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Lions Share a Hunt for Generations



Gridley Lions Club member Jason Piazza holds the line as children prepare to search for thousands of hand-dyed Easter eggs during the annual hunt.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It was a hopping Saturday as the Gridley Lions Club held its 48th annual Easter Egg Hunt April 4 at Gridley Manuel Vierra Park.

Lions and volunteers prepared 4,800 hard-boiled eggs for the event. Real eggs are selected for the event due to their organic nature, being easier on the environment than their plastic counterparts. Often eggs are trampled by excited youth who burst off the starting lines; crushed underfoot, real eggs simply decompose if missed during cleanup efforts.

Volunteers and club members arrived by 8:30 a.m. to hide the dyed eggs and cordon off hunting areas into age-appropriate sections for children.



Lion Mike Dahl leads the countdown as children gather for the start of the Easter Egg Hunt at Manuel Vierra Park.

The Easter egg hunt began promptly at 11 a.m., with Lion Mike

Dahl providing the countdown via loudspeaker. As the final countdown began, local Cal Fire and Gridley Fire Department engines from Station 74 let their sirens wail and excited attendees added their voices. "3, 2, 1, go!" echoed the park.

Children burst off the starting lines and ricocheted across the park looking for eggs. During the hunt, volunteers roamed the various areas to ensure that egg seekers did not encounter older competition and to share a hint if a child needed direction.

Silver and gold eggs were hidden in the 6-7- and 8-9-year-old areas, whereas little hunters ages 5 and under received raffle tickets to be entered into a drawing to win a stuffed animal prize.

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CVRA Complaint Filed Against Live Oak

By Susan Meeker

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak City Council held a closed session discussion on April 1 about how to respond to a warning that its at large election system violates the California Voting Rights Act.

The meeting was called specifically to address the demand letter the city received in mid March, which gives Live Oak until May 5 to decide whether it will voluntarily move to district elections or face a lawsuit.

The warning came from voting rights attorney Kevin Shenkman, who represents the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and Live Oak resident Cruz Mora. In a March 13 letter, Shenkman said the city's current system "dilutes the ability of Latinos to elect candidates of their choice," pointing to racially polarized voting patterns and the absence of Latino representation on the council.

Mora has run for City Council four times, most recently finishing third in a five candidate race behind Aaron Pamma and Nancy Santana. Shenkman wrote that election results show consistent patterns in which Latino preferred candidates do not prevail, a key factor in CVRA cases.

Before the council went behind closed doors on April 1, Mora addressed the council directly. He said he expected resistance to his December demand letter but not what he described as secrecy. He criticized the city's Jan. 21 closed session meeting on the issue, saying it was improperly noticed and undermined public trust. Mora also pointed to disparities between neighborhoods, arguing that families in areas like Garden Glen lack representation and basic services.

"Single member districts would transform Live Oak from a city of few to a city of all," he told the council.

Marcus Frazon also urged the city to comply with the CVRA rather than fight it. He noted that Latinos make up 49.5 percent of Live Oak's population but hold no seats on the council. He warned that other cities that resisted district elections, such as Palmdale and Santa Monica, spent years in court and millions in legal fees before ultimately being ordered to adopt district systems anyway.

"Please do not waste Live Oak's taxpayer money on a losing legal battle," Frazon said.

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STEM Conference Opens Doors for Girls



Rachel Henry, an eighth grader at McKinney School, moves between sessions at the STEM Conference on March 30

Story and photos by Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - At a moment when eighth grade girls are beginning to think seriously about high school and the paths ahead, more than 700 students from dozens of schools across the Yuba-Sutter region gathered March 30 for a day designed to widen

those possibilities. Hosted by the American Association of University Women, the annual STEM Career Conference introduced girls from campuses including Yuba Gardens, Live Oak Middle School, Meridian, charter schools and private schools across the region to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics,

fields collectively known as STEM. For more than a century, AAUW has worked to expand educational and economic opportunities for women and girls, and the Yuba-Sutter branch has made STEM outreach a central part of its mission.

Organizers said the conference is designed to meet girls at a pivotal moment

before high school course selections begin to shape long-term academic and career pathways.

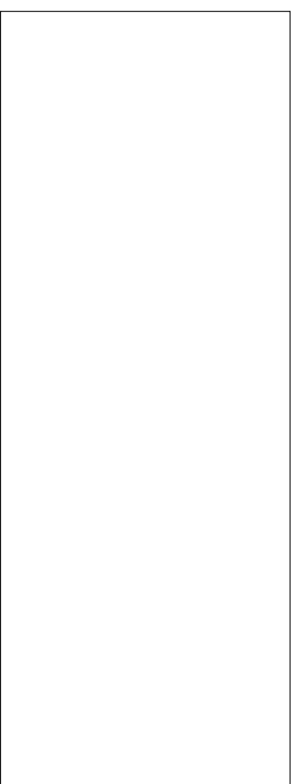
The conference, held at Yuba College, brought students face-to-face with women working in fields where they remain underrepresented, offering both practical insight and something less tangible but

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

I completed the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course in Dublin, CA, at Camp Parks, also known as Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, which, according to the Army.mil website, “is a premier academic institution, military intelligence facility, and Mission Training Complex that supports military readiness for both the Army Reserve and the entire Joint

Force.” It has been many years since my days and nights at Basic Training. Last week I found one of the manuals from Basic Training, the L330 / ARMY WRITING STYLE 600-BNCOC, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (Unclassified), which on page 3 states: “Writing, like tactics and marksmanship, is a learned skill. You must become familiar with the standards for Army writing, and then you must practice. Practice is what makes you a strong writer. Some people seem to have a talent or gift for writing. It seems they pick it up faster and can develop it more quickly; to write well, everyone has to practice. The ability to write clearly is important in today’s Army. In this lesson, we will review the

standards mandated for Army writing, and then you will complete two practical exercises. In one practical exercise, you will demonstrate your grammar, punctuation, capitalization, word choice, and active writing skills. In the second practical exercise, you will identify passive voice and any errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, capitalization, and format of a written memorandum. Then you will rewrite the memo correcting the errors you find.” I think I passed on the first test memo, but the pressure to write for “today’s Army” was pretty intense. So if you’re eager to level up your writing, like tactics and marksmanship, it is a learned skill.

Josh F.W. Cook is a graduate of Butte College. ★

Quota Rocks Out



Gridley Quota Club plans to hold another rock and shell painting session at Quota Park. Past events have drawn youth to paint a variety of supplied rocks. Photo courtesy of Gridley Quota Club

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Ready to rock out in the park? So is the Gridley Quota Club, which is supplying everything needed for a fun event.

Gridley Quota is hosting a rock and shell painting session on Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Quota Park in Gridley, located on Washington and Hazel streets.

“We invite everyone with children or grandchildren to drop in to the park for a fun opportunity, which includes complimentary snacks and drinks,” said Quotarian Peggy Harshbarger.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to wear old shirts

or bring aprons to protect themselves from paint splatters.

“Feel free to bring your own clean rock or we will supply them,” said Harshbarger. She added that Quota will also supply paint, painting materials and rocks for painting if guests do not bring their own.

Harshbarger helps chair

the event for Quota and said parents are grateful for a low-key local activity with no added pressure from vendors.

“It seemed like a creative activity to bring to the community,” said Harshbarger. “This is our third year doing so,” she said, hopeful that this year’s event will be well attended. ★



A painted bunny rock highlights the creative possibilities at the upcoming April 11 event at Quota Park. Photo courtesy of Gridley Quota Club

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The legal framework behind the Shenkman’s demand is well established. Courts have repeatedly held that racially polarized voting can be demonstrated through precinct level election results and “citizen voting age” population data. The U.S. Supreme Court’s Gingles decision (1986) approved statistical methods to estimate how different racial groups vote, and California courts have applied the same approach in CVRA cases, including Modesto and Palmdale. Turnout is not part of the analysis; cities cannot argue that minority voters simply do not participate. And in 2023, the California Supreme Court reaffirmed that plaintiffs do not need to show that a majority minority district can be drawn.

“The CVRA was intended to make it easier, not harder, for plaintiffs to challenge at large election systems that dilute the votes of protected classes,” the California Supreme Court wrote in Pico Neighborhood Association v. City of Santa Monica (2023). The law applies to cities of all sizes, with no exemption for smaller or rural communities.

Shenkman, who litigated the Santa Monica case, has sued or threatened more than 175 jurisdictions under the CVRA,



and cities that chose to fight rarely prevail. Under the law’s one way fee shifting rules, plaintiffs who win can recover attorney fees, while cities that win cannot. Shenkman warned that Live Oak previously ignored the earlier demand from Mora but said this challenge now carries the full backing of his firm.

