from De Soto, MO. Bill went to school and worked in Gridley, eventually moving to Live Oak, CA, where he spent most of his life. He worked as an automobile mechanic for over 50 years.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie; son, Lenard; his mother and father; one brother and two sisters. He is survived by his daughter, Sherry Reece of Missouri; his brother Harry Wilkerson; his sisters Betty Johnson (brother-in-law Warren) Laura Puff, and Linda Vaca and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was loved by all because of his kindness and big heart. He will not be forgotten. We will love him forever. His Ashes are to be buried at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Family and Friends will say goodbyes at a later date.

Butte County Secures Funding for Safer Roads

By Susan Meeker

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A new federal transportation safety grant is expected to bring targeted help to small communities such as Gridley and Biggs, where narrow roads, limited pedestrian access and higher than average injury rates have made every day travel more dangerous for residents.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors earlier this month approved a \$2.57 million Safe Streets and Roads for All grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The federally funded program supports countywide testing of affordable, effective safety strategies to reduce roadway harm, especially in rural and under-served areas.

Public Health Director Monica Soderstrom told supervisors the grant will strengthen partnerships between Public Health and local public works departments as they work on non-infrastructure safety improvements. "This grant will allow Public Health to provide data that shows how infrastructure improvements will increase safety with the aim to reduce injuries or death," Soderstrom said.

During public comment, John Stonebraker, a member of the Paradise Recreation and Park District and an avid cyclist, spoke about past fatalities on county roads and the increasingly hazardous conditions faced by people walking and biking. He urged the county to emphasize education and encourage road users to show more care

for one another.

"I think that that may play a larger role than the actual physical state of the infrastructure," he said.

Soderstrom said 11 agencies submitted letters of support for the application, including the Butte County Association of Governments, Butte County Public Works, five municipal public works agencies and the California Highway Patrol. Staff told the board that Public Health leads the planning, data collection and community engagement, while Public Works takes over when projects advance to construction.

The grant builds on the county's Safety Action Plan, completed in September 2025, which identified serious roadway safety issues in both suburban and rural areas. Under the new agreement, Public Health will coordinate walk audits, temporary pop-up demonstration projects such as bike lanes or crosswalk changes, and behavior change campaigns focused on safer driving, walking and biking. The work will be done in collaboration with county Public Works, city public works departments and community partners.

The grant runs through 2030 and requires the county to evaluate each demonstration project and remove temporary installations that do not show measurable safety benefits. Data gathered through the pilot projects is expected to strengthen future infrastructure funding applications for smaller jurisdictions that rely heavily on grants to complete safety upgrades. ★



Soil Problems Deepen at Gridley Sports Complex



The Feb. 17 findings follow Harden's October report, when a 16-foot test hole sank 11 inches within an hour and deeper drilling revealed more than 20 feet of clean sand. Photo by Seti Long

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's long-planned sports complex is facing another setback after new geotechnical findings revealed widespread soil instability beneath the proposed lighting foundations. The quicksand-like conditions have prompted the City Council to authorize a specialized seismic study to determine whether the project at the industrial park can move forward as designed.

Contracted City Engineer Dave Harden, co-owner of Bennett Engineering, told the council on Feb. 17 that six of seven deep borings showed signs of liquefaction, a condition in which loose, water saturated soils can lose strength during an earthquake.

"All but one show signs of liquefaction at varying depths," Harden said, noting that the soil at the selected site does not fall into any standard category used for structural design.

Because the soil profile is outside normal engineering classifications, the structural engineer is requiring a \$20,900 resonant frequency analysis to determine how the 70-foot light poles would behave during seismic shaking. Harden said the consultant will evaluate how the concrete foundation interacts with the surrounding soil and whether the current 42 inch wide, 30 37-foot-deep shaft design must be widened, deepened or reconfigured to meet building code requirements. Only one boring, identified as Pole No. 5, showed suitable material for construction, Harden said.

The Feb. 17 findings follow Harden's October report, when a 16-foot test hole sank 11 inches within an hour and deeper drilling revealed more than 20 feet of clean sand. Harden described the material

as "like quicksand" and warned that additional testing would be needed to finalize the foundation design.

The sports complex is funded in part by a \$3 million Proposition 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant, with the city responsible for remaining costs that have already climbed to roughly \$760,000. Council members questioned whether the new study could lead to further expenses or force changes to the lighting plan. Mayor Mike Farr said he does not want the city to spend heavily on studies only to discover that lighting cannot be installed at all.

Harden told the council he has already notified the state grant administrator of the complications. Removing lighting from the grant scope is an option, he said, but it would leave the complex without nighttime use. Harden said the upcoming study is expected to show how the foundation design must be modified, not whether the project is doomed. He said the analysis will determine whether the shafts need to be wider, deeper or otherwise adjusted to meet seismic standards, describing the issue as a design problem rather than a fatal flaw in the site conditions.

The project must be completed by June 30, 2028, under grant requirements. Farr urged staff to secure written confirmation that the deadline could be extended if needed, citing the soil complications and potential delays.

Construction on irrigation and other site work has already begun, but crews are waiting for the lighting foundation design before installing turf or landscaping, officials said.

The council voted unanimously to approve the additional \$20,900 study, hoping it will provide the clarity needed to move forward. ★

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Twin Cities Honor Missing Service Members

Story and photo by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Dignitaries from Marysville and Yuba City gathered Feb. 20 to rename and dedicate the 10th Street Bridge in honor of prisoners of war and service members missing in action.

The bridge, which links the Yuba and Sutter county seats, now carries the official designation of POW/MIA Bridge.

"It's hard for those who were never in combat to comprehend what terms like sacrifice, duty, honor, country and courage mean," said Mike O'Connor during a ceremony at the Yuba City Council chambers. "To those who were in combat, it is an unforgettable tragedy and honor."

O'Connor, an Army veteran and former prisoner of war, spoke about his five years in captivity and the impact on families at home.

"Since the Revolutionary War, approximately 1.3 million American soldiers have died, more than 500,000 have



Mike O'Connor (center) stands with fellow veterans beneath the newly installed POW/MIA Bridge sign following a dedication ceremony Friday, Feb. 20, in Marysville. The 10th Street Bridge connecting Marysville and Yuba City was officially renamed in honor of prisoners of war and service members missing in action.

been taken as POWs, with as many as 30,000 who died during their captivity," O'Connor said. "It is this sacrifice of these soldiers and their families that we honor here today. These are

far more than signs. They are monuments."

Veterans of Foreign Wars in Marysville began efforts to dedicate the bridge in 2004. Assemblyman James Gallagher also helped advance the project.

"You can't drive anywhere in my district, the 3rd District in the Sacramento Valley, and not see the recognitions of our veterans," Gallagher said. "The work that the men and women of our military have done is what's hard. It's what's honorable and what makes all of this possible. What makes all the things that we love of this community possible is because we have men and women who defended it."

After the ceremony in Yuba City, attendees crossed the bridge to the Yuba County Office of Education parking lot in Marysville. Select veterans, including O'Connor, signed a commemorative plaque that will be installed behind the new bridge sign.

