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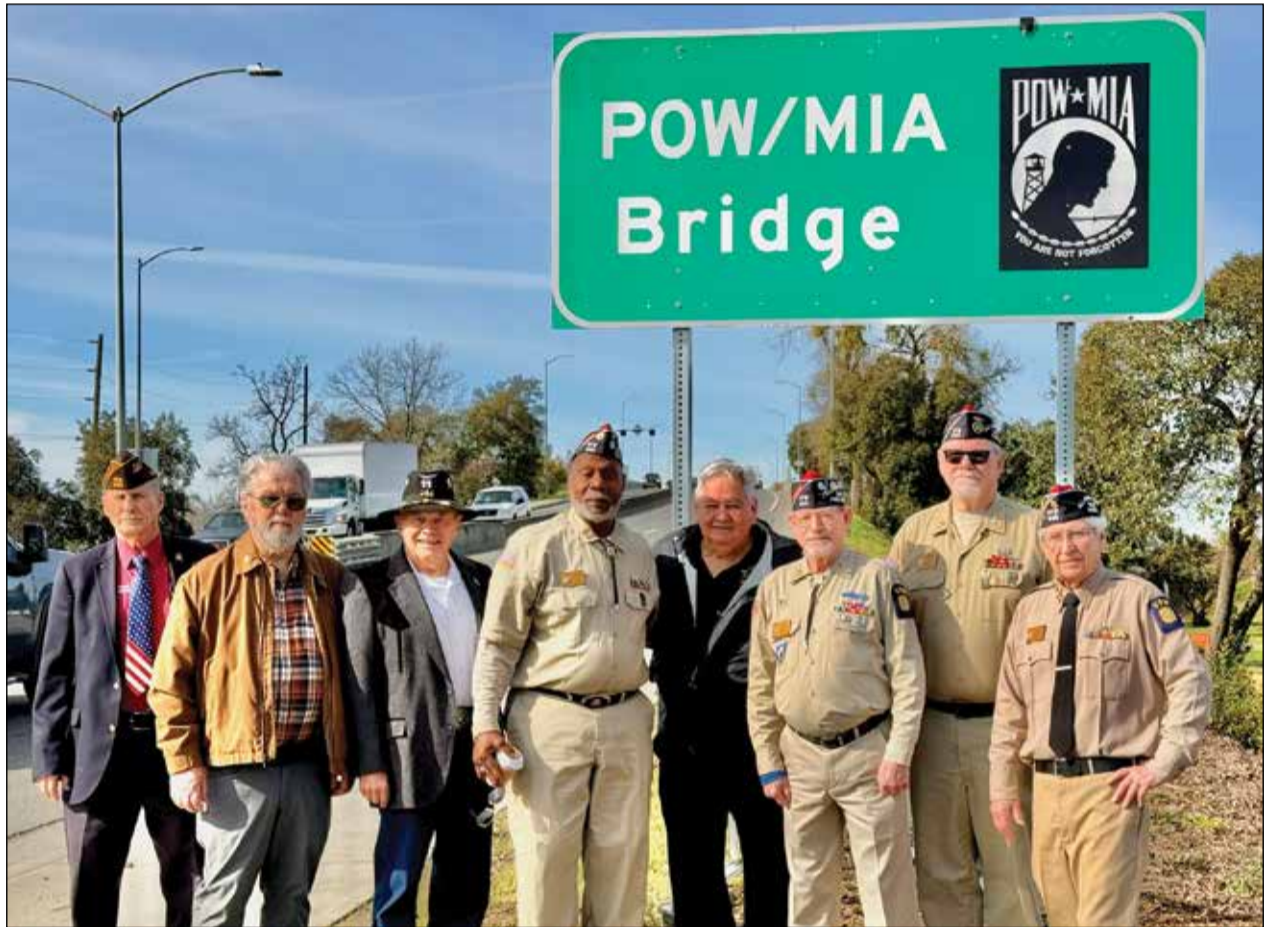
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## Twin Cities Honor Missing Service Members



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.

Story and photos 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 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

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## Council Advances Vision for Yuba City's Future

By Susan Meeker

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba City Council on Feb. 18 unanimously approved a new three-year strategic plan, launching an ambitious roadmap city leaders said will drive investment, strengthen services and align long-term priorities across every department through 2029.

City Manager Robert Bendorf presented the plan, which centers on five focus areas: Workforce Excellence, Infrastructure, Safe Communities, Economic Development and Fiscal Responsibility. The document is the result of months of collaboration between the council and the city's executive team, beginning with a strategic planning workshop in October 2025. It replaces a series of past standalone plans with a unified framework designed to guide decisions, budgets and project sequencing.

The plan outlines dozens of action items with defined timelines. A number of initial initiatives pertain to infrastructure, including publication of a spring report addressing financing strategies for road repairs, submission of applications for no fewer than three significant road rehabilitation grants by winter 2026 and formulation of a comprehensive citywide sidewalk management plan. Staff will also complete a full inventory of city-owned properties this fall to determine long-term needs and identify parcels that could be declared surplus.

In public safety, the plan calls for replacing the city's outdated computer-aided dispatch system by 2028, developing funding options to rebuild Fire Station 1 and implementing priority dispatch for police and fire this year. A citywide standards-of-coverage study is scheduled for fall 2026, including updated response-time data and review of mutual-aid agreements.

Economic development efforts include updating the city's zoning code by 2027, evaluating potential sites for a sports complex this summer and preparing a draft report on 55-and-over housing options by winter 2026. Staff will also begin producing monthly economic development metrics for the council

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## Sutter High FBLA Installs Historical Markers Across County



Students from Sutter Union High School's FBLA chapter display the finished historical marker installed as part of their countywide local history project on Feb. 12 near the Sutter Buttes. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo

By MPG Staff

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sutter Union High School Future Business Leaders of America chapter has completed a countywide community service project focused on preserving and promoting local history through

the installation of informational signs, distribution of travel brochures and classroom presentations.

In August 2025, the chapter launched its year-long project, "Landmarks of Legacy," after student officers identified what they described as a gap in awareness among

young people about Sutter County's history. The group set out to create educational resources that highlight significant sites and make that information more accessible to residents and students.

The project spans the county from Meridian to Yuba City. Chapter

members designed and installed seven 36-by-18-inch informational marker signs at historical locations. The sites include the Sutter Buttes Mountain Range at Larry Munger Vista Point; the historic water trough on Butte House Road just

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# Sutter High FBLA Installs Historical Markers Across County



Members of the Sutter Union High School FBLA Community Service Committee install one of seven historical markers as part of the chapter's "Landmarks of Legacy" project on Feb. 12 near the Sutter Buttes. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo

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 before entering Sutter; the Sutter Train Depot in Close Lumber's parking lot in Sutter; the Sutter Cemetery; the Butte Slough School in Meridian; the Long Bridge in Meridian; and Sunsweet Growers Inc. in Yuba City.  
 In addition to the markers, the chapter created a travel-guide brochure that is stocked in local businesses and at the Sutter County Museum. Members of the FBLA Community Service Committee are also giving presentations at local K-8 schools to discuss the importance of local history and provide information about the featured sites.  
 To determine the project locations, committee members made multiple visits to the Sutter County Museum and researched

historical sites throughout the county. With assistance from museum director Molly Bloom, the group identified seven locations of historical significance. Garrett Fremd, the chapter's vice president and community service project lead, completed the writing and design of each sign using information sourced from Sutter County Museum bulletins.  
 The project involved several departments at Sutter Union High School as well as community partners. Metal shop students constructed the metal frames for the signs. The school's digital marketing class designed the travel brochure.  
 To fund the effort, the FBLA Community Service Committee, including Fremd, Dominique Madrigal, chairman of

community service, and Scarlett Oechsle, chairman of competition, delivered presentations to numerous local organizations and raised \$6,250.  
 Community partners and donors included the Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Yuba City, the Rotary Club of Yuba City, the Sutter Lions Club, the Peach Bowl Lions Club, the Joe and Brenda Morehead family, Tom and Robin Walther of Yuba City and Sutter County Supervisor Jeffrey K. Boone.  
 Sutter FBLA partnered with Sapphire Marketing and Sign Co. in Yuba City to print the historical signs and worked with Escalera Inc. in Yuba City to powder coat the frames. Members of the Sutter FBLA officer team and chapter installed the signs this month. ★

# Adventist Health and Rideout Unveils OSCAR Surgical Robot



Harmanjeet Kaur, center, holds a certificate after submitting the winning name "OSCAR" for Adventist Health and Rideout's new Da Vinci 5 surgical robot during a public event at the hospital in Marysville. She is joined by hospital representatives in front of the robotic surgical system. Photo courtesy of Adventist Health and Rideout

*By MPG Staff*

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Adventist Health and Rideout has announced the winning name of its new Da Vinci 5 surgical robot following a community naming contest that drew nearly 1,800 votes.  
 The robot will be known as OSCAR, short for Operating Surgical Companion for Adventist Health and Rideout. Harmanjeet Kaur submitted the name, which voters selected through the public contest.  
 Hospital leaders said the effort aimed to involve residents in a milestone for the medical center.  
 "This was never just about naming a robot. It was about inviting our community into a milestone moment for the future of care in our region," said Patience Boudreaux, president of the Adventist Health Rideout Foundation. "The response we received shows how deeply invested our community is in expanding access to advanced technology, high-quality care and a stronger future for our hospital."

