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It's Red Suspenders Time!

Gridley Gears Up for Annual Celebration



Butte County Fire personnel and Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce members gather in downtown Gridley ahead of Red Suspenders Day on May 16, celebrating the community partnership behind the annual event. Photo by Seti Long

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's 65th annual Red Suspenders Day returns Saturday, May 16, bringing a full schedule of events that highlight the community's volunteer spirit while drawing residents and visitors into downtown for a daylong celebration.

What began in 1961 as a fundraiser for volunteer firefighters has grown into one of the city's largest annual events, while maintaining its focus on service, participation and local

pride. Organizers are preparing for a strong turnout this year, with forecasts calling for mostly sunny skies and a high near 77 degrees.

The day opens at 7 a.m. with the pancake breakfast at Railroad Park, served through 10 a.m. by Gridley Little League with support from the Knights of Columbus. The breakfast serves as an early gathering point before activity spreads throughout the downtown area.

"The kids do a great job about being attentive to the guests,"

Chamber Treasurer Lisa Van De Hay said. "They walk around making sure everyone has everything they need to enjoy their meals."

From 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., vendors will be set up in parks across the city, offering food, goods and local information. At the same time, the classic car and truck show will line Kentucky Street, with registration beginning at 7 a.m., judging from 8 to 10 a.m. and the show continuing until 1 p.m. The show features

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Butte County Names New Public Works Director



By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County supervisors has tapped Colusa County Public Works Director Daniel "Colt" Esenwein to head its department, pulling him from a position he has held for less than a year.

The board approved an employment agreement on April 28 that places Esenwein in the role, with a start date of May 29.

Under the contract, Butte County will pay Esenwein a base salary of \$219,725, with annual increases tied to countywide wage adjustments. The agreement sets a 5 percent annual increase consistent with prior executive contracts, bringing his salary to about \$254,359 by 2028.

Esenwein has led Colusa County's Public Works Department since June 2025. He replaces Joshua Pack, who previously served as Butte County's public works director before leaving to become Colusa County's chief administrative officer.

Before his county appointment, Esenwein served as public works director for the City of Williams for four years and continues in that role in an interim capacity.

Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Andy Pickett said Esenwein's background in infrastructure and operations makes him a strong fit for the position.

"He is well prepared and well qualified to be the Butte County public works director," Pickett said.

A registered professional civil engineer, Esenwein brings nearly 25 years of public works experience, including responsibility for roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, solid waste, flood control and construction management. His work also includes disaster response and recovery, along with prior service in the United States Navy.

Esenwein told supervisors he plans to focus on accountability and delivery.

"My approach is simple, do the right thing, take care of our people and be accountable for results," he said. "We're stewards of public resources, and I'll focus on clear priorities in their delivery."

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Celebration Honors Youth in Gridley

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The McKinley School campus was filled with activity April 30 during a well-attended Children's Day celebration hosted by McKinley and Wilson elementary schools.

Gridley's two elementary schools partnered with the English Learner Advisory Committee, or ELAC, to bring the event to students and families.

Alma Ramos, K-5 community schools coordinator, said Día del Niño, or Children's Day, is a tradition celebrated in Mexico that focuses on the health, happiness, safety and well-being of children.

"Parents from our English Learner Advisory Committee suggested we bring this celebration for our children to Gridley Unified three years ago," Ramos said.

Children moved between activities across the campus, which included games such as oversized Connect



Marissa Mondragon, Summer Meza and Alejandra Gomez are three of the 20 GHS students that volunteered to help run games at Children's Day.

4, races and a busy bounce house. Face painting and airbrush tattoos were also offered.

Free popcorn and snow cones were available throughout the event. The Knights of Columbus cooked and served complimentary hot dogs to

attendees. Butte County Public Health Injury Prevention staff were also on site to fit youth for helmets and provide bicycle safety instruction. Children who visited the booth received tickets to enter a bike giveaway.

"We were very excited this year because our local businesses donated a variety of prizes that include bikes, toys, candy, cupcakes and coupons to local restaurants and more," Ramos said.

Thirteen bikes and five

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Pharmacist Manjinder “Manny” Singh has brought the number of drug dispensaries in Gridley back to two. Manny is the heir to a fantastic legacy of Pharmacy entrepreneurs throughout Gridley’s history. He has brought back “Gridley Pharmacy,” which started sometime before 1930. Here is a story from the 1970 “Biggs - Gridley Centennial Special Edition Gridley Herald” entitled “Drug stores in Gridley over the past 90 years”: *Drug stores, those dispensers of medicines and other remedies to restore one’s health, usually came to an area along with the population growth. Such was the case with Gridley, founded in 1870; it was only a railroad shipping station for a few years, then buildings started to spring up, people began arriving, and with them came a druggist. About 1880, the first and original drug store in Gridley was established. It was called the Pioneer or Norman Drug Store, and it was located at the southwest corner of Hazel and Virginia Streets. The town grew, and another drug store, the Gridley Pharmacy, the oldest such business in town, was*

opened by Fred Schoen in the building now occupied by the Bronze Cue. By 1930, when new owner A. W. “Bill” Bramwell, now editor and publisher of the Chico Enterprise-Record, moved the business to its present location, 912 Hazel Street. The Pioneer Pharmacy moved into the building vacated by the Gridley Pharmacy. In 1937, Asa Smith purchased the Gridley Pharmacy and later combined this operation with the Pioneer Drug. At the same time, he converted the latter business into Pioneer Book Store, which later became Gridley Stationery and was subsequently owned first by Wes Davis and then by the present proprietor, Barney Cobeen. In June of 1940, L. W. “Hap” Shaeffer opened what was the third drug store in town in a new building constructed at the same time as the J. C. Penney store was built. In 1946, George Dodini bought out Shaeffer and operated the business in the same building for about 15 years before moving into a new store across the street. Other changes of ownership occurred at the Gridley Pharmacy, which was purchased by Marion Church in 1956. Since the start of the sixties, another new drug store opened in Gridley - Spruce Drug, next door to the Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital, which was opened in 1964 by Ruth and Ed Rush. This store has been enlarged once, and another addition is being made at the present time. The

Rexall Gridley Pharmacy became “Frank Cook’s Gridley Pharmacy” in 1967.