O'Connor later unveiled the sign near the Marysville entrance to the bridge alongside fellow veterans. ★

Chamber Celebrates Newest Downtown Business



The Playground on Hazel Street in Gridley celebrated its partnership with the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Feb. 19. Owners Bridgette Ellis and Ron Rader were joined by patrons, chamber members and fellow downtown business owners. One of The Playground's frequent customers assisted Rader in cutting the large red ribbon. Photo by Seti Long, edited by MPG

Gridley Lions Host Student Speaker Contest



Lions Club Speaker Contest participants, from left, Isabella Bastiani, Destiny Hutchison, Evelyn Griggs, Gwendolyn Freer and Lions Club President Barbara Ott. Courtesy photo

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Lions Club invited youth from the surrounding area to the Lion's Den for the 89th annual California Lions Student Speaker Contest.

The contest is open to students in ninth through 12th grades in California. The Gridley Lions Club offers participation to students from Gridley, Biggs and Esperanza high schools.

This year, four students addressed the topic, "Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well Being."

Lions Club President Barbara Ott said that after the club level, a speaker who advances through each stage of the contest and wins at the state level could earn more than \$22,000 in scholarship funds.

On Feb. 18, the Lions heard from the four speakers and selected Isabella Bastiani, a senior at Gridley High School, as the club-level winner.

The other contestants were Gwendolyn Freer, a senior at Gridley High School; Evelyn Griggs, a junior at Gridley High School; and Destiny Hutchison, a senior at Gridley High School.

Bastiani will advance to the Zone Level Student Speaker Contest at 7 p.m. March 4 at the Lion's Den, 186 Washington St., Gridley. She will compete against winners from other Lions clubs in the area.

Ott said that if Bastiani wins at the zone level, she will move on to regional competition, which will be held March 26 at the Lion's Den in Gridley. ★

Fresh Cooking Takes Root in Gridley Schools

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with the Chef Ann Foundation. The Colorado-based organization supports schools transitioning to scratch cooking, from menu planning to procuring quality goods that meet state and federal school nutrition standards.

Diaz recently completed the program.

"I have been very blessed with directors that have wanted me to succeed," Diaz said of the mentorship she received and hopes to pass on, "It's important to me that I give that opportunity to my staff. Any training opportunities that come up I present to them."

Jessica Lopez, head cook for the GUSD Nutrition Department, said she has worked with Diaz for three years and has seen significant improvements in the school nutrition program. Lopez

completed both a pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship with the Chef Ann Foundation. She said other staff members are following suit, encouraged by Diaz's mentorship.

Two GUSD nutrition staff members have completed the apprenticeship, one is currently enrolled and two community members are apprenticing through the Chef Ann Foundation.

Lopez said she enjoys preparing meals from scratch and sees a positive response from students.

"The kids like it because they get to try new things and have new experiences that they didn't get before," Lopez said, adding that dishes such as pa sole and hand-pressed jalapeno burgers on grill days.

Lopez also credited the department's teamwork.

"We're like family," Lopez said.



Audelia Campos prepares scratch-made meatballs and marinara while assembling sandwiches in a Gridley Unified School District kitchen.

Diaz said she remains committed to empowering both staff and students to learn about and make healthy meal choices.

"I love what I do," Diaz said. ★

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Butte College Lands Top Tech Ranking

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte College's Associate of Science in Computer Science program has earned the No. 2 ranking in TechGuide's 2026 Best Associate Degree in Computer Science Programs.

The national ranking recognizes the program's performance in preparing students for careers in technology. TechGuide based its rankings on data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, which colleges and universities submit each year to the U.S. Department of Education.

TechGuide evaluated admissions selectivity, class size, faculty support, financial aid availability, graduation outcomes and total enrollment.

The recognition places Butte College among the top two-year computer science programs in the country.

While many technology careers require a bachelor's degree, employers continue to hire candidates with associate degrees for entry-level roles. A two-year degree can provide access to positions in programming, information technology support and related fields.

College officials noted that students who complete the associate degree can apply earned credits toward a bachelor's degree. Butte College also offers an associate degree for Transfer in Computer Science, which allows students to continue their education at a four-year institution.

The ranking highlights the growing role of community colleges in workforce development, particularly in high-demand technology sectors. It also underscores the value of lower-cost degree pathways for students seeking flexibility while entering the job market. ★

Applications Open for Butte County Arts Designation

By MPG Staff

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Local arts organizations in Butte County now have an opportunity to compete for a state designation that could bring up to \$75,000 in annual funding and technical assistance.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors recently approved eligibility requirements for participation in the California Arts Council's State-Local Partners program, formally opening the application process for interested agencies.

Under the program, one designated local arts agency in each county may receive general operating support, grant funding and technical assistance to promote cultural development. In Butte County, only one organization will be selected by the board to serve as the county's State-Local Partner.

Organizations seeking designation must complete the California Arts Council's State-Local Partners Application for Butte

County and submit a Statement of Interest for Designation. Completed applications will be reviewed during the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 14.

If designated by the board, the selected agency will then be eligible to apply directly to the California Arts Council for grant funding and support through the State-Local Partners program.

Applications must be received by March 15. Submissions may be delivered by mail, in person or via email to Butte County Administration, 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, Oroville, CA 95965. Applications may also be emailed to clerkoftheboard@buttecounty.net. For additional information, call 530-552-3300.

For more information on the California Arts Council State-Local Partners Program, including the most recent grant guidelines, visit arts.ca.gov/grantprogram/state-local-partners/. The application is available at www.buttecounty.net. ★

Community Calendar

Butte County Libraries

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

Friday, Feb. 27: Sure start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, Feb. 28: Dungeons & Dragons Day, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All experience levels welcome for adventurers 13 and older. (G)

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

Tuesday, March 3: Creative writing group, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (G) LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

Wednesday, March 4: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Adult arts and crafts. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, March 5: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Kid Quest, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

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

Saturday, March 7: Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Continuing through Saturday, March 7

Butte County Photo Contest

Butte County invites you to share your photos that capture the beauty and unique spirit of Butte County. Winning photos will be featured on the ButteCounty.net website and displayed in the foyer of the Butte County Administration building. Submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 7. Photos should be emailed with a completed Photo Release form. Submission forms and more details at www.buttecounty.net.

Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1

2026 Museum Weekend

Explore Butte County is your host for this event. Visit museums, galleries, and cultural centers across the county all weekend long. Enjoy free admission to participating museums each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information and an

updated list of museums at www.explore-buttecounty.com/museumweekend.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Celebrate Black History Month in Chico at the "BHM Pop-Up"

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stonewall Alliance Parking Lot, corner of Orient & 6th, Chico. Join Stonewall Alliance of Chico and BLACC (Building Leaders, Advocates, & Community Connections) for this 4th annual event, free to the public. You will have the chance to explore a variety of vendors and information booths, enjoy delicious food, and support amazing black-owned businesses.

Crab Feed Fundraiser

5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Oroville Convention Center, 1200 Myers St., Oroville. Sponsored by the Exchange Club of Oroville Foundation, enjoy all-you-can-eat fresh Dungeness crab while supplies last, plus clam chowder, pasta, salad, bread, and a decadent cheesecake finale. Proceeds benefit "Love Luggage" supporting foster youth in Butte County. Tickets and more information at love-luggage.net.