“We have demonstrated our ability to compel cities like Live Oak to comply with the CVRA,” he wrote.

If the council adopts a resolution of intent within 45 days, the city can enter a 90 day safe harbor period to hold hearings, draw maps and adopt an ordinance with limited financial exposure. If it does not, Shenkman said he will seek judicial relief.

Live Oak officials have not yet announced how they plan to proceed. ★

MEMORIAL

THOMAS MYRRELL GREEN • 05/24/1959 - 01/17/2026

Tom Green, 66, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2026, following a sudden and unexpected illness, surrounded by his family.

Born on May 24, 1959, Tom was a devoted father and family man. A fourth-generation resident of Biggs, he deeply valued his family’s roots in the community and took great joy in sharing his home with his grandchildren-the sixth generation of children to play under the giant trees-where he loved gardening, watching sunsets with his wife, Susie, and spending time with his beloved poodles.

Tom carried on NorCal Rice Brokerage from his father and grandfather, continuing his family’s longstanding involvement in California’s agricultural community. He valued hard work, integrity, and gratitude, and instilled those principles in his children.

He most cherished growing up at Bucks Lake and raising his family there each summer. Between Yahtzee, The New York Times crosswords, and Sudoku, he kept his competitive edge while sharing stories of years past. Over the years, he enjoyed supporting local athletics, sailing, slalom skiing, jeeping, riding horses, and collecting maple trees. Constant and unwavering was his love for the mountains, the



changing seasons, and the details of nature-from the smallest wildflowers to towering pines, maple trees, and hummingbirds.

He was known for his wisdom and wit, steady presence, and deep devotion to his family. He faithfully supported his children at sporting events and milestones and was a consistent source of encouragement and guidance.

Tom is survived by his wife, Susie Green; daughter, Bree (Green) Haskell, Greg Haskell, and their children Sawyer (14), Jackson (12), and Bryant (9); and his son, Tommy Green, Bryanna Green, and

their children Cecelia (10) and Emma (8). He is also survived by his Aunts; Peg (Boll) and Don Ramsdell; Jadine (Green) and Duane Moss; siblings Toby Green, and Toni (Green) and Jeff Fridrich; as well as step grandchildren Mollie and Robert, his best friend/ Cousin Tom Green, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who will miss his presence and humor.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia (Boll Green) Burleson, and his father, Morley Green.

We lost our Tom too soon and will miss him dearly. We will have a private celebration of life at a later date.



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Students Soaked at Color Run

Story and photos
by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's Sycamore Middle School sprinted into spring break with a color run Friday, April 3.

The annual color run has grown each year, with various features added to increase the fun.

"It's the ninth annual color run and every year it gets a little bit better and a little bit bigger and a little bit more fun," said Heather Yost, a teacher at Sycamore. "This year it should top everything else because we have the water shark!"

Water shark, you ask?

Students don white T-shirts for the event, while other students, teachers and volunteers' station themselves around the course with bottles of colored chalk at the ready. In order for the chalk to stick and vividly color the shirts and students, it helps to get wet first.

A new inflatable water feature, an arch shaped like a shark's open jaws, included spraying jets positioned so students had to run beneath it.

In addition to the arch, students



The color run was a "peace" of cake for Brady and Maverick.

began the event with a water balloon fight. Cal Fire/Gridley Fire Department brought a ladder truck, and with assistance from the Gridley Police Department in closing nearby streets, firefighters sprayed hoses over runners as they rounded the corner of Magnolia and California streets.

Although smiles and squeals of laughter filled the course, the color run was not just for fun.

"We are raising money for the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF)," said Yost.

Yost said CJSF students participate in two field trips each year to visit colleges.

"We try to go to a public school and a private college so students can see the difference between the two. We take tours, eat lunch on campus and try to do something fun afterward to give them a college experience," Yost said.

Whether members of CJSF or not, participants had their own colorful experiences while supporting fellow students during

the ninth annual Sycamore School Color Run. ★



Runner McKenna Swanson pauses for a photo with Gridley Police Officer Ashley Gibson, who was on scene to help secure the event.



Despite getting chalk in her eyes, this student smiles after escaping a color station where she was coated with red and blue chalk.

Hunt of Generations: Lions Easter Event



Ashlynn Bandy, left, Sarah Ramirez and Eileen Vera, who found a silver egg, attend the Gridley Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, continuing a family tradition across generations.

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The metallic prize eggs were not the easiest to find. A silver egg remained unfound in the 8-9 age group section for quite some time after the main hunt had ended, as it had been stepped on and was therefore even more difficult to find.

Eileen Vera was one of the participants who found a silver egg and exchanged it for the prize of a plush cow. Vera, who is not from Gridley, was invited to the event by family friends after they learned she had never been to a public egg hunt.

"I think it's fun," said Vera, at first questioning the use of real eggs.

"I just didn't know about the boiled eggs. I'm used to plastic ones with the candy," said Vera. "But I liked finding the silver egg."

Vera attended with Sarah Ramirez and her daughter Ashlynn, who were making final memories at the park this year.

"It's my last time," said Ashlynn, 9, with mixed emotions. She said she had been attending every year "since she was little" and has now reached the age cutoff.

For Ramirez, the event brought back a flood of positive emotions. Ramirez gathered a small group to attend Saturday's egg hunt, reaching out to Vera and other family members with children and encouraging them to come out to the event.

As she shared her own memories, she spoke with a smile.

"I have a picture of me; I was probably 4 or 5 years old," said Ramirez, recalling her own past Lions Easter Egg Hunt. "I must have won something because they took a picture of me by the tennis courts for the paper," she said.

Ramirez found herself in a full-circle moment, continuing to share the work of the Gridley Lions Club and volunteers with new generations. ★

STEM Conference Opens Doors for Girls

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equally important: a sense of belonging. AAUW leaders intentionally target eighth graders because research shows girls' confidence in math and science often begins to dip during middle school, even when their performance remains strong. By connecting students with women who have built successful careers in STEM, organizers hope to counter stereotypes and reinforce the message that talent and curiosity, not gender, determine what is possible.

Yuba College President Tawny Dotson welcomed students at the start of the day, encouraging them to take full advantage of the opportunity to explore careers they may not yet have considered and to see themselves in those roles.

Throughout the morning, students rotated through sessions led by women working in a wide range of professions, including engineering, forensic science, health care, data science and skilled trades. Presenters spoke not only about education and job requirements, but also about the realities of their work, from flexible schedules and field assignments to the challenges of entering male-dominated industries.

Some described nonlinear career paths, while others emphasized the importance of curiosity and persistence. Many told students they had not known their own direction in eighth grade, a message that resonated throughout the day.

For a small group of students, the experience built on something they had already begun. Three of the girls attending the conference were selected as seventh graders for Tech Trek, a competitive summer STEM camp held at UC Davis.

Jaiya Ohri, an eighth grader at Barry School, said the camp helped sharpen her focus.

"I've always been interested in the medical field and engineering," she said, adding that the experience allowed her to explore both through hands-on learning and exposure to new subjects.

Ohri said attending the conference this year reinforced that interest while introducing additional fields she had not previously considered.

Julie Goldwyn, a retired teacher who has volunteered with the American Association of University Women the past five years, said the conference continues to reach students at a critical stage in their education.

The event, she said, is powered almost entirely by volunteers, including retired educators, engineers, health care professionals and community members who return year after year to coordinate presenters, guide student groups and keep sessions running smoothly.

"The goal is to give girls exposure to opportunities they might not otherwise see and the confidence to pursue them," Goldwyn said.

Students moved through three rotating sessions during the day, hearing from presenters in classrooms across campus. The schedule was designed to give each group a mix of careers and perspectives, allowing students to compare experiences and share what they learned with classmates.

Rachel Henry, an eighth grader at McKinney School who also attended Tech Trek last summer, said she has not yet settled on a specific career path, and that the opportunity to explore different fields is part of the experience.

"I wanted to see everything I could do as a girl and hear from women who have achieved things usually done by men," she said.

Henry said she enjoyed sessions that introduced careers she



Julie Goldwyn, a retired teacher and AAUW volunteer, stands with Jaiya Ohri, an eighth grader at Barry School, during the STEM Conference on March 30.

had not previously considered, including forensic science, which she described as interactive and engaging.

That sense of exploration, organizers and presenters said, is exactly the point.

Krista Corbin, dean of business and computer science at Yuba College, told students her own path was far from linear. At different points growing up, she said she wanted to be a pop star and later a spy before eventually finding her direction, attending multiple colleges along the way.

Corbin encouraged students to remain open to change, noting that interests evolve and that discovering the right path often takes time.