Community members, hospital associates and visitors met OSCAR during a public event held Thursday in the hospital's main lobby.  
 The Da Vinci 5 system allows surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures using robotic-assisted technology. Hospital officials said the system supports smaller incisions, less pain and shorter recovery times for patients.  
 The surgical robot was funded through what foundation leaders described as the largest single philanthropic commitment in the history of the Adventist Health Rideout Foundation. Officials said the investment strengthens local access to advanced surgical care and supports physician recruitment and workforce development.  
 The hospital has expanded its focus on technology and clinical services in recent years, with leaders pointing to robotic-assisted surgery as part of that effort.  
 More information about the Da Vinci 5 surgical system is available at rideout.give.adventisthealth.org/robotic-surgery. ★

# Environmental Monitoring Continues After Penstock Break

*By MPG Staff*

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Cleanup and environmental monitoring efforts continued this week after a Feb. 13 rupture of a large penstock pipe at Yuba Water Agency's New Colgate Powerhouse near Dobbins triggered a mudslide, damaged infrastructure and sent debris into the Yuba River.  
 Yuba County officials proclaimed a local emergency Feb. 19, citing disaster conditions caused by the failure and damage to power infrastructure and nearby waterways. The declaration allows the county to seek state and federal disaster assistance if needed. The Yuba County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider ratification of the proclamation Feb. 24.  
 The rupture occurred shortly before 3 p.m. Feb. 13 while crews were testing the system after months of maintenance. The 14-foot-diameter penstock connects to a five-mile tunnel that carries water from New Bullards Bar Reservoir. It delivers high-pressure water to Pelton wheel turbines capable of producing up to 350 megawatts at peak output.  
 The sudden water release caused hillside erosion and significant damage to facilities below the pipe. Mud, sediment and man-made debris, including oil, entered the Yuba River. The incident damaged generation and distribution equipment and knocked out electricity to about 15,000 households. PG&E rerouted service and restored most power within hours, though some foothill communities experienced longer outages.  
 Several workers required rescue after access roads were damaged. One worker remains hospitalized in stable condition. Officials have reported no fatalities.  
 Yuba Water Agency officials said investigators continue to determine the cause of the



Crews work to contain and remove oily debris from the Yuba River near Englebright Lake on Feb. 22 following the New Colgate Powerhouse penstock failure. Yuba Water Agency reported that 17 bins of material had been removed in recent days as cleanup efforts continue. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

rupture. General Manager Willie Whittlesey said it could take weeks or months to understand the extent of the damage and longer to complete repairs.  
 "The reality is, it's going to take weeks to months to fully understand the extent of the damage to the hillside and to our facilities and then months to years for recovery," Whittlesey said.  
 Environmental impacts remain under review. Fisheries scientists with the South Yuba River Citizens League reported that juvenile salmon and steelhead were stranded and likely died after river conditions changed rapidly following the incident. State and local agencies continue monitoring water quality and ecological effects.  
 Initial independent laboratory

tests of water samples collected downstream of New Colgate Powerhouse and at Englebright Lake showed no detections of polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum hydrocarbons or volatile organic compounds, according to Yuba Water Agency. Those substances are commonly associated with petroleum-based and industrial materials.  
 "We're encouraged by these

initial results, which suggest that any oil that washed into the river is likely limited to oily debris on the surface," Whittlesey said. He added that monitoring remains ongoing.  
 The agency has collected daily samples since the morning after the incident and is developing a long-term monitoring plan in coordination with state and federal agencies. Sampling includes control sites upstream of the incident and sites within the affected area.  
 Cleanup crews have removed more than 100 cubic yards of oily debris from the river corridor and lake shoreline. Several large oil and debris booms have been installed to contain material in the upper stretch of Englebright Lake. Barges are operating on the lake as crews continue removal efforts. Officials said crews expect to remove several hundred cubic yards of material per day as work continues.  
 Englebright Lake remains closed to recreation. Officials have urged the public to avoid the stretch of the Yuba River between New Colgate Powerhouse and Englebright Lake during response operations.  
 Access to the powerhouse area remains restricted. Lake Francis Road is closed beyond the last residence while geotechnical experts assess hillside stability and develop stabilization measures. Washed-out roads have complicated full damage assessments and repair planning.  
 The county's emergency proclamation states there is no identified risk of downstream flooding. However, officials cited public safety concerns related to debris and potential hazardous materials in the waterway, requiring coordination among multiple agencies.  
 Yuba Water Agency has posted updates and a video message from agency leadership on its website as response efforts continue. Officials have not released a timeline for repairs or when the Colgate facility might return to service. ★



An aerial view shows the New Colgate Powerhouse and surrounding hillside following the Feb. 13 penstock rupture near Dobbins. Yuba County has proclaimed a local emergency to support environmental monitoring and cleanup efforts, officials said. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

## Yuba City Welcomes Faith Film Director



From left, marketing liaison Jason Noble, filmmaker Brent McCorkle and Adventure Church Pastor Greg Munsur address attendees during a special event at Adventure Church in Yuba City on Feb. 15. McCorkle visited the church ahead of the nationwide release of *I Can Only Imagine 2*. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By Shamaya Sutton

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - As “*I Can Only Imagine 2*” opened nationwide Feb. 20, filmmaker Brent McCorkle made a stop in Yuba City to meet with local audiences and discuss the sequel before its wide release.

McCorkle, writer and director of the film, visited Adventure Church on Feb. 15 for a screening of the original 2018 film “*I Can Only Imagine*” followed by a live question-and-answer session. The next day, Feb. 16, church members filled a sold-out early screening of the sequel at Cinemark Yuba City.

The visit came through the church’s ongoing relationship with the film’s promotional team, including marketing liaison Jason Noble, an Oregon pastor and the real-life subject of the 2019 film “*Breakthrough*.” Noble works with outreach efforts for faith-based releases and said Yuba City regularly ranks among the top 20 markets nationwide for films distributed by Kingdom Story Company. He attributed that standing to strong local support for faith-centered features.

Released in 2018, “*I Can Only Imagine*” told the story behind MercyMe’s Christian song of the same name. The film centered on lead singer Bart Millard’s childhood, his difficult relationship with his father and his path toward forgiveness and faith. The movie grossed more than \$80 million domestically and became one of the most successful independent faith-based films in recent years.

The sequel continues Millard’s story after the band’s rise to national attention. McCorkle said the film shifts from the origin of a single song to the broader realities of life that follow success. He said the story explores grief, fatherhood and spiritual growth as Millard confronts new personal struggles.

During the Feb. 15 question-and-answer session, McCorkle credited producer Cindy Bond for pushing the sequel forward.

“Cindy is the one who held on to this first movie for seven or eight years,” McCorkle said. “She believed in it, championed it and never gave up on it.”

After the first film’s commercial success, Bond encouraged the creative team to revisit Millard’s story. McCorkle said he initially felt hesitant about producing a sequel.

“I didn’t want to just do the same movie again,” he told the audience.

He agreed to meet with Millard to discuss whether there was more to explore.

“When we sat down and started talking, there was another movie there,” McCorkle

said. “And she was right again, seven years later.”

The sequel carries the tagline, “Some stories deserve an encore,” reflecting the continuation of Millard’s journey.

Adventure Church Pastor Greg Munsur attended the sequel’s premiere in Nashville and spoke during the Yuba City event. He said the new film moves beyond the origin of MercyMe’s hit song and focuses on experiences many viewers share.

“This next film is about the things that we all face and we all struggle with,” Munsur said. “To me, it’s a much more relatable film.”

McCorkle said he approached the project with caution, aware of audience fatigue around sequels. He said he avoided repeating the structure of the first film and worked to ensure the new story could stand independently.

“I wanted it to stand on its own two feet,” he said.

He also offered behind-the-scenes details about the production, including the return of Trace Adkins and the addition of Milo Ventimiglia, who portrays Christian artist Tim Timmons in the sequel.

“Trace is a sweetheart, a beautiful, kind soul,” McCorkle said, adding that he was impressed by the singer’s acting performance.

Of Ventimiglia, McCorkle noted the actor undertook extensive preparation despite not being a trained musician.

“He took like crazy guitar lessons and vocal lessons,” McCorkle said. “He’s a very committed actor to his craft.”

The weekend marked McCorkle’s first visit to Yuba City. He said he appreciated the turnout at both the church event and the Cinemark screening. He also shared a lighthearted observation about the region’s many chickens, which reminded him of his years farming and homesteading.

“I just wanted to take them in and adopt them,” he said, laughing. “Although there was one pretty full-of-himself rooster that kind of wanted to fight me.”

“*I Can Only Imagine 2*” opened nationwide Feb. 20 with an estimated \$8 million domestic debut and received an A+ CinemaScore from audiences. Whether the sequel matches the long-term success of the original remains to be seen, but the sold-out screening in Yuba City reflected strong early interest.

McCorkle said he hopes the film encourages empathy and understanding at a time of division.