Tuesday, March 3

Full Moon Paddle

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Forebay Aquatic Center, 930 Garden Dr., Oroville. Enjoy an evening paddle and experience the Forebay in a whole new way. This relaxing trip offers a chance to connect with nature, spot local wildlife, stargaze and enjoy a peaceful paddle with friends, family, or a partner - perfect for a unique date night. See www.eventbrite.com to sign up or for more information.

Saturday, March 7

50th Annual Bidwell Classic 5k, 10k, and Half Marathon

This race has become a Chico tradition for so many, with three distances offered at Sycamore Field, 500 South Park Dr., Chico, starting at 8 a.m. A cash purse will go to the top male and female in each event. A substantial portion of the race entry fees go to the local high school cross country running programs. No in-person registration will be available on race day. To register in advance, or for more information, see www.runsignup.com/bidwellclassic.

Preserving Food with Friends

Join us for these hands-on classes, limited to 12 students. 10 a.m. at The Garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St. This month's class will be about preserving jams. Register in

advance at preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com or call 530-777-8469 for more information.

Easter Friendly Jamboree

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tri Counties Community Center, 1830 B St., Marysville. The Tri Counties Community Center is excited to host an inclusive Easter celebration for individuals with special needs and their families across Butte, Sutter, and Yuba Counties. The event includes an Easter Egg hunt for all ages and fun activities for the whole family. Contact Katrina Inman at Katrina.Inman.tricc@gmail.com for more 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 March 10 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 March 10 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@buttecounty.net for more information.

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

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. 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. Call 530-695-2112 for more information. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4.

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, March 4.

Community Resources – Find Food

First 5 Family Center at Esperanza House, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 630 Washington St., Gridley. Must be pregnant or live with and actively care for a child up to age 17. Call to schedule an appointment: 530-720-2255.

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, Feb. 22. 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. Call 530-846-2520 for more information.

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

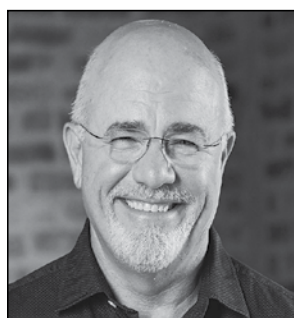
Ten of us enjoyed the first Toad Party in celebration of toads in the yard. We looked at the old root hole where my husband saw a toad come out in the fall. We looked at the shallow pond I developed as a breeding puddle, hoping there is a male and a female. I researched what was needed by toads to breed. It is shallow with plant

roots. May it work. I want the toads to stay and call this yard home for a long time. The sweet friend that gave me the first toads is planning on giving me some more babies when they come. She gave me a good size toad house with a lid that can be removed to look inside. This is where I will let them go. She keeps toads in an enclosure and I'm planning on going over to see her set-up. I want mine to be free but who knows maybe while they are little, they can grow up without being threatened by birds and who knows what else.

I did find an interesting article that explains the way toads like to live. Once they are established

in an area they will stay if all is good for them. They will follow generational pathways to where ever they breed. The tuck in for the winter around November and stay there until late March. May there be more than one and may they survive the winter. Let there be toads!

I've noticed the snails are taking full advantage to this period of toad sleep. There are many more chewing up any number of plants and flowers. There are slime trails in the early morning when it is not frozen. I'm hoping they have a great time before they become regular meals for the awakening toads. All fantasies are rosy in nature. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, and after looking and waiting for years, I think I've found a rental property scenario I like. My plan is to take \$30,000 out of my retirement account, and use it as a down payment on a property. My loan payment would be \$1,400 a month, but I could easily rent the place for \$1,800 a month. What are your thoughts?

– Colin

Dear Colin,

No offense, but I can tell you've never been a landlord before. Bringing in nearly \$1,800 a month, while paying out \$1,400 may seem like a nice place to be. But you've left one very important factor out of your equation—risk. Rental properties just sit there empty sometimes. And this happens to all rental properties. You'll also have repairs to contend with, renters who don't pay and other ex-

Dave Ramsey Says The Game's Not for Everyone

penses. See what I'm saying? You won't be able to count on an easy \$400 in your pocket every month.

Now, I love real estate. I understand the excitement and allure. But what you're really saying is you want to cash out part of your retirement, get hit with a penalty and take on debt, all to buy an investment property. This is not a good plan.

My advice is to save up, and pay cash for one small, decent rental property to see if the landlord game is really for you.

– Dave

The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

Where is the best place to keep my savings?

– Angie

Dear Angie,

In my mind, when it comes to savings, the idea is to park the money in a safe place—like a money market account or basic savings account—and keep it separate from the rest of your cash, so you don't accidentally spend it on the

wrong thing. I'm not really concerned with making money in a savings scenario, so things like setting money aside for an emergency fund or vacations fall into this category.

Investing, on the other hand, is when you're going to leave the money alone for a bare minimum of five to 10 years to grow it. Things like college planning and retirement fall into this category. In these instances, I recommend good, growth-stock mutual funds that have stable track records of at least 10 years.

I hope this helps, Angie!

– Dave

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



Tricolored Blackbird Conservation Funding Threatened

A U.S. Department of Agriculture program that pays farmers to protect tricolored blackbirds nesting on their land could be significantly impacted due to the omission of the program's primary payment scenario in a recent draft released by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Tricolored blackbirds, which gained protection as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act in 2018, often nest in winter silage fields planted by dairy farmers. By agreeing to delay harvest where the birds nest, California farmers have helped save a species that once faced potential extinction. The tricolored blackbird Regional Conservation Partnership Program typically pays farmers \$700 to \$1,100 per acre to delay harvest of their silage crops. "The omission of silage delay as a payment scenario for the 2026 season would significantly hinder the ability to effectively protect tricolored blackbird colonies," said Richard Filgas, assistant director of policy advocacy for the California Farm Bureau.

'Unrelenting' Fog Aids Central Valley Fruits and Nuts

Farmers and researchers say persistent tule fog throughout the Central Valley in recent months could help the region's fruit and nut trees achieve the chilling hours they need to go into an effective winter dormancy, setting the trees up for a successful bloom and crop set. The low-lying fog layer, named after a sedge native to Central Valley marshes, is created by moist soils capped by a high-pressure

weather system. NASA described a tule fog blanket stretching 400 miles from Redding to Bakersfield from Nov. 24-Dec. 9, 2025, as "unrelenting." The dense fog returned in January for several more days. "I do believe that the chill may have been more effective this year because of so many days with fog," said Ted De Jong, a University of California, Davis, pomology professor emeritus. Around Davis, he said, "this has been one of the foggiest years since the '90s."

