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## Biggs and Gridley Baseball Light Up the Scoreboard in Wins



Biggs junior Dennis Dewhurst (7) throws a pitch in his complete-game victory over Hamilton on Saturday, March 21. Photo by Steven Bryla

By YSBC Sports

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (YSBC)** - The Biggs and Gridley baseball teams ended the weekend with high-hitting performances that resulted in wins for both clubs.

Gridley defeated the Central Valley Falcons 13-8 on Friday, March 20 in a non-league matchup.

Bulldogs senior pitcher Eli Punzo pitched the first 3 1/2 innings where he gave up four runs off two hits, but sent nine Falcons' back to the bench empty on strikes.

Gridley sophomore Trey Rosser relieved Punzo in the fourth and shut down the Central Valley lineup over the next 2 2/3 innings on the mound.

Bulldogs junior Marcus Duncan went five-for-five at the plate against the Falcons, including a double and

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Biggs freshman Jaiden Bandy (10) lines a base hit on Saturday, March 21 in the Wolverines' victory over Hamilton. Photo by Steven Bryla

## Butte County Urges Action for Peach Growers

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Board of Supervisors is urging state and federal action as Northern California cling peach growers face a market collapse tied to the closure of Del Monte's Modesto cannery.

In a letter last month to California Canning Peach Association President and CEO Rich Hudgins, supervisors warned of widespread economic fallout after the loss of processing agreements that have long sustained the region's peach industry.

"The sudden loss of contracts has created immediate and profound challenges for growers," Board Chair Bill Connelly wrote, noting the effects reach beyond farms to agricultural jobs and the broader regional economy.

Del Monte's Modesto facility, scheduled to close April 7, was the company's last California plant and historically processed about 35 percent of the state's cling peaches. The shutdown eliminates 1,800 jobs and voids many 20 year grower agreements, leaving producers without a guaranteed buyer for the 2026 crop.

Oroville's Pacific Coast Producers, the last remaining cannery, has offered one year cash contracts covering about 24,000 tons of fruit but more than 50,000 tons remain without a buyer, and the company cannot absorb the full statewide volume.

Cling peaches are grown specifically for canning and have no viable fresh market, making processing capacity essential, officials said. Industry estimates show more than 200 peach growing families in Sutter County alone are now without contracts, while statewide losses could exceed \$550 million. Many growers planted orchards under long term agreements with Del Monte and now face maturing trees with no market.

The California Canning Peach Association has filed a \$550 million bankruptcy claim on behalf of growers, though recoveries are expected to be limited because secured creditors take priority. The group is

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## Schohr Earns State FFA Honor

By Lloyd Green

**ONTARIO, CA (MPG)** - Joseph Schohr of Gridley FFA earned top honors at the 2026 California FFA State Conference, where he was named the State Proficiency Winner in Beef Production Entrepreneurship.

The conference took place March 21 to March 24 in Ontario.

The award recognizes students for their supervised agricultural experience, a core part of FFA programs that allows members to apply classroom instruction through hands-on agricultural projects. These experiences are designed to build technical skills, business management and record-keeping through real-world work in agriculture.

Schohr manages a diversified livestock operation that includes Hereford cattle and crossbred and Dorset sheep. His cattle program includes a 30-head herd, supported by grain hay production to help meet feed demands.

He takes responsibility for daily feeding, herd health, breeding decisions and marketing. Schohr tracks expenses, production and

growth, operating the project as a business while expanding both its scale and quality.

His work places a strong focus on genetic improvement. He uses artificial insemination and selective breeding to improve conception rates, increase twinning percentages and strengthen herd performance.

In addition to livestock, Schohr grows three-way grain hay to reduce feed costs and support long-term sustainability within the operation.

Schohr has earned multiple division championships at the Western States National Hereford Show and has marketed seed stock to other junior exhibitors and producers.

In 2025, Schohr earned first place in Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency at the state level, building on the work that led to this year's recognition.

He plans to study animal science after high school and pursue a career as a large animal embryologist, with a focus on advanced reproductive technology to improve livestock genetics. ★



Joseph Schohr of Gridley FFA was named the 2026 California State FFA Proficiency Winner in Beef Production Entrepreneurship at the state conference in Ontario. Photo courtesy of Gridley FFA.

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The City of Gridley received a grant to build a giant sports complex in the Gridley industrial park, which was a FEMA disaster-recovery site and is now an open field behind the old Tri Valley Cannery. As construction began, things started sinking. In this episode of the Pi Line, I find myself in a unique situation: quoting myself while quoting a Bill Bureson Pi Line from a 2018 Josh Cook Pi Line. History repeats itself, even in Gridley. The original text is in italics: *Yep. We have quicksand (Gridley-Live Oak-Biggs is not boring after all), and Bill Bureson wrote about it in the Pi Line of February 23rd, 1996. The*

*contractor with all of the equipment across from the post office started digging a new sewer line on Magnolia Street and Kentucky Street last week. He didn't last long. After going 8 feet down, he hit the high water table and realized he had a problem. He came before the City Council on Monday night and told them of his predicament. The soil test sample for his bid package came from a spot near Hazel Street and Daddow Plaza and showed a sand-and-clay formation. What he found were forms and shoring left over from when the 12-inch clay pipe, installed over 50 years ago, was encased in concrete; the pipe was a surprise to everyone. The mix of water and sand made what we would call quicksand from 8 feet on down. The current project has been put on hold. The contract will be renegotiated, put out to rebid, or end up in a lawsuit. Reclamation District 833 ditches are limited in their depth because of the quicksand. A good example was the ditch*

*bordering the Deniz property. When Chico San came to town, they wanted it dug deeper, but it just filled back in. Ask anyone who has worked on a farm as an irrigator. If a levee around a check full of water breaks and the soil is sandy, it is often impossible to fill the hole without a canvas or tin dam. Sometimes you just have to let all the water run out of the check and then rebuild the levee. Back in the 50s and 60s, when fiberglass swimming pools were popular, they had to be raised above ground to reach a depth of 8 feet or more. In some areas, the high water table has killed fruit and nut trees (Randolph Dairy). The infiltration from irrigation ditches raised the water table, sometimes only a foot or two below the surface. Gridley has a lot of sandy soil ideal for quicksand. You can bet there will be some heavy discussions about what to do.*

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Josh F.W. Cook was a Gridley City Planning Commissioner. ★

# City Debates Sidewalk Safety Needs



Gridley officials discussed proposed sidewalk and safety improvement projects, including gaps near Highway 99 and school routes, during a March 16 workshop and council meeting. Photo by Seti Long

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Infrastructure improvement projects took center stage during both a special workshop and the Gridley City Council's regular meeting on March 16, as city officials weighed priorities for sidewalks, safety upgrades and long-term grant funding opportunities.

City leaders are now facing a practical question about which projects should move forward first as Gridley competes for limited state and regional funding while balancing staff capacity.

Gridley Principal Planner Christopher Smith presented five proposed projects centered on pedestrian safety, connectivity and access to schools, several of which could be competitive for grant funding through the Active Transportation Program and regional sources, including the Butte County Association of Governments.

The projects reflect both immediate safety needs and longer-term opportunities to secure outside funding, officials said.

"We're really looking at priorities right now," Smith said, noting that preparing grant applications requires significant staff time and resources.

Among the more urgent concerns is a sidewalk gap near the Moose Lodge along Highway 99, where pedestrians currently navigate a high-traffic area without a continuous walkway. The proposed fix would install sidewalk, curb ramps and a crosswalk, though the project depends on coordination with Caltrans and securing right-of-way.