Bains, an eighth grader at Butte Vista, said the confidence in her shown by teachers and the panel of judges that selected her for Tech Trek opened doors she had not known existed. Earning straight A's and already taking freshman-level math, she said her interest in science continues to grow as she looks ahead to high school.

"I feel like this was a

wonderful opportunity to explore STEM, and I wish more girls could do it," she said. "It really is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

She said the conference continued the Tech Trek experience, pointing to sessions that introduced new career paths, including wildlife forensics.

"I never knew about a wildlife forensic specialist until today," she said.

By day's end, students returned to the gym for lunch and evaluations before boarding their buses, many carrying new ideas about what their futures might hold.

The conference is made possible each year through local fundraising efforts, including the annual Garden Tour on the first Saturday in May in Yuba City, which supports sending girls to Tech Trek and sustaining the program for future students. Local sponsorships from businesses, service clubs and individual donors help keep the conference free for schools and ensure transportation is not a barrier for rural districts, an essential piece of AAUW's mission to expand access and opportunity. ★



STEM Conference presenters guide students through hands-on activities, giving eighth graders a chance to apply science concepts during sessions on March 30.

Biggs Moves to Tighten Food Waste Compliance

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs City Council approved a plan to bring the city into full compliance with California's SB 1383 organic waste regulations, directing staff to formalize inspection, monitoring and enforcement procedures that remain outstanding despite the city's rural waiver.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier told the council the remaining work centers on documentation and procedural requirements.

"This is mainly administrative," he said. "It's going to be record keeping, commercial inspections, contamination monitoring and compliance enforcement procedures."

City officials said Biggs already operates a three cart collection system and has an edible food recovery program in place, but the state evaluates jurisdictions not only on program availability, but on documented proof of compliance, an area where Biggs must now build out systems.

"Most of the compliance is physically being done," Gauthier said. "The last bit is really just the paperwork trail proving that we're doing it."

Jennifer Arbuckle, the program manager for the Edible Food Recovery Working Group, who assists the city with CalRecycle programs, said the state expects jurisdictions to maintain inspection logs, contamination monitoring records, edible food recovery

documentation and enforcement tracking. She emphasized that the city must also ensure its hauler provides required monthly reports.

"They just want to see that you have everything in line," Arbuckle said. "We want to make sure everyone's doing what they're supposed to be doing and we have it in a proper file when they come looking."

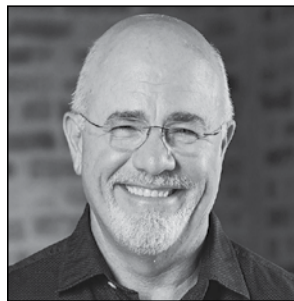
Arbuckle said contamination monitoring will include route reviews and checks performed by hauler drivers using truck mounted cameras. Those systems flag loads that appear to contain the wrong materials, allowing the city to follow up when needed, she said.

The council unanimously approved the motion to authorize Gauthier to develop enforcement policy and inspection protocols and to use CalRecycle grant funds to support the work.

Biggs currently has three open grant cycles totaling \$15,000, with additional competitive grants expected.

Gauthier outlined a six month timeline to complete the administrative compliance build out, including establishing a centralized recordkeeping system, conducting annual commercial inspections, launching formal contamination monitoring, and preparing for potential CalRecycle audits.

Gauthier said the city intends to avoid any compliance issues with the state. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Time to Sell a Car?

Dear Dave,

I have two cars. One is paid for, and I owe \$23,000 on the other. These are my only vehicles. I'd like to sell the one I still owe money on, but no one wants to pay enough to cover the balance. I make \$85,000 a year, and I also have enough money in savings, with plenty left over, to cover the difference on one of the offers. Still, I was wondering if there's a rule of thumb to determine whether or not to sell a car in this kind of situation?

- Jimmy

Dear Jimmy,

If you really love the car, and by really focusing and saving like crazy you can pay off everything else in your life, except your

home in 18 to 24 months, I'm okay with you keeping the car. But if you can't? Sorry, It's time to sell.

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You can probably pay this thing off in less than two years if you really focus on making it happen, and you haven't got a bunch of other debt. But if you don't like the car, or you don't want to work that hard to keep it, then sell the thing and write a check for the difference. I mean, when it's all said and done,

it's just a car. And anyway, you said you'd have plenty of cash left over in savings if you went this direction, right?

But remember, if this is your decision, start rebuilding your savings to its previous level right after by putting what would have gone for car payments back into your savings account. You never know when life might throw something unexpected at you!

- Dave

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

CDFW Opens Duck Stamp Art Contest

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is inviting artists to submit original work for the 2026-27 California Duck Stamp Art Contest, with entries accepted from May 11 through June 19.

The annual contest, established in 1971, draws wildlife artists from across the country. Proceeds from stamp sales support waterfowl conservation projects throughout California.

Artists must depict a greater white-fronted goose, the species selected by the California Fish and Game Commission for the 2026-27 hunting season. The bird, often called a "specklebelly," is known for its brownish-gray coloring, barred belly and white forehead. The species breeds in the Arctic tundra and migrates to wintering areas that include California's Central Valley.

Winning artwork will appear on the 2026-27 California Duck Stamp. Top entries are typically displayed at the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's art show, scheduled for July.

The contest is open to U.S. residents age 18 or older as of April 1, 2026. Entrants do not need to live in California, but current and former CDFW employees are not eligible. Submissions must include a

completed entry form and participation agreement, available online at wildlife.ca.gov/duck-stamp/contest.

Entries must be original, hand-drawn designs created in full color. Photographic processes, digital art, metallic paints and fluorescent paints are not allowed. Artwork copied from photographs or previously published images, including those found online, will be disqualified.

A panel of judges with expertise in ornithology, conservation, art and printing will evaluate submissions in June and select first-, second- and third-place winners along with honorable mention.

Although hunters no longer need to carry a physical stamp under California's automated licensing system, the department continues to produce collectible stamps available by request. Additional details are available on CDFW's website. ★



CDFW invites artists to submit original artwork for the 2026-27 California Duck Stamp Art Contest. Photo courtesy of California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Enloe Health Earns Lactation Award

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Enloe Health has been named the 2026 Hospital of the Year Lactation Impact Award recipient by the California Breastfeeding Coalition, recognizing its efforts to expand access and support for lactating individuals.

The award highlights measurable contributions in workplace policies, education, advocacy and clinical care. Enloe Health will receive the honor May 9 at the Lactation Impact Awards Gala in Davis.

Enloe was also a finalist for the award in 2025.

"From comprehensive prenatal education to compassionate support during birth and postpartum and continuing with high quality outpatient lactation care after families go home, our team is committed to helping every parent feed their baby with confidence and connection," said Jamie Bracewell, Enloe's lactation program coordinator.

Bracewell said the program focuses on a continuum of care that supports families from pregnancy through the postpartum period.

Nancy Gagon, director of Enloe's Mother and Baby Services, said the recognition reflects the team's broader goals.

"This award reflects our team's deep commitment to equity, visibility and care — and we're grateful to be recognized by the California Breastfeeding Coalition," Gagon said.

The California Breastfeeding Coalition, a nonprofit organization, works to increase access to lactation support and reduce barriers for families, particularly in underserved communities. The group focuses on advocacy, education and collaboration across the state.

"The Lactation Impact Awards were created to honor the leaders and organizations who are making lactation visible, supported, and celebrated in every space," said Jasmine Pettis Marquez, executive director of the coalition. "We know that real change happens when lactation is woven into the fabric of our communities."

The annual gala recognizes organizations and leaders working to improve lactation support and outcomes across California. ★



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Butte County Seeks Federal Help on Afterbay Project

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Board of Supervisors has asked President Donald Trump to help move forward a long-planned recreation project near the Thermalito Afterbay, saying a federal delay now threatens the project's future.

The project includes a new boat ramp, day-use area and campground led by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency. The agency has secured all required state and federal permits except for final approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. That approval must come by April 13 so the agency can award a construction contract before its bid and grant timelines expire.

County officials said the project has broad support from local and tribal communities and would bring long-needed recreational access to a heavily used area near the Afterbay outlet.

The Thermalito Afterbay is part of the State Water Project tied to Oroville Dam. Water released for hydropower is recaptured,

regulated and returned to the Feather River, helping stabilize flows for farms and downstream communities. The site has long been popular with anglers and boaters despite the lack of developed facilities. Officials said the improvements would formalize access and improve safety.

In the letter approved on the consent agenda, Board Chair Bill Connelly asked the president to help ensure FERC completes its review on time.

"This project includes a much needed new boat ramp and campground and represents a major benefit to our rural community that has long lacked access to recreational infrastructure," Connelly wrote.

The project is estimated at \$7.5 million, with half funded through federal Sport Fish Restoration Act grants. FERC's public review period ended April 9.