Transplant Nurseries Celebrate Seed Improvements

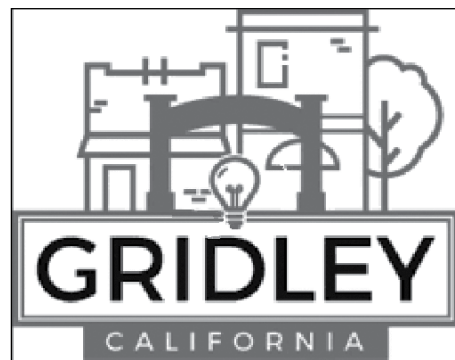
The supply chain for California-grown vegetables runs year-round thanks to a beneficial partnership between seed companies and transplant nurseries, whose products allow growers to gain a head start on the season, ensuring earlier harvests and higher, more uniform yields. Since the 1990s, transplant nurseries have provided vegetable growers a shortcut from seed germination to harvest, shaving up to 60 days off the time that leafy greens, cauliflower, melons, processing tomatoes and other vegetables are in the field. According to the Vegetable Transplant Nursery Association, seed quality is the single most important input for vegetable transplant production, and recent improvements have made a difference for nurseries. "Seed quality is a top priority, and the science behind today's seed makes it far more reliable and productive than it once was," said Nicole Nicks, general manager of Westside Transplant based in Los Banos. ★

Gridley Launches Hunt for Recreation Manager

Continued from page 1
daily operations and long-term direction. Officials said they want the new manager to also pursue grant opportunities for a future community center.

Arteaga said the 2025-26 recreation budget includes funding for one full-time position and limited part-time staffing, though the transition may require adjustments to existing hours and a reorganization of departmental resources to remain within the adopted budget. She also noted that adding a recreation manager would relieve the city's finance director, who has been carrying temporary leadership responsibilities in the department for several months.

The job description for the position outlines responsibilities that include facility oversight and community engagement. Employment standards call for knowledge of public recreation practices, major sports and recreational activities, personnel



management, budgeting and facility operations. A bachelor's degree in recreation administration, public administration, business or a related field is preferred, along with at least three years of progressively responsible experience in recreation or community services, officials said.

The City Council unanimously approved the recreation manager position so recruitment can begin immediately. ★



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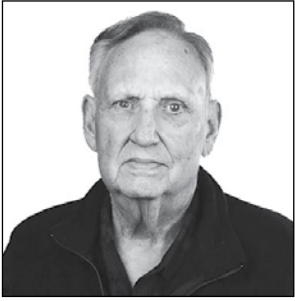
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California School Systems Face Red Ink Despite Boosts in Education Spending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Educating California's nearly 6 million public school students is the state budget's second largest expenditure, and one that has increased sharply during Gavin Newsom's governorship.

The 2026-27 budget that Newsom proposed last month would spend \$88.7 billion on students, ranging from transitional kindergartners to high school seniors. When local property taxes and federal aid are included, the total would be nearly \$150 billion, an average of \$27,418 per pupil.

That's a 61% increase from the \$17,014 they were getting when Newsom became governor, but adjusting for 29% inflation during that period would cut the real gain in half.

Comparing California's school support to that of other states is difficult because there's always a lag in data collection. However, the Public Policy Institute of California, using data that are a few years old, reports that the state is no longer in the lower ranks in per pupil spending but is somewhere in the middle, perhaps a few thousand dollars above average.

Education officials constantly press for more state spending, which is governed by complicated formulas in a 1988 ballot measure,

Proposition 98. Newsom's budget calculates that the minimum Prop. 98 guarantee in state and local funds would be \$125.5 billion, but he wants to delay \$5.6 billion in payments to reduce the budget's deficit — essentially a loan from the schools to the state, one of many maneuvers he and the Legislature have used to close the gap between revenue and spending.

"This delay shifts costs to the future when the state must 'settle up' and meet this obligation," the Legislature's fiscal analyst, Gabe Petek, says in his overview of the schools budget, adding, "For the state budget, the settle-up proposal is similar to other forms of borrowing and spending delays — it provides temporary savings in the current year but increases costs in the future."

Calculating what the state is legally obligated to spend on schools, deciding what it will spend, massaging the numbers and framing the political optics is a time-dishonored feature of the annual budget process because it's such a big piece of the puzzle.

Meanwhile, however, school districts throughout the state are having remarkable difficulty in balancing their own budgets this year. They face declining enrollments due to demographic factors such as falling birth rates, lower immigration, population losses to other states, local resistance to school closures and pressure from unions for salary increases for teachers and support staff, to cope with their own inflationary pressures.

The fiscal angst is most obvious in urban school

districts, where enrollment declines are most severe and where unions are the strongest, often spending heavily to elect friendly school board members.

San Francisco's school system just underwent a teacher strike that was settled with an agreement that will raise costs by an estimated \$180 million-plus, leaving great uncertainty over how it will find the money.

Sacramento's schools have been teetering on the edge of insolvency for years due to outlays that are markedly greater than income. It could be compelled to accept a fiscal overseer if it needs a state bailout.

Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest school system, is facing a \$191 million deficit, the latest in a string of budget gaps.

Educators and their unions say their problems could be solved if only they had more state aid. But raising per pupil spending by \$1,000 would cost nearly \$6 billion a year, and increasing it to \$30,000-plus to match the top tier of states, such as New York, would cost at least \$3 billion.

With the state budget already plagued by chronic deficits in the \$20 billion range, just giving schools their constitutional level of financing will fall \$5.6 billion short under Newsom's budget.

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



Break the Losing Streak

As previously stated, the Sacramento Kings are setting records, albeit not the ones they want to.

Entering Monday night's game against the Grizzlies on the road, the Kings will try to call a halt to a 16-game losing streak and give the Sacramento fan base a reason for optimism.

Injuries, bad coaching and a front office that still needs to find their way have all contributed to the worst record in the NBA, and few pundits or fans expected to find this team in the NBA cellar.

Allowing Sabonis and Lavine to surgically repair their injuries ending the season for both, makes loads of sense as there remains no possibility of making the playoffs, and having both critical players healthy entering next season will be a welcome relief as the Kings look for a 180-degree turn.

Looking for bright spots is a little like looking for a needle in a haystack, but without question seeing Keegan Murry finally healthy and making a contribution nightly, is a more than welcome sight.

In the most recent game against the Spurs, Keegan led the Kings in scoring 20 points along with DeMar DeRozan, and although not the all-star that the Kings initially thought he might be, Keegan is making noises like he's going to someone to count on as the team continues to shuffle the deck.

What will the upcoming draft bring the cellar dwellers? Anyone's guess, but you can rest assured that GM Scott Perry has his sights set on coming up with a game changer.

We've seen franchises do it before, and you need look no further than the Oklahoma City Thunder or the Detroit Pistons to see the results. Yes, it can happen, and the only caveat is the past experiences in the draft that have been abysmal.

No more Willie Cauly-Stein's or Marvin Bagley's! What the Kings need is a can't miss, blue chipper that will impact this team in a positive way right out of the gate!

Can it be done? Yes, it absolutely can, if Scott Perry and staff are permitted to do their job without interference from the

ownership group. Let the people you've hired do their job and stand on the decisions they make.

Another DeAaron Fox or Tyrese Haliburton may be just around the corner, and goodness knows the Kings are overdue for something positive to happen.

Another key will be how they evaluate the talent that already exists. Will the Kings value Domantas Sabonis and realize what a true diamond in the rough they have? At this point no one knows and we can only wait and see what happens.

What everyone agrees on is bringing a 16-game losing streak to a halt and stemming a conversation of challenging the all-time futility record set by the Detroit Pistons. Although 16 is a fall cry from the 28-game losing streak set by the Pistons, it's just better to put that conversation to bed.