The 1970 article ends there. Now, the 1970-to-today saga. When George Dodini retired, he sold his store to Cook, who had purchased Church’s Pharmacy. After 20 years and a move from Hazel to Spruce Street, Cook sold “Gridley Pharmacy” to Dale Puls. Puls moved the Gridley Pharmacy across Spruce Street into the old Rush Spruce Drug building. In 2006 Puls sold to Long’s Drugs and in 2008 it got bought by CVS, which is still operating today. CVS competed with Thrifty which became Rite Aid. When prominent professional local pharmacist David Daddow, an early Cook apprentice, left Thrifty/Rite Aid on Highway 99 the business simply went under - with Daddow taking a free lance contract for an undisclosed large sum to work (or make celebrity appearances) occasionally at CVS. From 2006 to 2026 there was no Gridley Pharmacy - only corporate Pharmacies. Now all this Pharmacy history lands on “Manny’s Gridley Pharmacy” the one local independent pharmacist - with the only other competitor in town being a giant corporate chain store which never purchased the rights to the name “Gridley Pharmacy”.
Congratulations.

Josh F.W. Cook’s first job was as a bicycle deliveryman at a historic local Pharmacy. ★

Celebration Honors Youth in Gridley



Gridley Knights of Columbus help cook up free hotdogs for Children’s Day attendees.

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scooters were given away, along with additional prizes such as piñatas, water toys and sports equipment. McKinley Principal Treat announced winners for nearly an hour.

Ramos said North Valley Community Catholic Services assisted with managing the large number of giveaway tickets. She also credited McKinley staff member Linda Lopez for supporting ELAC parents

in organizing the event. Ramos said attendance exceeded expectations. “It was double the amount of attendees compared to last year,” Ramos said. “I wish we had more time to give the children more time to play in the different activities.” ELAC members expressed thanks to volunteers, contributors and donors who helped make the event possible. ★



Thiago rides a bouncing dinosaur across the finish line with a smile stretching ear to ear.



The McKinley Mallard made an appearance, taking a moment to pose with Fiona and Theo Waterbury and a volunteer from the high school.

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David Mitchell Hughes, age 85, of Gridley, CA passed away peacefully on April 19th, surrounded by family. A devoted father, Grandfather and loyal friend, David was known in the town of Gridley as “Coach”. He is in the Southern Oregon University Hall of Fame; the only player in history to get All-conference in football, baseball and basketball in the same year. He had a kind heart and was a fantastic Coach, full of knowledge and had a way of connecting

his sister, Debbie, his four boys, Gary, Terry (Nealy), Joe (Cori) and Tim (Michelle), along with his grandchildren, Justine, Brandt, Tanner, Jenna, Taylor, Brayden, Liam, Addison and his great grandson, Walker.

The burial & gravesite ceremony will be held at 2 PM on Friday, May 8th at the Gridley Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 2 PM at the Moose Lodge in Gridley. Dad, Pop, Grandpa, Coach will be deeply missed!

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Gridley FFA Livestock Team Wins State Championship

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley FFA's livestock team claimed the state championship, along with the large silver trophy, at the California FFA State Judging Finals held May 2-3 at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Gridley High School FFA adviser Madelyn Vaca said the team has spent the past several years rebuilding after a hiatus. The team includes Joe Schohr, Gracie Yost, Reagan Witt and Bella Bastiani. Over the past three years, they have traveled across the state competing in numerous events.

"Three years ago, I held an interest meeting to get a team back up and running," Vaca said. "This year, they were determined to succeed and win the state contest."

Witt explained that livestock judging differs from showing animals at auction because the students evaluate the animals rather than being judged themselves.

"In livestock judging, we evaluate a class of four animals and place them



California State FFA Champions, Gridley FFA's Livestock Team and advisers are pictured left to right: Advisor Andrea Thomas, Bella Bastiani, Gracie Yost, Joe Schohr, Reagan Witt and Advisor Madelyn Vaca. Photo courtesy of Madelyn Vaca

from best to worst, then give reasons to support our decisions," Witt said. "At a county fair, a judge evaluates a much larger class of up to 15 animals and ranks them."

Schohr, who serves as the California State FFA secretary, said the process requires precision and confidence.

"You have to be clear, confident and actually compare the animals,"

Schohr said. "You're scored on how close your placing is to the official placing and how well you present your reasons."

Bastiani added. "It takes a lot of work. Not only do you have to learn how to evaluate livestock and industry standards, but you also have to present yourself professionally and explain your decisions."

Team members said they spent hundreds of

hours practicing together and evaluating animals throughout the region to refine their skills.

"The contest is one of the most competitive in all of FFA, and we have been working toward this goal for the past three years," Schohr said.

When the team learned it had won, the reaction was immediate.

"We immediately ran toward the person holding

the trophy," Bastiani said.

"There were definitely some happy tears when we heard Gridley FFA called as the state champion livestock judging team," Schohr said. "It was truly amazing to succeed alongside my team."

"Winning state honestly felt like a dream," Witt said. "Winning the silver bowl felt like winning the Super Bowl of agriculture."

Yost said she looks forward to representing California at the national level.

"I am looking forward to wearing the blue jacket one final time with my team," Yost said. "It's a special way to finish my senior year and something I'll always be proud of."

The team will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana, to compete at the National FFA Convention and Expo from Oct. 21-24.

Bastiani said the team is focused on improving ahead of nationals, noting scholarship opportunities tied to strong performances.

She also credited the program's advisers.

"I'd like to thank both my coaches for putting in a lot of work," Bastiani said. "For Ms. Vaca for starting it and for Ms. Thomas for jumping in and being so invested."

Vaca said the achievement reflects the team's commitment.

"Completing a goal they set at the beginning of the year was the most rewarding experience for them," Vaca said. ★

It's Red Suspenders Time!

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vehicles from multiple decades, along with motorcycles and visiting car clubs.

At 9:30 a.m., Virginia Street becomes the site of one of the event's most anticipated traditions, the bed races. Teams push decorated beds down the course while rotating runners and completing a required clothing change mid-race, creating a mix of competition and humor that draws steady crowds.

"Its fun to watch," said Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer. "The beds are custom built, and some even share their setups between competitions."

Also at 9:30 a.m., Rotary Park will host the Lions Club marshmallow competition, part of a broader lineup of children's games running from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the park.

The parade begins at 11 a.m., traveling through downtown along Virginia and Hazel streets. The parade remains a central feature of Red Suspenders Day, with entries from local businesses, service organizations and community groups. There is still time to participate, with parade applications available online at <https://gridleyareachamber.org> or at the Gridley Area Chamber of

Commerce office. Entries must be submitted by May 11, with lineup beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the event.

At noon, the police motorcycle competition takes place on Washington Street, where officers navigate a cone course designed to test precision riding skills. The event is open to active and retired motor officers and is led locally by retired motorman Jim Roberts.

"They have cones set up and they maneuver through them very skillfully," Van De Hay said.