County officials said missing the April 13 deadline could force the agency to restart the process at significantly higher cost.

No timeline was given for when a federal response may come. ★

Parcel Mergers Approved Near Biggs

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Board of Supervisors approved two Williamson Act parcel mergers near Biggs on March 24, allowing agricultural land to be consolidated under updated contracts.

The properties are located near Larkin Road, Walnut Avenue and Hanson Avenue, about three miles east of Biggs. One project merges three parcels, two under Williamson Act contract and one not, into a single parcel totaling about 33 acres. The second combines two contracted parcels into a roughly 35-acre property. County staff said in the report the parcels are located within an agricultural preserve and include prime farmland.

County staff noted both proposals were reviewed March 2 by the Butte County Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee and found consistent with county rules for implementing the Williamson Act.

The land is designated for agriculture under the county's General Plan and zoned

for 20-acre minimum parcel sizes. The properties are currently in agricultural use, including walnut orchards, and will remain under Williamson Act restrictions following the mergers. The Williamson Act allows landowners to receive reduced property tax assessments in exchange for maintaining the land in agricultural use, officials said.

The approvals include partial rescission of an existing contract covering multiple parcels, followed by new contracts for the merged properties so the land remains under agricultural preservation requirements. In one case, a previously non-contracted parcel will be added into the Williamson Act program as part of the merger.

County staff said the actions are exempt from environmental review under state law because they involve open space contracts. The changes are expected to result in a minimal reduction in property tax revenue, estimated at about \$168 annually.

Supervisors approved both items unanimously on the consent agenda without discussion. ★

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.

Live Oak Suspects Held in Shooting Case

By MPG Staff

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Two Live Oak men were arrested following a shots fired investigation in the 2300 block of Railroad Avenue in Yuba City, according to the Sutter County Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded after a caller reported gunfire had struck a residence. Authorities said no one inside the home was injured.

During the initial investigation, the caller told deputies a family dispute earlier in the day may have been connected to the shooting. Detectives

responded and reviewed surveillance footage from the area.

Video showed a blue BMW driving slowly past the residence shortly before the shooting. Additional footage later obtained by the reporting party showed two individuals wearing white shirts firing toward the home from an orchard across the street, then fleeing.

A nearby resident reported hearing gunshots and seeing two male subjects run from the orchard and enter the BMW.

Detectives identified possible suspects and a vehicle tied to the case.

Deputies later located the vehicle in Live Oak and conducted a felony traffic stop on Pennington Road. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident.

A Yuba City Police Department K-9 unit assisted in searching for firearms and ammunition.

Jonathan Melo, 25, and Jeremiah Melo, 24, both of Live Oak, were arrested and booked into the Sutter County Jail on suspicion of attempted murder, willful discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner and child abuse with possible great bodily injury or death. ★



Sonoma County Dairy Farmer Completes Leadership Program

Sonoma County dairy farmer Jennifer Beretta was among 10 leaders honored last month by the American Farm Bureau Federation as graduates of the organization's 12th Partners in Advocacy Leadership class. PAL is designed to help agricultural leaders accelerate their engagement abilities and solidify their roles as advocates for agriculture. "I learned a lot of leadership skills," Beretta said of PAL. A past president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and current member of the board of directors, Beretta helps run the Beretta Family Dairy in Santa Rosa. The certified-organic, pasture-based dairy supplies to the Petaluma-based creamery Clover Sonoma and has been recognized for its decades of environmental stewardship and conservation practices. "My No. 1 goal here at the dairy is to continue to tell our story," Beretta said.

California's Top Exports to China Fell by 64% in 2025

California agricultural exports to China saw a 64% decline last year, with the top 13 commodities in total falling from an average of \$1.55 billion to \$554 million, according to new research published by the University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. After joining the World Trade Organization in 2001, China became one of California agriculture's fastest-growing foreign markets. That trajectory changed in 2018 and 2019 with the first U.S.-China trade war. Then,

in 2025, while California farmers were still recovering from the effects of that trade conflict, the U.S. imposed tariffs on Chinese imports, and China responded with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, including many California-grown farm products. Some of the largest losses caused by the recent trade war occurred in California's tree nut industry. The value of annual pistachio exports to China declined from 2024 to 2025 by about \$478 million, while almond exports fell by roughly \$228 million.

Pest Control Innovator Shares Take on Biopesticides

Pam Marrone, founder and former CEO of Marrone Bio Innovations, now ProFarm Group, shared her insights on biological pesticides, or biologicals, in a recent interview with Ag Alert®. Marrone said she believes that by 2040 biologicals will be more widely used than traditional pesticides on farms. "It all comes down to education," said Marrone, who is an entomologist by training. "The products are there. There's good science behind them. There's plenty of registered products and more coming every day." She noted there are just nine new chemical active ingredients awaiting approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whereas there are about 70 biologicals awaiting EPA approval. "The innovation in biologicals is huge," Marrone said. "We're going to have lots of registered products, so it's about bridging the gap between products registered and how to use them on the farm." ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots




By Barbara Ott

The snails are wandering around every morning. Their glistening trails crisscross the sidewalk going to the garden to munch then back to the flowerpots where they live during the day. So far, no toad signs. It's not as if I was seeing their signs much last fall before they hibernated. But I keep thinking that there should be some

sign at least a poop or two. It is possible they are going into my neighbor's yard. The rotten root tunnel they were seen in last fall goes under the fence. I hope they show soon and start gobbling snails. I was given a very nice large toad house with a top that can be removed so I can look inside. No signs there yet. I think I heard something different than frog croaking the other night. Maybe when it warms up full time to 60s at night, they will be more noticeable. They are cold blooded creatures. Maybe constant warmth is important. The porch frog has been ribbeting. I am not going to get faint hearted about the toads yet.

I've already done my first fruit tree pruning to

keep them at about 5 and a half feet tall. The vertical grape has a lot of tiny grape clusters. The black berry has a lot of beginning berries as do the blueberries. The strawberries are starting to set on green berries. I need to use Sluggo around them so some of them will be edible. The peach trees and the aprium all have some fruit. Not a huge amount but some. Sadly, it looks like the apple tree which bloomed beautifully doesn't have any baby apples. Oddly enough my pre-bonsai crab apple is full of little fruit. The citrus has started to bloom. We ate asparagus for Easter. The chard and artichokes are providing fresh veges. Spring is providing. ★



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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, 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.littleredhen.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.

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.monstertour.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.

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).

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Thursday, April 16

Student Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception

Join us to celebrate prizewinners from the Annual Juried Student Exhibitions at Chico State. The awards ceremony will be held in the Performing Arts Center, room 134, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by an opening reception in the Janet Turner Print Museum & University Galleries in the Arts & Humanities building on the Chico State campus, 400 W. 1st St., Chico. Both events are free and open to the public. Exhibition open through Saturday, May 9.

Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18

Keeping Dance Alive '26

Join us for a vibrant celebration of movement, music, and culture at Chico's premier dance event. From the elegance of Ballet and the energy of Jazz to the expressive storytelling of Contemporary, the rich traditions of Flamenco dance, and so much more – this event showcases the incredible diversity of dance in our community. Shows start at 6 p.m. each evening, or join us for a special Saturday matinee of "Alice in Wonderland" at 1 p.m. Tickets and more information at www.chicocommunityballet.org.

Friday, April 17

Street Food Festival

Join us from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Broadway St., Live Oak. Dinner plans just got easier – bring the whole family out and enjoy some great food. Food trucks,

vendors, beer garden, music, and lots of fun. Brought to you by the City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation Department.

Saturday, April 18

FUR's Yard Sale

7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 1940 Mulberry St., Chico. Friends United in Rescue (FUR) is having a yard sale, and you're invited. This is such an easy way to help spay and neuter more community cats while you shop for some really fun, unique, vintage finds from multiple sources.

Woofstock

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico. Join us for this amazing festival fundraiser benefiting the animals of Butte Humane Society. Spend the day grooving to local bands, savoring delicious food, shopping our vendor marketplace, and participating in family- and dog-friendly activities. Tickets and more information at www.woofstockchico.com.

An Evening in Paris: Inclusive Prom

This event is specially designed for teens and young adults (ages 13 through 25) living with disabilities and those who would benefit from a lower-sensory, more inclusive prom experience. The event will feature a DJ playing top hits, a silent disco option, a photo booth to capture the memories, a taco bar to keep you fueled and a sensory and cool-down room. Bring a date, a friend, or family member. Event will be 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the CARD Center, 545 Vallombrosa Ave., Chico. Tickets and more information at www.chicorec.gov.