“Everybody’s looking at each other as the enemy right now,” he said. “If there’s something I can do that leads to more open-hearted living and being, I think we really need that.” ★

## Nevada City Hosts Mardi Gras Parade



Parade participants don oversized character costumes during Nevada City’s 32nd annual Mardi Gras Parade on Sunday, Feb. 15, adding to the festive atmosphere of the afternoon event.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)**

- Rain held off Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, as spectators lined the streets for Nevada City’s 32nd annual Mardi Gras Parade.

Organizers say the town hosts one of the largest Mardi Gras celebrations on the West Coast. The hour-long parade opened with the town bell crier and continued with brightly dressed participants, decorated floats, waving flags and dancers tossing beads into the crowd.

Vendors filled downtown streets with a craft fair, while live music carried across Broad Street. The Earles of Newtown, a brass band, performed New Orleans-style music from the balcony of the Nevada City Chocolate Shoppe at Broad and Pine streets.

At the Miners Foundry, Carnival a la Brazil brought a Brazilian music festival indoors, adding to the day’s international theme. ★



Parade participants carry colorful flags through downtown Nevada City during the 32nd annual Mardi Gras Parade on Sunday, Feb. 15. The celebration featured international flair and drew large crowds to Broad Street.



Dancers in vibrant feathered costumes perform along the parade route during Nevada City’s 32nd annual Mardi Gras Parade on Feb. 15. The festivities included Brazilian-inspired performances and live music throughout downtown.

## Twin Cities Honor Missing Service Members



Mike O’Connor (right) signs a commemorative plaque as Assemblyman James Gallagher looks on Friday, Feb. 20, in Marysville. The plaque will later be installed behind the new POW/MIA Bridge sign following the bridge’s official dedication.

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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. ★

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# Healthcare Leaders Warn of Rural Strain

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Rep. Mike Thompson convened a healthcare roundtable Feb. 6 in Yuba City, bringing together rural hospital leaders, community health clinics, county health officials and local elected leaders to discuss access to care across California's 4th Congressional District.

Thompson, a senior member of the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, led the discussion on challenges facing rural providers. Participants focused on hospital sustainability, rising costs and barriers to care in remote areas.

"Access to high quality, affordable health care is important, but can be very challenging, especially in rural areas," Thompson said.

Thompson said legislation enacted this summer reduced Medicaid funding by \$1 trillion. He said the reductions place added pressure on rural hospitals and medical centers. He also cited higher premiums following the expiration of enhanced Affordable Care Act tax credits.

"I heard from health care leaders today that these new cuts threaten to accelerate closures and further limit access to care in rural communities, which means everyone



Congressman Mike Thompson, left, met with rural healthcare leaders Feb. 6 in Yuba City to discuss access and funding challenges in California's 4th Congressional District. Photo courtesy Office of Rep. Mike Thompson

loses access to care regardless of their coverage," Thompson said. "And, when patients are under or uninsured, doctors and medical facilities suffer, too."

Healthcare leaders told Thompson that rural providers already operate with narrow margins. They said additional funding losses could lead to service reductions or closures, particularly in communities with limited alternatives for emergency and specialty care.

Thompson said he plans to work with local providers and community members to address the funding concerns. He said he will push to reverse the Medicaid cuts and

reinstate the enhanced ACA tax credits.

"I am committed to working with our local providers and community members to reverse these devastating cuts, help prevent closures, and work to reinstate the enhanced ACA tax credits," Thompson said.

Thompson serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees healthcare, tax, trade, Social Security and income security policy. He is the ranking member of the Tax Subcommittee and a senior member of the Health Subcommittee, where he works on legislation to expand access to telehealth services. He also belongs to the Blue Dog Coalition. ★

# Council Advances Vision for Yuba City's Future

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On the financial side, the plan directs staff to consolidate the city's fee ordinance, begin comprehensive reviews of impact and assessment fees this spring and implement a new enterprise resource planning system by the end of 2026 to modernize financial and human-resources functions.

Bendorf said staff will report progress to the council every four months, with annual reviews to adjust priorities as conditions change. He said the plan is intentionally flexible and noted that several dates in the printed version already require adjustment as staff refine workload and sequencing.

"It's all about prioritizing," he told the council, adding that the updates will be incorporated as implementation moves forward.

Council members said the plan marks a significant shift in how the city



approaches long-term direction.

Councilmember Dave Shaw, who has served more than seven years, said the city has historically seen its direction shift each year during council reorganization, when the mayor and vice mayor rotate and priorities often reset.

"We should be looking beyond the 12 months and all rowing in the same direction," Shaw said, calling the new plan a foundation the city can build on for the next decade.

Mayor Marc Boomgaarden said the plan's structure and measurable objectives distinguish it from earlier

efforts that often ended up unused. He said the three-year horizon is realistic given the pace of change in state and federal policy and praised the plan's focus on achievable, high-impact projects. Boomgaarden also noted that the plan is already evolving as staff refine timelines and respond to emerging needs.

No public comments were offered on the item.

With the unanimous vote, the council formally adopted Vision 2026-2029, setting Yuba City's course for the next three years. Implementation begins immediately, with the first progress report expected later this year, Bendorf said. ★

# 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 Taks 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](http://build.ca.gov). ★

## This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice

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March is usually the beginning of spring weather around here, sometimes late February, but not this year. Late February this year brought back some much needed winter and rain. With the rain we've had, we are right about average for our annual total to date. At least as far as my records go. The first day of spring officially happens on March 20th this year. It's a really nice time to spend in the garden and landscape. Lots of chores to do and really nice weather for it.

It will be time to get your spring vegetable gardens ready for planting soon. But certainly not time to plant yet. Don't plant too early though. Warmer days don't mean warm nights. A good rule of thumb to use for when to plant vegetables, is when nighttime low temperatures are consistently 50 degrees or higher. Consistently means at least a week or two and forecasts for that to continue. The soil needs to be warm before putting out spring vegetables. With the cold end of February, it's going to be a while before the soil warms up enough to plant. We frequently have warm weather in February and March, but the nights are still too cold for putting out vegetables. If you put out vegetables when the nights are still cold and the soil is still cold, they can be stunted. We highly recommend waiting till at least April (probably mid April) to put out summer vegetable starts. Select a spot with lots of sunlight for your vegetable garden. Some intermittent shade as the sun moves across the area is alright. The soil will probably need to be spaded or roto-tilled to loosen it. If the soil is heavy clay it will take several rounds of tilling and adding planting mix or compost to help break up the clay. Adding organic soil conditioners and fertilizers will build your soil rather than chemical products that give a quick boost but don't last in the soil. The decomposition of organic matter such as crushed leaves and grass clippings can be interspersed into heavy clay soil to help lighten it as well as create spaces to help with drainage which is a problem with very dense clay. Many of our customers in the foothills are very familiar with the clay soil, and maintain a compost pile - an effective way to always have soil additive ready when you need it. A compost pile is not especially attractive and might be offensive to some neighbors in town, but there are containers available that work well and will breakdown trimmings into compost. It is not a fast process, but it is still a good way to dispose of trimmings and weeds, and make good use of them. If you use raised beds, start getting them ready for planting when the weather and calendar are right for it.

Now is the time to try to keep weeds and brush under control - they both grow rapidly and can be an invasive problem. Control can be accomplished in several different ways such as pulling them by hand, tilling them,

mowing and weed eating, or using herbicides. Pre-emergent is another effective way of weed control. It is probably too late now for the weeds that are already coming up but can stop any that have not yet sprouted. With pre-emergent, be careful not to apply it where you planted flower seeds for spring color or where you will be planting vegetable seeds or other seeds. It will stop them from sprouting. A combination of all those things seem to work for most people, depending on the areas to be done, the kind of weeds, etc. All methods require that some caution be used in order not to harm something else in the process.

With the weather warming soon, and plants breaking dormancy and starting to put on new spring growth, it is also time to fertilize just about everything to give them all a good start. An all purpose fertilizer is fine for most plants, but try to use the proper fertilizer on those things that need it, such as citrus food and acid based fertilizer. I have a few words of caution, though. Should you have any plant that has buds that should open several weeks later than your date of fertilizing, skip those plants until they have finished blooming. Fertilizing while the buds are not mature might cause the plant to start putting on vigorous new growth that could push the unopened buds off. Just wait until it has finished blooming, and fertilize it then. It is natural for spring blooming plants to put out new growth following their bloom period. This caution refers to those plants that bloom only once a year in the spring. Sometimes, for instance, some rhododendrons are later blooming. Enjoy all of their beautiful blooms, and fertilize them after they have finished. Another cautionary statement on rhodios - be sure to break off the flower trusses left following the petals falling, to reduce seed formation which will reduce next year's bloom.

Warmer spring weather also brings the insects. Slugs, snails, earwigs, aphids all welcome the warmer weather. Aphids multiply exponentially and ants farm them by moving them from one place to another because they like the sticky honeydew that they leave behind. Aphids can be controlled by hosing them off frequently, and there are insecticides that will control them for longer time. Controlling the ants helps to control the aphids.

This an excellent time to plant most anything. Perennials can also be dug and divided. They can become well established more easily in the cooler spring temperatures and thus, withstand the heat of the summer. Enjoy the beauty of the spring season.

Jeff Rice is the owner of Bald Mountain Nursery on Bald Mountain Road in Browns Valley We are the "Unexpected Nursery on a Little Country Road."

