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## Students Map Sutter County History



Sutter FBLA officers Garrett Fremd, Scarlett Ocheltree and Dominique Madrigal are joined by Sutter County Supervisor Jeff Boone as they ready confetti cannons at the Sutter Buttes historical marker during the March 25 Landmarks of Legacy tour. Boone sponsored the monument. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

By Susan Meeker

**SUTTER, CA (MPG)** - The stories were already there, written into the landscape of Sutter County, waiting to be brought into view. On March 25, Sutter Union High School Future Business Leaders of America gave those stories a voice, anchoring them in the places where they happened.

Garrett Fremd, chapter vice-president, guided visitors through Landmarks of Legacy, a network of permanent historical markers installed at sites across the county. Each location is identified by a student-designed sign, set in metal frames and anchored in concrete, intended to remain in place for decades and create a self-guided tour for the public.

"This isn't just something we built for a competition," Fremd said. "It's something that's going to stay here. People are going to walk through this and understand what came before them."

At the former Sacramento Northern Railway depot in Sutter, now repurposed in the parking lot of Close Lumber, Fremd introduced

the site before turning to the history behind it.

The tracks are gone, but the line once connected Yuba City, Meridian, Colusa and Live Oak, moving people and freight through an electric rail system that predated modern highways. Known originally as the Northern Electric, the railway ran on a three-rail system, with a

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## Planning Commission Rejects Richvale Cell Tower

By Susan Meeker

**RICHVALE, CALIF. (MPG)** - The Butte County Planning Commission on March 26 denied a conditional use permit for a proposed Verizon cell tower east of Richvale, concluding the project posed safety risks to low flying agricultural aircraft.

The project, proposed by New Towers LLC to improve Verizon wireless coverage in the area, included a 100 foot monopole topped with a lightning rod, along with 12 panel antennas, a microwave dish and remote radio units. The facility was designed to address a documented gap in Verizon's service, with space for other carriers to co locate equipment. Ground equipment would have included two radio cabinets, a utility service installation and a backup diesel generator within a 50 by 50 foot fenced lease area.

The denial followed testimony from pilots, airport operators and nearby residents who said the tower's location would interfere with routine agricultural aviation operations.

Alex Compton, whose family has operated the Richvale area airstrip for decades, described frequent low altitude flights and heavy seasonal traffic.

"You're usually low and heavy," Compton said, explaining that aircraft often operate well below 100 feet while turning over fields. "Trying to add one more obstacle to avoid could be a potential hazard."

Compton said multiple aircraft, along with helicopters used for utility work and training, operate from the site, with dozens of takeoffs and landings per day during peak seasons.

Paul Book, a pilot who has flown out of the airport for more than two decades and said he has had close calls with cell towers in the past, said the location has been problematic from the start.

"There's got to be a better place or not at all," Book said. "We're overlooking the airport."

Eileen Book, who lives near the proposed site, said aircraft regularly pass over the area during takeoff and turns.

"They turn directly over the site," she said. "As the wife of a pilot, I'm very concerned about that."

The project returned to the commission after a September hearing, when

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## Biggs Softball Sweeps Tourney and Wins 14th Straight



Biggs senior pitcher Gracie Sheppard (28) tosses a pitch at Live Oak in 2025. Photo by Steven Bryla



Biggs sophomore Arden Vines (44) swings at a pitch during the 2025 CIF NorCal Division V final. Photo by Chris Pedigo

By YSBC Sports

**BIGGS, CA (YSBC)** - The Biggs Wolverines softball team went 5-0 and won the 2026 Wolverine Classic that was held from March 26-28.

Biggs went 5-0 and outscored their opponents 48-18 over their time in the diamond across the 22 times they had a half inning of stepping into the batters box.

Wolverines senior Riley Harrison won the tournament most valuable player

award as she collected five hits and hit eight runs-batted in (RBI).

Harrison pitched 11 innings in the circle and had 10 strikeouts throughout her three appearances.

Biggs senior ace Gracie Sheppard appeared in the circle against Los Molinos and Etna for a total of eight innings of work where she also sent eight hitters to the bench empty of strike.

Sheppard added eight hits and seven RBIs to the gauntlet of hitting

power displayed by the Wolverines' between their two days of dominant play in the tournament.

Biggs has scored double-digit runs in 60% of their games so far this season and they are making opposing pitchers try and pitch around a team .353 batting average, which includes four players with a .400 or better as the tournament completed on Saturday.

The Wolverines will not have a home game until they host Maxwell on

April 21 against Maxwell in Mid-Valley League play.

First-year head coach Zonah Headly has the team off to a great start in her first year at the top of the program.

Biggs traveled to Williams on Tuesday for the first set of MVL double headers, which was followed up by a road game at Durham on Wednesday and ended the week with an MVL doubleheader at Quincy on Thursday. ★

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

into the future of things, disruption technology, and innovation in our lifetime, they're gonna have a little box set up behind home plate, and there won't be an umpire. Out of respect for history, they might at least name the robot, like call it Dick Jones or name it after another umpire we respected.

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Interesting thing happening out on the highway: perpetual sidewalk construction extravaganza that's going on. You can see now where they're installing posts to put up light poles along the highway. I think that's going to be a significant and amazing aesthetic change for the city of Gridley, as you drive in and see street lights along the sidewalks. Let us all pray that the Caltrans engineers tested for quicksand and that the entire project doesn't sink four feet and disappear sometime in November. I was laughing the other day because the city motto of Modesto is "Water, Wealth, Contentment, Health." We can get a sign for Gridley that says, "We got quicksand."  
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Ten extra points to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for building that wonderful gazebo behind the St. Vincent de Paul

food pantry. It's a real improvement over the empty basketball/tennis court that's been there for years and never really used. It's a beautiful addition to our community, and it's good to see people gather together. Easter is a special time, and the line will be out the door at Sacred Heart Catholic Church during this Holy Week as Christians remember that everyone who dies gets to live again. It's one of the best tenets of Christianity, especially when you're confronted with people you love passing away. Because we believe this type of life goes on forever, it changes how you treat people and how you behave. If you really thought the whole thing was over when we're dead, you would recalculate how you treat people and how you live. As we celebrate Easter, take a moment to recalibrate how you treat people and how you live. If you're mean to someone, they're not just gonna go away. That may not be in the scriptures, but psychologically, one of the messages Jesus was sending was, "You thought you got rid of me? I came back, and now I can bring everybody back." Happy Easter.  
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Josh F.W. Cook is a Chaplain. ★

# Biggs Council Advances Lump Sum Payments

By Susan Meeker

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The City Council on March 24 approved agreements granting one time lump sum payments to both represented and unrepresented employees, extending labor terms through June while the city continues to work through a delayed budget review.

Four council members voted in favor of the one-time payment, with Councilmember Anita Wilks abstaining, to approve a side letter agreement with the union representing the city's public works employees. The agreement extends the current 2022-25 Memorandum of Understanding to June 30, 2026, and authorizes a \$1,500 lump sum payment to each of the four represented employees.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the agreement reflects the city's counteroffer to the union's earlier proposal and formalizes the terms both sides agreed to.

Wilks said she could not support the action without a current budget review, noting the council has not examined the city's financial status since the 2025-26 budget was adopted last May.

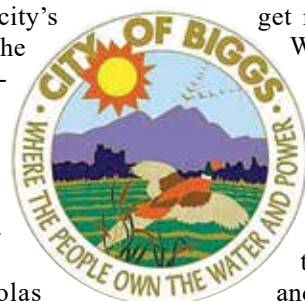
"I don't know if we have a balanced budget," she said, adding that while staff reports a positive cash balance, the city has not identified all outstanding obligations.

A similar 4-0 vote followed on the agreement for the city's three unrepresented employees, who will also receive a \$1,500 lump sum payment. The action mirrors the terms approved for represented employees and maintains the city's policy of treating both groups consistently. The \$4,500 total cost is already budgeted for the current fiscal year, city officials said.

Mayor Bo Sheppard acknowledged Wilks' concerns but said the city must continue routine personnel actions even as it works through the delayed budget review. He said he supports Wilks' position on fiscal oversight while also supporting the need to move forward with employee agreements already budgeted for the year.

Gauthier told the council the city's long delayed audit and mid year budget review are nearing completion and are expected to be ready for council consideration in April, giving the city a clearer picture of its financial position. He said staff has been reconciling outstanding obligations as part of the audit process, which will help confirm the city's year end financial position.