On Cherry Street, the city identified a relatively straightforward sidewalk project that would improve access between residential neighborhoods, parks and nearby businesses. Because of its simplicity, officials indicated it may be one of the more realistic candidates for near-term funding through regional programs.

A larger and more complex proposal along Fairview and East Gridley Road centers on safety improvements near schools. Plans could include filling sidewalk gaps, improving ADA access and addressing traffic flow at a key intersection where students regularly travel.

"You know what's dangerous about that intersection is that it's directly east and west and when that sun is coming, it's blinding," Mayor Mike Farr said, noting that kids often don't look before crossing the street.

City officials said that the Fairview project could qualify for state Active Transportation Program funding, but it will require additional data, public input and engineering work to strengthen its competitiveness.

"One of the things that has been brought to our attention is that when there is parking on both sides, that street is very narrow for through traffic," City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said.

Smith said not all of the projects carry the same weight. The Central Gridley pedestrian improvement plan, while nearly complete in design, may struggle to compete for grant funding due to limited supporting safety data. Meanwhile, smaller improvements near Wilson School would likely rely on local funding because they fall outside typical grant categories.

Smith also said that while multiple projects could move forward, the city may not have the capacity to pursue all of them at once.

Each project requires varying levels of design work, data collection and coordination with outside agencies, all of which factor into whether an application is likely to succeed.

No formal action was taken, with council members indicating priorities would need to be set before moving projects forward. ★

# Council Approves Raise for City Administrator

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley City Council on March 16 approved a pay raise for City Manager Elisa Arteaga, adopting an amended employment agreement following a recent performance review.

The salary increase passed on a 4-1 vote without comment from the council or public. Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson was the lone dissenter.

Under the updated contract, Arteaga's base salary increases to \$242,069 annually, or \$20,172.44 per month, effective immediately. The new figure is a \$63,032 increase over the \$179,037 salary Gridley reported to the State Controller's Office for 2024, a jump of roughly 35 percent.

Deputy City Attorney Landon Little said the salary change followed a formal evaluation of her work in February and labor negotiations informed by a recent regional income survey.

"The wage study from the summer of 2025 demonstrated that the city administrator was less than her peers in local jurisdictions," Little said.

Little said Arteaga's salary lagged behind nearby cities, including Orland, Willows and Live Oak, which helped guide the recommended adjustment.

Arteaga replaced City Administrator Cliff Wagner in late 2023, ascending from the city's finance department, where she worked for 20 years.

The amended contract keeps Arteaga in her at-will role serving at the pleasure of the council and outlines her responsibilities as Gridley's chief administrative officer, overseeing key operational and planning efforts for the city. She is responsible for implementing council policy, directing department heads,



Gridley City Administrator Elisa Arteaga, whose contract was updated March 16 to include a salary increase following a performance review. Courtesy photo

overseeing city personnel and managing daily operations. Arteaga also prepares the city budget, monitors financial conditions, coordinates public works and infrastructure projects and serves as the primary liaison between the council, staff and the community.

In addition to the salary adjustment, the council approved an agreement that provides an approximate \$50,000 benefit package including a 7 percent retirement contribution through the Public Employees' Retirement System, city paid health, dental and vision coverage, administrative leave and professional development support. The city also provides a vehicle for official use and a monthly cell phone allowance not to exceed \$75. A severance provision offers three months of salary if Arteaga is terminated without cause.

Under the contract, Arteaga's work performance will continue to be evaluated annually, with consideration of merit-based salary adjustments. ★



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## MEMORIAL

MARYANN BOEGER • 03/30/1925 - 03/14/2026

In the early morning hour, on Saturday, March 14, 2026, MaryAnn Boeger was peacefully guided into heaven, just 16 days shy of her 101st birthday. MaryAnn's faith allowed her to know she would be joining her beloved family, friends and into the arms of her husband of 63 yrs. Erving L. Boeger, (1919-2011) as they greeted her in Heaven.

MaryAnn (Jorgenson) Boeger was born Monday, March 30, 1925, at 3:30 a.m. Her birth home was in Lake Norden, South Dakota. Her parents were Lloyd Jorgenson and Mother Gladys (Ellsworth) Jorgenson. A strong legacy of Norwegian descent. MaryAnn was the first child born with six other siblings to follow. Three boys and four girls. Her youngest sister Nancy (Jorgenson) Tipton is the only remaining sister.

As a young girl, she attended school in Hamill, South Dakota and graduated in 1942 in Hayte, South Dakota. A proud moment when becoming head Baton Majorette! Continuing her education, MaryAnn went to business college in Mankato, Minnesota and Sioux Falls, South Dakota which led her to work at the States Attorney office in Hamblin County, South Dakota. At this time her father was appointed STATE TREASURER of the state of South Dakota.

The lure of this beautiful young lady was spiked by her brother Bill Jorgenson, who was stationed in the Navy in San Jose, California, to come for a visit. Sunshine, beaches, fabulous fresh food, beautiful clothes, Hollywood, who could resist? All by herself she boarded a train bound for California. A visit turned into a new lifelong home!

Moving to San Jose and living with her aunt and uncle, she soon found employment at the San Jose Title Company as a secretary working her way up to being an Escrow officer. MaryAnn joined the USO and with her new girlfriends, they would feed the WWII soldiers and keep them busy dancing before departing overseas!

In 1946 she was introduced to Erving L. Boeger, a WWII veteran and POW survivor. The brother of her best friend's fiancé. The courtship was encouraged by the whole Boeger family, especially Erving's mother! They were married



February 27, 1949, in Pacific Grove, Ca.

The two newlyweds were given the opportunity to move north to the small farming town of Gridley, Ca. Every imaginable fruit tree and field crops abound. MaryAnn was a fabulous decorator at heart. Before we knew what an interior decorator was! She made a castle out of the little red farm hut and added a little baby nursery for good measure! Their first born was a son to which they named, Kurt Erving Boeger born in 1950 and then a daughter named Kristi Dahl Boeger was born in 1954.

MaryAnn was very active in social groups and events. She was asked to host the classy fashion shows and to narrate the festivities while modeling the clothes.

She and her husband helped the foundations of their church, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, in Gridley, by cooking an annual pancakes supper where hundreds would attend. MaryAnn often read scripture during church services.

On of her fondest memories was their cabin in Lake Madrone. She made some of her fondest friends at the beach while they let the kids swim and the ladies' played cards and soaked up the sun.

Another group she was devoted to was called "The Do-Nothing Club"! Initiation was nothing and they were expected to do nothing but enjoy each other. No fund raising, no deadlines, policies or procedures.

MaryAnn was the co-owner of Erving Boeger Rice establishment and did all the bookkeeping, legal documentation and accounting of the ranch. She also worked several local jobs on a part-time

basis. She loved working for Pasadera's Jewelry, a co-owner with her daughter Kristi of "Porfolio", and Raganit Accountancy in Yuba City, Ca.

The sorority group of Beta Sigma Phi, Feather River Beta Omega Master chapter was always a priority for her. She was a Lifelong member and performed every office with sincerity and purpose.

Because MaryAnn was so vital and respected in the Gridley community she was honored with the title of 'GRIDLEY'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR', in 1994. She was the Grand Marshal in Red Suspender's Day parade.

MaryAnn's heart was open for old and young alike. She wanted people around her all the time. She wanted to share in your joy and comfort you when you needed motherly love! She was always the last to leave the party because she just had to say hello to one more person and give one more hug!