1st round draft choices need to be vetted carefully, and the Kings have yet to fully see what Devin Carter brings to the table. Everyone knows he can jump out of the gym, and at times his defense is all-star caliber, but can this 1st round draft choice get enough court time to prove his worth. We'll see, but I take nothing for granted.

Enter Killian Hayes, a 6'4" guard just signed to a 10-day contract. I wasn't aware the Kings needed another guard but here he is, nonetheless. What is interesting about Killian is that he was drafted #7 overall in the 2020 draft by the Detroit Pistons and is still only 24 years of age. Raised in France can he make a splash?

At the same time the Kings signed Patrick Baldwin Jr. to a 2-way contract and at 6'10" Patrick brings some much needed girth to the front line. Baldwin was signed by the Golden State Warriors 28th in the overall 2022 draft so Kings fans have renewed reason to show up for the March 3 contest at Golden One against the Phoenix Suns.

Yes, Scott Perry is trying, and that's better than giving up. Are these guys longshot? They are, and we need to turn out and give them the best we have.

Stay tuned Kings fans and don't lose heart. *All the best!* ★

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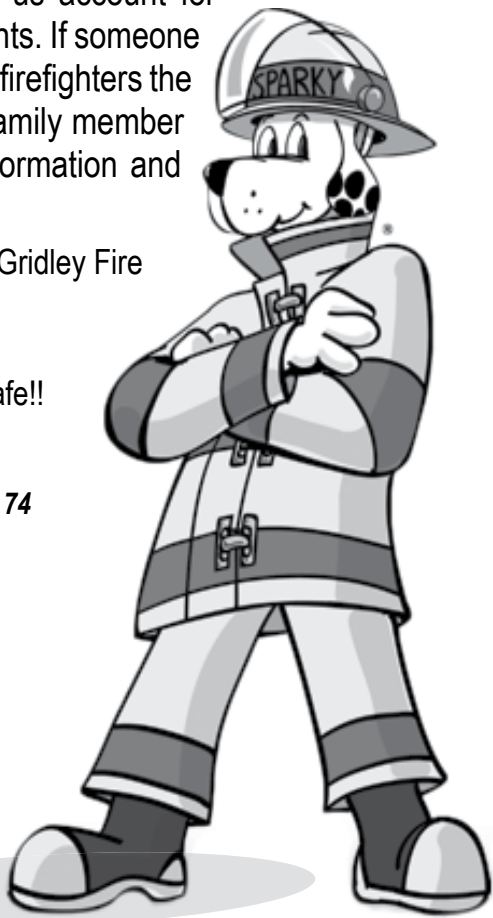


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-Avery, 11, Illinois

Dear Avery,

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I asked my friend Damianne Brand-Eubanks what happens after you swallow one of those capsules. She teaches in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Washington State University. She's an expert on medication.

She told me that the outside of a pill capsule is usually made of gelatin. That's the same stuff that's in jello or gummy candy.

"Just like with food, you swallow the pill, and it goes down the esophagus into the stomach, where there's a whole bunch of acid," Brand-Eubanks said. "That acid breaks down the gelatin capsule."

Once the capsule is broken down, your body will recycle any bits it can use. It will send the rest through your digestive tract with all the other waste that leaves your body.

Dissolving that gelatin capsule releases the



All those capsules and coatings are designed by scientists to release the medicine in the right place at the right time. Photo courtesy of Freepik

medicine inside. The medicine travels to the small intestine and then the liver. Brand-Eubanks says the liver acts like a gate. It can let the medicine through to the bloodstream. Or it can block it from entering and kick it out of the body as waste. Sometimes special proteins in the liver activate a medicine by changing it a little bit.

Some medication comes as a tablet. It won't have a gelatin shell like a capsule, but it might have a protective coating. That coating prevents the tablet from dissolving in your stomach because that medicine might hurt your stomach. It dissolves once it reaches the small intestine instead.

All those capsules and coatings are designed by scientists to release the medicine in the right place at the right time. That's why you can't chew up pills that are meant to be swallowed—unless a pharmacist tells you that's ok. Chomping

up a non-chewable pill could hurt your stomach or make the medicine not work right. Plus, it probably tastes horrible.

Some capsules release medicine very slowly. That capsule can't dissolve super-fast because it needs to stick around while the medicine gradually does its thing. Those empty capsules can pass through your digestive tract in one piece.

"Sometimes the capsule can come out whole, which can be alarming, but it's just discarded," Brand-Eubanks said. "It's called ghosting because when you go to the bathroom, there's a little ghost in there."

I guess I should take a chill pill if I ever see an empty capsule in the litter box. It's just one of the clever ways scientists have engineered medicine to help us feel better.

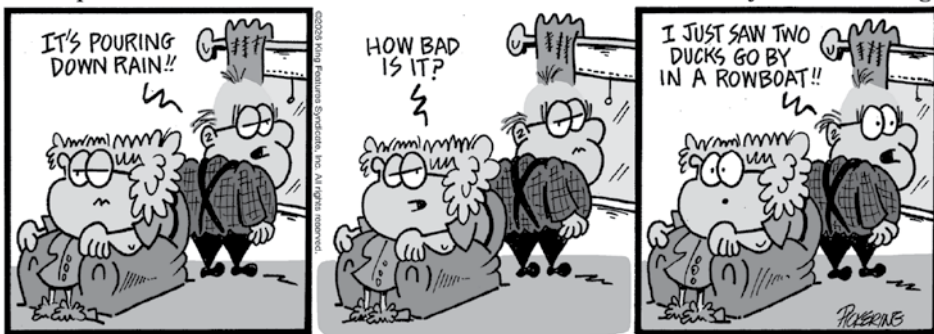
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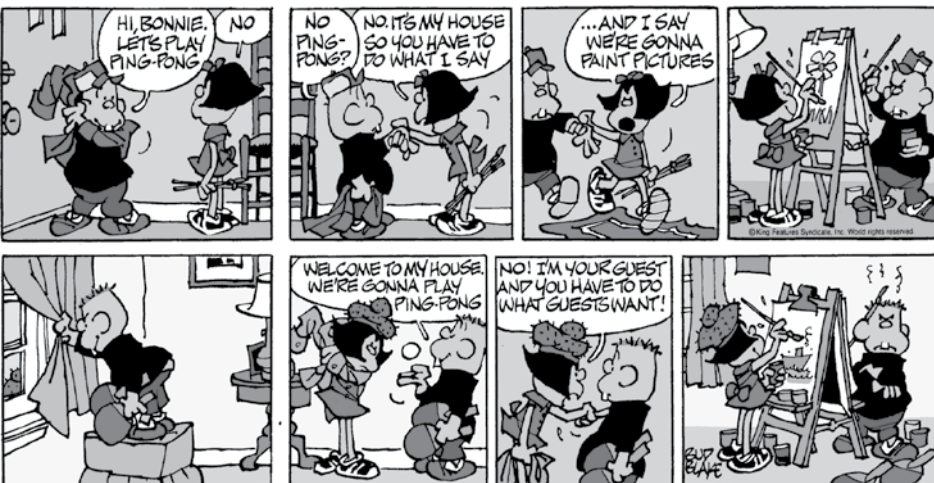
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 13. Italian bowling
 14. Entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk's alias, Gary
 15. Jolly good one
 16. Parallel grooves
 17. Many, many moons
 18. "Take it back!"
 19. "Song Sung Blue" Best Actress nominee
 21. "Movie with most 2026 Oscar nominations"
 23. Make a seam
 24. Vampire's tooth
 25. Tai's partner
 28. South American monkey
 30. Naphthenic acid + palmitic acid
 35. Pilot's stunt
 37. Forbidden, to a baby
 39. Vampire of Greek mythology
 40. Italian wine region
 41. Not Astroturf
 43. Alpine lift
 44. Sports figures, e.g.
 46. Cantina pot
 47. Email folder
 48. Not vivid and bright
 50. Nessie's abode
 52. *Jamie Foxx won for his role in this 2004 biopic
 53. Eagle's nest
 55. Unreliable newspaper
 57. *2026 nominated film with Stone and Plemons
 61. *Chlo Zhao's nominee
 64. Newton or Stern
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 71. Novelist Zola
 72. Formerly, formerly
 73. Aye-aye
 74. "He ___ it like it is"
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 6. 20-20, e.g.
 7. "One Battle After Another" Best Actor nominee
 8. High IQ society
 9. *7's nominated co-star
 10. "Anything ___?"
 11. Wing-shaped
 12. K to Romans, pl.
 15. Like athlete's foot
 20. Behind on rent, e.g.
 22. Night spot
 24. At last
 25. Necklace fastener
 26. Popular garden perennial
 27. I to Greeks, pl.
 29. *2026 nominated Benicio del ___
 31. Benatar and Morita
 32. Fly in ___, or a reminder of the past
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000067
The following person(s) are doing business as: Branding Memories, 852 Township Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Branding Memories LLC, 852 Township Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 23, 2026