The agreements for both represented and unrepresented employees remain in effect through June, when the city is expected to revisit labor terms as part of its regular bargaining cycle. ★



# Supervisors Approve Funds for Fair Office

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved \$6,500 in District 4 Priorities Funds to help the Butte County Fair complete renovations to its administration office in Gridley.

Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, who represents the Gridley area, requested the allocation in a March 19 letter to county staff, noting that "the office building for the management of the Butte County Fairgrounds has been in need of repairs to the roof for several years." The request followed a formal application submitted by Fair CEO Matt Reed, who outlined the next phase of the renovation project.

According to the application, the fairgrounds recently replaced water damaged and mold affected ceiling panels in the hallway after years of leaks and moisture issues. With that work complete, the new funding will allow the fair to replace the remaining ceiling panels throughout the office to create a uniform appearance. The project also includes rewiring outdated Ethernet and phone lines and installing recessed lighting to improve safety. "This phase will also include rewiring Ethernet and phone cables and installing recessed lighting to improve safety and prevent

staff from hitting low-hanging fixtures," the application states.

Fair officials said the improvements will benefit the public, vendors, partners, and event participants by creating a more professional and welcoming environment. The application notes that upgraded lighting and infrastructure "enhance workplace safety and operational efficiency, allowing staff to better serve the community."

The Butte County Fairgrounds, located on East Hazel Street in Gridley, serves residents countywide and hosts year round events, livestock activities, community meetings, and the annual fair. Like many rural fairgrounds, the facilities date back decades and require ongoing maintenance to remain safe and functional.

The District Priorities Fund program allows each supervisor to direct a portion of their annual allocation to community organizations, nonprofits, and public agencies for projects that serve a public purpose. Recipients must document expenditures and submit a final report, ensuring transparency and accountability for the use of county funds.

District Priorities Funds are included in the county's approved budget and require a majority vote of the board. The fair will submit its final report once the project is complete. ★





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commissioners asked the applicant to explore other locations. Of the 11 property owners contacted, only one responded, but no agreement was reached.

Rayburn McDonald, who lives across from the proposed location, questioned whether alternative sites were fully pursued and raised concerns about safety and public notice.

"I request this project be disapproved for safety reasons," McDonald said.

Additional concerns raised during the hearing included potential impacts to nearby property values, noise from the generator and health related questions associated with the facility. Residents also questioned the tower's visibility in an

open agricultural landscape and its proximity to homes and active flight paths.

The applicant maintained the site was necessary to address a coverage gap and said no feasible alternatives exist within the required search area.

While planning staff recommended approval, finding the project consistent with zoning and general plan policies supporting expanded telecommunications infrastructure in rural areas, commissioners determined the project conflicted with established airport operations and increased safety risks to pilots.

The Planning Commission is expected to return April 19 to adopt a formal resolution outlining the findings supporting the denial. ★



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# Sheriff Defends Use of Police Equipment

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea opened his annual military equipment report March 24 by apologizing to the Board of Supervisors for using air quotes when referring to what state law defines as "military equipment."

"I use my finger quotes purposefully," Honea said, noting that many of the items classified under Assembly Bill 481 are not military issued and, in many cases, can be purchased by the general public from private retailers.

State law requires local law enforcement agencies to obtain annual approval for the use of such equipment and to present a report detailing how it is deployed. Honea said the terminology creates a misleading image.

"When the Legislature passed this law and named the equipment 'military equipment,' it tends to cause people to envision things that just aren't true," he said.

Undersheriff Matt Calkins told the board the designation includes tools commonly used in modern policing, including drones, armored rescue vehicles, less lethal launchers, tear gas and acoustic devices.

Much of the equipment, he said, is used to create distance, gather information, slow situations down and help deputies respond to a wide range of public safety threats, emergencies and complex situations, including those that may exceed local resources or require coordination with neighboring jurisdictions.

Drones, for example, were deployed more than 50 times in 2025, Calkins said, primarily during search warrants, missing person cases and patrol calls. They provide aerial surveillance,



The Butte County Sheriff's Department maintains one BearCat armored vehicle, similar to the one shown above. The vehicle allows deputies to approach dangerous scenes with added protection, particularly in rural areas. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



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

allowing deputies to identify threats, track suspects and relay real time information to officers on the ground.

The report lists four DJI Mavic drones in service.

In one incident, deputies used a drone before entering a rural property where a suspect was believed to be armed. The aerial view allowed them to monitor the individual's movements - including watching him toss a gun into the grass - and delay contact until additional resources arrived, ultimately leading to a safe surrender.

In another case, a drone was flown inside the open front door of a residence to determine whether a wanted felony arson suspect was holding a weapon. The video revealed the object was a cellphone, allowing deputies to avoid a potentially

dangerous entry.

Less lethal tools were also used in several incidents. According to the report, 40mm launchers deploy impact foam rounds, sponge rounds or tear gas projectiles designed to gain compliance without causing serious injury.

During a vehicle barricade incident, Calkins said deputies used a 40mm foam round to break a window and restore visibility, followed by a tear gas round that prompted the suspect to exit. The individual was taken into custody without further incident.

The department also uses diversionary devices, commonly known as flashbangs, to disorient individuals during high risk entries, and a long range acoustic device to issue commands over distance in volatile situations.

The inventory includes one

40mm launcher, three flashbang devices, one long range acoustic device and multiple less lethal rounds, including sponge and foam projectiles.

An armored BearCat vehicle, deployed four times in 2025, allows deputies to approach dangerous scenes with added protection, particularly in rural areas where backup may be delayed.

The department maintains one BearCat armored vehicle and one remotely operated robot used for hazardous situations.

Calkins said the equipment is intended to expand options between verbal commands and deadly force, improving outcomes for both deputies and the public.

Supervisor Tami Ritter, who described herself as "left leaning," said her perspective on the equipment changed after participating in the Sheriff's recent "Deputy for a Day" program, which allows community members to tour facilities and experience real life scenarios in a VirTra training simulator. The initiative aims to increase public awareness of the department's work and community safety.

"I will say that not only did

I get killed in each simulation, but I also ... I think I fired at a man holding a baby," Ritter said, describing the high pressure training scenarios.

The experience, she said, showed how quickly situations can escalate and the importance of having less lethal tools available.

"It really opened my eyes to how BCSO uses these things," Ritter said.

Honea said he appreciated Ritter's open mindedness and willingness to try something that was probably a little outside her comfort zone.

"With training, you have the opportunity to make mistakes ... that you hopefully won't have to make in the real world," he said.

The annual report shows no complaints or violations related to the Sheriff's Office use of the equipment, which remains subject to internal review and chain of command approval.

Supervisors accepted the report and renewed the ordinance governing its use for another year.

Honea said the training is designed to give participants a realistic understanding of the split second decisions deputies face. ★



Butte County Sheriff officers deployed drones more than 50 times in 2025. Image by diana.grytsku on Freepik

## Story Time Visit from Sheriff's Office



Butte County Sheriff's Sgt. Evans reads to preschool students during a visit earlier this week in Oroville, where he shared "Sheep in a Jeep" and spoke with the class about law enforcement. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office

## New Deputies Join Butte County Jail



Correctional Deputy Angelica Diaz, left, and Correctional Deputy Christopher Harrigill, right, join the Butte County Sheriff's Office earlier this week as newly sworn correctional deputies. Sheriff Kory Honea welcomed both as they begin their careers. Photo courtesy of Butte County Sheriff's Office

## Legacy Subdivision Environmental Review Approved

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley City Council has approved an agreement to begin environmental review for the proposed Legacy Subdivision, a large residential development planned on the city's edge.

The council on March 16 authorized a contract with LACO Associates for environmental review services not to exceed \$152,900, clearing the way for required analysis under state law before the project can move forward.

The project site is located between W. Biggs Gridley Road and the Union Pacific Railroad, north of the Lateral 7 canal.

The Legacy project includes the annexation of roughly 96 acres, with about 82 acres identified for potential housing, along with space for commercial, park and open space uses.

City officials said the environmental review, required under the California Environmental Quality Act, will examine impacts including traffic, air quality, biological resources, noise and agricultural

land. The process will include preparation of environmental documents and technical studies such as transportation impact analysis and noise assessment.

The environmental review began last month, with an initial draft study anticipated by June and public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council projected for late summer.

The city will manage the review process and select consultants, with costs billed back to the developer through deposits and monthly invoices.

"This is a state-mandated process ... to avoid any potential disasters or at least mitigate the risks," City Planner Christopher Smith said.

Smith said the selected firm submitted the lowest-cost proposal and the fastest timeline among firms that responded. The scope includes project management, planning analysis and technical studies, with costs billed on a time-and-materials basis.