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If we were in Alaska, we would be anxious for the Ididerod to start. Many of you, though, have close ties to family and friends in Alaska. The grandson born in a snowstorm in 1990 lives in Anchorage. The beginning ceremonies for the Ididerod takes place on March 7, the race starts on March 8. More than three dozen mushers plan to take part. This is the 54th annual race; two of the mushers are past champions. Fun to follow on-line.

As I sit here a week before you are reading this, I am wondering what the weather might bring us in the next couple of days. I remember the snow on this very date, in 1990, my grandson, Daniel, was born. The snow was barreling down, power was out, roads were messed up with trees down. It took a helpful citizen to take Joyce to town in a Jeep using a chainsaw in places, to get to town for the birth. All went well, even though we were out of power several days. Now I

wonder what today will bring. I am hoping we can have our first Bingo & More on Saturday.

Our Next Step Valentine dinner went well. We served over 100 dinners, the karaoke was well received, a good time was had by all (maybe except the cook). There was trouble with the ovens, but she made it work, just a bit late. Many people were unhappy but most just had their dessert first. There is money to be used, now, on helping someone take their Next Step. If you know of someone who needs a "boost" up the ladder of success, send them by Books & More.

Look Back in Time -A severe thunder storm hit Dobbins on Saturday, lightning destroyed the instrument in the telephone office (did our big snowstorm last week do any damage?)

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.  
~ Yvonne ★

## Death Notices

**STAWPERT** – Sherran Stawpert, 80, of Yuba City, passed away February 9, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**BOWMAN** – Eva Bernardi Bowman, 73, of Yuba City, passed away February 13, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**VASQUEZ** – Jacob Vasquez, 20, of Yuba City, passed away February 13, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**THOMAS** – Shirley Thomas, 84, of Yuba City, passed away February 14, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**PUMEL** – Lee David Pumel, 91, of Yuba City, passed away February 14, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**CLARK III** – Samuel Clark III, 88, of Live Oak, passed away February 16, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of

Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**ROBINSON** – Larry Robinson, 75, of Yuba City, passed away February 16, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**CLARK JR.** – Richard Clark Jr., 65, of Sacramento, passed away February 17, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**MCREYNOLDS** – Catherine McReynolds, 74, of Yuba City, passed away February 17, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**RUSSELL** – Mary Jo Russell, 77, of Yuba City, passed away February 21, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**CHILSTED** – Myrna Chilsted, 85, of Yuba City, passed away February 22, 2026. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000. ★

## Life Celebrated



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I've always been a fan of actor Robert Duval. I've loved his movies and the characters he has portrayed. This week at age 95 he left this world.

He left behind works we will still enjoy. More importantly he left behind a family that loved him and many people who knew him as a kind and giving man.

That's a life worth

celebrating.

I can only hope that when I am gone I will have left a life worth celebrating.

Recently I have realized this life is but a blink in time. What we do with it is our own choice. Let's make good choices.

Our time in California is nearing an end. We'll head home to North Dakota soon. I'm getting anxious to see my kids big and small.

We have a lot going on this spring with graduation, a wedding to officiate and of course mine and daughter Velvet's trip to Italy.

Tom is anxious get started on the North Dakota yard. Apparently we have a bigger back yard to mow now since the trampoline blew over the back fence. Gotta love North Dakota wind. I am thankful for Scott Trotter

who hauled it away.

I'm sorry to see it go. The grandkids spent a lot of happy hours jumping on it.

To all there is a time and a season.

Again we are reminded to appreciate people, things and moments in time while we have them.

It occurs to me to celebrate our lives while we are living them. Why wait?

Life is good today.

One more day at the coast. Life is good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★

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## Hunkering Down in Bonds

The markets are really hopping around lately. Tech stocks have been bouncing up and down like ping pong balls. Gold and silver are doing the same thing. Both sectors have had incredible runs. The Dow 30 stocks keep plowing higher as other sectors seem to grab hold then fall. Rinse and repeat.

At times like these, I live and die by the mantra that losing money is to be avoided where possible. Of course, markets go up and down, so occasional losses are unavoidable.

Mentioned many times here on Money Matters, Warren Buffett, iconic investor and founder of the holding Berkshire Hathaway, had two famous rules for investing:

Rule one: Don't lose money.

Rule two: Don't forget rule one.

He had other rules and one practice I always took to heart is he didn't invest in anything he didn't understand.

Sound advice from the "Sage of Omaha", as he is often called.

When the markets put the fear of God in me as they do when they can't seem to find a direction, I like to put a good portion of my funds in bonds and the like.

Bonds are just IOUs which mean you give an entity some money and they pay you back later with interest. Bonds are available from private and public companies, municipalities, states and governments.

Bonds can move up and down in price but for the most part, you buy a bond, pick how long you want to loan your money for (the term), and then collect the interest payments periodically or get all the interest at the end of the term in one lump sum.

Bonds are generally regarded as more stable than stocks. The interest rate is usually fixed and if the issuer doesn't default, you get your money back and some.

For portfolios, I usually just buy government IOUs which go by different names like Treasuries, notes, bills and bonds.

It's a bit confusing, all those different names, but just know they are all different versions of an IOU.

Investors can buy individual bonds or bond funds. Bond funds hold lots of individual bonds and there is no "term" per se. The fund managers just keep trading the

bonds in the fund and pay you periodic payments.

The structure of bonds and bond funds are widely varied and for most mom-and-pop investors, it might be best to have a financial professional walk you through the ups and downs of it all as there are many moving parts in the bond universe that can affect performance.

For those holding money in a taxable account like an individual brokerage account or trust account, there are bonds and bond funds that may avoid taxes either partially or fully. Consult with a tax professional concerning applicable taxes on all investments and the accounts they are held in.

Right now, the yield (what you get) is not super high, but they are not like the zero to one half a percent we saw a few years back when interest rates were in the basement.

We can thank our rampant inflation for that.

When inflation pops its head out and starts wreaking havoc on consumer pocketbooks, the Federal Reserve raises interest rates in attempt to pound it back down into submission. These higher rates tend to translate over to higher yields in the bond market, making bond investors more money on the receiving end.

While bonds may be touted to be a safer and a less volatile investment holding than stocks, bonds and bond funds can have their own land mines that can generate negative returns in investor portfolios. Unless one completely understands how they work and what the risks are, it's best to consult a financial professional before buying bonds willy nilly.

Either that or harken back to Warren Buffett's rule and don't buy anything you don't understand.

"Watching the markets  
so you don't have to"

This article expresses the opinion of Marc Cuniberti and is not meant as investment advice, or a recommendation to buy or sell any securities, nor represents the opinion of any bank, investment firm or RIA, nor this media outlet, its staff, members or underwriters. Mr. Cuniberti holds a B.A. in Economics with honors, 1979, and California Insurance License #0L34249 His insurance agency is BAP INC. insurance services. Email: news@moneymanagementradio.com ★



### 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. ★

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APN: 060-260-064-000 TS No.: 25-09451CA TSG Order No.: 250210508-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded October 2, 2024 as Document No.: 2024-010802 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: Sean Smith and Kayley A. Smith, husband and wife, as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above

referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: April 6, 2026 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: The Fifth Street Entrance Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 2 File No.:25-09451CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14340 Labadie Way, Dobbins, CA 95935. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the

highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 25-09451CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this

property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-09451CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File No.:25-09451CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affiniasdefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: January 30, 2026 By: Carlos Quezada Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0484347 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 02/27/2026, 03/06/2026, 03/13/2026

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-033**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**GoWright Bookkeeping**  
2207 Nicklaus Dr.  
Linda, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS  
PO Box 9150  
Beale AFB, CA 95903  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Connie Gomez Wriighthouse  
PO Box 9150  
Beale AFB, CA 95903  
This business is conducted by an Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Connie Gomez Wriighthouse**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 29, 2026.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-044**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Best Painting Services**  
420 D Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jasbir Dhami  
PO Box 888  
Yuba City, CA 95992  
Jon-Michael Aryan Anthony  
PO Box 888  
Yuba City, CA 95992  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Jasbir Dharmi**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 12, 2026.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2026

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
Clover Regina Staggs-Boatright PETITIONER(S)  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 26-00253  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
03/23/2026  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Clover Regina Staggs-Boatright filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Clover Regina Staggs-Boatright  
to: Clover Regina Boatright

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 2/11/2026  
Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2026

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-024**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**GTR Junk Removal and Handyman**  
6188 Farrell Way #B  
Marysville, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS  
PO Box 2393  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Ruben Garcia  
PO Box 2393  
Marysville, CA 95901  
Elizabeth Lopez  
PO Box 2393  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Ruben Garcia**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 26, 2026.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By MANDY LUIS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-056**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Barrie Lodging & Outdoors**  
337 Gold Mountain Rd  
Strawberry Valley, CA 95981  
MAILING ADDRESS  
1930 Boulton Way  
Marysville, CA 94901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jesse Lee Barrie  
1930 Boulton Way  
Marysville, CA 95901  
Cindy Rae Barrie  
1930 Boulton Way  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2026.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Jesse Barrie**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 18, 2026.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLANNED SIGN PERMIT PROGRAM "PSPP-25-0002" (County Billboard) BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Planning Commission on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA, to consider the following:

**Planned Sign Permit Program "PSPP-25-0002" (County Billboard):** Yuba County requests approval of a Planned Sign Permit Program (PSPP) for the installation of a new double-sided digital billboard on County-owned property in Plumas Lake. The County is collaborating with Lamar Advertising to develop the project. The billboard will feature two 14' x 48' digital display panels in a V-shaped configuration, supported by a single column with a column cover, and will reach a maximum height of 45 feet. The displays will comply with the standards outlined in Yuba County Development Code Section 11.27.070. The project site is located directly east of Highway 70 and south of Plumas Arboga Road in the community of Plumas Lake (APN: 016-040-104). The 2030 General Plan designates the land use as "VN" Valley Neighborhood and the zoning as "PLSP - HYC" Plumas Lake Specific Plan – Highway Commercial.