MaryAnn is survived by her son, Kurt Boeger and his wife Debbie Boeger. Her daughter, Kristi Boeger. Grandson, Capt. Rhett E. Boeger. Bob and Nancy Tipton of South Dakota and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a family only graveside service with a CELEBRATION OF LIFE lunch on Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 11:30 a.m. at the home of Kurt and Debbie Boeger, 1906 Oakley Lane, Wheatland, Ca.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Orchard Hospital in Gridley, Ca., 240 Spruce Street, Gridley, Ca. 95948. The entire staff were professional and supportive to MaryAnn and our family.

# Biggs and Gridley Baseball Light Up the Scoreboard in Wins

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touched home three times for Gridley.

Bulldogs senior Tanner Abbott gave Gridley the lead back in the bottom of the fourth as he hit a run-batted-in (RBI) single up the middle that put the Bulldogs up 6-5.

Abbott extended the Gridley lead to a cushion in the fifth as he smacked a two-RBI triple to right field and scored on a throw that got by the Central Valley third baseman.

The Bulldogs hosted Redding Christian on Tuesday and the game results were not complete before press time.

The Biggs Wolverines ended the weekend with a sweep of the Bobby Hill Tournament they hosted as they defeated Mid-Valley League foe Hamilton with a 16-2 win on Saturday, March 21.

Biggs easily took care of Plumas Charter and Fall River on Saturday, March 20, which set them up for the championship game against the Braves.

Hamilton was light on reserves as they were missing some players in the dugout, but the Wolverines kept their foot on the gas pedal and didn't take the game lightly.

Biggs junior pitcher Dennis Dewhurst was locked in and dialed on the mound as he picked up his second win of the season.

Dewhurst pitched all five innings where he allowed two runs off of four hits and punched out 11 strikeouts in the win.

The Wolverines opened the floodgates in the first inning as they put up eight runs and displayed patience along with power at the plate.



Gridley junior Marcus Duncan (4) gets a base hit on March 20 in the Bulldogs' victory over Central Valley. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Biggs freshman infielder Jaiden Bandy started the slugfest with a two-RBI double. Bandy led the Wolverines with three hits and five RBIs in the win over the Braves.

Bandy and Dewhurst put on a hitting clinic at the Bobby Hill tournament as they combined for 15 hits and 13 RBIs throughout the tournament.

The shortened Hamilton squad had no answer for Biggs on Saturday.

Wolverines head and first-year coach Kameron Smith expressed to Yuba Sutter

Butte Colusa Sports that he is happy with how his team has started off this season.

Smith said that he's excited about the opportunity to see what his team can accomplish this season as they are considered young, but they have the ability to make a deep run in the playoffs.

Biggs hosted Fortuna on Tuesday with a double header and is scheduled to play a double header at Weed today, with first pitch being scheduled for 2 p.m.

For more sports coverage, visit ysbcsports.com.★



Gridley senior Tanner Abbott (5) smacks a triple on March 20 during the Bulldogs' victory over Central Valley. Photo by Chris Pedigo

## Families Connect at Resource Day



Families gather March 7 at the Gridley Library during Valley Oak Children's Services' Family Resource Day, where local organizations shared materials and services and author Jacob Davenport met with children and signed copies of his book "Cat, Cat, Cat, Where is that Cat?" Photo courtesy of Valley Oak Children's Services

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# Gridley Cars and Coffee Set for March 28

By MPG Staff

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Car enthusiasts and community members will gather Saturday, March 28, for a morning of conversation and classic vehicles at

Gridley Cars and Coffee. The event is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. at 150 Ford Ave. in Gridley. Organizers invite participants to bring hot rods, collector cars, motorcycles and other motorized

vehicles. All entries are welcome and admission is free. The gathering will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, where attendees are encouraged to bring a chair and spend time visiting with others while

viewing a range of vehicles. The event focuses on community connection as much as the cars themselves, offering a casual setting for owners to share stories and discuss their builds.

Cars and Coffee events have grown in popularity for their informal structure and wide appeal, drawing both longtime collectors and first-time participants. The Gridley event aims to provide a local version

of that experience with a focus on accessibility and community engagement. Organizers note that no registration is required, and attendees may come and go throughout the morning. ★

## Community Calendar

*Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email lloyd.green@mpg8.com. Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.*

### Saturday, March 28

#### Butte County 4-H Fashion Revue and Rainbow Craft Field Day

9 a.m., CSU Chico University Farm Pavilion and Agricultural Education Center, 311 Nicholas Schouten Lane, Chico. Youth participants will showcase projects and develop skills in presentation, creativity and craftsmanship. Information: 530-552-5812.

#### Robotronica

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chico State ARTS111 courtyard, 400 W. First St., Chico. Free event featuring combat robotics competitions, guest speakers, displays, food and activities.

#### Spring Jamboree

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Caper Acres, 500 South Park Dr., Chico. Annual spring celebration with crafts, games, bounce houses, scavenger hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny. Free event.

#### Photowalk:

##### Table Mountain Wildflowers

1 to 3 p.m., Table Mountain area near Cherokee Road, Oroville. Free guided photo walk exploring wildflowers and landscape photography. Participants should wear appropriate footwear.

##### Veterans Spaghetti Feed

4 to 6 p.m., American Legion Post 210, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Cost is \$12, free for veterans and children under 10.

##### Spaghetti Dinner and Performance Fundraiser

4 p.m. and 7 p.m., First Christian Church, 295 E. Washington Ave., Chico. Hosted by Chico Community Ballet. Includes dinner, wine, live dance performances, raffle and silent auction. Tickets: chicomunityballet.org.

##### Oroville Community Concert Band Spring Concert: Swing into Spring

7 to 9 p.m., Oroville State Theatre, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. Jazz-themed concert featuring selections arranged for concert band.

### Thursday, April 2

#### Live Oak Lions Club Ham Bingo

Doors open 6 p.m., games begin 7 p.m., Live Oak Community Building, 10200 O St., Live Oak. Information: 530-701-3722.

### Saturday, April 4

#### Spring 14-Mile Yard Sale

Gridley and surrounding areas.

Community-wide yard sale with participating locations mapped online and in print. Applications due March 31 at the Gridley Chamber Office, 890 Hazel St. Information: gridleyareachamber.org.

#### Gridley Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m., Manuel Vierra Park, 194 Washington St., Gridley. Egg hunt for children ages 0 to 9, with a designated area for special needs participants. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food donation for local food closets. The Easter Bunny will be on site for photos.

### Saturday, April 11

#### Little Red Hen's Chico Walks for Autism

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sycamore Field, 500 South Park Dr., Chico. Walk and family carnival event featuring games, activities and sensory play experiences. Registration: littleredhen.org.

#### Monster X Tour

Noon and 7 p.m., Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. Monster truck show featuring racing, wheelie contests and freestyle action. Pre-event pit party available. Tickets: monsterxtour.com.

#### Children's Faire

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chico City Plaza, Chico. Valley Oak Children's Services will host its annual Children's Faire, featuring booths from local organizations and child-focused businesses, family activities and live youth performances. Free bike helmets and child swim safety vests will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families can learn about childcare referrals, programs and support services. The event is free and open to the public. For details, visit www.valleyoakchildren.org.

### Friday, April 17

#### Street Food Festival

5 to 8:30 p.m., Broadway Street, Live Oak. The City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation Department will host its third annual Street Food Festival featuring food trucks, vendors, a beer garden and live music. The event is open to the public and welcomes families. For vendor information or details, call 530-695-2112.

### Saturday, April 18

#### Woofstock Festival

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, Chico. Woofstock is a music and community festival benefiting the animals of the Butte Humane Society. The event features live local bands, food trucks, a vendor marketplace and family- and dog-friendly activities, including a kid zone and dog zone. A beer, wine and spirits garden will also be available.