The environmental review is an early step in the project. No construction approvals were considered as part of the action, Gridley officials said. ★

## Butte County Supports Tribe's Recognition Effort

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Board of Supervisors approved a letter of support earlier this month for the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians of Butte County as the tribe continues its effort to obtain federal recognition.

In the letter, Board Chair Bill Connelly wrote that the county recognizes the Konkow people as the original inhabitants of the area surrounding the West Branch of the Feather River and its tributaries and encouraged fair consideration of the tribe's petition for federal recognition.

The Konkow, also spelled Concow, are one

branch of the Maidu people whose traditional territory included the Feather River watershed in present-day Butte County.

Butte County officials acknowledge that many of the Konkow people were relocated in the 19th century to what was then called the Nome Cult Farm, now the Round Valley Indian Reservation in Mendocino County.

The Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians based in Oroville represents descendants of those historic communities, Butte officials said. Federal records show the tribe filed a Letter of Intent to petition for federal acknowledgment with the U.S.

Department of the Interior in August 1998. The filing placed the tribe in the Bureau of Indian Affairs federal acknowledgment process as Petitioner No. 197.

Federal recognition would establish a government-to-government relationship with the United States and make the tribe eligible for federal tribal programs and services. Such recognition also provides access to federal programs that support tribal governments, health services, housing, education, and long-term cultural and environmental stewardship, officials said.

Supervisors approved the letter on the consent agenda during their March 10 meeting. ★

# Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email [lloyd.green@mpg8.com](mailto:lloyd.green@mpg8.com)

Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.

## Friday, April 3

### Ready, Set, Bloom! Downtown Oroville Sale

2 to 8 p.m. at 1998 Montgomery St., Oroville. This family-friendly downtown event will feature spring sales, promotions and new menu offerings from local businesses. Activities include live music, Easter-themed fun, scavenger hunts and photo opportunities.

## 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](http://gridleyareachamber.org).

### Gridley Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. to noon at Manuel Vierra Park Municipal / Gridley Recreation Center, 194 Washington St., Gridley. For kids up to 9 years of age, plus a special needs area. Please bring a canned food item to share with our local food closets and meet the Easter Bunny.

### Tiny Treasures Lunar Market

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Movement Arts of Chico, 254 E. 1st St., downtown Chico. We'll be selling and trading trinkets at one of the most unique spring events in Chico. Find more than 50 local vendors, a trinket decorating station, live music, and more. Presented by Mercado Productions and Lunar Market Chico.

## Sunday, April 5

### Pancakes for CHAT

8 a.m. to noon at Creekside Rose Garden, 5845 Vallombrosa Ave., Chico. Join us for a fun-filled morning of pancakes, community and festive activities. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) and their mission to help individuals and families move from homelessness to stability. Tickets and more information at [www.butte365.com/event](http://www.butte365.com/event).

### Easter Sunday Service and Community Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. at Christian Life Assembly, 1526 Humble Ave., Gridley. A children's service and community egg hunt will follow worship. The free event includes an egg hunt, bounce house, barbecue and activities for families. All are welcome.

## Saturday, April 11

### Sierra View Cruisers Car Club Poker Run

Registration 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the parking lot at the Union Coffee Club, 1474 Myers St., Oroville. No pre-registration, bring your cash or credit card to register for a great day. Poker hands are \$25 each, lunch is \$15 each at the end of the run at Bangor Community Park. This will be a fun day touring the back roads with your car or motorcycle shined up, windows down, and smiles for miles. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, live band in Bangor and fabulous prizes. Classic cars not required, feel free to bring your daily ride. More information on Sierra View Cruisers Facebook page.

### Little Red Hen's

#### Chico Walks for Autism

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sycamore Field, 500 South Park Drive, Chico. The event includes a community walk followed by a children's carnival featuring interactive games, creative activities and sensory play experiences for kids of all abilities. Activities will be held in Lower Bidwell Park near One Mile. Register at [www.litleredhen.org](http://www.litleredhen.org)

### 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](http://www.valleyoakchildren.org).

### Monster X Tour

Noon and 7 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. Monster trucks will compete in racing, wheelie contests and freestyle action during two shows. A pre-event Pit Party offers fans an up-close look at the trucks. Advance tickets and Pit Party information are available at [www.monsterxtour.com](http://www.monsterxtour.com).

### Chico Exchange 2026 Brewfest

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Patrick Ranch, 10381 Midway, Durham. Sample from more than 20 different breweries and 40 brews. Proceeds benefit the Chico Noon Exchange Foundation, donating to more than 30 non-profits supporting veterans, patriotism, and prevention of child abuse in Butte County. Tickets and more information at [www.chicobrewfest.com](http://www.chicobrewfest.com).

### Slo Joe's 75th Birthday Bike Night

4 to 7 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. Hosted by the American Legion Riders Chapter 210, this family-friendly event will include slow races, a helmet toss challenge, cornhole, a 50/50 raffle and food including sloppy joes, cake and beverages. Proceeds support local veterans and community programs.

## Sunday, April 12

### Kite Day

Noon to 3 p.m. at Community Park, 1900

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Chico. This free, family-friendly celebration features activities throughout the park, food trucks, and plenty of open space to let your kites fly high. Bring your own kite or decorate and fly one of our free kites (while supplies last). Presented by Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD).

## 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.

**Monday, April 6:** Gridley book club, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (G) Gridley Friends of the Library meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (G)

**Tuesday, April 7:** Creative writing group, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (G) LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

**Wednesday, April 8:** Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults, (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

**Thursday, April 9:** Chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

**Friday, April 10:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

## 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@butte-county.net](mailto:literacy@butte-county.net) for more information.

**Gridley City Council** meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 685

Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council>

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

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

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

**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 15.

## 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 April 26. 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.

**North State Food Bank**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution on Tuesday, April 7. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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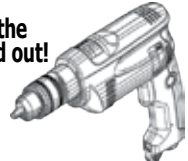


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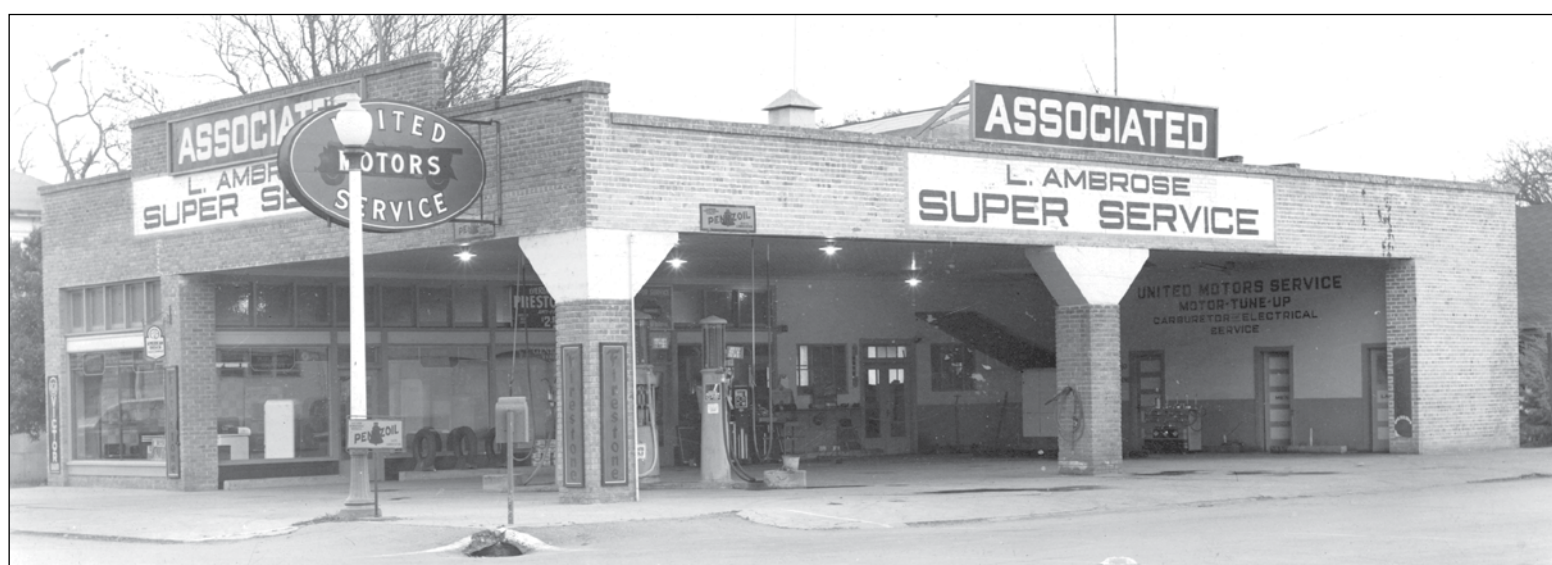
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## Food & Farm NEWS

### Farm Bureau Leaders Advocate at Capitol

Farmers who serve on the California Farm Bureau Board of Directors gathered in Sacramento last week to meet with legislators and regulatory officials to advocate on issues that affect agriculture. Among the issues Farm Bureau board members spoke to lawmakers and their staff about were the recent increase in wolf-livestock conflicts, a proposed tax credit to offset the cost to farmers paying overtime wages, a bill that would require any wine labeled as "American" to be completely made from U.S.-grown grapes, and regulation of nitrate contamination in the state's water supply. Roger Everett, a Tulare County beekeeper and citrus farmer, described the Capitol visits as an opportunity for farmers to highlight agricultural issues that legislators from urban areas might not be aware of. "The majority of these people don't engage in agriculture," Everett said. "It's on us to provide them with the information of our operations and what affects us, and how we're going to survive in the world they're trying to create for us."