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may attend the Planning Commission meeting at the prescribed time, or may submit written comments or objections to the Community Development and Services Agency at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Alex Becerra at (530)749-5634.

The Planning Commission's action on the project may be appealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal with the Planning Department within 10 days following the Planning Commission's final action on the project. If the Board of Supervisors is the final Approving Authority, or if the project is appealed to the Board, the Board's action is final.

If you challenge the action of the Planning Commission on this matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009 you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the hearing. (TD) 02-27-26

**Notice of Self Storage Sale**

Please take notice AA Self Storage located at 1788 Lassen Blvd Yuba City CA 95993 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/16/26 at 5:00 PM. Atavien S Whitesell; Atavien S Whitesell; John Hernandez; Ritong lechad; Ed Senior; Raymund Montgomery; Robertha R Gibbs; Michael Lewis; Carlos A Reyes Vargas; Maria Gutierrez; Charisse Burns; Leilani Torres; Sonia Olvera; Leseya Vasquez; Shantal Medina; Sarah Berrada. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. (TD) Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 2026

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-032**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Ag-Con Construction**  
1350 Turnbridge Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Larricq Contracting, Inc.  
1350 Turnbridge Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2026.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Larricq Contracting, Inc.**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 1/29/2026.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2026

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-021**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**VoxLux**  
14437 Old Marysville Road  
Camptonville, CA 95922  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Todd S. Stock  
14437 Old Marysville Road  
Camptonville, CA 95922  
This business is conducted by an Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/1/2025.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Todd S. Stock**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 23, 2026.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2026

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2026F-030**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**FreshNet Collaborative**  
1644 Stepney Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Amanda Chaney  
1644 Stepney Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by an Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/27/2026.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Amanda Chaney**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 27, 2026.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**Community Events**  
**CREATIVE THINKERS COMMUNITY CLASSES**  
**THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center St, Yuba City**  
**146TH BOK KAI FESTIVAL, STORY, TOUR AND MASK WORKSHOP**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10:00 am**  
Open to children of all ages. (Children under 5 need to bring an adult. Donations appreciated). Sponsored by the Chinese Community and Friends of Bok Kai.  
Chinese School House, 226 1st St, Marysville.  
More info call Sue at 530-218-4070.  
**YUBA COUNTY SENIORS ON THE GO**  
**FREE LUNCHEON 3RD WED OF THE MONTH • 11 AM TO 1 PM**  
Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St, Marysville  
Free Seminars especially for Seniors  
**BINGO • FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH • STARTS AT 6 PM**  
Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St, Marysville  
**Next Step Community Breakfast**  
Second Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice & peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy.  
Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5, 3 & under Free.  
**ROY BOURG VFW POST 4095's 'CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS' OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**6 pm 2nd & 4th Mondays**  
4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057  
**DOBBINS CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET**  
**BACK IN THE SPRING OF 2026**  
**SATURDAY • 10 am-2 pm**  
**9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins**  
Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

# Community Calendar

## Sutter County Library

Sutter County library main branch, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City has the following events this week. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

**Friday, Feb. 27:** Skill share, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All ages are invited to come share a skill or learn something new. The library will provide all the supplies necessary for sewing, knitting, crocheting, or cross-stitching.

**Saturday, Feb. 28:** Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 3:** Stay and Play, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Wednesday, March 4:** Story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. LEGO club, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Thursday, March 5:** Story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon.

**March 6:** Skill share, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All ages are invited to come share a skill or learn something new. The library will provide all the supplies necessary for sewing, knitting, crocheting, or cross-stitching.

## Yuba County Library

Yuba County Library has the following upcoming events at Health & Human Services, 5730 Packard Ave., Marysville (location may vary, as noted):

**Friday, Feb. 27:** Baby Bounce for ages up to 2 years old, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St.

**Monday, March 2:** A Seussian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, March 3:** First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

**Wednesday, March 4:** First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

**Thursday, March 5:** First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

**Friday, March 6:** First 5 Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join us for passenger seat safety tips and tricks. First 5 Yuba will share which car seat is best for your child's age and weight, the 5-step test for seat belt readiness, and more.

Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us

## Continuing through Wednesday, March 18

## Collecting New and Gently Used Promwear

Daily at Yuba Sutter Marketplace Management Office, 1215 Colusa Ave., Yuba City, Little Spark's Coffee & Sweet Treats at the Yuba Sutter Marketplace Food Court, or Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office, 970 Klamath Lane. We're planning for a big giveaway event next month and we need donations to make this a success. See www.shopyubasuttermarketplace.com/events for specific collection hours.

Friday, Feb. 27

## Hope in Motion: A Youth Art Exhibit

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 103 D St., Marysville. Join us for this exhibit, hosted by Hope Haven Counseling & Support Center in recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. This youth-led art showcase will feature visual art, poetry, spoken word, and more, highlighting young voices while promoting awareness around healthy relationships

and teen dating violence. Light refreshments will be provided and select artwork will be available for purchase.

## Academy Awards Speakeasy

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas St., Yuba City. Dress like your favorite film character and step into a hidden location that requires a secret code to ring in award season in style. Special coffee drinks and a no-host bar available, along with free light appetizers. Tickets and more information at www.yubasutterarts.org.

Saturday, Feb. 28

## Have a Heart for Kids

5k Run and Walk, 9 a.m. at River Valley High School, 2250 Laguna Rd., Yuba City. This is a fundraiser for the Yuba City Education Foundation. Every dollar raised goes straight back to the kids of Yuba City Unified School District. For more information, or to sign up, visit www.runsignup.com.

## Workshop: Growing Tomatoes and Peppers

10 a.m. to noon at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1390 Franklin Rd., Yuba City. This session covers preparing your beds, ideas for trellising, and techniques for a healthy, fruitful harvest. You'll get hands-on examples and pro tips from experienced local gardeners. All members of the community are welcome, experience levels from beginners to expert.

## Chili Cook-Off

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 205 S. Walton Ave., Yuba City. This event benefiting the Marysville Cancer Center includes chili tasting, children's activities and live music. Tickets are \$5 per person; kids ages 8 and under are admitted free. Call 530-632-1460 for more information.

## Annual Fundraiser Dinner for Sutter High School Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays and Olympic Bunker Team

5 p.m. at the Five30 Event Center, 1104 J St., Marysville. Join us for an evening of fun, prizes and live auction items for those who love the outdoors. Call 530-301-4622 for tickets and more information.

Monday, March 2

## Art Fix and Mix

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Burrows Center for the Arts, 624 E St., Marysville. Artists 18 and above are invited to this social time for all artists to spend time with like-minded people. Work on or show your art or spend time exploring various art mediums. RSVP recommended but not required at www.yubasutterarts.org.

Wednesday, March 4

## Help Me Grow – Health & Developmental Screening event

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Johnson Park Elementary, 4364 Lever Ave., Olivehurst. All Yuba County families with children up to age 5.5 are invited to this free event. Every child who completes screenings will get a free backpack and school supplies. For more information, contact Hasia Delery at helpmegrow@yuba.gov or call

530-749-4949. QR code to register and a pre-screening form on the HelpMeGrow Facebook page.

Thursday, March 5

## Sutter's Farmers Market

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 2239 California St., Sutter. Every 1st Thursday of the month from March through September, vendors will fill California Street in Sutter between Nelson Street and Washington Street. Find crafts, candles, jewelry, fresh flowers, produce, and more. Enjoy games and entertainment. At each market, a local non-profit organization in need will be in the spotlight.

## Downtown Yuba City Night Market

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Center St., Yuba City. Stroll through downtown and enjoy farm-fresh produce, live music, delicious food vendors, kid's activities, and shopping from local businesses in a lively evening experience. Fresh. Local. Fun. Something for everyone – all in one place.

Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8

## Yuba-Sutter Valley 43rd Annual Quilt Show

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. This year's show is called "Three Part Harmony" and there is definitely a bit of a musical theme. Come see the beautiful quilts, the windsocks, and the Avenue of Honor celebrating veterans and first responders. You can also enjoy demonstrations, vendors, and food from the Farmhouse Bakery. Admission is \$10, parking is free.

Saturday, March 7

## 7-Mile House Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3178 State Highway 20, Marysville. Enjoy artisan crafts, baked goods, produce, handcrafts and more. Join us every 1st and 3rd Saturday through Sept. 27, weather permitting.