Live music will follow from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Daddow Park, while the firemen's games begin at 1 p.m. in Rotary Park.

"Its all good fun," Spencer said. "The local firefighters compete in some lighthearted competition. The best part is everyone gets to have fun."

The day concludes with the Gridley Museum's tri-tip dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. on Kentucky Street.

In addition to the scheduled events, organizers are again hosting the "Unjustice Court," a fundraiser designed to engage the public while supporting the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce.

Operating from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Washington Street, the activity allows residents to file mock warrants against friends, family members or community members. Once submitted, the individual is contacted, booked and assigned a case before appearing before a judge.

The booking process includes an official photograph and listing, after which the subject is placed in the Red Suspenders Day paddy wagon until bail is posted. Friends and family can contribute toward bail, with all arrest fees and bail payments treated as donations to the chamber.

Participants may also purchase a \$40 "get out of jail" card in advance or at the event to avoid booking. Warrants can be filed and exemption cards purchased online at gridleyareachamber.org/events/unjust-court

The fundraiser is voluntary and designed as a lighthearted way to involve the community while supporting chamber programs.

Throughout the day, visitors will also find Red Suspenders Day merchandise available through the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce. Commemorative T-shirts are available for purchase ahead of the event and at the chamber booth during the celebration,



Butte County Fire personnel take part in a mock arrest during the Red Suspenders Day "Unjustice Court" fundraiser in Gridley. Community members can file warrants and post bail as part of the lighthearted event, with all proceeds benefiting the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Seti Long

along with red suspenders and other Gridley-themed items. Apparel can be purchased through the chamber office or online at gridleyareachamber.org/events/red-suspenders-days

More information, including

vendor applications and event details, is available at gridleyareachamber.org or by contacting the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce 890 Hazel St., in downtown Gridley, or 530-846-3142. ★

Burn Ban Set for Sutter Buttes

By MPG Staff

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Fire Department will implement its annual burn ban in the Sutter Buttes, requiring all permitted burning to stop by 5 p.m. May 15.

Fire officials said the ban aims to reduce the risk of destructive wildfires as conditions grow drier heading into late spring and summer.

The restriction applies to all land within the following boundaries: West Butte Road, North Butte Road, Powell Road, Pennington Road, south on Township Road, west on Clark Road, East Butte Road, Ahlf Road, Mallott Road, west on Butte House Road, north on Oak Street, west on Butte House Road, north on Oak Street, west on Butte Avenue, south on Acacia Avenue, west on Griffith Lane, south on Perry Street and west on South Butte Road to its intersection with West Butte Road.



After the May 15 deadline, no open burning will be allowed within the burn ban area unless residents obtain special approval. Individuals may request a permit from the local fire department, which will inspect the property and determine whether conditions allow for safe burning.

The department also urged homeowners and ranchers to clear dry vegetation around homes and structures to reduce fire risk.

For emergency preparedness information, residents can visit <http://www.BePreparedSutter.org> ★

Pro Bull Riding Returns to Area

By MPG Staff

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Professional bull riding will take center stage at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 17, as the Feather Falls Casino Sutter Buttes Showdown brings a PRCA-sanctioned event to the region.

Organizers said the event will begin at 4 p.m. and feature 40 professional riders competing against top bulls for prize money and points toward the National Finals Rodeo.

Event organizer Chad Denton, a retired professional bull rider, said the competition aims to deliver a higher level of entertainment than a traditional rodeo.

"This isn't your average community rodeo," Denton said. "This is a high-energy, action-packed event designed to keep thrill seekers on the edge of their seats."

Tickets include limited ringside VIP seating and general grandstand admission. Organizers said tickets are available online at bustedupproductions.com.

The weekend will begin with a Rodeo Pre-Party and Calcutta event at 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Stassi's



A professional bull rider competes during a PRCA-sanctioned event, holding on as the bull bucks inside the arena. The Sutter Buttes Showdown is set for May 17 at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds in Yuba City. Photo courtesy of Busted Up Productions

4th Ward in Marysville. The event will allow fans and sponsors to meet riders and participate in the Calcutta ahead of the competition.

Organizers said a limited number of sponsorship opportunities remain available. Those interested can

contact Kary Hauck at 530-844-2358 or Chad Denton at 530-521-3965.

The Sutter Buttes Showdown is expected to draw rodeo fans from across the Yuba-Sutter area for an afternoon of professional competition. ★

Biggs Council Updates Payment, Voting and Travel Policies

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs City Council approved three policy updates during its April 28 meeting, including a shift to electronic bill payments, a clarification on how council votes are recorded and changes to the city's travel reimbursement rules.

The council unanimously supported a new accounts payable policy allowing the city to issue payments through Automated Clearing House, or ACH, instead of relying almost entirely on paper checks. City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the change keeps the city's oversight process intact, including dual signatures, documentation and printed records, while reducing delays caused by mailed checks.

"No change in outcome, just change in how we got to that outcome," he said.

Councilmember Anita Wilks backed the update, calling it "a great idea."

She said many agencies are moving away from paper checks and that electronic payments help avoid problems when checks are lost or delayed in the mail. The council agreed the shift would reduce staff time spent tracking down missing payments and would help vendors receive funds more quickly.

In a separate action, the council adopted amendments to its policies and procedures

to clarify how votes are recorded. Gauthier said the current rules do not explain why a member steps aside during a vote, which has created confusion for both the council and the public.

"There's kind of a lack of clarification in regards to how the council votes yes, no or abstain," he said.

The update adds a new option, not voting, to distinguish between abstaining due to a conflict of interest and choosing not to vote for another reason, such as lack of information. Gauthier said the change gives council members a clearer way to step aside when they do not wish to participate in a vote but do not have a conflict. The policy also clarifies that members may abstain when a conflict is real or perceived, allowing them to avoid participating when a situation raises concerns.

The council also approved amendments to the city's travel reimbursement policy. The update requires prior council approval for official travel not covered by an association with the city and costing more than \$450. It also requires receipts to be submitted within 10 business days of returning to the city. Gauthier said the changes are intended to ensure consistent documentation and provide clearer oversight of larger travel expenses.

All three policy updates were approved without objection. ★

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue has purchased about seven acres in south Chico for a future headquarters, marking a step toward expanding its emergency response capacity across the county.

The property will serve as a centralized base for training, equipment storage, operations and community outreach. Officials said the site will allow the all-volunteer team to respond more quickly and coordinate more effectively as demand for services grows.

The purchase comes as the organization marks its 65th year. Search and Rescue teams have assisted during wildfires, floods, missing person searches and technical rescues in remote terrain.