### Mentorship Program Grows Next-Generation Farmers

The California Bountiful Foundation, a nonprofit research and education arm of the California Farm Bureau, created the Expanding Our Roots mentorship program to connect beginning farmers and ranchers with experienced producers who share practical, real-world knowledge. Through the program, mentors and mentees work through topics such as production planning, business management, market

access, navigating regulations, managing risk, adopting climate-smart practices, and accessing resources and grants. The program continues to grow. To date, 246 farmers from 46 counties have enrolled. Expanding Our Roots serves a diverse group of producers, including 62 participants who speak a language other than English. Carol Thong of Sonoma County said working with her mentor, Andrew Forchini, a winegrape grower in Sonoma County, helped her better understand vineyard operations and identify ways to reduce costs, helping her make more informed decisions on her operation.

### Vision Tech Allows Dairies to Identify Lameness Early

Lameness is one of the main reasons a dairy cow will be culled from the herd due to cost of treatment and impacts on milk production and reproduction. It affects 90% of dairy cows at least once during their lifetime. But methods used to detect lameness did not significantly improve for years. Some dairy farms have begun to use vision technology, which allows them to detect and treat lameness earlier. The trademarked SmartSight system, for example, is an artificial intelligence-driven lameness detection tool that monitors cow locomotion and generates reports on lameness status before it may be visible. Early detection means fewer severe cases, milk production and fertility are preserved, and cow health and welfare are improved. "Lameness has been a huge unknown, but that is changing with vision technology," said Joya McCarthy, technical product manager with Specialty Herd Solutions in Fresno. ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Spring is in the air; birds are singing all day long. Bees are buzzing everywhere. Ursula's mate is hanging out they are making a ruckus together. I have to watch out for them as they dive bomb while chasing each other making a noise. There are a wide variety of bees in the yard this year. Natives, honey and bumbles busily going bloom to bloom all

day long. I'm hoping my column apples fruit. One was full of flowers. The other was just leaves. I have in a potted crabapple that had a lot of flowers and now has wee apples. Crabapples do not need a pollinator partner but they can act as a pollinator partner for other apples. Because the crabapple had blooms in the beginning of the apple bloom, I'm hopeful.

Friends and I went on the Nursery Crawl in Chico. There is a sweet small nursery on 17th St called Harvest and Habitat. They have the best prices in town right now for 4" pots. They carry limited types of plants but do have some annuals, a lot of perennials and vegetable plants as

well as Native plants. It is the type of small business worth supporting. We also went to the Plant Barn which is undergoing a lot of positive changes. It has always been a good nursery and it has greenhouses where it produces many of their own plants, it is becoming a great nursery. The new owners are developing the back acreage into beautiful gardens highlighting various habitats. It is going to be a destination spot at the end of all the work. We had a great time shopping, talking and living up the plant life. Ace in town has some wonderful flowers, worth going to see. I need to get out to Mac's and see what they have. Happy Spring gardening. ★

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## Gridley Police Report

March 1 - March 18



**Mar. 1:** At 2:06 a.m. on the 1800 block of Laurel Street, Gridley, Hayden David Lee, 20, was arrested on suspicion of battery: spouse/ex-spouse/date, etc. – simple (M) (243(e)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 1:** At 9:30 p.m. on the 200 block of Sycamore Street, Gridley, Timothy Andres Zavala, 45, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 4:** At 11:33 p.m. on the 300 block of Little Avenue, Gridley, Monica Guzman, 42, was arrested on suspicion of DUI alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 5:** At 4:26 p.m. on the 1400 block of Peach Street, Gridley, William Levi Wilkerson, 35, was arrested on suspicion of grand theft – motor vehicle parts/accessories (F) (484(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 10:** At 2:47 p.m. on the 300 block of Virginia Street, Gridley, Don Gordon Butler, 73, was arrested on suspicion of causing fire of property (M) (452(d) PC) and disorderly conduct: alcohol (M) (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 12:** At 1:53 p.m. on Fairview Drive and East Spruce Street, Gridley, Mckayla Cheyanne Cahill, 29, was arrested on suspicion of DUI any drug (M) (23152(f) VC), possession of a controlled substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and possession of unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 13:** At 1:07 p.m. on the 1400

block of SR 99, Gridley, Jordan Lee Chao, 24, was arrested on suspicion of false imprisonment (F) (236 PC), battery: spouse/ex-spouse/date, etc. – simple (M) (243(e)(1) PC) and child abuse with possible GBI/death – simple (F) (273a(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 13:** At 2:43 p.m. on the 1600 block of SR 99, Gridley, Donald Jordan Cipolla, 33, was arrested on suspicion of possessing a shopping/laundry cart (M) (22435.2(b) BP) and receiving known stolen property (M) (496(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 13:** At 8:37 p.m. on Spruce Street and Haskell Street, Gridley, Jesus Martinezmartinez, 31, was arrested on suspicion of driving without a license (12500(a) VC), crossing double yellow lines (21460(a) VC), DUI alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC), DUI alcohol/0.08 percent (M) (23152(b) VC) and possession of an open container (23222(a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 18:** At 3:57 p.m. on the 1000 block of Washington Street #34, Gridley, Cynthia Karely Montes Romero, 31, was arrested on suspicion of vandalism: defacing property (M) (594(a) PC) and participating in a criminal street gang (M) (186.22(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Mar. 18:** At 9:59 p.m. on the 500 block of Virginia Street, Gridley, Jose Manuel Santiagomez, 43, was arrested on suspicion of probation violation: rearrest/revoked (F) (1203.2(a) PC) and open container (25620(a) BP) and was booked into Butte County Jail.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000241  
The following person(s) are doing business as: N and S Forestry LLC, 27 Cedar Lane, Berry Creek, CA 95916

N&S Forestry LLC, 27 Cedar Lane, Berry Creek, CA 95916  
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FORESTRY 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000090  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rolls Real Estate, Rolls Estate Referrals, Jarolls Inc, 1834 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Jarolls Inc, 1834 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
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ROLLS 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000229  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Zaks Norcal Construction, 589 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Zach R Brown, P.O. Box 42, Biggs, CA 95917  
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ZAKS 4-3-26

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000078  
The following person(s) are doing business as: AAA Inspections, 127 Apache Circle, Oroville, CA 95966

Kent Douglas White, 127 Apache Circle, Oroville, CA 95966  
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AAA 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000265  
The following person(s) are doing business as: North Valley Water Solutions, 845 Gilstrap Avenue, Gridley, CA 94948

Schwartz and Family Enterprises Inc, 3400 Cottage Way Suite G2, Sacramento, CA 95825  
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NORTH 4-10-26

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000269  
The following person(s) are doing business as:

TJA Farm, 140 Hurlburt Lane, Gridley, CA 95948  
Trevor B Anthony and Jostyn R Anthony, 140 Hurlburt Lane, Gridley, CA 95948

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TJA 4-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000252  
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Witching Sour Bakery, 1425 Nord Avenue Apt 60, Chico, CA 95926

Pitzer, Haley Aileen, 1425 Nord Avenue Apt 60, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: March 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 8, 2026

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WITCHING 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000195  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Paradise Countertops and Cabinets, 940-B Easy Street, Paradise, CA 95969