Sunday, April 19

Durham Grange Farmers Market

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Midway, Durham. In the beautiful lot behind Dollar General. Join us for our opening day!

Open Art Day in the Barn

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Patrick Ranch, 10381 Midway, Durham. A project for kids ages 5 and up will be available and the art supply closet will be open to get creative. Adults are welcome to come work on art projects also, and the grounds will be open to sketch, paint, and indulge your creativity. Admission is free.

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. Call 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. Call 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. 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. There is also a Zoom option from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@buttecounty.net.

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. 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.

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.

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. ★

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LEGAL NOTICE

The annual report of the Robert A. "Bob" and Mary E. "Beth" Morrison memorial Education Fund is available for inspection at the principal office of the foundation, 2711 Afton Rd., (PO Box 143) Biggs, CA, phone 530-868-5440 from 8:30 a.m. To 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. CRN#1849512
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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), pursuant to Section 12878 of the California Water Code, will hold a public hearing Friday, April 24, 2026, in the CNRA Headquarters: 715 P Street, Room 2-201, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Note: The public hearing is currently scheduled to be held in person at the identified venue, however due to changing conditions the meeting venue may change and is also expected to be simultaneously held virtually. In the event of a meeting location change, we ask that the public confirm the venue location on the CVFPB's website or attend the public hearing remotely via the Zoom link or telephone. The remote hearing link and telephone instructions can be found at CVFPB's website, www.cvfpb.ca.gov, by selecting the Meetings icon.** This hearing is being held to consider the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget estimate for Maintenance Areas (MAs) Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 20 (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties) for maintenance and operation of the levees and flood risk reduction works within the MAs.

The purpose of the hearing is to confirm or revise the proposed maintenance and operation work program and budget submitted to the CVFPB by the Department of Water Resources for fiscal year 2026-2027. The CVFPB will receive evidence or testimony from any landowner or other interested person relevant to the proposed program of work, the necessity for such work, or the estimated cost thereof.

Within 10 days of the meeting date, please check the CVFPB website www.cvfpb.ca.gov for a copy of the proposed budget and an agenda for the April 24th meeting. If you need reasonable accommodations, call the Central Valley Flood Protection Board at (916) 574-0609, or contact the CVFPB Clerk at jonah.knapp@cvflood.ca.gov as soon as possible, for arrangements.

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Ramsey Outlines Concerns with Diversion Law

Story and photo
by Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey spoke at the Gridley Rotary Club on April 2, outlining how recent changes in California law are shaping public safety and the local justice system.

Ramsey, who has served as district attorney since 1987, focused much of his presentation on the state's mental health diversion law, which allows certain defendants with qualifying diagnoses to bypass the traditional criminal process.

"Mental health diversion is an opportunity for folks that have committed a crime to get diverted out of the criminal justice system," Ramsey said. "The problem that we have seen ... is that it is dangerous."

Under the law, defendants who present a qualifying diagnosis can seek diversion, with judges required to presume the condition contributed to the crime unless there is strong evidence otherwise. Ramsey said the law applies broadly, excluding only a narrow category of crimes.

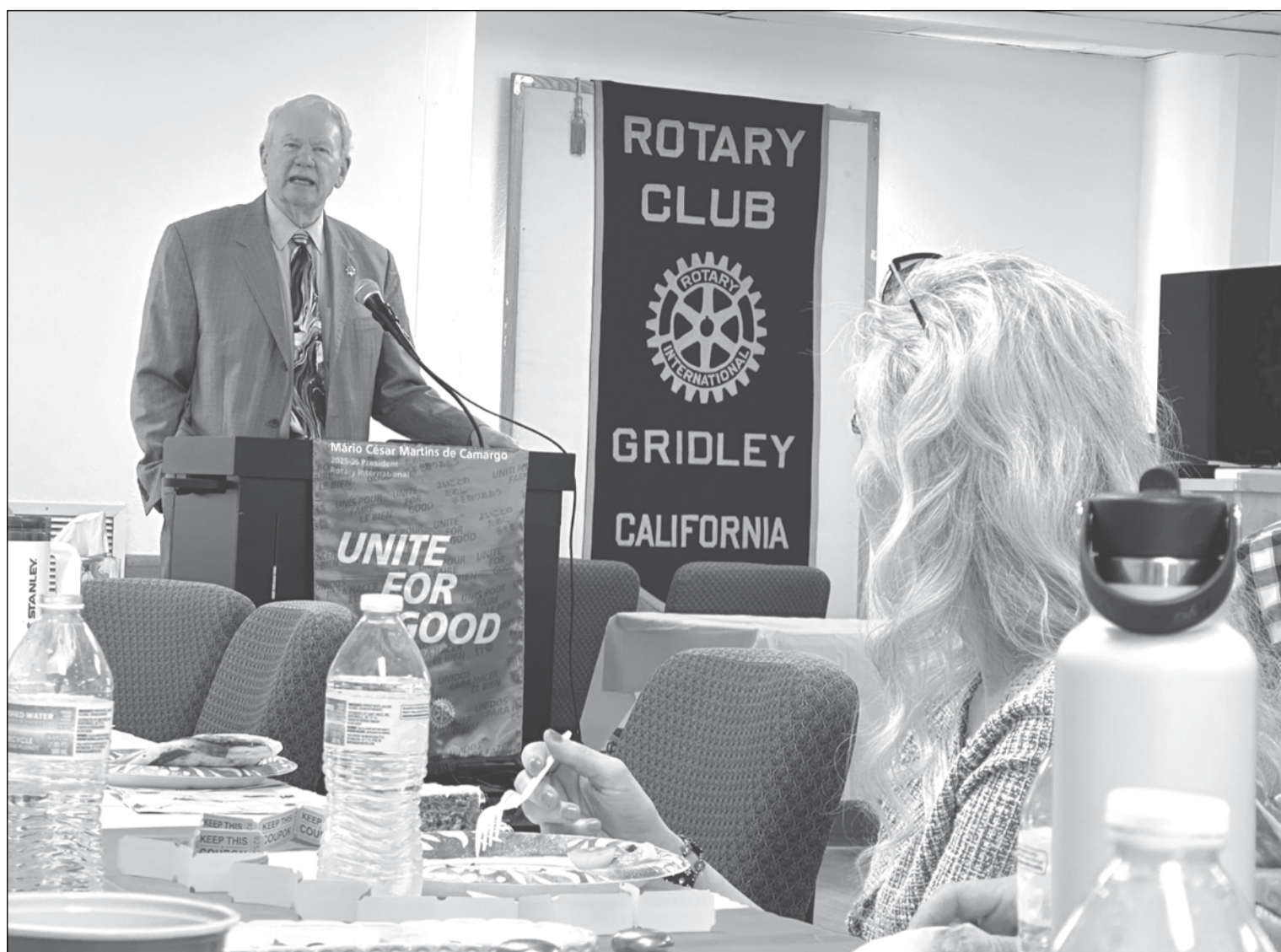
"Every other crime is eligible," Ramsey said.

He said the law limits a judge's ability to deny diversion, even when there are concerns about future behavior.

"The judge can only have the discretion to deny that suitability if it can be proven ... that person will commit a murder ... or a sex crime," Ramsey said.

Ramsey illustrated those concerns with recent cases in Butte County. In one case, a man who had assaulted a neighbor with a firearm was granted diversion after presenting a mental health diagnosis. While in treatment, Ramsey said, the man later shot and killed another neighbor.

In another example tied to jail capacity, Ramsey described a situation where law enforcement had to determine who to release



Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey speaks during a Gridley Rotary Club meeting April 2, where he addressed recent changes in California law and their impact on public safety.

due to limited space. A suspect initially appeared to be a low-level offender involved in a retail theft, but further review showed he had stolen an axe and intended to kill a person in his camp.

The examples, Ramsey said, highlight the difficulty of balancing limited resources with public safety.

He placed the diversion law within a broader shift in state policy over the past decade, including efforts to reduce prison populations and reclassify certain crimes. Those changes, he said, moved more offenders into county systems that were not designed for long-term incarceration.

"It makes for a less safe community," Ramsey said.

During the question-and-answer portion, Rotarians raised concerns about how laws are written and implemented. One attendee questioned how legislation could limit judicial discretion to that degree, calling the standard for denying diversion difficult to meet.

Ramsey said those policies stem from years of legislative changes aimed at reducing incarceration, including measures that shifted sentencing and redefined certain offenses.

Another question focused on Butte County's use of a

contracted public defender system rather than an in-house office. The attendee raised concerns about access and responsiveness for defendants.

Ramsey defended the current system, describing it as experienced and cost-effective. He said an in-house public defender office could increase costs without improving the quality of representation, particularly due to conflicts that require outside attorneys.