"This property represents an investment in the future of our team and

the safety of our community," said BCSAR Captain Dan Newman. "As Butte County continues to grow and disasters become more frequent and complex, this new headquarters will allow us to better train, coordinate and deploy resources when our community needs us most."

The site will support what officials call Operation Rescue Ready, an effort to establish a permanent training and operations center. Plans include space for technical and medical training, secure storage for specialized equipment and vehicles, and improved coordination during large-scale incidents.

Leaders said the project was funded through a mix of donations, grants and community fundraising efforts.

"These donors recognized the long-term impact this project will have on public safety in Butte

County," said BCSAR President Christina Skaggs. "Their support, along with contributions from many others in the community, helped turn a long-standing vision into a reality."

Development will move forward in phases, with additional fundraising underway to support construction and future expansion. Organizers said they will continue working with local agencies and community partners as planning progresses.

"This is just the beginning," said building committee chair Kevin Soukup. "We are building not just a facility, but a legacy of service that will support Butte County for generations to come."

Founded in 1961, Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue operates under the Butte County Sheriff's Office and provides search, rescue and disaster response services at no cost to those in need. ★

Parish Seeks Centennial Memories

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sacred Heart Parish, 1560 Hazel St., in Gridley has issued a call for photos, stories and historical items as it prepares for its 100-year anniversary in 2026.

The parish invites past and present members to share memories that reflect its history since its founding in 1926. Submissions

may include photos of parishioners, sacramental events such as baptisms and weddings, ministry activities and historic images of the church.

Organizers are also seeking old bulletins, programs, prayer cards and other memorabilia tied to parish life.

Items can be submitted electronically by email SacredHeartGridley100@yahoo.com or dropped off in

person at the box provided at the entrance of the church. Contributors are asked to include their name, contact information, names of people in the photo and the date the image was taken.

The deadline to submit materials is May 31.

Church leaders said the collection effort will help document and celebrate a century of faith, community and tradition. ★

Statewide Ballot Measure Targets Local Revenue Rules

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A statewide initiative headed for the November 2026 ballot could change how counties like Butte raise money for local services.

Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Andy Pickett told supervisors April 28 that the measure, titled "Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services," is among several items moving through the state process.

The initiative would require a two-thirds vote instead of a simple majority to pass new local special taxes and could affect existing voter-approved property-related taxes that do not meet the new standard within two years.

Pickett said the proposal could restrict local flexibility to fund roads, fire protection and housing programs.

"For counties like ours that depend on voter-approved revenue measures, this

could make it much harder to respond to community needs," he said.

Pickett said his office is tracking the proposal as part of the county's legislative update, noting that the Legislative Analyst's Office is expected to release a fiscal impact report to help local governments understand potential budget effects.

Pickett also pointed to an active stretch at the state level, with hundreds of bills already heard in committee as lawmakers move into appropriations hearings.

"The Legislature has been busy lately," Pickett said.

Pickett said the measure continues through the process alongside other proposals that could influence local government funding in the coming year.

A similar proposal to limit local revenue measures was removed from the 2024 ballot by the California Supreme Court before voters could weigh in. ★

Butte County Names New Public Works Director

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Interim Butte County Public Works Director Wendy Tyler will continue in the role while Esenwein finishes his duties in Colusa County, which include overseeing activities tied

to National Public Works Week, scheduled May 17-May 23, under the theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community."

In Colusa County, the week includes a Public Works Roadeo, set for May

20 at the Colusa County Fairgrounds. The event will feature city and county equipment competitions and community activities recognizing the workforce that maintains local infrastructure. ★



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Mandates such as California's Universal Meals Program already provide funding to improve access to nutritious meals served to public-school students. Last year, state legislators passed a law requiring schools to phase out certain ultraprocessed foods from school meals. Some school districts started the transition before the law was passed. Among them is Western Placer Unified, which started making changes in 2023 with the help of the nonprofit Eat Real. Mattea Kelly, marketing director for Eat Real, said a transition away from processed foods can often encourage partnerships with local farmers. "Sometimes the best pathway isn't just going through and trying to remove the ingredients, but it's just bringing in whole foods," Kelly said. "Helping these districts to source from more local farmers can sometimes be one of the lightest pathways to be able to do that."

Study Measures Regulatory Costs for Napa vineyards

A new study has put a price tag on the cost to Napa County winegrowers of complying with government regulations. The study, which was commissioned by the Napa County Farm Bureau and prepared by researchers at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, found that the cost of regulatory compliance last year for winegrowers in the region was between 8% and 12% of production costs. For a large grower, that equated to more than \$1,700 an acre and nearly \$2 million overall. For a small grower, regulatory compliance cost more

than \$1,100 an acre and around \$226,000 overall. The study showed that the cost of compliance for the county's growers was twice that of Oregon winegrowers. "Our members have said continually that regulation is driving them out of business," Napa County Farm Bureau CEO Peter Rumble said. "Without change, we might not have viable agriculture as we know it now in Napa."

Coalition Ensures No Junior Livestock Exhibitor Goes Without a Sale

For young 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors, the county fair auction ring is the reward for months of hard work, investment and responsibility—unless their animals don't attract buyers. But thanks to community coalitions that step in to purchase no-bid animals, kids can be spared this disappointment and financial loss. Among them is the 37th District Buyer's Coalition—parents, businesses and community groups who banded together in 2022 to support youths exhibiting at the Santa Barbara County Fair in Santa Maria. Led by former livestock exhibitors who now have children showing in the ring, the group raises funds to buy auction animals and then donates the meat to nonprofits serving people experiencing food insecurity. To date, the coalition has purchased animals from 260 local kids and has donated more than 80,000 pounds of meat to local charities. "This is a win-win-win," said Renli Pope, the coalition's president. "The kids benefit, the community benefits, and we all feel better being a part of it." ★

How the Supreme Court's Voting Rights Act Ruling Could Affect California's Gerrymandered Districts



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California's independent redistricting commissions drew new maps of the state's congressional and legislative districts after the 2010 and 2020 censuses, their members were emphatically told by legal advisors that the federal Voting Rights Act required them to maximize opportunities for ethnic communities to elect officeholders.

The commissions went to great lengths to fold that mandate into the geographic boundaries of the districts, even if it required them to ignore city and county lines.

The effect was to enhance the ranks of Black, Latino and Asian representatives in Congress and the state Capitol. It also helped Democrats achieve overwhelming majorities in the Legislature and the state's congressional delegation, thus leaving Republicans with only token representation.

The commission's redistricting plans were, in effect, gerrymanders, if one defines that term as meaning to seek predetermined outcomes—even though the commission was created, via two ballot measures in 2008 and 2010, in response to gerrymanders the Legislature had decreed in prior decades.

Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature asked voters to set aside the commission's

overwhelmingly pro-Democrat congressional districts and adopt even more lopsided maps, to give Democrats five more seats. It was a response to efforts, backed by President Donald Trump, to gerrymander more Republican districts in Texas and other red states.

Voters agreed by passing Proposition 50. This year's election will test whether the gerrymander has been successful and whether it has enough impact to restore Democratic control of the House of Representatives.

While setting aside the redistricting commission's maps, Prop. 50 promised that the maps would be effective not only this year, but for the 2028 and 2030 election cycles, after which the commission process would be restored using data from the 2030 census.

It's difficult to believe that when the time comes Democrats would truly allow the commission to once again draw the maps. The party's leaders never liked the commission process in the first place, and returning to it could force them to give up some of the seats they are capturing this year.

Additionally, California's congressional delegation, now 52 members, is likely to shrink by four or five seats due to the state's lack of population growth, meaning even fewer positions to distribute.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court gave California's Democratic Party leadership another reason to eliminate the redistricting commission by weakening the Voting Rights Act's effect on drawing districts to maximize representation by non-white ethnic groups.

By a 6-3 vote, the court overturned congressional

maps in Louisiana that had, by lower court order, been redrawn to create one more district for the state's Black residents. The split decision declared that a "racial gerrymander" violates the U.S. Constitution's equal rights language.

The revised congressional districts that California created via ballot measure last year will not be immediately affected by Wednesday's ruling, but it could impact states that had been weighing making changes but had not yet done so.

Furthermore, it could affect California's new maps going forward. When they were placed on the ballot, Democratic leaders boasted that they were fully in compliance with the Voting Rights Act's provisions that now have been reinterpreted. Republicans could contend via lawsuit that the maps are unconstitutional under the court's new standard.

The Supreme Court's ruling would also affect how California's redistricting commission approaches its task after the 2030 census by eliminating, or at least weakening, the mandate that guided its actions in the past.

Democratic leaders could minimize the court's decree by persuading voters to eliminate the commission, thus returning redistricting to a Legislature they overwhelmingly control—something they probably would prefer anyway.

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. ★

Then and Now

Gridley Museum's Photo Contest



Shown is a historic Gridley building in its prime back "Then"; Photo #10. 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.

Cancer Survivor Celebration Set in Marysville

By MPG Staff

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)

- Adventist Health and Rideout Cancer Care Center will host its 16th annual Cancer Survivor Celebration on June 2, inviting patients and their families to gather, connect and mark their cancer journeys.

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cancer Care Center, 618 Fifth St. The celebration will include a luncheon and an

opportunity for survivors to spend time with fellow patients and care teams.

Sara Thomas, an oncology clinical educator at Adventist Health and Rideout, said the event reflects the strength of those facing cancer and the support behind them.

"We are honored to celebrate the incredible strength and resilience that our cancer patients and survivors demonstrate throughout their cancer journeys," Thomas said.

Organizers said the event

is made possible through support from the Adventist Health Rideout Foundation and its donors.

Patients and families interested in attending can register or request more information by contacting Cierra Henry at 530-749-4478 or HenryCR@ah.org.

The annual gathering continues a long-running effort by the cancer care center to bring patients together in a supportive setting while recognizing their experiences and progress. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

In the fall I moved a giant Hosta into a tall terra cotta pipe that I'm using as a planter. The snails were destroying it in the ground. I thought to challenge them by rising it up about 18". This spring the Hosta grew and was looking great then the snails proved they were up to the challenge of climbing 18". I knew

this but I was engaged in wishful thinking in hopes that the new place would mean the Hosta could grow freely. I am wrong. I am going to bait the top and around the bottom of the pot. We'll see if that is more successful than when the plant was in the ground.

I've noticed that several of my plants have turned red during this cooler period. I knew they were protecting themselves. It happened with some cactus called Stapelias and it happened to two Geraniums I have in a pot in the morning sun. So, I looked it up and this is what I found, "The term for when plants turn red in the cold is winter leaf reddening or winter bronzing.

This is a stress-adaptation mechanism where plants produce pigments called anthocyanins, which act as a "sunscreen" to protect foliage from high light damage when photosynthesis slows down in cold temperatures." One of the things that made me curious other than the color is that I was at a home that had one of these geraniums in their backyard and it had not turned red. It appears that the geranium in the other yard did not have direct morning sun. Now I know that as soon as the temperatures even out these plants will become green again because normal photosynthesis will resume. Here's to night temps in the 60s coming soon. ★



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Live Oak Schools Earn AVID Honors



educators from across the region and country, offering classroom observations and opportunities to engage with staff and students.

AVID, a nonprofit organization founded more than 45 years ago, operates in more than 7,400 schools nationwide and internationally, reaching millions of students through its programs and educator training. ★

By MPG Staff

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Two Live Oak Unified School District campuses have earned national recognition for advancing college and career readiness, joining a select group of schools across the country.

Luther Elementary School and Encinal School have been named AVID National Demonstration Schools, a designation that highlights campuses where strategies tied to student achievement and

academic preparation are embedded across all grade levels and classrooms.

The AVID program, short for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a national system focused on preparing students for postsecondary success through structured academic support and a student-centered approach. Demonstration Schools serve as model sites, allowing educators from other districts to observe practices in action.

At Luther and Encinal, AVID methods include focused note-taking, inquiry-based instruction, student-led tutorials and goal-setting practices integrated into daily lessons. School leaders said the approach is applied campuswide rather than limited to a single program.

“This recognition reflects the dedication of our staff and students to a culture where high expectations and meaningful support go hand in hand,” said Luther Elementary Principal

Parveen Bains. “At Luther, AVID is not a program, it is a commitment to ensuring every student has the skills, confidence and opportunity to succeed.”

Encinal School Principal Michelle Smith said the designation reinforces the belief that all students can succeed with the right tools and support.

“We are proud to model what AVID in action looks like every day at Encinal,” Smith said.

As Demonstration Schools, both campuses will host visiting

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV01118
Petitioner Nickolas Danny Gilpin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Nickolas Danny Gilpin to Nickolas Danny Gilpin Tonelli.

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 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on April 9, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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GILPIN 5-15-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV01240
Petitioner Gregorio Garcia Guzman Jr filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Gregorio Garcia Guzman Jr to Gregorio Garcia Jr.

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 June 3, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on April 20, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
GUZMAN 5-22-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV01312
Petitioner Jennifer Alexis Acosta filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jennifer Alexis Acosta to Jennifer Alexis Sanchez Acosta.