### Saturday, May 2

#### Free Cleanup Day

8 a.m. to noon, 9633 N St., Live Oak. Live Oak residents can dispose of household trash, scrap metal, yard debris, bundled green waste, appliances with a two-item limit, furniture, mattresses, box springs and futon mattresses. The event will also accept electronic waste,

including televisions, computers, monitors, phones, light bulbs, tubes, HID lights and household batteries. Tires up to 22 inches are accepted with a limit of nine per household and must be removed from rims. Vehicle batteries, unlisted hazardous waste, commercial dumping and salvaging are not allowed. Participants must show a utility bill and load and unload their own materials. Free compost will be available while supplies last. For details, contact Recology Yuba-Sutter.

#### Butte County Libraries

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

**Friday, March 27:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

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

**Tuesday, March 31:** Libraries closed for holiday.

#### Meeting Minders

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

**American Legion Bingo**, Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Hall, 267 Sycamore St.

**Biggs City Council** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

**Butte County Board of Supervisors** generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

**Downtown Chico Thursday Night Market** opens Thursday, April 9 and continues every Thursday night, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through September 24. You'll find the market on Broadway between 2nd and 4th Streets, including side streets and City Plaza, Chico. Enjoy more than 100 vendors along the streets, a certified farmers market, weekly live performances by entertainers of all kinds, and lots of family fun. For more information call 530-345-6500.

**ESL Conversation Group** meets Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esperanza House Family Center, 630 Washington St. Practice speaking English in this free, friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is also a Zoom option from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@buttecounty.net for more information.

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

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

**Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board** meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 1; call 530-846-4721 for more information.

**Live Oak City Council** usually meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information.

**Live Oak Lions Club** meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Train Depot, 9826 Hwy. 99. Club mailing address is P.O. Box 325. Phone 530-701-3722.

**Rotary Club of Gridley** meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** meets the first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1.

### Community Resources – Find Food

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**First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry**, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be March 22. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

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

**Gridley United Methodist Church**, 285 Magnolia St. Monday through Friday, during daytime hours. Come by the church and if they have food they will give client a box. Call 530-846-2520 for more information.

**North State Food Bank**, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Next distribution on Tuesday, April 7. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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# Gridley Council Updates Committee Assignments

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley City Council members finalized committee assignments earlier this month, making only slight changes to representation on regional boards while leaving most appointments unchanged.

The review is part of the council's regular process to confirm or adjust committee roles for the calendar year, ensuring representation across agencies handling issues such as air quality, flood control and regional planning, officials said.

During discussion, council members identified only a few changes to the existing lineup. The most notable shift involved the Butte County Association of Governments, commonly referred to as BCAG. Originally formed in 1969, the agency is a Joint Powers Authority between the County of Butte and the cities of Biggs, Gridley, Oroville and Chico, along with the Town of Paradise. BCAG coordinates regional transportation planning, administers state and federal transportation funding, and works on long-range growth and infrastructure planning across the county.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson was designated as the primary representative on the 10-member BCAG board, with Councilmember Catalina Sanchez serving as alternate, replacing Councilmember Angel Calderon in the lead role.

Johnson was also confirmed as the primary representative for Butte County Air Quality, with Sanchez continuing as alternate.

Other assignments the council confirmed, including the Butte County

Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority and Local Agency Task Force 20, remained unchanged, with Calderon continuing as primary and Johnson as alternate.

Beyond those updates, most committee appointments stayed consistent with prior assignments approved in December 2024.

Mayor Mike Farr and Johnson continue representing the city on the Butte Subbasin Advisory Board. Johnson also serves on the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency and the Local Agency Formation Commission.

Farr and Sanchez remain the city's representatives to the Northern California Power Association.

Johnson continues on the Mosquito Abatement District, while Sanchez serves on the loan committee.

Councilmember James Roberts maintains assignments to the Gridley Chamber of Commerce, Red Suspenders Committee and Winter Festival Committee.

Johnson and Farr serve on the Gridley human resources committee, while Calderon and Johnson continue on the disaster council.

Calderon also represents the city on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and, along with Johnson, serves on the Butte County Emergency Medical Advisory Group.

Locally, Johnson and Roberts continue on the utility and public works committee, while Farr and Johnson serve on the development collaboration committee.

The assignments are reviewed periodically to balance workloads and maintain representation, officials said.

The next full review is expected after the November 2026 general election. ★

# Then and Now

## Gridley Museum's Photo Contest



Shown is a historic Gridley building in its prime back "Then". Based off this photograph, where was this building and what is located there "Now"? Please submit your guess of what/where the building is to the Gridley Museum in writing. Must include: The number of the photo you are submitting your guess on, your full name, best contact phone number and email address (if possible) and your guess. Limit one guess per photo/per person, contest open to residents of Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs ages 12 and up. An answer key will be posted after the contest ends July 4, 2026. The Gridley Museum is located at 601 Kentucky St., Gridley and can be reached at 530-846-4482. Photo courtesy of the Gridley Museum

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

When I put the Toad Pond in, I was thinking very narrowly about what a toad habitat needed. Shallow water with sandy, pebbly bottom and water plants with long roots and stems to lay eggs. A friend gave me a small swamp iris and I placed rocks in a way that toads could have easy access.

Recently I added mosquito fish who like to hide in the rocky places. I'm loving this small, sweet addition to the yard. There is a crepe myrtle that will give shade in the heat of summer and an Abutilon that will help with dropping western sun in late afternoon. I might have to treat it for algae on occasion, we'll see. I've noticed how many other creatures are happy for this wee bit of water. It is maybe 10 gal. The yellow jackets seem very happy with an easy water source. They would land on the water plants in the turtle tank to drink or they would land on the dry edge of the turtle ramp next to the water and sip away. Now they are also using

the Toad Pond. Little water bugs have shown up and other insects are here and there in the area. My dog also likes to drink from it. I had not thought about the birds using it. Now they are. I saw a white crown sparrow one of my favorites splashing and carrying on in the middle where there is a bit more depth. Usually, they use the bird battle along with all the other types of sparrows and finches. Ursula the blue jay always uses the birdbath in the front yard. It'll be interesting to see if she visits the Toad Pond. I know she goes into the area because I've pulled out three oak tree seedlings acorn and all. Fingers crossed for toad polliwogs. ★

# Planning Commission Seats Open in Gridley

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The City of Gridley is seeking residents to fill three vacancies on the Planning Commission and is now accepting letters of interest.

The commission helps guide land use and development decisions for the

city. Officials said the role offers residents a chance to take part in local planning and community development.

Applicants must live in Gridley and be available to attend regular meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month. No prior experience is required.

To apply, residents must submit a letter of interest that includes contact information and a brief statement of qualifications. Letters can be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 685 Kentucky St. or by email to csantana@gridley.ca.us.

The deadline to apply is April 3 at 12 p.m. ★



### Iran War Strands California Farm Exports

The U.S.-Israeli war with Iran, now in its third week, is taking a toll on California's high-value agriculture sector. In addition to causing sharp increases in fuel and fertilizer costs, the war has disrupted access to key export markets. Since the war began on Feb. 28, Iran has responded to U.S. attacks by effectively closing the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial shipping route, and paralyzing commercial ports in nearby countries that host U.S. military bases. Robert Verloop, CEO of the California Walnut Board and Commission, said 70,000 tons of walnuts, or about 10% of the billion-dollar sector's yearly production, were either en route to the Middle East or scheduled to be shipped there this month. "That certainly is at risk," Verloop said. Tulare County nut exporter Bikram Hundal said one vessel carrying a shipment of his was diverted to the Netherlands, while another was rerouted to Algeria. "It's going to be a loss," Hundal said.