The discussion reflected broader tensions between policy goals and real-world outcomes, a theme Ramsey returned to throughout his remarks.

He pointed to Proposition 36, approved by voters in November 2024, as a sign of shifting public sentiment. He also highlighted Assembly Bill 46, a proposed measure that would expand judicial discretion in diversion cases.

"That will go a long way to fixing it," Ramsey said.

Ramsey also noted recent investments in staffing and the construction of a new county jail with expanded medical and mental health capacity. Still, he said long-term improvements will depend on continued changes at the state level.

"We have to continue the good fight," Ramsey said. ★

This isn't a Race for California Governor; It's More Like a Game of Chicken



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Political media habitually use "race" to describe contests for public office. However the word implies movement and therefore would be inaccurate if applied to this year's election of a new governor.

Sixty-one names will be on the June 2 primary ballot, including 10 leaders who profess to be serious about seeking the office.

However, they aren't racing. Rather, the eight top-polling Democrats seem to be in a children's game, sitting in a circle staring at each other, waiting for someone to blink. Meanwhile, the two top Republicans are taking potshots at each other, potentially undermining the GOP's only chance to elect a governor for the first time in two decades.

For weeks voter polls have found that three Democrats are locked in a tie, albeit at a puny level, around 10%, while the other five Democrats are buried in single digits.

California's top-two primary election system has all candidates listed on the same ballot, regardless of party, with the two top finishers then advancing to the November general election.

Given the size of the field, anyone garnering around 20% in June would probably earn a place in the runoff — or about twice what the three

Democrats at the top — Katie Porter, Eric Swalwell and Tom Steyer — currently have.

With mail voting set to begin in a month, the calendar is beginning to be a factor. Every ballot that's mailed removes that voter from having his or her mind changed. One should expect, therefore, that those with even semi-realistic chances of making the cut would be waging all-out campaigns by now.

However, the only highly visible campaign is that of billionaire Steyer, who's not only hopping around the state for personal appearances but shelling out millions of his own bucks for television and internet ads.

Much of Steyer's campaign is aimed at Swalwell, who has obtained substantial union support, most prominently from the California Teachers Association. Swalwell also benefits from the threats of Donald Trump's FBI to release files from its investigation of Swalwell's relationship with a supposed Chinese spy.

Steyer and Swalwell seem to be vying for the most left-leaning bloc of Democratic voters, while Porter is coasting on the name identification gained during her losing campaign for the U.S. Senate two years ago and hoping that being the only woman in the trio will lift her into one of the top two finishes.

Democratic Party leaders are openly worried, though, that the two Republicans — Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco — could finish 1-2, thereby ensuring the election of a GOP governor. They would like the five lower-tier Democratic candidates to

publicly surrender, thereby enhancing chances that a Democrat would make it to November.

However, members of that Democratic quintet show no signs of quitting, and if they continue to soldier on, despite scant support, the possibility of a 1-2 Republican primary finish continues.

The GOP's only chance of achieving such an upset would be for Hilton and Bianco to operate as a team, pushing their support — 16% and 14% respectively in the latest poll — to the magic 20% level. However, they are campaigning as opponents, even though if just one of them makes the November ballot he would almost certainly lose to whichever Democrat survives the primary.

This static, who-will-blink-first scenario does contain one surprising aspect — the failure of San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan to unleash the blitz he needs to climb into contention, despite having apparently unlimited support from wealthy Silicon Valley figures who want a tech- and business-friendly governor.

On Wednesday, Politico reported there was a shakeup in the Mahan campaign due to what were termed differences over strategy. Maybe that explains why his campaign has been so anemic after his much-ballyhoed late entry. He hasn't been racing much either.

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 Season is Almost Over

The time has come to reflect on the 2025-26 season for the Sacramento Kings, and without a doubt it was a season of ups and downs.

Injuries are a part of the game, and every team has their fair share, but the Kings were decimated like never before and never recovered from the ubiquitous effect it had on the entire team and its fan base.

After inexplicably trading away Jonas Valanciunas, the Kings decided to roll the dice with rookie Maxime Rayaud, and gamble that he could capably hold down the fort in the event of an injury to Domantas Sabonis; a gamble that was ill conceived and was nothing more than a cost-saving measure that invariably left the Kings shorthanded.

Yes, Maxime had his bright spots, and if nothing else the organization had the opportunity to allow this 7-foot rookie to get his feet wet in the NBA. Baptism by fire it was, and in my book, Maxime proved himself a capable back-up center. As for a starting NBA center, I don't believe that's what the Kings have in their second-round draft choice of a year ago.

Their first-round draft choice Nique Clifford has been praised by many and certainly was given all the playing time he wanted, but like his counterpart, Nique had some glaring holes in his NBA game.

Appearing in 68 games, Clifford averaged nearly 25 minutes per game while scoring just 7.7 points per game. His 31 percent from 3-point land was one of the reasons the Kings rank dead last in 3-point shooting this year, and although his 41 percent from the field is not impressive, it's his 68 percent from the free throw line that is truly glaring.

I expected more from Clifford, and although I'm not giving up on him, no starting point guard in the NBA can put up such numbers and expect to play on a winning team.

So, what does that say about the role of the point guard as it relates to the Sacramento Kings? Are they still looking? I would hope so, because there is no one talking about Russell Westbrook coming back next season, and without him, that leaves Devin Carter to split time with Nique Clifford.

The Kings find themselves in the same

position they were in a year ago, when they signed Dennis Schroder to be the starting point guard for the team. It wasn't long before he was replaced by Russell Westbrook in the starting lineup and eventually traded as he never seemed to find any rhythm with the team.

So, as the Kings find themselves in a quandary with regards to their point guard, the question begs, what will they go after in what has been lauded as one of the best draft classes in many years?

Both Dylan Cardwell and Precious Achiuwa have not only acquitted themselves well this season, they have opened eyes all over the NBA. Resigning these young big men will be a source of focus during the off-season, as well as drafting someone that can give the Kings more front court depth.

Domantas Sabonis remains the foundation piece that barring injury, is the one spot on the team that can be counted on day in and day out. Consistency is his middle name, and no team needs consistency more than the Sacramento Kings.

Daequon Plowden and Killian Hayes have been late season bright spots, but both represent solid bench players and not the starters that the Kings need.

Well, Scott Perry, time to put on that GM hat and show this fan base how you can build a team capable of making the playoffs every year.

Time to become the ossified GM that the Kings need. And that doesn't extend to just the players, as the coaching staff remains a mystery.

Free throw shooting remains a source of embarrassment, and that is a direct result of coaching.

It's time to form new habits and build a culture of winning. Easier said than done and staying away from injuries will be constantly on the watch list.

Three games to go Kings fans, but it's likely your hometown ballers will secure a high round draft choice in the upcoming NBA draft.

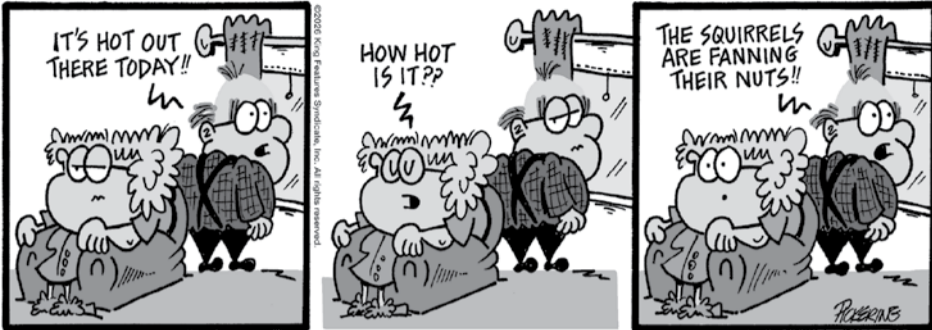
Keep the faith Sacramento because even just one player can tip the scales and bring light to a team in real need.