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 June 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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NOTICE OF HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT 2025 AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Biggs-West Gridley Water District's (BWGWD) draft Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP), prepared pursuant to Water Code §10820 and following, is now available for public inspection at BWGWD's office at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, CA 95948, and on its website at bwgwater.com. In a hearing to be held at a public meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m., May 20, 2026, the BWGWD Board of Directors will receive oral and written comments on the AWMP and then will adopt the plan as drafted or modified during the meeting. Written public comments on the draft AWMP also may be submitted for consideration by the BWGWD Board of Directors until May 19, 2026, at the District office or via email to drobinson@bwgwater.com. The May 20, 2026, meeting will be held at BWGWD's office at the address noted above and by telephone as described on the agenda for the meeting.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Gridley Unified School District of Gridley, California at 2:00PM on May 19, 2026 at the District Office located at 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948 All inquiries concerning this bid shall be directed to Zane Schreder at (530-228-9733) email zane@zaneschreder.com

Bidders may obtain a set of plans and specifications, and contract documents from:
zane@zaneschreder.com

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, all of which may be examined at the Architect's Office, or at local Builders Exchanges, Separate Bids for the following:

- Bid 1 Relocation Modular Classroom at Wilson Elementary School.
Work shall include the relocation of 7 each 24' x 40' classrooms and one each 12' x 40' restroom.
- Bid 2 Site work at Wilson Elementary School for building pads for 7 each 24' x 40' classrooms and one each 12' x 40' restroom.

Work shall include New Base Rock Pads for building, sewer line, water and new concrete landings at ramps to tie into existing sidewalks.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or a bid bond in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, payable to the Gridley Unified School District.

The District requires that the bidder possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: A suitable license as deemed acceptable for the scope of work by the State of California – Contractor's licensing board. The bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing at all times from submission of a bid throughout the term of any awarded contract.

This project is subject to monitoring and enforcement of prevailing wage requirements by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement as set forth in Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code (commencing at section 1720). The District, the successful bidder, and each subcontractor performing any portion of the work for this project shall comply with the prevailing wage laws and requirements.

DIR Registration. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Labor Code section 1725.5 requires that all contractors and subcontractors bidding on Public Works Construction Projects be registered with the Director of Industrial Relations (DIR) prior to submitting a bid and pay an annual fee to the DIR. Additional information is available on the DIR's website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>. An awarding body may not accept a bid or enter into a contract for public work with an unregistered contractor, and the District may not accept a bid or award a contract without proof of registration of the bidder and its subcontractors.

Pre-Bid Conference: One non-mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit will be held: May 11, 2026 at 3:30 pm at Wilson Elementary School 409 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Bonds. Pursuant to the Contract Documents, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, and as described in the Contract Documents.

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of Ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

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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.

Continuing through Saturday, May 9

Feather Fiesta Days

Downtown Oroville. Enjoy a range of activities including a kiddie parade, concerts in the park, a car show at Oroville Dam, chili cook-off and a street fair with beer garden, music and food. For a full schedule, visit www.visitoroville.com/feather-fiesta-days.

Saturday, May 9

Kids Free Fishing Day

6:30 to 11:30 a.m., Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Ave., Gridley. The 25th annual event features free bait, loaner poles, a barbecue lunch, raffle prizes and a biggest fish contest. A shuttle will run from parking lot 14. Information: Gridley Recreation Department, 530-822-6033.

27th Annual Gold Rush Car Show

7 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown Oroville, 1489 Myers St. Classic, vintage and modern vehicles will be on display as part of Feather Fiesta Days, with music, food and entertainment.

National Scrapbook Day 2026

9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Biggs Community Hall, 280 B St., Biggs. A full day of scrapbooking with guidance from Scrapbooking with Christy.

Chico Color Family Fun Run and 5K

9 a.m., Bidwell Park, 300 South Park Drive, Chico. Participants can choose an untimed 5K or color trot with six color stations. Proceeds benefit the Chico Salvation Army Community Center. Register at www.chicocolorun.com.

Sports Cards and Pokémon TCG Expo

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Chico, 685 Manzanita Court. Buy, sell and trade with fellow collectors. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com.

Durham Parade and Picnic

10 a.m., downtown Durham. This year's theme, "A Creek Flows Through It," celebrates the role of water in the community. Parade followed by a community picnic.

Wildflower Music Festival

1 to 8 p.m., Community Park, 1900 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Chico. Live performances, family activities and local food vendors. Proceeds support Wildflower Open Classroom. Information at www.wildflowermusicfest.com.

Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17

Central California Fainting Goat Show

Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 Hazel St. Four sanctioned shows, plus a showmanship clinic. Hosted by Fire Sky Farm and Falling for You Farm. See Facebook for details.

Friday, May 15

Barrels, Bites and Bounty

6 to 8 p.m., Long Creek Winery and Ranch, 323 Ward Blvd., Oroville. Food, local wine and beer, and live music benefiting Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley. Tickets: www.bgcnv.org/campaigns/bbbtickets.

Saturday, May 16

Red Suspenders Day

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Kentucky Street, Gridley. Events include a pancake

breakfast, vendor booths, car show from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., parade at 11 a.m., police motorcycle competition, firemen games and a tri-tip dinner. Schedule: www.gridleyareachamber.org.

Oroville Airport Day

8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oroville Airport, 100 Airport Parkway. Features more than 100 vehicles and 125 aircraft, plus food trucks and vendors. Pancake breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

K-9 Classic

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., DeGarmo Park, 3428 Esplanade, Chico. Free event with pet-friendly vendors and activities, including the Mutt Strut competition.

Sunday, May 17

Open Art Day in the Barn

2 to 3 p.m., Patrick Ranch, 10381 Midway, Durham. Free event for all ages with art activities and supplies available.

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Ceremony

10 to 11 a.m., Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District. The public is invited to honor fallen service members. Gridley Mayor Mike Farr, a Vietnam veteran, will speak. The ceremony will conclude with a Beale Air Force Base flyover.

Library Happenings

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

Butte County Libraries

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

Friday, May 8: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, May 9: Ugly art club for adults, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Materials provided, absolutely no skills required. (G)

Tuesday, May 12: LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

Wednesday, May 13: 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, May 14: Chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Movie night, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

Friday, May 15: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Ladie's night out movie, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Men and teens are invited too (G)

Saturday, May 16: Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Sutter County Library

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

Friday, May 8: Skill share, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn something new or share a talent with others in this relaxed, social crafting program for all ages. Participants can explore sewing, knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching with all supplies provided by the library. No experience is necessary.