## 146th Bok Kai Festival

10 a.m. at the Chinese School House, 226 1st St., Marysville. Join us as we celebrate the Year of the Horse. Enjoy a classic Chinese folk tale puppet show about "Good Luck, Bad Luck." Make your own horse mask, tour the old Chinese school and Bok Kai temple. Open to children of all ages (children under 5 need to bring an adult). Everyone is invited to ride on the Royal Horse Float in the Bok Kai parade, coming up March 21. Donations appreciated.

## Workshop: Build a Bed – Get Your Garden Off the Ground

10 a.m. to noon at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1390 Franklin Rd., Yuba City. This hands-on workshop covers the entire process of constructing a raised bed. We'll provide a full cut list and demonstrate the building process step-by-step. All members of the community are welcome, experience level beginners to expert.

## A Day for Women

11 a.m. at Hard Rock Live Sacramento, 3317 Forty Mile Rd., Wheatland. This special day is dedicated to celebrating and empowering women, providing a warm and encouraging space where we can connect, share, and uplift one another.

## 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 Post 42** meets the second Monday each month at 211 17th St., Marysville. For more information, call 530-743-0948.

**Marysville City Council** meeting, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the City Council chambers at 526 C St. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3.

**Rotary Club of Yuba City** meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.

**Seniors on the Go – Olivehurst**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the VFW, 4956 Powerline Rd., Olivehurst. Enjoy a free community lunch and stay for activities. All seniors and their guests are welcome, no registration required. Call 530-392-2187 for more information.

**Seniors on the Go – Yuba County**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St., Marysville. Enjoy a free luncheon followed by free seminars especially for Seniors. Call 916-296-1907 for more information.

**Sutter County Board of Supervisors** meeting, 3 p.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10.

**City Council meetings for Yuba City**, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the council chamber at City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Blvd. Call 530-822-4817 for more information. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3.

**Yuba County Board of Supervisors** meeting, 9 a.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10.

## Community Resources – Find Food

**First Presbyterian Church**, 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at 1905-C Covillaud St., Marysville. Call 530-742-5541 for more information.

**First Lutheran Church**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at 850 Cooper Ave., Yuba City. Call 530-673-8894 for more information.

**Olivehurst Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 1767 14th St., Olivehurst on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, or by appointment. Please call 530-742-7855

**The Salvation Army Food Pantry**, 401 Del Norte Ave., Yuba City on the third Friday each month from 9 a.m. until food is gone. Call 530-673-7353 for more information.

**Yuba-Sutter Food Bank**, at www.feedingys.org has a full list of food pantries throughout the area. Call 530-673-3834 for more information. ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-054

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**NorCal Tropical**  
6032 Tyler Ave.  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Damian Rubio  
6032 Tyler Ave.  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:

**Damian Rubio**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 12, 2026.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20,  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-042

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**J Way HVAC**  
1944 Glenmore Dr.  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jordan Force Vanrenselaar  
1944 Glenmore Dr.  
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:

**Jordan Force Vanrenselaar**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 6, 2026.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By SARAH MULL,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6,  
2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-039

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Shinobi Massage**  
1910 Hall Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Isai Barragan  
1910 Hall Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:

**Isai Barragan**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 3, 2026.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6,  
2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-002

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Gold King Batteries**  
5838 Lindhurst Ave.  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jesus Alfredo Cerda Cuellar  
11 Mantauk Point Place  
Sacramento, CA 95835

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/02/2026.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:

**Jesus A. Cerda**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 02, 2026.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

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# Yuba County Eyes \$120K Building Upgrades

By MPG Staff

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Yuba County will conduct two public hearings next month to discuss a proposed application for funding under the State Community Development Block Grant Program to rehabilitate the Life Building Center operated by Habitat for Humanity of Yuba/Sutter.

The hearings will provide residents with an opportunity to comment on the proposed CDBG-funded project, identified community needs and the county's application prior to submission.

The meetings are scheduled from 5:30 to 6 p.m. March 10 via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86478745286?pwd=-JIR78JfXPwmb0xKQISfx9QC51StdSY.1>, and from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. March 12 in the community room at Habitat for Humanity – Prosperity Village, 1111 N. Beale Road in Marysville.

Yuba County intends to apply for State CDBG funds to support rehabilitation of the Life Building Center, a community facility at 131 F St. in Marysville operated by Habitat for Humanity of Yuba/Sutter. The center serves as a community hub providing workforce development programming, financial literacy education, homeownership counseling, volunteer coordination and community engagement activities.

The proposed project includes improvements to ensure the building remains safe,

accessible and fully functional for the low- and moderate-income individuals and families it serves. Planned upgrades may include building system improvements, accessibility enhancements and other work designed to extend the facility's useful life.

The estimated total project cost is approximately \$120,000, subject to final scope confirmation. Funds would support rehabilitation activities such as siding replacement, window repair or replacement, flooring installation and related construction costs. Habitat for Humanity of Yuba/Sutter will serve as the project developer and operator.

Additional work under consideration includes HVAC system replacement. Planned improvements also address deteriorated siding, improperly installed windows causing water intrusion and other health and safety repairs necessary to preserve the facility and ensure continued service delivery.

Information about the project is available at the Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter office, 202 D St., Marysville, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by email at [info@yubasutterhabitat.org](mailto:info@yubasutterhabitat.org).

Residents unable to attend the hearings may submit written comments to Yuba County or contact administration at 530-742-2727 or [info@yubasutterhabitat.org](mailto:info@yubasutterhabitat.org) no later than 5 p.m. March 23 to ensure placement in the official record. ★

# KVMR Names New General Manager

By MPG Staff

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)** - KVMR 89.5 Community Radio has named Luis Estrada as its next general manager. He will begin March 2.

Estrada comes to Nevada County from KPBS in San Diego, where he worked more than 11 years in membership, fundraising and on-air campaigns for PBS and NPR programming. He brings more than 20 years of experience in public media, nonprofit development and community engagement.

Frank Williford, president of the KVMR Board of Directors, said Estrada's background aligns with the station's mission as a listener-supported broadcaster.

"Luis brings a deep commitment to public media, a collaborative leadership style, and a genuine respect for the role community radio plays in connecting people," Williford said. "We're excited to work together to strengthen KVMR and our relationship with the Nevada County community and beyond."

At KPBS, Estrada served as on-air fundraising manager and senior producer. He led strategy and production for membership campaigns across television, radio and digital platforms. He also managed gift fulfillment, volunteer coordination and special programming. Most recently, he served as member acquisition manager and senior producer.



Luis Estrada sits at the control board inside the studio. Estrada will begin serving as general manager of KVMR 89.5 Community Radio on March 2. Photo courtesy of KVMR

Estrada also founded ES Creative Gang, a bilingual creative production company. His work has included broadcast campaigns, feature films and nonprofit media projects.

"KVMR represents the very best of what community radio can be — local, independent, creative, and deeply rooted in service," Estrada said. "I'm humbled and excited to join the KVMR team and look forward to partnering with the community in service of the mission."

KVMR began broadcasting in 1978 from Banner Mountain. The nonprofit station operates KVMR and KVMRx and provides programming 24 hours a day. More than 200 volunteers contribute to its broadcasts.

As general manager, Estrada will oversee station operations, support staff and volunteers and focus on long-term sustainability and community engagement. ★

# Friends Mark 45 Years of Library Support

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Friends of the Sutter County Library is celebrating 45 years of service to the Sutter County Library, a milestone recognized this month by the Sutter County Board of Supervisors.

Since its founding, the nonprofit has contributed more than \$250,000 and provided volunteer support for library programs and events across the county. The funding has supported story times, author visits, seasonal activities and other programs for residents of all ages.

County officials said the group's impact reaches beyond financial contributions. Volunteers assist with outreach and provide hands-on support that helps sustain the library as a community hub for education and enrichment.

To mark the anniversary, the Board of Supervisors presented the organization with a commemorative plaque and thanked members for decades of fundraising, volunteer service and public support.

The Friends group continues to support library programming and community engagement across Sutter County. ★

# Fire Recovery Funds Open

By MPG Staff

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Eligible low- to moderate-income households who lived in Zip Code 95901 in 2017 may qualify for up to \$350,000 in homebuyer assistance through the ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance Program.

The program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to qualifying buyers seeking homes in areas with lower wildfire risk. Assistance comes in the form of a deferred-payment loan with no interest and no monthly payments. The loan is forgiven after five years if the homeowner continues to own and occupy the property.

Funding stems from 2017 Fire Recovery funds and targets households that lived in a High or Very High Fire Severity Zone within a qualifying disaster area in 2017. Applicants must generally meet income requirements at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income, based on household size.

There is no requirement to be a first-time homebuyer. Applicants do not need perfect credit to qualify. The program also does not require proof of direct disaster impact.

Qualifying 2017 disaster areas include Sonoma and Ventura counties, as well as Zip Code 95470 in Mendocino County, Zip Code 95901 predominantly in Yuba County, Zip Code 94558 predominantly

in Napa County, Zip Code 95422 in the City of Clearlake in Lake County and Zip Code 93108 in Montecito in Santa Barbara County.

Yuba County Supervisor Gary Bradford said the program supports both families and the broader economy.

"Helping families achieve homeownership not only provides them with financial security, but it also strengthens our local economy," Bradford said. "When people buy homes, they invest in their communities, create jobs, and support local businesses. Supporting homeownership is a key step in building a brighter future for our residents and ensuring the continued growth and prosperity of our region."