All the best! ★

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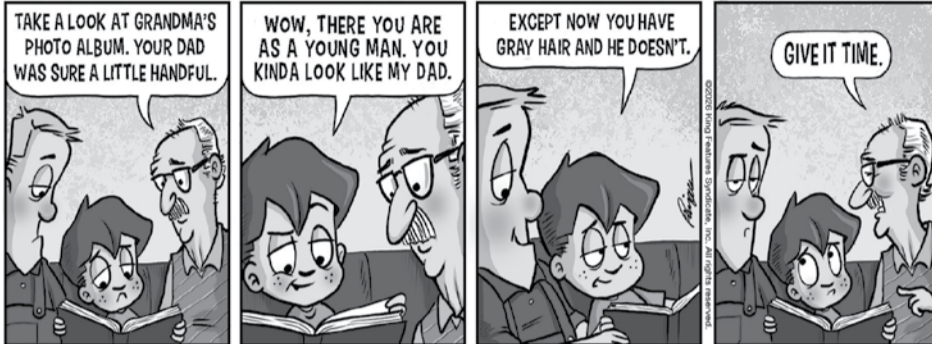
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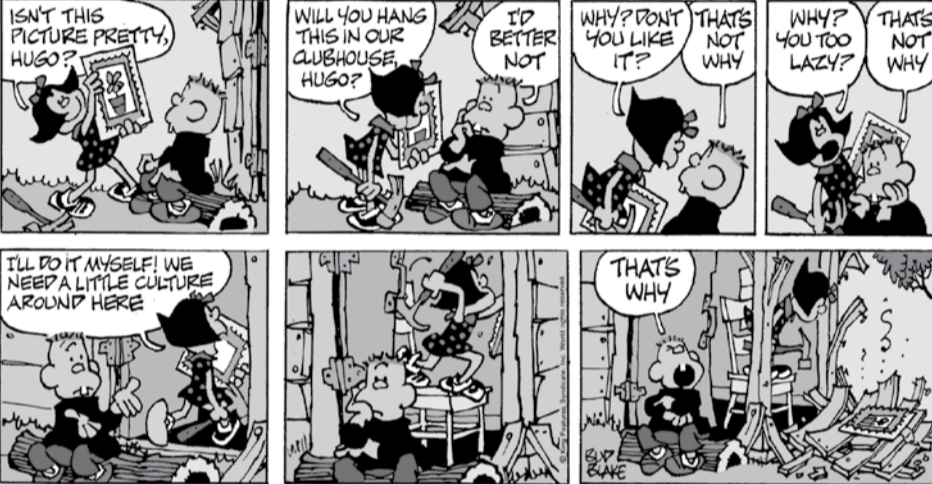
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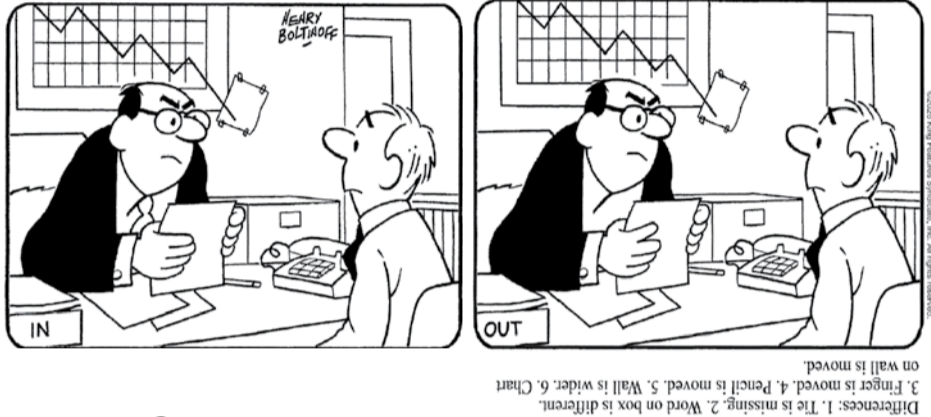
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City Applies for Laurel Street Funding

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The City of Gridley has applied for up to \$3.3 million in Community Development Block Grant funding to support construction of the Laurel Street extension, a project aimed at improving access to lower-income housing in the Pacific Flyway development area.

"This effort's directly creating that connectivity between the low-income housing and the rest of town," City Engineer Dave Harden said.

The application, submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, seeks federal pass-through funding to help offset construction costs for the street extension and related improvements.

City officials advanced the application during a special workshop late last month, where the council held a required public hearing and approved the resolution authorizing submission.

Sherry Morgado, community development manager for Gridley's contracted firm Housing Tools, presented the

funding overview, explaining the program's federal requirements, including environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act. Because the project area falls within a mapped 500-year floodplain, the city completed an eight-step federal decision-making process evaluating alternatives, impacts and mitigation measures.

Harden said if the city is successful, award announcements are expected in September, with agreements issued beginning in October. Construction would likely begin in spring 2027 following the city's bidding process, according to the project engineer.

Plans for the Laurel Street extension would connect Randolph Street to the Pacific Flyway housing development, with a focus on improving pedestrian access. Design elements include new sidewalks, curb ramps and roadway improvements intended to guide foot traffic toward existing routes along Viewpoint Drive and Sycamore Street.

"We really want to try and make it more accessible," Harden said,



The intersection of Laurel Street and Randolph St. in Gridley, where the city has proposed improvements as part of a planned street extension project to improve access to nearby housing. Photo by MPG Staff

describing efforts to improve connectivity while avoiding sidewalk segments that do not link to established pedestrian paths.

The project is designed to support residents in lower-income housing, a requirement for eligibility under the grant program.

During the workshop, council members asked about potential impacts to nearby properties and

whether right-of-way acquisition would be necessary. Staff said the work is planned within existing right-of-way, though nearby residents would be notified ahead of construction.

Concerns were also raised about the condition of Laurel Street between Randolph and Idaho streets. While full reconstruction of that stretch

is not included in the project, he said improvements to the intersection are under consideration and broader repairs could be addressed through the city's pavement management program.

"There's just not enough funding to build a new road and repair the old one," Harden said.

The council also reviewed a right-of-way

acquisition strategy tied to the project. An irrevocable offer of dedication has been secured from a property owner, allowing the city to accept the land once environmental clearance and funding are in place.

The application now enters a competitive statewide review process, with the project's future dependent on whether funding is awarded later this year. ★

Butte College Gala Honors Alumni

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The Butte College Foundation will host its annual gala April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Manzanita Place in Chico, raising funds to support student programs across multiple disciplines.

Proceeds from the event will benefit students in agriculture leadership, athletics, firefighting, heavy equipment, music, and speech and debate. Organizers said the gala also highlights student achievement and community support for higher education.

The evening will recognize two alumni for their contributions and leadership: CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit Assistant Chief

Carlos Alcantar and Alfred Koudougou Koala, founder and president of Feeding Nations Through Education.

Alcantar, who was raised in Alturas, began his firefighting career as a seasonal firefighter in 1997. He graduated from Butte College's 33rd Fire Academy and later earned an associate degree in social and behavioral sciences. In 2024, he was promoted to assistant chief, where he oversees cooperative fire operations and emergency services across multiple communities.

He has worked on major incidents, including the Camp Fire, and continues to support mentorship and community outreach efforts.

Koala grew up in rural Burkina Faso and later came to the United States to pursue education. While attending Butte College, he found support from classmates and mentors that helped shape his path. That experience led him to create Feeding Nations Through Education, a nonprofit focused on agriculture, clean water, microloans and education initiatives.

Koala earned an associate degree from Butte College, a bachelor's degree from Chico State and an executive MBA from Sacramento State. He now works as an IT manager for VSP.

"Our 2026 Outstanding Alumni reflect the very



Alfred Koudougou Koala, founder and president of Feeding Nations Through Education. Courtesy photo



CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit Assistant Chief Carlos Alcantar. Courtesy photo

best of Butte College," said Superintendent-President Virginia L. Guleff. "Their journeys highlight how education creates opportunity, inspires leadership, and leaves a lasting impact on communities."

The gala will include dinner, auctions and a program featuring Butte College students as emcees

and performers.

"At the heart of the gala is a celebration of our students," said Suzanne Watroba, executive director of the Butte College Foundation. "We are honored to partner with supporters who invest in their futures."

Tickets are \$150 and are available at butte.edu/gala. ★

Bulldogs' Pound Cardinals to Open League Play

By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs opened Westside League play with a 15-0 shutout over the Corning Cardinals on March 31.

Gridley won their third-consecutive game with the victory over Corning and Bulldogs senior pitcher Tanner Abbott had a lights-out pitching performance.

Abbott tossed a complete-game no hitter in five innings. The Cardinals manage only to put the ball-in play three times throughout the game.

Abbott sent 12-Corning hitters back to the bench empty on strikes and surrendered four

walks in the win.

Abbott, who is committed to play at the University of California, Santa Barbara after the completion of this season, expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports he felt good on the mound in the rainy and wet conditions, but knows he can be better.

Abbott fell behind in a lot of counts against Corning, but the left-hander fought his way from 3-0 and 3-1 counts that ended in strikeouts.

Abbott said that he is looking forward to the Bulldogs trip next week in the Central Coast Baseball Classic in Templeton April 10-11.

"We're going to face some really good teams down there," Abbott said. "It's going to help us prepare for a battle in league play when we come back from Spring Break."

Gridley head coach Dan Crabtree told his team after the win against the Cardinals that was the way to set the tone for league play.