Saturday, May 9: Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12: Toddler time, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, May 13: Story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. LEGO club, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 14: Story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon.

Friday, May 15: Skill share, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn something new or share a talent with others in this relaxed, social crafting program for all ages. Participants can explore sewing, knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching with all supplies provided by the library. No experience is necessary.

Saturday, May 16: Puzzle race, 10 a.m. to noon. Compete against other groups in a friendly, fun environment. Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 May 12 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 May 12 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

Downtown Chico Thursday Night Market 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.

Durham Grange Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at 9386 Midway in Durham, behind Dollar General. This vibrant market promises an array of fresh produce, delicious foods, handmade goods and more, making it the perfect spot to shop local and support small businesses.

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 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. For more information, call 530-353-5349. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20.

Community Resources – Find Food

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

First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be May 24. 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, May 12. 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, May 12. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

Sacred Heart Parish, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1561 Hazel St., Gridley on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call 530-846-2140 for more information. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Kings Look to Draft Lottery

If you're watching the NBA playoffs count yourself a true basketball fan, because the Sacramento Kings don't have a dog in the fight. That's true today, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Just 4 short years ago this city got a taste of what playoff basketball is all about, and I was amazed at the energy it brought to the capital city. I was at both games hosted by the Kings, and I've never experienced the energy that was present in Golden One Arena when the Golden State Warriors came to town.

The Kings came up a little short ultimately, but it marked a moment in time that said, we've arrived!

Sadly, leadership let us down, and what was the most potent offense in the NBA that season, morphed into something else with coaches preaching that the Kings needed to play better defense.

Today's team has a bevy of talent already present, but opportunity was stolen from them when injuries not only occurred but became an epidemic this past season.

So do we give ownership and coaching staff a pass since our best players sat out most of the season? Maybe not a pass, but as knowledgeable fans at least an understanding of what happened.

Time to turn our attention to present day, and what the upcoming season may have in store.

First order of business. Take stock in what you have and don't give it away.

First and foremost, wait on any trades to find out where in the June 23 draft the Sacramento Kings will be drafting.

Don't get the cart before the horse, and by all means don't listen to any offers that would raid this team of valuable talent. That already happened once with the departure of DeAaron Fox, and all Kings fans hope it will never happen again.

So, all eyes turn to May 10 when the ping pong balls will determine the order of the draft, and on that fateful night anything can happen.

Last season it was the Dallas Mavericks that defied the odds and secured the #1 draft choice. All they did was pick Cooper Flagg, who went on to start his NBA career by

being last season's rookie of the year.

Such are the possibilities that the draft can bring, and will it bring fortune for the Sacramento Kings on May 10th?

Well, we are about to see.

I recently watched a documentary called The Logo, which told the life story of the unconquerable Jerry West. Everyone already knew of his prowess as a basketball player, but perhaps not everyone knew that he was equally as talented evaluating talent.

The documentary told how West built the Los Angeles Lakers into a dynasty and then took his talents to Memphis where he helped build the Grizzlies into a perennial playoff team. Just when one would have thought Jerry West's career was winding down, he brought his audacious talent to San Francisco where he helped the franchise build a dynasty around the likes of Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green.

The ability to judge talent. Often working behind the scenes but men like Jerry West are the real stars of the show, and the Sacramento Kings are in need of such a man right now.

Is that the man sitting in the general managers seat by the name of Scott Perry? We are about to see, and what an opportunity to put your mark on a franchise thirsty for a new direction.

The Memphis Grizzlies haven't yet won a franchise, but they're a perennial playoff team, and what would the Sacramento fan base give to say that.

Yes, I'm preaching hope, but it has more than a realistic possibility of occurring, and it's time to rally around this franchise with renewed vigor.

I was present at a lot of basketball games last season that I didn't enjoy, but I'm happy to say it wasn't because of lack of effort. Our Sactown boys played hard, to the point they were actually receiving criticism for playing too hard down the stretch.

Never let it be said we play too hard.

Put on your lucky sock's Kings fans or buy a rabbit's foot, because May 10 is right around the corner!

All the best!

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Tri Area Graduation Events

By MPG Staff

BIGGS

May 11: Biggs High School Scholarship Night 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May 22: Biggs High School Rite of Passage

May 26: Biggs High School Spring Sports Awards 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

May 29: Biggs High School Graduation 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

GRIDLEY

May 26: FFA Banquet

May 28: Gridley High School Senior Awards Night 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May 31: Gridley High School Senior Baccalaureate 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Jun 4: Sycamore Middle

School Promotion 7:30 p.m. Butte County Fairgrounds

Jun 5: Gridley High School Graduation 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Butte County Fairgrounds

LIVE OAK

May 14: Live Oak High School FFA Banquet 6 p.m.

May 27: Live Oak High

School Scholarship Night 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May 28: Live Oak Senior Awards Assembly 2 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

May 29: Live Oak High School Graduation 7 p.m.