The California Department of Housing and Community Development provides the program as part of the state's Disaster Recovery Action Plan. The funding comes from a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Golden State Finance Authority administers the program. The public agency has more than 33 years of experience implementing affordable housing programs.

Program policies, eligibility guidelines and application details are available at [www.gsfahome.org/recoverca-hba](http://www.gsfahome.org/recoverca-hba). ★

# Cleanup Effort Targets River Area

By MPG Staff

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba County Sheriff's Office Jail Crew partnered with local nonprofit SAYlove last month to clean areas throughout Yuba County as part of the Sheriff's Community Improvement Program.

According to the Sheriff's Office, program participants are nonviolent offenders who work under supervision to remove trash and debris from public spaces.

Officials said the program supports rehabilitation by allowing participants to work outside the jail while building job skills,

teamwork and responsibility.

The Sheriff's Office thanked SAYlove for the partnership and said the effort aims to improve public spaces while providing opportunities for individuals preparing to return to the community.

In a video posted by the Sheriff's Office, a homeless encampment near the river appeared cleared during the cleanup. Johnny Burke, executive director of the Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium, said outreach workers had offered services to people at the site about a week earlier and those individuals had since left the camp. ★

## Marysville POLICE LOG

### February 11 -February 17

<p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 11</b> 9:34 a.m. Traffic stop on the 700 block of 3rd Street resulted in an arrest. 8:34 p.m. Traffic collision with injury at E. 10th Street and Yuba Street reported as a crime.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Feb. 12</b> 5:50 a.m. Arrest for suspicious circumstances on the 1100 block of E. 22nd Street. 4:28 p.m. Traffic stop at E Street and 7th Street resulted in a crime report. 10:116 p.m. Traffic stop on the 1100 block of 10th Street resulted in an arrest.</p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 13</b> 11:40 a.m. Vandalism to vehicle reported on the 1500 block of Divver Street. 2:40 p.m. Suspicious circumstances crime reported on the 600 block of Toddwick Way. 3:32 p.m. Unwanted person arrested on the 1400 block of B Street. 6:39 p.m. Auto theft reported on the 200 block of E. 19th Street.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Feb. 14</b> 2:11 a.m. Traffic stop at 1st Street and D Street resulted in an arrest. 1:34 p.m. Arrest for domestic disturbance on the 1600 block of Swezy Street.</p>	<p>6:16 p.m. Residential burglary reported on the 1600 block of Swezy Street. 10:15 p.m. Arrest for verbal disturbance on the 1900 block of Huston Street.</p> <p><b>Sunday, Feb. 15</b> 10:10 a.m. Arrest warrant on the 300 block of 6th Street. 11:39 a.m. Arrest for reckless driving on the 100 block of Biz Johnson Drive.</p> <p><b>Monday, Feb. 16</b> 1:54 p.m. Transport for arrest on the 1000 block of Civic Center Boulevard. 5:15 p.m. Grand theft reported on the 500 block of Rideout Way. 10:50 p.m. Transient crime reported on the 100 block of E. 12th Street.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Feb. 17</b> 2:56 a.m. Audible alarm on the 500 block of 14th Street resulted in a crime report. 7:16 a.m. Grand theft reported on the 1900 block of B Street. 7:48 a.m. Suspicious circumstances crime reported on the 900 block of 7th Street. 8:13 a.m. Transient arrested on 1st Street. ★</p>
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**Dave Ramsey**

## Dave Ramsey Says

### The Game's Not for Everyone

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 Dave,

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-

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,

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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.* ★

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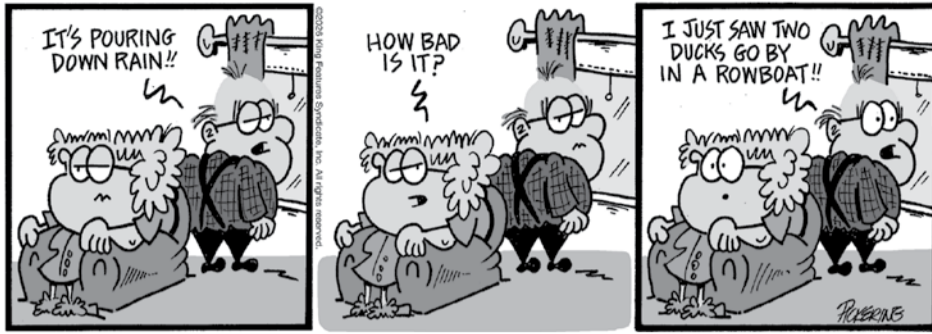


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# Homebuilder Association Installs 2026 Officers and Directors

## Honors Six for Service



Pictured are all of this year's officers and directors. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell, Riverview Media Photography

By **Tim Murphy**,  
**North State Building Industry Association**

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The North State Building Industry Association (BIA), representing the homebuilding industry in the greater Sacramento region, recently installed its officers and directors for 2026 and recognized six individuals for outstanding service promoting homeownership at an event attended by nearly 500 industry leaders at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Sacramento.

Sworn in as the BIA's Chair was Tina Cruce, the chief financial officer for Tim Lewis Communities. In her acceptance speech, Cruce said advocacy with local governments will be a top priority.

"As a CFO, I'm a numbers person, and the math is simple: the cost of building a home is shaped by far more than labor and material. Rising land costs, escalating fees, permits, extended approval timelines and infrastructure constraints all add up," she said.

"When projects don't pencil, they don't move forward,

housing supply stalls and affordability worsens. At the same time, buyers are facing higher interest rates, insurance costs and taxes, pushing many to the sidelines. The average age of a first-time homebuyer is now 40, up from 33 just 10 years ago.

"These challenges affect real people, real businesses, and real communities every single day. That's why advocacy is not optional – it's essential."

Joining Cruce as officers are Vice Chair/Treasurer Luke Wissmann, division president for Beazer Homes; Secretary Michelle Velky, division president for Lennar; and Immediate Past Chair Clifton Taylor, president of Taylor Builders.

Board Members for the year are George Carpenter, Winn Communities; Deana Ellis, Cresleigh Homes; Karina Guerrieri, Tri Pointe Homes; Ryan Hatheway, Taylor Morrison; Samantha Higbee, Risewell Homes; Heather Hoffman, Sekisui; Thad Johnson, Pappas Investments; Cameron Kjome, Emerald Site Services; Laura Lewis, SMUD; Dudley Mallinson, Landscape Development; Patrick McGuirk,

USA Properties Fund; Joe Pitzner, BSB Design; Craig Rickabaugh, MRS Roofing & Solar; Philip Roberts, Wood Rodgers; Aaron Ross-Swain, Fieldstone Communities; Aaron Stubblefield, Pulte Group; and Justin Walters, Somers West.

The BIA recognized four individuals for their service to the industry.

The Friend of Housing Award, presented each year to individuals and groups that have provided distinguished service in support of housing issues, was given to Sacramento County Deputy CEO Dave Defanti and the staff of the county's Department of Community Development. Defanti and county staff engaged in numerous reforms that move housing projects through the approval process more expeditiously, making the dream of homeownership a reality for thousands of families.

The Meritorious Award, recognizing a BIA member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the homebuilding industry over many years, was given to John Orr, who served for 40 years in BIA leadership roles. He became the

BIA's president and CEO in 1985 and later served in key roles with the Association's two nonprofit affiliates, the Building Careers Foundation and HomeAid Sacramento – all with a spirit of service, integrity and commitment.

Jim Ray, who served as president of engineering firm MacKay & Stomps until his recent retirement, received the President's Award for his work with the Sacramento Regional Water Forum. The forum consists of representatives from business, water providers, environmental organizations, local governments, and community groups who worked for years to find ways to manage the lower American River and shape the region's water future.

Finally, the Chair's Award was presented to Bonnie Chiu, vice president of forward planning for D.R. Horton. Chiu served for eight years on the BIA's board of directors, including 18 months as chair during a time of transition. She also has been a leader in developing the next generation of BIA leaders and supporting women in the industry.

The BIA's two affiliated

nonprofits also honored volunteers.

The Building Careers Foundation, which works to develop a pipeline of trained workers for the industry, presented its Legacy Award to Jeff Panasiti. The retired executive with Lennar was recognized for creating a high school internship program that provided construction training for more than 40 young people a year.

And HomeAid Sacramento, which helps people experiencing or at risk of homelessness build new lives through construction, community engagement and education, presented its Impact Award to John Caulfield, the owner of Landmark Builders. Caulfield serves on the nonprofit's board of directors and has personally led several construction projects to provide transitional housing.

The event was sponsored by Tim Lewis Communities, Banner Bank, InterWest Insurance Services, Big Valley Mortgage, Wells Fargo Bank, CliftonLarsonAllen, Columbia Bank, Landscape Development, Leader One Financial and Metropolitan Floors. ★

## Bonta Finalizes Cardroom Regulations Banning Lawful Games



Rob Bonta

**California Gaming Association News Release**

### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

The California Gaming Association recently condemned new regulations by Attorney General Rob Bonta and the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) that prohibit long-approved blackjack-style and player-dealer games, slashing licensed cardroom revenues by more than half.