### Could Tea be California's Next Cash Crop?

Aside from water, tea is the most widely consumed beverage in the world. It can be found in almost 80% of U.S. households, according to the Tea Association of the USA Inc. More than 160 million Americans drink tea, yet tea isn't grown domestically. Atef Swelam, director of the University of California Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Fresno County, would like to see California farmers

capitalize on this untapped market. "We import about 120 million pounds of tea into the U.S. annually, spending about \$6 billion," Swelam said. He added that as San Joaquin Valley farmland is retired to comply with California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the niche crop could give growers a way to maximize profit per acre. This week, farmers are invited to the Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center to learn about opportunities for growing and marketing the crop.

### Tomato Agreement Aims to Manage Parasitic Weed

Beginning this season, processing tomato growers, haulers and harvesters will come under mandatory state compliance agreements designed to contain and manage the parasitic weed broomrape. The California Department of Food and Agriculture introduced the agreements, which spell out equipment sanitation and broomrape risks, just before the 2025 season as part of a soft launch. This season, the agreements will be required to be signed by all parties before tomatoes are moved from a field, said Michelle Dennis, CDFA Integrated Pest Control Branch chief. The reason for the tough stance is the potential economic impact the weed poses to the state's processing tomato industry, said Brad Hanson, a University of California Cooperative Extension weed specialist. "It means you can go from a pretty small problem to a pretty big problem in short order," he said. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE #26CV00519  
Petitioner Valda Vagdaryte filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Valda Vagaryte to Valda Brewer.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on February 26, 2026

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
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VAGDARYTE 4-3-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE #26CV00500  
Petitioner Jordan Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jordan Smith to Jordan Simmons.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 6, 2026, 1:30 p.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
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SMITH 4-3-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
ADMINISTER ESTATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KELLY L. MOORE AKA KELLEY MOORE AKA KELLY LYNN MOORE AKA KELLY MOORE AKA KELLEY L. MOORE**  
CASE NO. 26PR00055

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Kelly L. Moore aka Kelley Moore aka Kelly Lynn Moore aka Kelly Moore aka Kelley L. Moore. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jaime Pagano, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Jaime Pagano be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Probate, Room TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: William G. Agger, 1600 Humboldt Road, Suite 4, Chico, CA 95928; 530-680-6511  
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Date of Sale: 04/22/2026 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$365,222.96 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 51 Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948 A.P.N.: 024-270-030-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. 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# A Carnegie Vision, 110 Years Later

## Historic building reflects civic effort, regional legacy

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At the corner of Sycamore and Kentucky streets, near downtown Gridley and a city park, a small concrete building stands as a reminder of an earlier chapter in the city's history. Built in 1916 with support from industrialist Andrew Carnegie, the former Gridley Public Library reflects both a national movement and a local effort driven by community members.

The building served as Gridley's public library from 1916 until 1983, when Butte County opened a new facility. It is now privately owned and houses the Taylor Accountancy Corporation after years of vacancy and renovation. Its Classical Revival design remains visible in its balanced form and modest detailing.

The effort to build the library began years before construction. In 1908, the Ladies' Improvement Club began raising funds and securing a site. Members paid toward the purchase of a centrally located lot and urged city leaders to commit to maintaining a library, a condition required to receive Carnegie funding.

By January 1913, the Carnegie Corporation offered \$7,000 for



Built in 1916 with support from industrialist Andrew Carnegie, the former Gridley Public Library reflects both a national movement and a local effort driven by community members. Courtesy photo

construction if the city guaranteed ongoing support. Local officials agreed. The arrangement followed a broader pattern. Carnegie funded thousands of libraries worldwide in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including more than 100 in California. Communities were expected to provide land and sustain operations.

Gridley met those terms. The Ladies' Improvement Club donated the site, valued

at \$3,750, and later contributed \$1,500 for furnishings. Their work extended over several years and helped move the project from proposal to construction.

Plans advanced in 1915. The Sacramento Daily Union reported that Welch Brothers and Hannemann secured the construction contract for \$6,683, including a heating system. The same report credited the Improvement Club for its persistence in bringing the project forward.

Chico architect Chester Cole designed the building using reinforced concrete with brick and stucco finishes. The layout included a main reading room, a children's area and a basement with lecture and staff rooms. Interior finishes featured Oregon pine and oak doors.

By February 1916, construction was complete. The library opened to the public March 15 following a dedication ceremony attended by residents and local

officials. Businesses and schools closed for the event, which marked the end of years of planning and fundraising.

For nearly 70 years, the library served as a center for reading and community use. Early accounts note that the building included Mission-style furnishings secured by the Improvement Club.

Gridley's library formed part of a broader network of Carnegie buildings across the region. Similar structures were built in nearby communities, including Biggs, Colusa and Oroville. Each reflected the same partnership between local initiative and outside funding.

In 1983, Butte County replaced the Carnegie building with a newer library facility. The original structure remained but stood vacant for years.

Renovation returned the building to use as a private office. While its role has changed, the structure continues to reflect the work of the residents who brought it into existence.

More than a century after its opening, the former Gridley Carnegie Library stands as a record of civic effort. Its history reflects a time when local groups organized, raised funds and worked together to establish public institutions that shaped the community. ★

## Oroville Man Arrested in Homicide Case

By MPG Staff

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Authorities arrested an Oroville man on suspicion of murder after deputies discovered human remains on a rural property, the Butte County Sheriff's Office said.

On March 21, a citizen

reported finding human remains at a property on Ricky Road. Deputies responded and confirmed the discovery. Detectives later obtained a search warrant for two parcels on Ricky Road, where they recovered the remains and collected additional evidence tied to the case.

Investigators said evidence developed during the investigation led them to identify Joseph Taylor, 52, of Oroville, as the suspect. Taylor was already in custody at the Butte County Jail on an unrelated felony warrant at the time of the arrest.

Detectives subsequently



**Butte County**  
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booked Taylor on one count of murder.

Authorities said the investigation remains active. Officials have not released the identity of the victim, which remains

pending DNA analysis.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information related to the case to contact its detectives at 530-538-7671. ★

## It's Supposed to be a Race for Governor, but Candidates and Voters Seem Disengaged



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

The shortage and costs of housing are, by any rational standard, one of California's most pressing issues, which is why several thousand advocates of affordable shelter gathered in Sacramento last week to ponder potential solutions.

Housing California, the event's sponsor, invited candidates for governor to participate in a panel discussion of how they would approach the housing crisis.

Neither of the two Republican candidates, Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco, appeared, which was not surprising given the left-leaning tenor of the event.

It was, however, odd that only four of the eight Democratic candidates showed up, since it was a terrific opportunity for them to impress a large audience of political activists, with just a few weeks remaining before voters begin marking and mailing their ballots for the June 2 primary election.

Of the four who participated in the housing panel, just one candidate, billionaire Tom Steyer, is in the top tier of candidates, as revealed in a new poll by the UC-Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, with just barely 10% support.

The other three — state school Superintendent Tony Thurmond, former Los

Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former state Controller Betty Yee — collectively garnered just 6% support among the sample of voters, with Thurmond and Yee at 1% each.

Although California is a thoroughly blue state, the two Republicans were 1 and 2 in the poll, thus feeding worries among Democratic leaders that they could wind up that way in the June 2 voting if none of the Democrats catches fire.

Among the Democrats, Congressman Eric Swalwell and former Congresswoman Katie Porter polled highest at 13% each, followed by Steyer at 10%, former Attorney General Xavier Becerra at 5%, with Villaraigosa and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan at 4%.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, told the Los Angeles Times he is stunned by how fragmented and disengaged voters are about choosing the state's next governor.