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: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
BRANDING 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000019
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sycamore and Belle, 2586 Widgeon Lane, Durham, CA 95938
Romo, Brianna, 2586 Widgeon Lane, Durham, CA 95938
Date filed in Butte County: January 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
SYCAMORE 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000070
The following person(s) are doing business as: Ridge Top Fallers, 6121 N Libby Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Ridge Top Fallers LLC, 6121 N Libby Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 15, 2026

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
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RIDGE 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000043
The following person(s) are doing business as: Aladdin Bail Bonds, 1940 Feather River Boulevard Suite G, Oroville, CA 95965
Two Jinn Inc, 1000 Aviara Parkway Suite 300, Carlsbad, CA 92011
Date filed in Butte County: January 15, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2024

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
ALADDIN 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000954
The following person(s) are doing business as: Meek's Building Solutions, 1100, 20th Street, Chico, CA 95928

US LBM Operation Co, 2009 LLC, US LMB Operating Company 2009 LLC, 2150 E Lake Cook Road Suite 1010, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Date filed in Butte County: December 31, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 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: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
MEEKS 2-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000099
The following person(s) are doing business as: Vintage Coaches, 15299 Forest Ranch Way, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Theresa Aflague, PO Box 2935, Paradise, CA 95967
Date filed in Butte County: January 30, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
VINTAGE 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000090
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rolls Real Estate, 1834 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Jarolls Inc, 1834 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: January 28, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2014

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
ROLLS 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000097
The following person(s) are doing business as: Ryon Family Partnership, 7225 Durnel Road, Nelson, CA 95958
Edwin E Ryon, Charles H Ryon, Elizabeth A Roland, Janet L Hewitt, Patricia J Jones, PO Box 1097, Magalia, CA 95954
Date filed in Butte County: January 30, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2014

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: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
RYON 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000114
The following person(s) are doing business as: Fanothwest, 5717 Reed Lane, Paradise, CA 95969
Steven S Sheridan, 5717 Reed Lane, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: February 2, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business

ness under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
FAN 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000075
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bird Caller Farm and Garden, 4194 Nighthawk Way, Chico, CA 95973
Navarro, Matthew Emerson, 4194 Nighthawk Way, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: January 26, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 20, 2026

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: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
BIRD 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000106
The following person(s) are doing business as: CF Certified TCG, 17 Partners Trail, Oroville, CA 95966
Fogarty, Chad Michael, 17 Partners Trail, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: February 2, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
CF 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000130
The following person(s) are doing business as: KW Excavating, 493 Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Kegan J Waite, 493 Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: February 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
KW 3-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000116
The following person(s) are doing business as: W C Irvine Fruit and Produce, 949 Keith Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Ellena Waller, 949 Keith Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: February 3, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2020

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: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026
WC 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000079
The following person(s) are doing business as: PM Gonzalez Farms, 14805 State Highway 99, Chico, CA 95973
Pedro J Gonzalez and Margarita Martinez De Gonzalez, PO Box 1552, Williams, CA 95987
Date filed in Butte County: January 27, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 2, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026
PM 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000133
The following person(s) are doing business as: Prime Times Gaming, 3556 Calle Principal, Chico, CA 95973
Christopher J Zarback, 3556 Calle Principal, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: February 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 31, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026
PRIME 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000095
The following person(s) are doing business as: Foothill Farm & Orchard, 7098 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914
Lopez Arcangeli, Wendy Ann, 7098 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914
Date filed in Butte County: January 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026
FOOTHILL 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000155
The following person(s) are doing business as: US Cash Homebuyer, 591 E 10th Avenue Suite 10, Chico, CA 95926
Lucille J Ramsey, 591 E 10th Avenue Suite 10, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: February 11, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 11, 2026

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: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026
US 3-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000132
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sierra Nevada Olive Oil, 6561 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914
Mission 52 LLC, 6561 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914
Date filed in Butte County: February 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 23, 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: Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026
SIERRA 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000142
The following person(s) are doing business as: Big F8th, Club Kingdom, 5340 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Kingdom Biz LLC, 5340 Clark

Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: February 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026
BIG 3-20-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV00149

Petitioner Christopher Michael Salvos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Christopher Michael Salvos to Christopher Michael Karkoski.
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 March 25, 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 January 22, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
SALVOS 2-27-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV00110

Petitioner Charlene Marie Berryhill filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Charlene Marie Berryhill to Charlene Marie Vanorden.
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 March 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on January 21, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026
BERRYHILL 3-6-26

SUMMONS
SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 23CV00952
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: DAULTON MCCALLA, an Individual; JEFFREY M. OULES, an Individual; and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: ROCKY TOP RENTALS, LLC, a Limited Liability Company.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.
Tiene 30 DIAS DE

CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.
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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): County of Butte – Butte County Superior Court, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Jonathan C. Cahill; Brandon J. Mika, Klinedinst PC, 801 K Street, Suite 2100, Sacramento, CA 95814.
Date: (Fecha) April 14, 2023
Clerk (Secretario) V Strang, Deputy (Adjunto) January February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
ROCKY 2-27-26