Benjamin C Price, 1683 Cameo Lane, Paradise, CA 95969  
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PARADISE 4-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000202  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Entwood Property Management, 2515 Ceanothus Avenue #100, Chico, CA 95973

Entwood Property Management, Inc., 2515 Ceanothus Avenue, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: February 26, 2026. The

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ENTWOOD 4-24-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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 Vagyayte 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  
Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026  
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

Filed on February 20, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026  
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 the 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. Apper, 1600 Humboldt Road, Suite 4, Chico, CA 95928; 530-680-6511  
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MOORE 4-3-26

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specified in Section 5102 of the  
Financial Code and authorized  
to do business in this state; will  
be held by the duly appointed  
trustee as shown below, of all  
right, title, and interest conveyed  
to and now held by the trustee  
in the hereinafter described  
property under and pursuant to  
a Deed of Trust described below.  
The sale will be made 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 the Deed  
of Trust, with interest and late  
charges thereon, as provided in  
the note(s), advances, under the  
terms of the Deed of Trust, interest  
thereon, fees, charges and  
expenses of the Trustee for the  
total amount (at the time of the  
initial publication of the Notice  
of Sale) reasonably estimated to be  
set forth below. The amount may  
be greater on the day of sale.  
Trustor: Lester Robert Monson  
and Viva Dell Monson, Trustees  
of the Monson Family Trust, dated  
April 26, 2007 Duly Appointed  
Trustee: National Default  
Servicing Corporation Recorded  
06/29/2007 as Instrument No.  
2007-0031585 (or Book, Page)  
of the Official Records of Butte  
County, California. 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  
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request to the beneficiary within  
10 days of the date of first publication  
of this Notice of Sale. If the  
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remedy shall be the return of  
monies paid to the Trustee, and  
the successful bidder shall have  
no further recourse. The requirements  
of California Civil Code  
Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c)  
were fulfilled when the Notice of  
Default was recorded. NOTICE  
TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If  
you are considering bidding on  
this property lien, you should  
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involved in bidding at a trustee

auction. You will be bidding on  
a lien, not on the property itself.  
Placing the highest bid at a trustee  
auction does not automatically  
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ownership of the property. You  
should also be aware that the  
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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  
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TO PROPERTY OWNER: The  
sale date shown on this notice  
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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 714-730-2727 or  
visit this internet website  
www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the  
file number assigned to this case  
25-03349-KO-CA. Information  
about postponements that are  
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occur close in time to the scheduled  
sale may not immediately be  
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or on the internet website.

The best way to verify postponement  
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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 a "representative  
of all eligible tenant buyers"  
you may be able to 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 match 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 888-  
264-4010, or visit this internet  
website www.ndscorp.com,  
using the file number assigned to  
this case 25-03349-KO-CA 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 a "representative  
of all eligible tenant buyers" or  
"eligible bidder," you should  
consider contacting an attorney  
or appropriate real estate professional  
immediately for advice regarding  
this potential right to purchase.  
NOTICE: To the extent that the  
sale is subject to Financial Crimes  
Enforcement Networks Residential  
Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R.  
Part 1031), purchaser agrees to  
provide all required information  
and further agrees to reimburse  
trustee for any costs, expenses  
or fees incurred as a result of  
the collection of such information.  
Pursuant to Section 2924m of  
the California Civil Code, the  
potential rights described herein  
shall apply only to public auctions  
taking place on or after January  
1, 2021, through December  
31, 2025, unless later extended.  
Date: 03/06/2026 National  
Default Servicing Corporation  
c/o Tiffany And Bosco, P.A., its  
agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite  
820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll  
Free Phone: 888-264-4010  
Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales  
Website: www.ndscorp.com  
Connie Hernandez, Trustee  
Sales Representative/A-4868010  
03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026  
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
T.S. No. 25-02917-LD-CA  
Title No. 250585597-CA-VOI  
APN. 009-011-008-000 YOU  
ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER  
A DEED OF TRUST DATED  
03/04/2022. UNLESS YOU  
TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT  
YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE  
SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF  
YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION  
OF THE NATURE OF THE  
PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU,  
YOU SHOULD CONTACT A  
LAWYER. A public auction sale  
to the highest bidder for cash,  
cashier's check(s) drawn on a  
state or national bank must  
be made payable to National  
Default Servicing Corporation, a  
check drawn by a state or federal  
credit union, or a check drawn  
by a state or federal savings  
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charges and expenses of the  
Trustee for the total amount  
(at the time of the initial  
publication of the Notice of Sale)  
reasonably estimated to be set  
forth below. The amount may  
be greater on the day of sale.  
Trustor: Santiago Sanchez, a  
married man as his sole and  
separate property Duly Appointed  
Trustee: National Default  
Servicing Corporation Recorded  
03/10/2022 as Instrument No.  
2022-0009202 (or Book, Page)  
of the Official Records of Butte  
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: 04/29/2026 at 3:30 PM Place  
of Sale: Butte County Courthouse,  
1 Court Street, Oroville, CA  
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balance and other charges:  
\$132,477.45 Street Address or  
other common designation of  
real property: 1155 Indiana St,  
Gridley, CA 95948 A.P.N.: 009-  
011-008-000 The undersigned  
Trustee disclaims any liability for  
any incorrectness of the street  
address or other common designation,  
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within 10 days of the date of first  
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NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER PURSUANT  
TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 3440.1(H)(2):

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Carpet Center, Inc., Transferor, whose address is 2750 Bayview Drive Fremont, CA 94538, intends to transfer the personal property described below to WESTLAKE RYDER SQUARE, LLC, Transferee, whose address is 520 SOUTH EL CAMINO REAL, BSMTA, SAN MATEO, CA 94402, on or after 04/01/2026. Note: Publication must be complete not less than 10 days before the date of transfer, Civ. Code § 3440.1(h)(2). The personal property is currently stored and located at 195 Washington St. Gridley, CA 95948-3124 and will remain at that location following transfer. The personal property to be transferred generally consists of the following: Unit Resilient LVP Flooring per RFI 12

URF1 - Unit Resilient Flooring: MSI International Inc. MSI Everlife Cyrus Chester Hills 7.13X48.03  
Dated this 3/20/2026,

By The Carpet Center, Inc.  
The Carpet Center, Inc. 195 Washington St, Gridley, CA 95948-3124

The Gridley Herald 4-3-2026

# Butte Juvenile Court Hearings Move Temporarily

By MPG Staff

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Juvenile justice court hearings in Butte County will temporarily relocate to the main courthouse in Oroville beginning June 1 as construction starts on an expansion and renovation project

at the county's juvenile hall facility.

The Superior Court of California, County of Butte announced the closure of the Juvenile Hall courtroom at 51 County Center Drive, where hearings are currently held. The closure will remain in effect until

further notice while work begins on the planned addition.

During the construction period, all juvenile justice proceedings will take place at the Butte County Courthouse, located at One Court St. in Oroville. Court officials said updated hearing times and locations will be

provided directly to affected parties by mail.

The project is part of an effort to improve court operations and expand the functionality of the juvenile hall facility. Additional details about the construction timeline and scope are available through the court system.

Officials said confidentiality requirements for juvenile cases will remain unchanged despite

the temporary relocation.

Questions regarding juvenile justice cases can be directed to the court's Juvenile Unit at 530-532-7010. Public access hours will not change during the transition.

Members of the public may submit comments about the temporary facility closure to Court Executive Officer Sharif Elmallah by mail at One Court St., Oroville, CA 95965. ★

# Newsom May Spend \$19 Million to Sugarcoat California's Stalled Economy



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California hasn't had a truly balanced state budget for four or maybe five years, and the current one continues to overspend its revenues.

Nevertheless, Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to spend \$19 million on a marketing campaign to portray California as having a vibrant economy, to counter "myths driven by misinformation and political rhetoric."

"California and its business climate have been falsely and maliciously maligned for years, and the state has a right to tell the true story — California is a great place to live, work, invest and visit," Newsom spokesperson Tara Gallegos told the Los Angeles Times. "Setting the record straight will benefit every business, worker and resident of this state."

The solicitation of contractors for the campaign quotes a passage from Newsom's State of the State speech: "California has never been about perfection. It's about persistence. The courage of our convictions and the strength to embody them. That's the California Way."

It appears to be a \$19 million contribution from California taxpayers to Newsom's forthcoming campaign for the presidency. The state is

a target of ceaseless social media and internet criticism, some of it far-fetched but, unfortunately, much of it is deserved, such as its seemingly intractable homelessness crisis. Being from California would be one of the hurdles Newsom faces if he seeks the presidency.