"This is historic for me," DiCamillo said, "and especially given that none of the candidates have really a positive image rating with voters, also startling. I mean, perhaps one of the reasons why voters are disengaged, they're just not enthusiastic about any of the candidates. They're kind of sleepwalking to this election."

The lethargic nature of the contest is also demonstrated by the inability of the California Federation of Unions to settle on one Democrat, instead giving endorsements to four of the eight.

One could say, therefore, that the passive attitude of candidates vis-a-vis this

week's housing conference captures the broader lack of enthusiasm among candidates and voters.

This should be a referendum on how California deals with not only housing and homelessness but the many other issues that Gavin Newsom will leave behind when he exits the office next January, almost certainly embarking on a quest for the White House.

However, the gubernatorial campaign so far has revealed very few differences among the eight Democratic candidates on those issues, nor any truly novel proposals. In response to questions about housing, homelessness, health care and living costs, the four who did participate in Thursday's panel generally responded that they would spend a lot more money and impose new taxes on corporations and wealthy Californians to pay for it.

Given the paucity of new ideas and the overall lethargy, one could almost hope that Hilton and Bianco do finish 1-2 and give the state a Republican governor for the first time in two decades. The Capitol conflict that would ensue as a GOP governor battles with a Legislature dominated by Democrats would at least be interesting.

It would be karmic justice for a Democratic Party that apparently is incapable of generating enough energy to power a light bulb.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



### The End Is in Sight

Things are happening in Sactown and not every Kings fan is happy. Yes, even though our hometown ballers have won five out of the last eight games, there are long time Kings fans that aren't entirely thrilled.

This is because with each win the Kings statistically have a lesser chance of garnishing the No. 1 pick, or even a top four pick in the upcoming NBA draft.

So, what's the option. To intentionally try to lose a game. I hope our team never stoops to such measures. Tanking is a matter left better to the commissioner's office, and I have no doubt Adam Silver has ideas to fix the problem. In the meantime, playing the youngsters and getting a look at as many players as possible, all while giving it their best effort is why fans are buying tickets.

Sunday afternoon saw a raucous Golden One Arena heartily applauding a consistent effort by the Kings as hometown favorite Malik Monk decided to put on a show, scoring 32 points and adding six assists to boot.

Devin Carter, finally getting a chance to play on a consistent basis, chipped in with 16 points, five rebounds, and three assists.

Maxime Raynaud added a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds and has been winning fans literally all season with his consistent play.

The question remains can he complement Domantas Sabonis and play alongside him, or will he become just a capable backup for Sabonis when he's not on the floor.

Although I wish nothing but good things for Raynaud, I think the Kings have found a good backup center for years to come, but I'm not seeing the shot blocking ability that I would like to see from a 7-footer.

In the 126-122 win over the Brooklyn Nets the fans got to see newcomer Patrick Baldwin perform, and Patrick wasted no time in putting up nine points and shooting three for four from 3-point land.

Doug McDermott did the same and the Kings will be faced with some uncomfortable decisions in the off season as they make decisions on who to keep and who to let go. Sadly, McDermott's 3-point shooting could have been used all season, but coach Christie relegated this talented sharpshooter

to the bench for the majority of the season for reasons that have never been very clear.

Yes. Decisions will be made and not all Kings fans are going to like them. Names like Precious Achiuwa, Dylan Cardwell, Devin Carter and others are not promised next season, although I believe all the aforementioned need to come back next year.

The draft will be a mystery until the ping pong balls do their thing but just know this Kings fans. This year's draft is deep, and whether the Kings choose #1 or #7 there is going to be a player with the talent to make the Sacramento Kings a better team.

More than anything what this franchise needs is people that can assess talent better than in the past. People that can separate the wheat from the chaff, the blue chippers from the pretenders.

Please, no more Marvin Bagleys or Thomas Robinsons. Surely, we can do better than the past has seen, and I'm convinced we will.

So, have heart Kings fans and let's continue to put our hands together for players like Russell Westbrook that is breaking all-time records right in front of our hometown fans!

Westbrook has been a bright spot all season and has done everything asked of him.

I'm hoping the younger players have been paying attention because there is much to learn from this can't miss future hall-of-famer.

Here's some positive but I believe very accurate news.

The Sacramento Kings are closer to becoming a playoff team than the NBA expects.

I don't like to dog on a coaching staff, but with the talent the Kings have and even in spite of the bad luck they've had with injuries, this team should have won 30 games.

Coach Christie is like a young rookie finding his way, but he has to do better than spout out that the Kings must play tough defense.

Start with being a better free-throw shooting team and take it from there.

Let's stick together and look forward to a winning 2027!

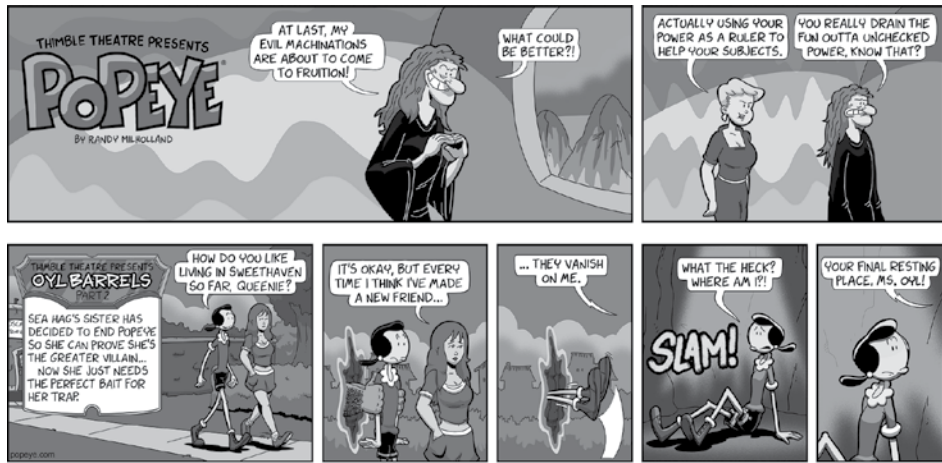
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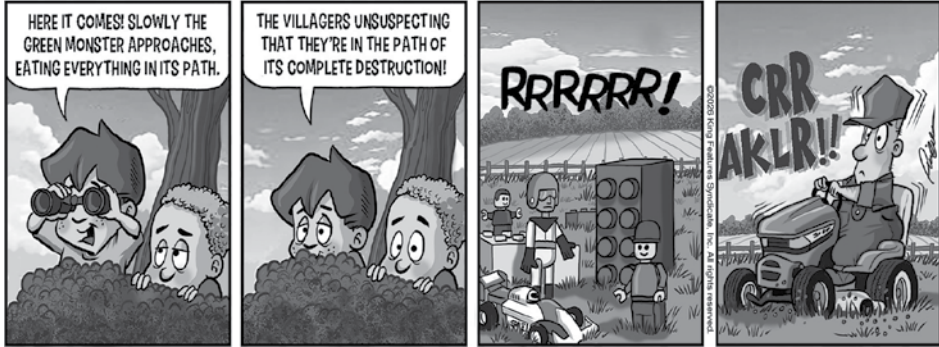
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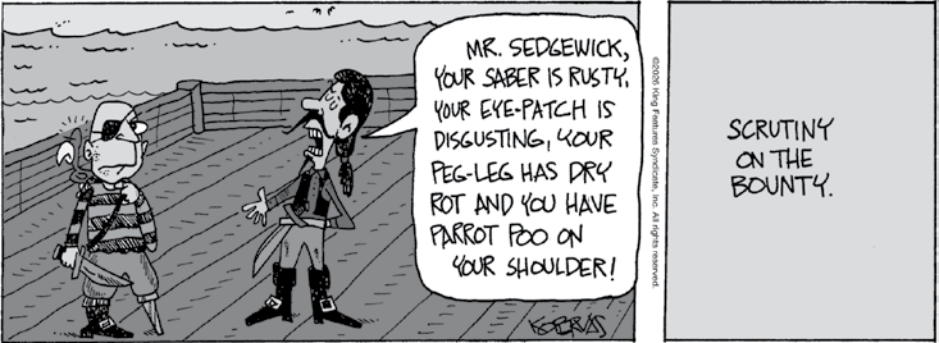
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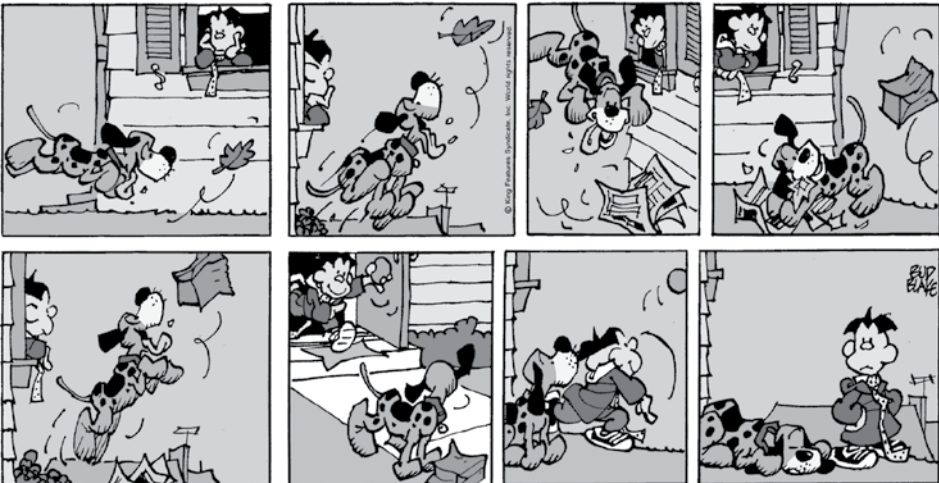
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## Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

## TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

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# Easter Events Set Across Region

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Communities across the region are preparing for a full schedule of Easter events, with activities beginning in late March and continuing into early April.

In Gridley, the Gridley Lions Club will host its Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 11 a.m. The event is open to children ages 0 to 9, with a designated area for special needs participants. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food item to support local food closets. The Easter Bunny will also be on site.

Several events are scheduled across the Yuba-Sutter area beginning Saturday, March 28.

The third annual Sutter Youth Organization Egg Hunt will take place at the SYO Hall, 7740 Butte House Road in Sutter. Doors open at 9 a.m., with the hunt beginning at 9:30 a.m. The event includes donuts, face painting, crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny.

In Yuba City, the Yuba City Senior Center will

host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9 to 11 a.m. at 777 Ainsley Ave. The event includes breakfast and free photos. No RSVP is required.

Also on March 28, Children's Choice Dental Care will host a free family Easter event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sam Brannan Park in Yuba City, featuring an egg hunt, games, prizes and photos with the Easter Bunny.

Additional events that day include EggVenture Into Easter at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 3101 Colusa Highway in Yuba City, and the Spring Egg-Stravaganza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 429 10th St. in Marysville. Both events are free and include egg hunts, games and family activities.

A second annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow at 1 p.m. at the Sutter County Sheriff's Posse Arena, 56 Second St. in Yuba City, with separate hunts for age groups and a designated area for special needs participants.

On Sunday, March 29, the Yuba-Sutter Marketplace will host a



Several Easter events are scheduled across the Yuba-Sutter area beginning Saturday, March 28. Photo by Freepik

spring festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1215 Colusa Ave. in Yuba City. The event will feature multiple egg hunts, a petting zoo and visits with the Easter Bunny.

Events will continue

Friday, April 3, with an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. at Marysville Post-Acute, 1617 Ramirez St., where families are invited to join residents for an afternoon activity.

Additional events are

scheduled Saturday, April 4 across the area.

A community Easter egg hunt will take place at Hallwood Community Church, 2825 State Highway 20 in Marysville, beginning at 10 a.m. Hunts for children ages 1 to 12 will start at 10:15 a.m. Activities include inflatable games and a slide, weather permitting.

The Yuba Foothills Agricultural Communities Association will host its annual Easter egg hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road in Oregon House. Hunts will be organized by age group.

In Colusa County, several events will take place April 4, including a milestone celebration in Colusa.

The Colusa Lions Club will celebrate 70 years of its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at the Colusa Fairgrounds, 1303 10th St. The hunt begins at 9 a.m. and is open to children from toddler age through third grade.

The event dates back to 1956, when the Lions first organized the hunt. Organizers say the

format has remained largely unchanged, with members dyeing real eggs and hiding them early in the morning, along with a selection of golden eggs. Families gather each year as children search the grounds while the Easter Bunny greets participants.

Also in Colusa, the Colusa Assembly of God will host its eighth annual community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 1747 State Highway 20. The free event runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes games, a petting zoo, photo booth, craft tables and multiple egg hunts by age group. Organizers report more than 6,000 eggs and dozens of raffle prizes, including a grand prize drawing.

At 9 a.m. sharp, the Arbuckle Golf Club plans to host its annual Easter egg hunt at 5918 Hillgate Rd. The event is open to the public and includes free entry and multiple age groups, including preschool and under, kindergarten through second grade and third through fourth grade. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance. ★

## Children's Faire Set for April 11



Families visit booths and activities during a past Valley Oak Children's Services Children's Faire in Chico, where local organizations shared resources and children took part in games and hands-on activities. Photo courtesy of Valley Oak Children's Services

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - Valley Oak Children's Services will host its annual Children's Faire on Saturday, April 11, bringing families and community organizations together in downtown Chico.

The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chico City Plaza, 132 W 4th St, and will feature activities, performances and resources for families with young children. This year's theme, "It Takes a Village," highlights the network of local organizations, businesses

and community members that support families across Butte County.

Dozens of local agencies and child-focused businesses are expected to participate, offering information, materials and hands-on activities. Live performances from local youth groups will take place throughout the day.

Valley Oak Children's Services will also provide free bike helmets and child swim safety vests on a first-come, first-served basis. The giveaways aim to promote safety as children take part in outdoor play and recreation.

Families can visit the Valley Oak booth to learn more about available programs, including childcare referrals, family resources and support services. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and help connect families with services in the community.

The event is supported by agency sponsor Butte Construction Company. Organizers encourage families to attend and take part in a day focused on connection, resources and community engagement.

More information is available at [www.valleyoakchildren.org](http://www.valleyoakchildren.org). ★

## Sutter County Names Art Winners



Artwork from Sutter County's "Your Favorite Place in Sutter County" drawing contest is displayed in the lobby of the County Administration Building in Yuba City. Photo courtesy of Sutter County

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Sutter County Board of Supervisors recognized four winners in its annual drawing contest, which invited residents to illustrate "Your Favorite Place in Sutter County."

County officials said the contest drew more than 20 entries from across the community, reflecting a range of locations and artistic styles.

The winners include Violet Y. in the 5 and under category, Delta L. for ages 6 to 10, Allison O. for ages 11 to 15 and Amanda W. in the 16 and older division.