Crabtree added the next battle is if the Bulldogs can match the energy and bring the same when they are scheduled to travel to Corning on Thursday.

Offensively, Gridley lit up the scoreboard instantly as they scored six in the first and added eight runs between the third and the fourth inning for the double-digit win.

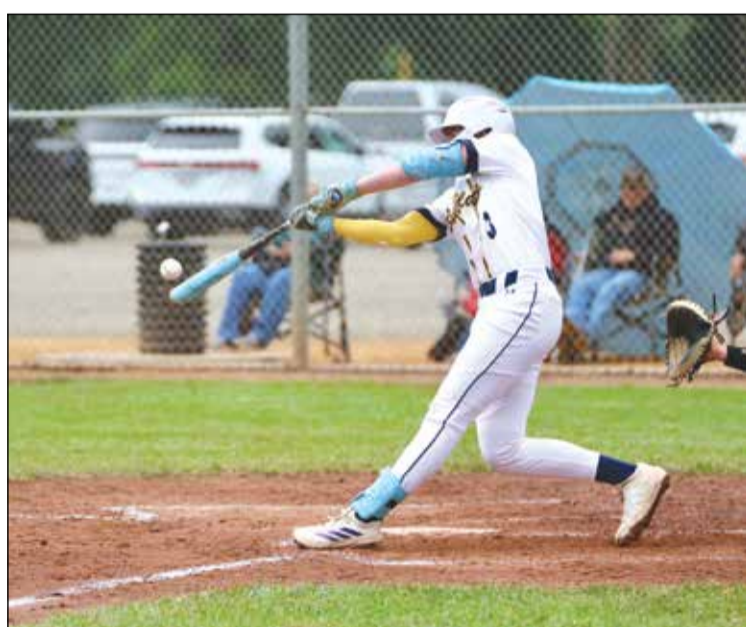
The Bulldogs hitting line up has diversity that includes speed, power and unselfishness.

Make sure you don't blink when Gridley is hitting because the top of the lineup between junior Marcus Duncan and senior Eli Punzo have lightning speed on the base paths.

The Bulldogs have plenty of pop in the lineup as they had their third straight double-digit hits and runs scored since March 20.

Gridley's unselfishness at the plate to make the right baseball play is why the Bulldogs have been a premier program across the Northern Section for years.

Crabtree told YSBC that his guys enjoy seeing their



Gridley sophomore Trey Rosser (3) lifts the ball on March 31 in the Bulldogs' win over Corning. Photo by Steven Bryla

teammates succeed and they are always willing to do what's best for the team.

Gridley laid down multiple bunts from all aspects of the lineup.

The Bulldogs had four players

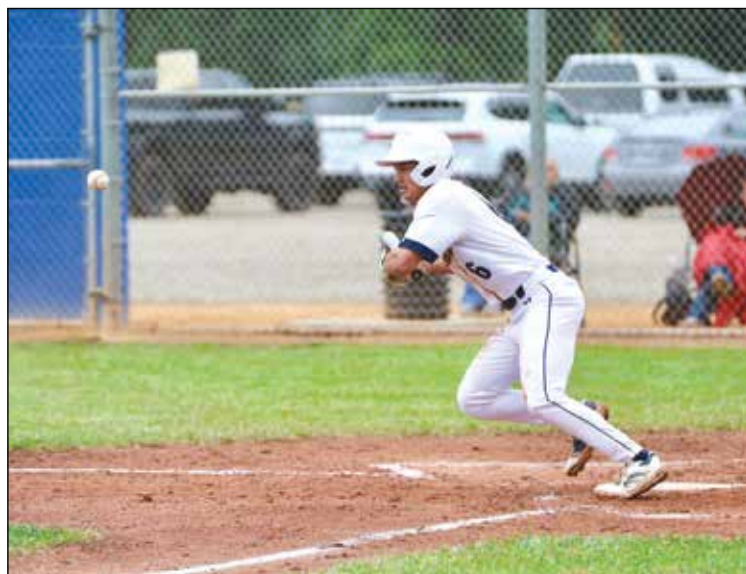
with multiple hits and five athletes with a multi-RBI game.

Gridley swept the Cardinals on April 2 with a 14-5 victory at Corning.

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Gridley senior Tanner Abbott (5) tosses a five-inning no hitter on March 31 in the Bulldogs' victory against Corning. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley junior Marcus Duncan (6) lays down a bunt on March 31 during the Bulldogs' win. Photo by Steven Bryla

Defending Champs Open League Play with 10-Run Win

By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs softball team dominated their Westside League opener with a 14-4 win over the Oroville Tigers on April 2.

Gridley, who is the defending CIF Northern Section Division



Gridley senior pitcher Tati Rivero (4) tosses a pitch during the Bulldogs' win against Oroville on April 2. Photo by Steven Bryla

III champions, has bullied opposing pitchers by hitting .472 as a team and has five hitters currently with a .500 or better batting average.

Bulldogs head coach Tammy Carr it has to do with the team philosophy of "clock in, lock in" mentality.

Carr expressed that they are coming in on a daily basis to do work and get better everyday.

Carr added that as the defending champions of Division III, that they are going to get everyone's best effort on a daily basis.

Gridley pounded eight runs across the plate in the first inning against Oroville, including batting through their entire lineup.

Bulldogs senior Tati Rivero picked up her third win of the year inside the circle as she tossed the complete-game victory.

Rivero tossed five innings where she surrendered four runs off of five hits and she sent two Tigers back to the bench on strikes.

Gridley had 14 total hits in the victory over Oroville, including a trio of infielders Delanie Cloyd, Avery Mendenhall and Malayna



Gridley senior outfielder Alexis Alcantar (5) smoked the ball for a base hit on April 2 against Oroville during the Bulldogs' victory. Photo by Steven Bryla

Ceballos have three hits a piece. Ceballos and Cloyd join junior infielder/pitcher Kaydenze Pruitt as the lone three Bulldogs with 20-plus hits on the season so far.

Gridley added four runs in the second and took a commanding lead over Oroville, but the Tigers had a positive outcome as they scored four runs in the fourth off Rivero.

The Bulldogs will travel to Oroville on Tuesday, April

7 and play the Las Plumas Thunderbirds.

Las Plumas has won 26 consecutive league games, including the last three Butte View League titles, which was the previous league Gridley and the Thunderbirds competed in.

The Bulldogs haven't beaten Las Plumas since 2022. First pitch is scheduled for Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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Gridley junior Malayna Ceballos (3) lines a base hit on April 2 during the Bulldogs' win against Oroville. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley junior Malayna Ceballos (3) lines a base hit on April 2 during the Bulldogs' win against Oroville. Photo by Steven Bryla

Tickets on Sale for Freebirds Season

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds have released single-game tickets for the 2026 season at Bryant Field, along with a promotional schedule featuring themed events, weekly specials and giveaways.

General admission tickets start at \$7. The team also offers discounts for veterans, seniors and children, along with flex packs, group rates, party packages and season tickets.

Opening Day is set for Tuesday, May 19, when the Freebirds host the Long Beach Coast. The first 250 fans will

receive a commemorative Opening Day pin, and the team will introduce its new mascot, Willy the Wild Chicken.

The early season schedule includes several featured events. A "530 Day" celebration on Saturday, May 30, will highlight local businesses and nonprofits with pregame activities and a limited-edition sticker giveaway.

Fans can bring dogs to the ballpark during Bark in the Park nights on June 13 against the RedPocket Mobiles and July 30 against the Oakland Ballers. The team will also host a Fourth of July game with a patriotic rally towel giveaway and an earlier

first pitch to allow fans to attend other holiday events.

Seven home games throughout the season will include postgame fireworks.

Weekly promotions will run throughout the season, giving each day a consistent theme. \$2 Tuesdays will feature \$2 tickets, hot dogs and beer. Wing Wednesdays will offer free admission for veterans, military and first responders, along with \$10 all-you-can-eat wings. Thrifty Thursdays will include buy-one-get-one deals on tickets and select merchandise. Fireworks Fridays will end with postgame shows, while

Spectacular Saturdays will feature special attractions such as wrestling and drone shows. Family Sundays will offer discounted tickets, pregame autographs and kids running the bases.

The Freebirds will also distribute giveaways on select dates. Those include an Opening Day commemorative pin on May 19, magnet schedules on May 23 and May 29, a "530" sticker on May 30, a dog bandana on June 13, a Christmas ornament on June 25, a patriotic rally towel on July 4, a team poster on Aug. 7 and a baseball card set on Sept. 4.



In addition to promotions, the team will implement a fully automated ball-strike system for all home games. The system will display the strike zone and pitch tracking data on the video board in real time.

Tickets and the full promotional schedule are available at FreebirdsBaseball.com. ★



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