The marketing campaign will attempt to put a positive spin on California's economy and business climate, echoing how Newsom typically responds when interviewers ask about corporate migrations and loss of population to other states. He cites California's having the globe's 4th largest economy were it a nation.

The hard fact, however, is that California's economy isn't doing so well these days, and it cannot be dismissed, as Newsom often does, as something dreamed up by political foes.

Take, for instance, a report that the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, issued in 2024, describing California's economy as "sluggish."

"California's economy has been in an extended slowdown for the better part of two years, characterized by a soft labor market and weak consumer spending," Petek said, adding, "Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half. Similarly, the number of Californians who are unemployed is 25 percent higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022. Consumer spending (measured by inflation-adjusted retail sales and taxable sales) has continued to decline throughout 2024."

This week, the California Center for Jobs & the Economy, an offshoot of the California Business

Roundtable, issued a report that mirrors and builds on what Petek said.

"California's economy in 2025 presents a troubling paradox," the detailed report declares. "While the state continues to rank among the largest economies in the world, the underlying data reveals an economy that is no longer delivering broad-based growth, opportunity, or stability."

"Rather than expanding," the report continues, "California's economy is increasingly defined by stagnation in job creation, erosion in its private sector base, and mounting structural challenges tied to affordability and competitiveness. Many of the state's headline strengths — particularly in technology — are masking deeper weaknesses across the broader economy. The data show an economy that has largely stalled since the pandemic recovery, with employment barely returning to pre-2020 levels, private sector job losses accelerating, and consumer activity weakening in real terms."

Newsom obviously wants to bury these sobering facts, but doing so undercuts his duty — as governor for another nine months — to be straight with Californians, not just conjure up taxpayer-financed propaganda.

He'll have plenty of time to spin fables after he's out of office and on the presidential campaign trail.

*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



## Look to the Draft!

With a total of six games to go, the Sacramento Kings have only three teams in the NBA with a worse winning record. That would be the Indiana Pacers and the Washington Wizards with 17 wins apiece, and the team that beat them Sunday, the Brooklyn Nets.

So, what does that mean for the Sactown boys exactly? It means that barring some unforeseen event, the Sacramento Kings are likely poised to qualify for one of the top selections in the upcoming NBA draft. And thankfully, we can finally put a stop to the conversation of tanking!

A professional and storied organization such as the NBA should never have to resort to finding a remedial method to combatting something as pernicious and utterly distasteful as actually trying to lose a contest.

I can't imagine what commissioner Adam Silver must be thinking, and David Stern must be turning over in his grave. Already significant fines have been metered out to teams that have shown evidence of intentionally losing games, and this needs to come to a stop once and for all.

No fan or season ticket holder ever buys a ticket to see his/her hometown team try to lose a game, and if this isn't stamped out now, the NBA will surely be in a world of hurt.

I was gratified to see the Philadelphia Nets put their best effort forward in Sunday night's game with nothing to play for but the gratification of a win.

Sacramento, with eight healthy players to suit up had an abysmal shooting night, scoring just 99 points while shooting 36/84 from the field.

With 19 wins for the season and only six games remaining, one thing is abundantly obvious. The Sacramento Kings will in all likelihood garnish one of the cherished high draft picks in the upcoming lottery.

Nothing is ever cast in stone, but the handwriting is on the wall, and it remains to be seen what acumen Scott Perry really has when it comes to assessing talent. Critical doesn't even begin to describe the importance of having the ability to pick players with the talent to succeed in the NBA, but soon we will see what this relatively new Sacramento GM is going to bring to the table.

Whether big man A.J. Dybantsa becomes available or possibly Cameron Boozer, either of these talented big men could change the landscape of the Kings team.

Yes, we know Rome wasn't built in a day, and I'm not expecting miracles, but sometimes the ping pong balls bounce your way, and just maybe this is the year.

Without a doubt this year's draft will take on monumental interest with the fan base in Sacramento, so let's continue watching the rookies perform and put this season of hurt in the rear-view mirror.

The question is, did we learn anything this year, because I certainly did.

The Kings problems are not relegated to the players alone, and serious question marks rest with regards to the coaching staff of the Sacramento organization. What if anything can be done will loom large as the Kings formulate their team, hopefully build around Domantas Sabonis, and present to the team and the fans a leadership base that has totally changed direction.

This can happen, whether it's getting better at what you do, or whether ownership has to step in and make sweeping changes, going into next season with a staff incapable of teaching players how to shoot free throws or play some semblance of defense, is simply unacceptable.

I would hesitate to guess what Vivek Ranadive is going to do, but the upcoming draft will probably determine which direction his decisions will take him.

So, what's the good news? Good news is the Kings are poised to add an impact player in the draft, and there is abundant talent on this team that has been utterly devastated by injuries all year.

If there is anything positive about a 19-win season, it has been giving the Kings an opportunity to overhaul their roster from top to bottom while picking up castoff former first-round draft picks and giving them a thorough look. Former No. 7 pick in the 2020 NBA Draft, Killian Hayes has already signed a two-year contract.

A good draft, a healthy team, and 2026 can be filled with optimism, and that relates to wins!

*All the best Kings fans!* ★

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the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 03/05/2026 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany And Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite

820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4867920 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026 GRIDLEY HERALD 04-3-26

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Richvale Irrigation District's Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on **April 15** for the purpose of receiving public comments on Richvale Irrigation District's adoption of the 2026 Agricultural Water Management Plan Update.

This public hearing will be held at **1148 Richvale Hwy** and will start at **8:00AM**.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

For more information, please contact: **Sean Earley @ 530-882-4243**.

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## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING CONCLUSION OF THE 8-STEP DECISION-MAKING PROCESS PER EXECUTIVE ORDERS 11988 AND 13690

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gridley conducted a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at 3:00 PM, at Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley CA 95948 in which the City Council approved an application for funding under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2025 Notice of Funding Availability for the "Laurel Street Extension Project" (Project), and made decisions with regard to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 8-Step Decision-Making Process for the Project, in compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 13690.

The Project extends Laurel Street west of Randolph Avenue, connecting to active developments west of Butte View Drive and tying into Jared Drive. The Project is located entirely within the City limits and within an area designated for urban development under the City's adopted General Plan and approved subdivision maps.

The Project is intended to:

- Implement circulation improvements planned under the City's General Plan and Circulation Element.
- Provide safe and efficient local access for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Replace and modernize aging underground utility infrastructure within the roadway corridor.
- Formalize an existing disturbed access route into a permanent, safe, public street.

The Project does not introduce new land use designations, expand the City's urban growth boundary, or increase development density beyond what has already been authorized through existing approvals.

The purpose of the 8-Step Decision-Making Process is to: 1) identify and evaluate alternatives to locating this Project in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain; 2) identify impacts of the proposed Project on floodplain management; and 3) identify mitigation measures to minimize harm, restore and preserve natural and beneficial values, and/or elevate structures involving construction. The public was given 15 days to review this Project and its impact on floodplain management, beginning on the day that the initial public notice was published in the Gridley Herald and posted on the City's website, which was March 6, 2026. No public comments were received by the City during the 15-day public comment period.

Below is a summary of the 8-Step Decision-Making Process that was implemented for the Project.

1. *Determine if the proposed action is in the FFRMS floodplain and if any exceptions found in Sections 55.12 or 55.13 apply.* It was determined that the Project is in the 0.2 percent annual chance FFRMS floodplain, and that Sections 55.12 and 55.13 do not apply.

2. *Publish a public notice in a newspaper or on a government website followed by a 15-day public comment period.* A public notice announcing that the City had initiated an 8-Step Decision-Making Process was published in the Gridley Herald on March 6, 2026. To date, no public comments have been received in response to the notice.

3. *Identify and evaluate alternatives to locating the project in the FFRMS floodplain.* The City conducted an evaluation of alternatives as detailed in the Floodplain Alternatives and Impacts Analysis that was provided in the Staff Report for the March 23, 2026 City Council Meeting and presented to the City Council.

4. *Identify impacts of the proposed action.* The City conducted an assessment of floodplain impacts of the Project as described in the Floodplain Alternatives and Impacts Analysis.

5. *Minimize harm, restore, and preserve natural and beneficial values.* The City identified Project mitigation measures in the Floodplain Alternatives and Impacts Analysis. These included:
  - a. Design the Project so that it does not result in a measurable reduction in flood storage capacity or alter regional flood conveyance patterns.
  - b. Implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) measures during construction in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board requirements, and Construction Best Management Practices to control erosion, sedimentation, and pollutant discharge.
  - c. Design roadway to incorporate stormwater drainage improvements.
  - d. Limit construction activities to the minimum area necessary to complete improvements, and restore disturbed areas following construction.
  - e. Implement natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology, planting or restoring native plant species, and bioswales.