Each winner will receive an art set funded by members of the Board of Supervisors. Officials said the winners will be formally recognized at an upcoming board meeting.

All other participants will receive a coloring book and art supplies in recognition

of their submissions.

The county has placed all submitted artwork on display in the lobby of the County Administration Building at 1160 Civic Center Blvd. in Yuba City. The exhibit remains open to the public during regular business hours.

Officials said the contest aimed to encourage community engagement and highlight the places residents value most across Sutter County. ★

## Butte County Urges Action for Peach Growers

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also advocating for emergency relief and additional processing capacity.

Growers are now weighing difficult decisions. Some have stopped pruning, spraying and fertilizing because the fruit has no destination, officials said. Others are considering removing orchards, a costly step given the years required to establish new trees.

Agricultural officials in Butte, Sutter and Yuba counties have all raised concerns about ripple effects on jobs, suppliers and rural communities tied to the industry. Connelly's

letter emphasized that the challenges extend across county lines and require coordinated support.

"We respectfully urge state and federal partners to consider immediate and meaningful assistance," Connelly wrote, pointing to options such as financial relief, debt restructuring and potential federal programs to help growers manage the loss of processing capacity.

Following Del Monte's July 11, 2025 bankruptcy, the company's assets were divided among three buyers. Fresh Del Monte Produce acquired the Del Monte brand along with

the vegetable, tomato, and refrigerated fruit businesses; B&G Foods, purchased the broth and stock division, including the College Inn and Kitchen Basics brands; and Pacific Coast Producers secured rights to the shelf stable fruit business in the United States and Mexico. No buyer has emerged for the Modesto facility, and new ownership of the Del Monte brand does not include plans to reopen the plant.

Growers now face a narrowing window before harvest with limited options in place, officials said. ★

## United Way Postpones Annual Soiree

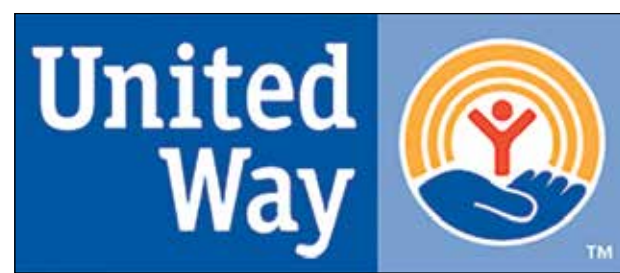
By Lloyd Green Jr.

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba Sutter Colusa United Way has postponed its Annual Elegant Soiree, originally scheduled for April 10, citing unforeseen circumstances that affected planning for the event.

"The decision followed a review of unforeseen circumstances that limited our ability to provide the highest-quality experience," said Kamesha H. Richard, executive assistant for the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way.

The organization announced the event will now take place Oct. 17 at the Five30 Event Center in Marysville.

Organizers acknowledged support from local restaurants, wineries and breweries that had committed to participate in the April event and said those



partnerships will carry over to the new date.

"We appreciate the outpouring of support from local partners and look forward to welcoming them in October," Richard said.

The group also thanked businesses, individuals and community organizations for early sponsorships, donations and ticket purchases. All contributions will remain valid and be honored for the October event, according to the announcement.

"All sponsorships, donations and ticket purchases will be honored in full," Richard said.

United Way officials said the annual fundraiser supports programs focused on youth opportunity, health, financial stability and community resilience across Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties.

Organizers encouraged the public to attend the rescheduled event and said they remain committed to delivering a meaningful experience for guests and supporters.

For questions regarding sponsorships, donations or tickets, individuals can contact the United Way office at 530-743-1847. ★

# 10 Basketball Athletes Recognized on YSBC All-Area Basketball Team

By YSBC Sports

**SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC)** - As the 2025-26 basketball season concluded for the CIF, it's time to reflect and recognize boys and girls athletes that have shined throughout the basketball season.

We can proudly say that we got the great opportunity to observe all 24 basketball programs in our coverage zone throughout the season.

Our observations throughout the season contributed to this list and playoff success did have an impact. ★

**Boys First Team**  
Ryan Flowers, Biggs

**Girls First Team**  
Iris Counihan, Gridley

**Boys Second Team**  
Bikram Kullar, Gridley  
Skyler Long, Biggs

**Boys Third Team**  
Hunter Seipert, Biggs  
Cameron Kroupa, Biggs

**Girls Third Team**  
Aubree Weber, Gridley

**Boys Honorable Mention**  
Jacob Boyan, Gridley

**Girls Honorable Mention**  
Anna Carothers, Biggs  
Daisy Seipert, Biggs



Biggs senior Ryan Flowers (15) drives to the basket on February 6 in the Wolverines' victory against Portola. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley sophomore Iris Counihan (10) drives the ball down the floor on January 20th in the Bulldogs' victory over Live Oak. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley senior Bikram Kullar (10) shoots a jumper on December 19 in the Bulldogs' 53-50 win over Sutter. Photo by Steven Bryla



Biggs junior guard Anna Carothers (10) shoots on December 30 in the Wolverines' loss to Faith Christian. Photo by Steven Bryla

## Street Food Festival Returns April 17

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation Department will host its third annual Street Food Festival on Friday, April 17, bringing food vendors, music and family activities back to Broadway Street.

The event is scheduled from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Organizers say the festival continues to grow as a community gathering centered on local food and small businesses.

Last year's event drew hundreds of residents and visitors, even with poor weather conditions. More than a dozen vendors lined the street, offering a mix of savory meals and desserts. Families filled picnic areas, children played in open spaces and attendees moved between booths throughout the evening.

City officials aim to build on that momentum in 2026. The festival will again feature a variety of food trucks and vendors, along with a beer garden and live music. The event is designed to give residents a local option for dining and entertainment while supporting small businesses.

Broadway Street will serve as the central hub, with vendors set up along the downtown corridor. Organizers encourage attendees to arrive early to



A vendor grills bacon-wrapped hot dogs during the Street Food Festival on Broadway Street in Live Oak in April 2025. Food trucks and vendors offered a range of options for attendees. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

explore offerings and avoid lines as crowds build through the evening.

The Street Food Festival is part of a broader effort by the city to expand community events and create more opportunities for residents to gather. In recent years, attendance has increased as more vendors and families take part.

Those interested in participating as vendors or seeking additional event information can contact the City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation Department at (530) 695-2112. ★



## Free Cleanup Day Set for May 2 in Live Oak



By Lloyd Green Jr.

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak residents can dispose of household waste and recyclable materials during a free community cleanup day scheduled for Saturday, May 2.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to noon at 9633 N St. and is open to Live Oak residents only. Participants must show a utility bill as proof of residency. Organizers said residents are responsible for loading and unloading their own materials and should sort items before arriving.

Accepted items include household trash, scrap metal, yard debris, bundled yard clippings, appliances with a limit of two, old furniture, mattresses, box springs and futon mattresses. The event will also accept electronic waste, including televisions, computer monitors, household computers, peripherals

and telephones, along with fluorescent light bulbs, tubes, HID lights and standard household batteries. Tires up to 22 inches in rim diameter will be accepted, with a maximum of nine per household, and all tires must be removed from rims before drop-off.

Officials said vehicle batteries and other lead-acid batteries will not be accepted. Any hazardous materials not specifically listed as accepted will also be turned away. Commercial dumping and salvaging are prohibited at the site.

Free compost will be available while supplies last. The cleanup day is organized for Live Oak residents in coordination with Recology Yuba-Sutter and supported by state recycling programs and local partners.

Residents with questions about acceptable materials or event details can contact Recology Yuba-Sutter, 530-743-6933. ★



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