The Bureau's most optimistic economic analysis projects that the regulations will cause the loss of roughly 50 percent of cardroom jobs, putting tens of thousands of working families at risk and threatening severe budget deficits for

cities that rely on cardroom taxes to fund police, fire protection, parks and other essential services.

The Bureau advanced the regulations without any showing of legal necessity, or any public harm or safety risk caused by these popular games, which have been approved by Attorney General Bonta's predecessors and offered in cardrooms for decades. More still, the Bureau failed to provide proper notice of the regulatory changes or meaningfully engage with the public as required by law.

Kyle Kirkland, president of the California Gaming Association, issued the following statement:

"Attorney General Bonta and the Bureau have unilaterally implemented extreme regulatory changes that will harm thousands of working families and the dozens of California communities that depend on cardroom taxes. By the Bureau's own simplistic economic assessment, these unnecessary regulations will eliminate over half of all cardroom jobs and force many communities to cut police, fire, parks, senior and food programs when the long-standing tax base disappears."

With other stakeholders,

we documented serious legal and economic concerns in these flawed regulations, yet Attorney General Bonta refused to identify a single threat to public safety, refused to engage with the communities, working families and long-standing businesses that the regulations would devastate and advanced the regulations without good faith discussion or lawful disclosure.

Given the Bureau's failure to follow the laws they are bound to follow, our industry intends to pursue legal remedies to preserve our lawful, legitimate businesses and defend the livelihood of the working families and the communities who depend on us but have been dismissed as politically irrelevant by Attorney General Bonta."

Multiple California cities, elected officials, employees and other stakeholders have warned state officials about the economic and legal consequences of the regulations. The Attorney General's actions risk significant local fiscal harm while undermining regulatory transparency and due process.

For more information or copies of submitted letters, contact [jfernandez@actumllc.com](mailto:jfernandez@actumllc.com). ★

## CDFW Announces Meghan Hertel as New Director



Meghan Hertel, left, has officially been sworn in as Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Photo courtesy of California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release**

**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is thrilled to announce that Meghan Hertel has officially been sworn in as Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Hertel is a dynamic leader with a deep commitment to science-based conservation and wildlife stewardship. Her vision and experience will be instrumental as CDFW continues advancing the department's mission to manage California's extraordinary biodiversity and natural resources.

As Director, Hertel will lead the Department's work managing fish and wildlife populations, restoring habitat, supporting sustainable hunting and fishing opportunities and partnering with rural communities, Tribes, landowners and outdoor recreationists across California.

Hertel joined the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) in February 2024 as Deputy Secretary of Biodiversity and Habitat. In that role, she led the

agency's efforts to conserve biodiversity and improve habitat across the state through implementation of California's 30x30 strategy, conserving 30 percent of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030 ensuring thriving habitats and opportunities for outdoor recreation. She was also instrumental in helping to enact the Cutting Green Tape initiative, which accelerate the pace and scale of habitat restoration.

Prior to her time at the California Natural Resources Agency, Hertel served as North American Director for Land Life, a technology-driven nature restoration company and spent more than a decade with Audubon California including leading innovative statewide conservation programs focused on inland water systems and working lands — building durable partnerships and delivering meaningful, on-the-ground results.

This is a proud and pivotal moment for the Department. With Hertel at the helm, CDFW is energized, optimistic and ready to continue advancing the organizations mission to protect California's fish, wildlife and habitats for generations to come. ★

# 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.

### 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



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

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 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. ★



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

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



East Nicolaus senior Makinze Massey receives a memento for scoring 1,000 career points in the Spartans win over Winters. Photo by Chris Pedigo

# Indians Win Late Battle Over Huskies to Advance to SJS D-IV Semifinals

By YSBC Sports

**MARYSVILLE, CA (YSBC)** - The Marysville High School was jammed packed on Feb. 20 as the Yuba-Sutter community witnessed a local postseason basketball matchup between two of our area's top-basketball squads.

The Indians and the Sutter Union Huskies boys' teams battled in the second round of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division IV playoffs.

This was the first time the two programs met in the postseason and the first time they've shared the hardwood since 2024, when both were members in the Pioneer Valley League.

Both teams wanted this matchup when the brackets were released on Feb. 14 and it made the area come together for a great night of basketball.

The teams are familiar with one another as they have been teammates, competitors and friends through Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) throughout their youth.

Sutter jumped out to an early advantage and their size was a big help in the first quarter.

The Huskies jumped out to a 10-point lead as they clicked on all cylinders from the floor.

Sutter was aggressive with getting the ball inside the paint to junior Troy Bowens on the first few possessions of the game and established his place in the paint.

Marysville found a way to detour the inside pass and forced the Huskies to shoot from the perimeter.

Sutter converted three shots from beyond the arc and led 19-9



The Marysville Indians defeated the Sutter Huskies 72-68 on Feb. 20 in the second round of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division IV playoffs. Photo by Steven Bryla

at the end of the first.

The Indians found their composure in the second quarter and quickly picked up the intensity with their run-and-gun offense.

Marysville was without sophomore guard Davi Perez, who watched the game from the bench due to an injury.

Despite Perez not being in the lineup, Indians junior Isaiah Henry told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the team knew it was "next man up" mentality.

"Karter (Ellyson) did a great job tonight and he has stepped up for us in big spots," Henry said. "We all have faith in one another and we love each other as a family."

Henry ended the game with 16 points and stepped up multiple times in the game and got important buckets.

Marysville cut the Huskies deficit down to four points with three and a half minutes to go and tied the game at 21 with two minutes to go in the first half.

The Indians closed the first



Sutter junior Gabe Carlos (21) lays the ball in on Feb. 20 during the Huskies' loss to Marysville. Photo by Steven Bryla

half with a 9-0 run and took a 26-21 lead at the half.

Sutter head coach Nabeel Bhatti told YSBC the second quarter was rough for the Huskies as they only scored a bucket in the quarter and nothing fell.

The remainder of the game was back-and-forth as both sides delivered heavy blows from the floor and traded multiple lead changes.

Huskies junior Gabe Carlos scored 13 points in the second half, including three-long balls in the fourth quarter. Bowens led the Huskies with 18 points and pulled down multiple rebounds.

Sutter junior Izzy Bhatti added 13 points in the defeat to the Indians.

Marysville junior Zackary Granger scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half as he made multiple drives to the bucket in the fourth quarter.

The Indians had the ball for the opportunity to win the game when the game was tied inside of 24 seconds left in the contest.

Granger took a contested fade away with and it bounced off the back of the rim and the game went into overtime.

The defensive intensity of both teams picked up with the added four minutes to the game as they

each applied a full-court press.

The game stayed within one possession until the final minute of the game. Also in the final minute, Marysville held on for the four-point victory as junior Steven Martin and Granger fouled out within the final 40 seconds.

Martin finished with 17 points in the win and he had multiple steals defensively that led to plenty of fast-break opportunities for him at the basket.

Granger made a monstrous block defensively that prevented a three pointer from Sutter to bring the game to within a point before he fouled out inside 10 seconds left in overtime.

Indians senior guard Jordan Witt hit four-clutch free throws in a couple different trips to secure the victory for Marysville.

Witt ended the game with a game-high 20 points.

Marysville head coach Stan Easter reiterated how ecstatic he loves this team and is so proud of everything they have accomplished this season.

Nabeel expressed to YSBC that he expects Sutter to have a great offseason and be right back in the mix for the 2026-27 season.

The Indians clinched a state championship tournament entry as they reached the semifinals of the section tournament.

Marysville traveled to Stockton on Tuesday night for an opportunity to play in their first section title game since 2023 against Venture Academy.

The result of the game from Tuesday was before press time and unavailable. ★

# Patriots Late Strike Ends Falcons Season

By YSBC Sports

**YUBA CITY, CA (YSBC)** - The River Valley Falcons boys soccer team season ended on Feb. 19 as they fell in the semifinals of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division III bracket 1-0 to the Pioneer Patriots of Woodland.

River Valley and Pioneer met earlier in the season and the match resulted in a tie.

The Falcons went on to win the Foothill Valley League championship and the Patriots won the Monticello Empire League.

Each team controlled the ball well at times and had multiple runs in the first half, but came up empty.

In the 34th minute of the game River Valley had a great opportunity as the Falcons received a penalty kick.

As the shot was taken, it bounced off the Pioneer keeper and quickly recovered.

The Patriots had the opportunity to take the lead in the 75th minute on a penalty kick, but the ball hit off of the bottom left post and the game stayed scoreless.

Both teams rushed into the final minute after trading offensive possessions with as many logical shots as they could.

After there were a couple minutes of stoppage time added, the Patriots were given a free kick with the clock ticking.

Pioneer junior forward Gabriel Sandoval booted a high-sailing kick high into the air and it coasted just over the finger tips of the River Valley keeper at the top of the net.

As the ball squeaked to the back of the net, the Patriots immediately rushed Sandoval as he led the charge to the corner flag in celebration.

As the final whistles blew, that ended the remarkable run by the Falcons'.

River Valley won its first league title since the fall 2015 season as this was also the furthest the program has gone in the postseason since they won the D-III title in the of 2012. ★



River Valley sophomore Carlo Mendez Del Val (8) converts a free-kick opportunity during the Falcons' defeat to Pioneer on Feb. 19. Photo by Steven Bryla