TRUSTEE SALE
NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY (MOBILE HOME) Dated: February 12, 2026
Debtor(s): Thomas Wayne Nitschman 6656 Pentz Rd . Space 15 Paradise, CA 95969
Registered Owner(s): Thomas Wayne Nitschman 6656 Pentz Rd . Space 15 Paradise, CA 95969
Secured Party: 21st Mortgage Corporation 620 Market Street One Center Square Knoxville, TN 37902
Other Parties Receiving Notice: Department of Housing and Community Development Registration and Titing P.O. Box 277820 Sacramento, CA 95827
Decal No.: LBP6016
Subject Collateral: 2023 SKYLINE MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER 23700PHA001500A
Situs Address: 6656 Pentz Rd. Space 15, Paradise, CA 95969 Due to a breach of your obligation to repay the Consumer Loan Note and Security Agreement executed by you on or about July 13, 2024, 21st Mortgage Corporation will sell the 2023 SKYLINE MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER 23700PHA001500A at public sale. A sale could include a lease or license. The sale will be held as follows: Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 Time: 3:30 PM Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 You may attend the sale and bring bidders if you want. The money that we get from the sale (after repaying our costs) will reduce the amount you owe. If we get less money than you owe, you will not owe 21st Mortgage Corporation the difference. If we get more money than you owe, you will get the extra money, unless we must pay it to someone else. You can get the property back at any time before we sell it by paying the full amount you owe (not just the past due payments), including our expenses. To learn the amount you must pay, call 21st Mortgage Corporation at 800-955-0021 or fax to 800-813-8164 . Payments may be remitted to the following address: 21st Mortgage Corporation 620 Market Street One Center Square Knoxville, TN 37902 If you want 21st Mortgage Corporation to explain to you in writing how it has figured the amount that you owe, you may call 800-955-0021 or fax to 800-813-8164 and request a written explanation. If you need more information about the sale, you may call us at (619) 685-4800 or write to us at: McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 2763 Camino Del Rio S., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108. By: Muna Ali, Esq. McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 2763 Camino Del Rio S, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92018 Phone: (619) 685-4800 Fax: (619) 685-4811 Attorneys for 21st Mortgage Corporation CA-26-1035378-REP IDSPub #0293212/2/27/2026
GRIDLEY HERALD 2-27-26

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

The following property will be sold by written bid by 9:00 a.m. MST on 3/6/2026
2019 Utility Reefer - 1UYVS2536K2510912
To inquire about this item please call Kerry Hendrickson at 801-624-5193.
Transportation Alliance Bank 4185 Harrison Blvd Ogden, UT 84403

The Gridley Herald 2-27, 3-6-2026

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODES 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a proposed resolution(s) will be considered by the Governing Board of Biggs Unified School District at its regular meeting on March 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., which if adopted by the Board will implement development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction at \$5.38 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction at \$0.87 per square foot. Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995 authorize the proposed fees. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices. The fee, if approved by the Governing Board, will become effective on May 10, 2026, which is 60 days after the proposed adoption of the resolution levying such fee by the Governing Board.

The Gridley Herald 2-27, 3-6-2026

Three Teams Punch Tickets to NSCIF Basketball Semifinals

By YSBC

SUTTER, BUTTE, COLUSA COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - The opening week of the CIF Northern Section basketball playoffs finished up on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Our area had multiple teams move onto the second round of the playoffs and here is how we look moving forward into the championship week.

Boys Basketball Division IV

Gridley 57, Paradise 46 - The Bulldogs clinched their fourth consecutive semifinal appearance in the Northern Section playoffs as they beat the Bobcats by double digits.

Gridley trailed by five at the half, but a strong second-half effort from Bulldogs senior Bikram Kullar with 17 points propelled his team for the win.

Kullar forced his way to the free-throw line eight times in the fourth quarter and caused multiple fouls committed by Paradise.

Gridley traveled to Oroville on Tuesday night and faced the Tigers for the third time this season. The Bulldogs were beaten by double-digits in both previous meetings this season.



Gridley senior Bikram Kullar (10) launches a three pointer on Feb. 20 during the Bulldogs' victory against Paradise. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Biggs sophomore Hudson Brewer (44) shoots the ball on Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Wolverines' win over Plumas Charter. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Division VI

Biggs 93, Plumas Charter 49 - The Wolverines had six players in double figures as they dominated in their second-round matchup on Saturday, Feb. 21 against Plumas Charter.

The Biggs offense was like

a merry-go-round as multiple scores had points etched to their name in the victory and led big after a 28-point second quarter.

Wolverines senior Hunter Seipert and sophomore Hudson Brewer led the game with 16-points each.

Biggs had their chance at going to their third-straight section final as they hosted Hayfork on Tuesday.

Girls Basketball Division V

Modoc 69, East Nicolaus 38 - The Spartans were knocked out of the postseason in the quarterfinals of the NS Division V bracket by the top seed Modoc.

This was East Nicolaus' first postseason win since the 2023 season. The Spartans quickly found themselves down by a significant margin at the first half.

East Nicolaus senior Makinze Massey scored a game-high 21 points in her final time on the hardwood.

The Braves got contributions from every player that they put on the floor.

Division VI

Biggs 57, Loyalton 49 - The Wolverines went onto the road as the technical underdog and came away with the eight-point victory over the Grizzlies.

The game was close until Biggs blew open their decisive lead in the third quarter.

The Wolverines built their big lead by driving to the basket and spaced the floor phenomenally.



Biggs junior Anna Carothers (10) shoots the ball during the Wolverines' win on Feb. 6 against Portola. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Biggs hit the road to the overall top seed in Weed on Wednesday for the chance to play in the section title game that's scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28.

The final will tip off at 11 am at Shasta College. ★

State Balances Flood Control, Fish Protections at Oroville

By Lloyd Green

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Water Resources is maintaining releases from Oroville Dam as part of ongoing efforts to repel salinity intrusion in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and comply with state and federal requirements.

Lake Oroville stood at elevation 853 feet Friday, holding about 2.74 million acre feet of water, or 80 percent of capacity and 129 percent of the historical average for this date. Total releases to the Feather River were 8,000 cubic feet per second, though officials said flows may be reduced

beginning Sunday, Feb. 15.

Under the State Water Project water rights permit, DWR must maintain low salinity conditions in the Delta from February through June to protect habitat for native fish species. At the same time, the agency is required to operate the reservoir under federal flood control guidelines established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Between mid-September and June, a portion of reservoir storage must remain available to capture runoff from storms and snowmelt to reduce flood risk downstream.

To preserve that space, DWR conducts coordinated

flood control releases. Some of the released water is captured downstream for agricultural, municipal and project uses. Flows also support habitat in the Feather River for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and other species. Releases are coordinated with the Corps of Engineers and downstream operators, and river users are advised that flows may shift depending on weather forecasts.

Driftwood removal efforts also continue across the reservoir. Civil maintenance crews patrol lake branches during wetter months to intercept floating woody debris before it reaches the main body of

the lake. Higher inflows can carry large amounts of debris into the reservoir, posing risks to boaters and infrastructure. From 2023 through 2025, crews collected about 44,000 cubic yards of woody vegetation following major storm events. Boaters are urged to remain alert for floating hazards.

Fish stocking efforts were expanded in January. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife released about 1.89 million fall run Chinook salmon fry, each about 1.4 inches long, into the Feather River at the Thermalito Afterbay outlet. In addition, roughly 575,185 yearling steelhead

averaging 10 inches were planted between Jan. 6 and Jan. 27 at multiple sites along the Feather and Sacramento rivers, including a new location at Mile Long Pond in the Oroville Wildlife Area. The Feather River Fish Hatchery, built as mitigation for Oroville Dam, is owned by DWR and operated by CDFW.