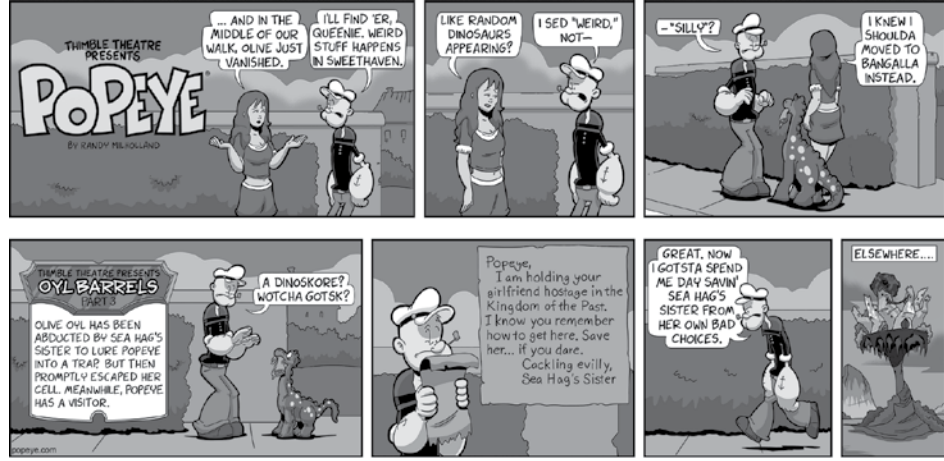
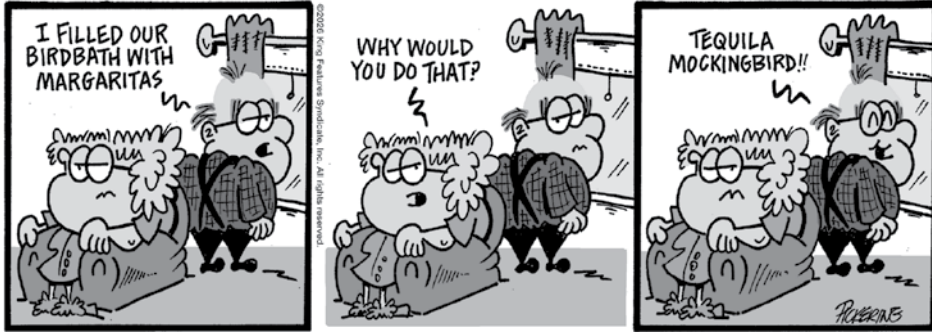
6. *Reevaluate alternatives and approve the Project, approve with modifications, or cancel the Project.* Based on review of the City's Floodplain Alternatives and Impacts Analysis, City Council approved the Project as planned and described in the March 23, 2026 Staff Report to City Council.
7. *Publish Final Public Notice.* This final public notice regarding the City's determination will be published in the Gridley Herald on April 3, 2026.
8. *Implement Project in compliance with mitigation plans.* The City will implement the Project as described in the Floodplain Alternatives and Impacts Analysis. This is the final step of the 8-Step Decision-Making Process.

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# COMICS & PUZZLES

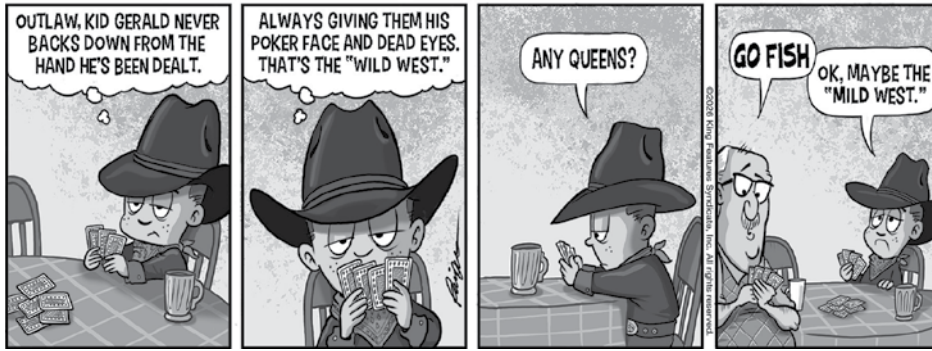
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

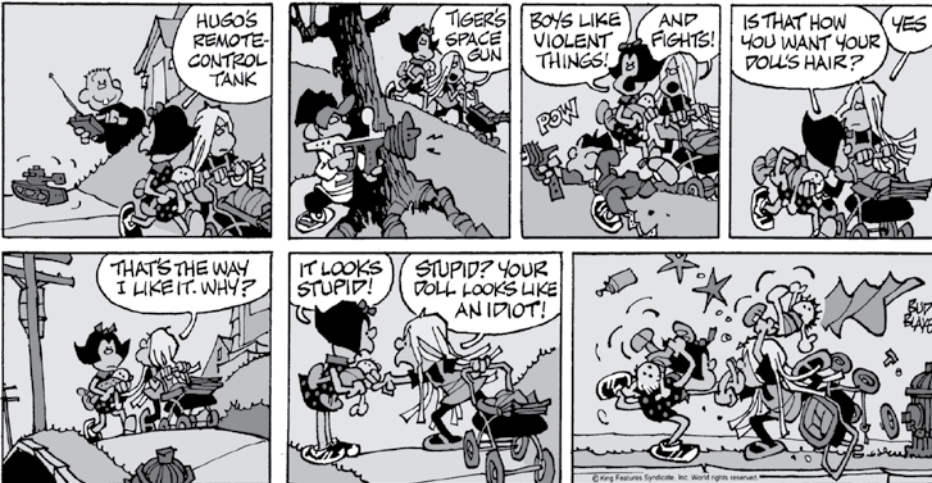
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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- CROSS**
- Double's trick
  - Pick
  - Marching band member
  - North one or South one, in Asia
  - Morse Code dash
  - Root of iris
  - Indian black tea
  - Mother lode stuff
  - Disinclined
  - \*Mad as a \_\_\_
  - \*Fit as a \_\_\_
  - Pilgrimage to Mecca
  - \* \_\_\_ A Sketch
  - R&R destination
  - Table, in Mexico
  - Aerie baby
  - Otter's den
  - \* \_\_\_ as a button
  - Type of union
  - Axillary, in biology
  - \*Bored to \_\_\_
  - Fit of shivering
  - Treated with calcium hydroxide
  - Recipe amt.
  - Not fiction
  - \*Lawrence and DiCaprio movie "Don't \_\_\_"
  - Like some hard times
  - \*To the \_\_\_ degree
  - Not less
  - \*Hi-\_\_\_ graphics
  - \*Fly off the \_\_\_
  - \*Storm in a \_\_\_
  - Louisiana swamp
  - \*" \_\_\_ whiz!"
  - Did like a lunatic
  - Mr. T and friends
  - \*Am is to I a \_\_\_ is to we
  - Certain pudding ingredient
  - Mosquito net, e.g.
  - Local area network
  - Leavening agent
- DOWN**
- Reggae's cousin
  - Silly talk
  - Minor one in the sky
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  - Type of gong instrument
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  - \*\* \_\_\_ for the course
  - \*\*Grand \_\_\_ Auto"
  - Walked on
  - Caspian Sea feeder
  - \*\*Take a \_\_\_ Out of Crime"
  - Type of tree
  - Idiom for outdated or trite (2 words)
  - Tape deck button
  - \*Break the \_\_\_
  - Palatable
  - \* \_\_\_ we dance?
  - President Franklin Roosevelt's diagnosis
  - \*\*Remember the \_\_\_!"
  - Cooking grease
  - Tennis "Steffi"
  - Flotsam and jetsam alternative
  - Something educed
  - \*By the skin of your \_\_\_
  - Hiker's journey
  - Gaelic language
  - \* \_\_\_ tire
  - Lollipop brand
  - D.C. mover and shaker
  - Not very far
  - Fit for a king

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# Students Map Sutter County History

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center “hot rail” supplying power, before converting to diesel in the early 1940s.

The Landmarks of Legacy project marks sites including the train depot, Butte House Road, the Sutter Buttes, Long Bridge, Sutter Cemetery, the Butte Slough School in Meridian and Sunsweet Growers in Yuba City, each selected for its role in shaping the region.