DWR has also relocated its invasive mussel inspection and decontamination station at the North Thermalito Forebay to the paved RV parking area near the entrance. The inspection program operates daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours beginning March 8.

Boat ramp hours at Lake Oroville and related facilities will also expand March 8 in preparation for spring recreation.

Current Feather River flows are 650 cubic feet per second through Oroville, with 7,350 cubic feet per second released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet. Officials said reservoir levels and releases are assessed daily and may change based on precipitation and snowpack conditions.

Reservoir data, snowpack information and other hydrologic updates are available through the California Data Exchange Center. ★

Live Oak Faces Ongoing Deficit

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak City Council reviewed a midyear budget report Feb. 18 for fiscal year 2025-2026, which ends in June, as city leaders continued to confront a structural deficit across multiple funds.

Finance Director Ethan Gutierrez said the midyear review compares actual cash flow to the budget adopted last year.

The city closed fiscal year 2024-2025 with \$1.64 million in the general fund. For 2025-2026, revenues are projected at \$4.56 million while expenditures are projected at \$5.64 million. The general fund is expected to end the year with \$567,270, an improvement from the \$196,617 projected when the budget was adopted.

The water fund ended 2024-2025 with a \$37,000 deficit. For 2025-2026, revenues are projected at \$1.42 million and expenditures at \$2.5 million. The fund deficit is projected to reach \$1.12 million by year's end, improved from the \$1.7 million deficit anticipated at budget adoption.

The sewer fund ended last fiscal year with \$2.7 million. Projected revenues of \$3.1 million fall short of \$3.7 million in expenditures. The fund is expected to end the year with \$2 million, up from



the originally projected \$1.4 million.

City Manager Ben Moody said city expenditures continue to outpace revenues. "It's not good," Moody said.

In the general fund, salaries and benefits total \$1.89 million, or 26.3% of expenditures. Services and supplies account for \$1.2 million, or 17.2%. The city's contracts with Sutter County for police and fire services total \$2.8 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, and represent 56.6% of general fund expenditures.

Gutierrez said rising public safety contract costs, particularly for police services, have increased in recent years. The city is renegotiating those agreements with Sutter County in an effort to establish more sustainable costs.

Gutierrez warned that the city faces long-term consequences if it does not address the imbalance. "As an entire city, all our

funds within the city, we are bleeding red right now. ... It's catching up to us," he said. He added that several funds operate with structural deficits. "We're already not starting off on the right foot," Gutierrez said.

To reduce expenses, the city has delayed capital projects unless they are required for safety or operations. Staff are reviewing the city's fee schedule to ensure charges reflect the cost of service. The council recently reduced development impact fees to encourage economic activity and support long-term revenue growth.

Moody said many remaining expenses are fixed costs necessary to maintain operations. He said staff will present options to address the deficit at future meetings.

The budget review was informational only. The council took no action.

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

Clean California Grants Target Litter and Employment

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Transportation announced it will distribute \$25 million to 90 local projects aimed at removing litter and graffiti while expanding paid job training programs in underserved communities.

The funding comes through the Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway grant program under the Clean California initiative launched in 2021 under Gov. Gavin Newsom. State officials said 100 percent of this year's funding will go to underserved areas and will support cleanup work on locally owned public rights of way.

Transportation Secretary Toms Omishakin said the program links public space improvements with workforce development. Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy said the grants are intended to create employment pathways for justice-impacted individuals, people experiencing homelessness, at-risk youth and others facing barriers to work.

Caltrans described the grants as competitive but did not release scoring details or a project-by-project performance framework with the announcement.



Among the largest awards, San Francisco Public Works will receive \$580,000 to expand its Tenderloin Clean Workforce Development Program. National City will receive \$600,000 for a revitalization and employment pathway initiative. Other allocations include \$300,000 for the Clean Selma Second Street and Downtown Arts Corridor Revitalization project in Fresno County, \$251,000 for the Trinidad Rancheria Harbor District Beautification and Workforce Development Initiative in Humboldt County and \$172,000 for Lancaster's Community Cleanup and Youth Workforce Development program.

In addition to litter and graffiti removal, the grants will fund public education and anti-litter campaigns. Communities that meet certain standards may be recognized as Clean California Communities, according to the agency.

Since its launch in July 2021, Clean California

has removed 3.5 million cubic yards of litter from highways and public spaces statewide, according to Caltrans. The agency equates that amount to more than 150,000 residential garbage trucks. Officials report hosting more than 650 free dump days, collecting more than 15,500 mattresses and 57,000 tires. More than 10,000 volunteers have participated in cleanup events.

Caltrans also reported that 18,267 jobs have been created through the initiative, including positions for individuals who were formerly incarcerated, on probation or experiencing housing insecurity. The agency did not specify how many of those positions transitioned into permanent employment or how long workers remained in paid placements.

The latest \$25 million allocation continues the state's approach of pairing environmental cleanup with workforce development. As funding expands, lawmakers and taxpayers may seek clearer data on long-term job placement, recidivism outcomes and sustained reductions in litter in the communities receiving grants.

More information about state transportation and infrastructure projects is available at build.ca.gov. ★

Gridley Owns the Boards in Win Over Central Valley

By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs girls basketball team won their first-round matchup of the Northern Section playoffs on Feb. 17 as they beat the Central Valley Falcons 64-33.

Gridley has won four of the last five first-round games since 2022 and jumped out to an early advantage.

Bulldogs head coach Becca McCray told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports they struggled early on but was happy with the defensive effort early in the game.

Gridley opened with a 7-0 run in the first minutes of the game, but the defensive effort stood out early as Central Valley struggled holding onto the ball and threw up shots that were heavily contested each possession.

The Bulldogs led 14-7 at the end of the first and opened the second quarter



Gridley senior Aida Duran (15) pulls down an offensive rebound on Feb. 17 in the Bulldogs' win over Central Valley. Photo by Steven Bryla

with another run and the shooting woes for the Falcons continued as they only made one field goal in the second quarter.

On top of the rough-shooting

performance for Central Valley, Gridley was phenomenal with crashing the boards, especially on the offensive end.

McCray was ecstatic with the effort on the

rebounding and as it gave the Bulldogs multiple opportunities at second-chance points.

Gridley led 27-14 at the half after junior Val Poyner hit a three in the

final seconds of the first half.

The Bulldogs extended their lead in the third and sophomore Iris Counihan led Gridley with 16 points in the victory as she

developed a heavy inside presence along with senior Aida Duran.

Bulldogs senior Andrea Guillen hit four-deep balls in the win and ended with 14 in the win.

Gridley will host Wintery in the second round and aim to be in the section semifinals for the first time since 2020.

McCray told YSBC that she wants to see them get off to a better start on February 19, but knows they are going to bring the effort as they leave it all out on the floor.

The Bulldogs fell to Wintery in the quarterfinals with a 31-28 defeat.

Gridley struggled to make anything on the floor as the shot 20% in the game from the field and made one three-point basket in the game from 18 attempts.

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Gridley senior Andrea Guillen (23) shoots a three on Feb. 17 in the Bulldogs' victory over Central Valley. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley sophomore Iris Counihan (10) dribbles down the court during the Bulldogs' victory on Feb. 17. Photo by Steven Bryla



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