From the start, Fremd said the goal was to take places people pass every day and make them visible again.

“We wanted people to

actually see it, not just read it,” he said. “If you stand here and hear the story, it sticks with you.”

That work was shared across the team. FBLA officers Scarlett Ocheltree and Dominique Madrigal were among those rotating through presentations, speaking at multiple stops and guiding visitors through different parts of the project.

At Sutter Cemetery, the story turned to the people behind the history. One of the oldest and largest cemeteries in the county, it holds generations of residents, including veterans

honored each year, Dolly Gray, an early 20th century left-handed Major League Baseball pitcher, and 14 unidentified victims of serial killer Juan Vallejo Corona, placed in a single grave and memorialized so they would not be forgotten.

At Butte House Road, the history focused on movement. Students described how the route once carried Native American tribes and later stagecoaches across one of the few elevated paths through land that flooded each winter.

At the Sutter Buttes, students shifted the focus to the landscape itself, tracing the mountain range from its origins as a dormant volcano to its use by the Maidu people and later periods of settlement and Cold War activity.

The marker at that site was sponsored by Sutter County Supervisor Jeff Boone, who joined the tour and listened as students and Fremd presented.

“What stands out is the ownership,” Boone said. “They’re not just repeating information. They understand it, and they’re passing it on.”

At the Butte Slough School site in Meridian, students described early rural education in Sutter County, when one-room schoolhouses served families spread across farming communities. The site, located on private property, reflects a time when students of different ages learned together and the schoolhouse often served as a gathering place for the surrounding community.



Garrett Fremd receives recognition March 25 for leading the Landmarks of Legacy project as Katie Zwissig, who presented the award, joins FBLA officers Scarlett Ocheltree and Dominique Madrigal. Photo by Susan Meeker

“There was a potbelly stove in the middle for heat, and a single tin cup that all the students shared for water,” Fremd said.

At Long Bridge, the focus turned to connection. The crossing once carried commerce across Butte Slough, linking communities in a region where flooding could isolate entire areas.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Ziegenmeyer spoke at the bridge about restoring the historic crossing for public use.

“I’d love to see this open again someday for people to walk and bike across,” he said. “It would bring Sutter and Colusa back together.”

Ziegenmeyer said efforts like the Landmarks of Legacy project play an important role in preserving local history, ensuring future generations understand how those connections were first built.

The project also includes

a marker at a Sunsweet grower site, recognizing the cooperative’s role in shaping the region’s agricultural identity. Though not included in the shortened tour, the site reflects the project’s broader scope, connecting the county’s past to the industry that continues to define it today.

The Landmarks of Legacy project reflects months of work, from research at the Sutter County Museum to writing, design and installation of the markers. Students worked alongside campus programs and community partners to complete each site.

The same day as the tour, students learned their project ranked among the top eight in the state. Next comes a live presentation before judges, where three students will present and answer questions about every part of the work. If successful, the team will advance to national competition in San Antonio.

FFA advisors Laurie Gidel and Katie Zwissig guided the project while allowing students to take the lead. During the tour, Zwissig recognized Fremd’s leadership, presenting him with a plaque.

“This project started with Garrett’s vision,” Zwissig said. “He saw what this could be and stayed with it all the way through.”

The markers now stand across Sutter County, giving people a reason to stop, look and understand the stories that have always been there.

“This is something the community can connect to, because it’s their history,” Fremd said.

The project was supported by a network of community partners, including Yuba City Rotary, Sutter and Peach Bowl Lions and Early Risers Kiwanis, who joined the tour and helped make the effort possible. ★



Garrett Fremd speaks at the historic Sutter train depot during the Landmarks of Legacy tour on March 25. Fremd, a senior and FBLA vice president at Sutter Union High School, led the project highlighting historic sites across the county. Photo by Susan Meeker

# Falcons Edge Out Lions in Win

By YSBC Sports

**LIVE OAK, CA (YSBC)** - The River Valley Falcons softball team beat the Live Oak Lions in a cross-section matchup on Thursday, March 26 in a 9-5 victory.

River Valley came into the matchup looking to avoid a losing streak as they dropped their two previous games of Foothill Valley League play against Roseville and Del Campo.

Live Oak sophomore pitcher Melina Jurado was locked in the circle as she retired seven out of the first eight Falcons in the loss.

Lions sophomore Farrah Gomez brought in the first run of the game as she hit a hard ground ball to third that scored junior Olivia Duran in the bottom of the first and took an early 1-0 lead.

River Valley tied the game at the top of the third

as senior infielder Kaitlyn Garcia hit a ground ball to third and scored sophomore Hailey Runyen.

Falcons freshman Marissa Widener added a runs-batted-in (RBI) single to left and River Valley had a 3-1 advantage.

Live Oak roared back in the bottom frame of the third and tied the game at three after a couple of Falcons’ defensive miscues.

River Valley put up four runs in the fourth after they connected on multiple hits and capitalized on multiple errors by the Lions.

Live Oak ended with eight errors in the loss and head coach Kevin Medeiros told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that was the big difference maker in the loss.

Medeiros added that he has been happy with the way the Lions are approaching the plate and attacking the ball.

Live Oak senior pitcher Sarah Jupina relieved Jurado in the fourth in the circle and went the final 3 2/3 innings of the game.

Jupina surrendered two runs off of two hits and struck out four in the loss. She added two hits from the batters box in the loss.

The Lions cut the deficit 7-4 in the bottom half of the fourth but after the Falcons added a couple more runs in the sixth and seventh, Live Oak didn’t have enough.

River Valley head coach Taylor Pack told YSBC that the Falcons are looking to bounce back into FVL play and compete for a league title.

River Valley has been without sophomore pitcher Apple Ward since she was injured on March 17.

The Falcons’ ace has been present in the dugout in high spirits and Pack expressed that she hopes to get Ward back when she is healthy.

River Valley junior Khloe Harrison has filled in for Ward.

Harrison pitched six innings of relief in the circle for the Falcons in the win over Live Oak where she gave up four runs off seven hits.

The Falcons hosted Nevada Union in the next part of FVL play on Tuesday.

The Lions opened Westside League play on Thursday, and they are scheduled to host the Las Plumas Thunderbirds with first pitch set for 4 p.m. ★



River Valley senior Emylee Hull (7) scores a run in the Falcons’ win over Live Oak on March 26. Photo by Steven Bryla



River Valley sophomore infielder Taylor Dill (8) makes a stretching catch in foul territory on March 26 during the Falcons’ victory. Photo by Steven Bryla



River Valley junior pitcher Khloe Harrison (1) tosses a pitch on March 26 during the Falcons’ win against Live Oak. Photo by Steven Bryla

# Pacific Coast Producers Acquires Del Monte Fruit Assets

By MPG Staff

**LODI, CA (MPG)** - Pacific Coast Producers has completed its purchase of key Del Monte Foods assets tied to its fruit business, the company announced.

The transaction includes Del Monte’s canned fruit and fruit cup assets, along with rights in the United States, Mexico and Puerto

Rico to license and use the Del Monte and S&W brands for shelf-stable fruit products.

Company officials said the deal strengthens operations for the Lodi-based agricultural cooperative and its network of growers.

“The completion of this transaction is a significant event for our grower owners and for our company,”

said Matt Strong, president and CEO of Pacific Coast Producers. “We will carry on our mission of producing and providing healthy and economically packaged fruit products to the U.S. consumer.”

Strong said the company plans to continue producing products under the Del Monte brand while maintaining established quality

standards.

Aaron Smith, vice president of field operations, said the company has increased purchases of West Coast fruit to meet demand and support growers.

“We are committed to a viable agricultural community in our state,” Smith said. “We have increased our purchases of west coast fruit in order to provide

adequate supply to our customers and will maintain the quality consumers expect.”

Pacific Coast Producers is a cooperative of about 160 family farmers based in Northern California. The company operates production facilities in California and Oregon and employs more than 4,000 workers.

Founded in 1971, the cooperative focuses on



producing packaged fruit products while maintaining grower ownership and control.

Company officials did not disclose financial terms of the transaction. ★

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Live Oak's Meredith Bole (left) and Emma Taylor (right) celebrate scoring runs during the Lions' loss to River Valley on March 26. Photo by Steven Bryla

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Live Oak senior Sarah Jupina (21) lines a base hit on March 26 during the Lions' defeat to River Valley. Photo by Steven Bryla



Live Oak junior Olivia Duran (1) smashes a double on March 26 in the Lions' defeat to River Valley. Photo by Steven Bryla



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