MANZANITA

Jun 10: Manzanita Elementary School Promotion 7:30 p.m. ★

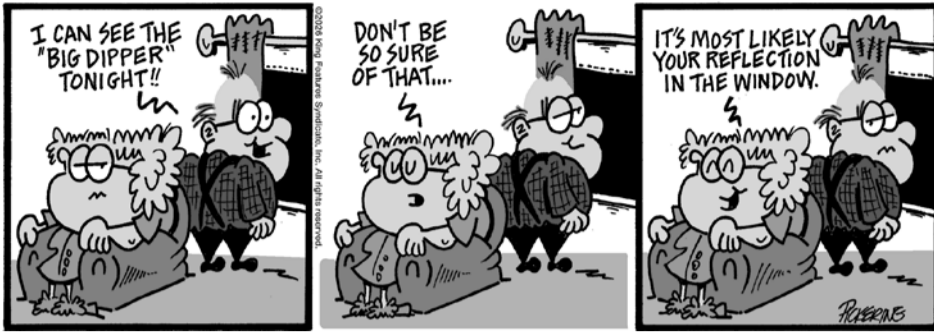


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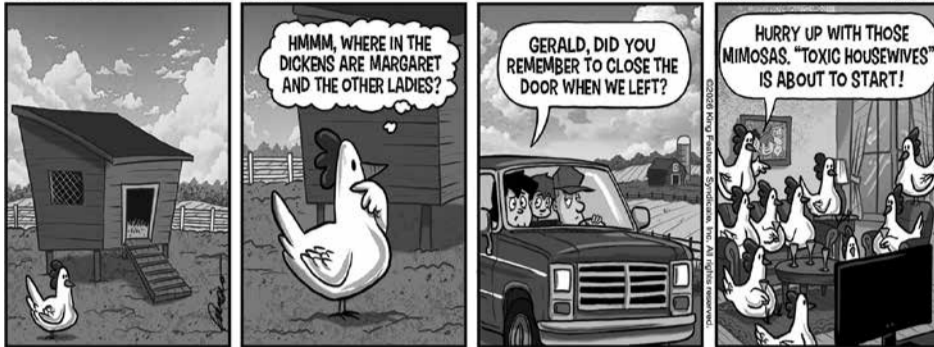
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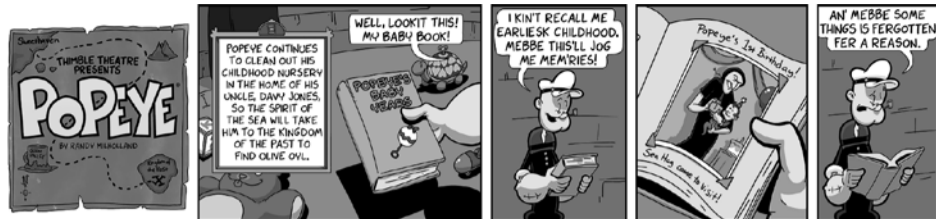
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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 - Chesterfield, e.g.
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 - *Bachelor of Arts, e.g.
 - Autumn mo.
 - Opposite of outs
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 - Retirement safety net (2 words)
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 - "That feels good!" exclamation
 - Programmer's bane
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 - River port in Belgium
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 - "For ___ a jolly..."
 - Bass product
 - *Student speaker at graduation, usually
 - Regrettably, exclamation
 - Immanuel, German philosopher
 - Fortune teller's props
 - Welcome ____, pl.
 - "Cogito ____, sum"
 - Subdivision of an act
 - Olden day "you"
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 - Spring, ____, sprung
 - Devoutly religious
 - Winglike
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 - Luxury furniture wood
 - *Part of graduation regalia
 - Slovenly abode
 - Pilot's estimate, acr.
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 - Santa ____, winds
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Firefighters Step Up to the Plate

By Dustin Mattos

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - CAL FIRE Butte County Fire invites the community to the annual North vs. South softball game, set for Friday, May 15 at Vierra Park.

The tradition dates back to 2003, when the first game was held the night before Red Suspenders Day. In recent years, the matchup has featured the North vs. South Butte County Fire teams.

The rivalry began in 2005, when firefighters from northern Butte County challenged crews from the southern portion of the county, roughly divided along Highway 149, to a slow-pitch game. The North claimed the first win, 20-17. The South responded the following year with a 10-9 victory and currently holds the trophy bat after a 36-32 win in 2025.

In addition to the North vs. South matchup, Butte



Gridley firefighters get into the spirit ahead of the annual North vs. South softball game, set for 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 15 at Vierra Park as part of Red Suspenders Day weekend. File photo

County Fire and Sutter County Fire will face off in a second game. Butte has held the edge in recent years, but Sutter enters looking to turn the tide.

A home run derby will take place prior to the second game, with players

competing in a winner-take-all format.

First pitch is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The event serves as a chance for local firefighters to build camaraderie, stay active and connect with the community ahead of fire season. ★

Memorial Day Ceremony Set, Beale AFB Flyover Planned



T-38 Talon jet fighters will be doing several fly overs during Memorial Day including Gridley, Yuba City and Dixon. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force/Steve White

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25 at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, honoring fallen service

members and recognizing those who continue to serve.

The ceremony is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. and is open to the public. Organizers invite area residents to attend and take part in the observance.

Gridley Mayor Mike Farr will serve as the

featured speaker. Farr, a Vietnam veteran, completed two combat tours during his military service.

The program will conclude with a fighter jet flyover conducted by pilots from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base. ★

A Patriotic Bite

Gridley Quota Holds Annual Salad Luncheon

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Quota filled Veterans Memorial Hall with patrons seeking a meal May 1 during its annual Quota Salad Luncheon.

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., members in blue refreshed a buffet table stocked with a variety of pasta, fruit and vegetable salads.

The group also offered sweet treats and desserts for those with room to spare after the meal.

Quota President Maggie Hepworth said the event drew more than 300 attendees.

While some guests dined, others browsed



Quotarian Peggy Harshbarger assists with some of the prize baskets, given away at the end of the luncheon to excited participants.

vendor booths, participated in the annual 50/50 raffle and entered to win

prizes and gift baskets. Winners were announced by Hepworth near the end



Groverlee Dahl replenishes tasty, deviled eggs at the Quota Luncheon as guests dish up!

of the luncheon.

Kari Wheeler won the 50/50 raffle.

"I think it was very successful. I have heard a lot of great comments," said Pat Teague, Quota member and treasurer.

The luncheon was held

at Veterans Memorial Hall, a change from its previous location at Jake's at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

Hepworth said the new venue was a good fit.

"We loved it at the Memorial Hall,"

Hepworth said. "It was the perfect setting."

Gridley Quota thanked committee chair Tina Haro and co-chair LaWanda Jaramillo for organizing the event, as well as the community for its continued support. ★

Wolverines Get Swept by Braves for First-Place Battle

By YSBC Sports

BIGGS, CA (YSBC) - The Biggs Wolverines baseball team were swept in their series against the Hamilton Braves and lost their opportunity at a Mid-Valley League championship.

Biggs lost on April 28 9-5 and 2-1 on May 1.

Hamilton got ahead with an early 3-0 lead in the first matchup of the series after Wolverines' ace Dennis Dewhurst allowed the first three runners on base and trailed by two before Biggs got their first out of the game.

Dewhurst shut down the Braves from the second through the fourth innings before Hamilton was able to double their lead to six in the fifth.

Dewhurst pitched six innings in the loss as he allowed seven runs off 12 hits and struck out five.

The Wolverines had opportunities to score in the first, third and fourth innings with runners in scoring position, but were unable



Hamilton junior Patrick Matthews (10) slides safely at home during the Braves' victory against Biggs on April 28. Photo by Chris Pedigo

to push a run across the plate.

Biggs had a big inning in the bottom of the sixth where they closed the deficit 7-5. The Wolverines had five consecutive hits in the inning.

The Braves pushed two more

across in the seventh to build a small cushion and took the first game of the series.

In the second game on May 1, it was a pitcher's duel between young arms as Biggs freshman Jaiden Bandy and Hamilton sophomore Daniel Leal dealt impressive outings on the mound.

Bandy helped his cause at the plate as he drove the lone Wolverines' run in the top of the third.

The Braves answered back quickly as junior infielder Patrick Matthews grounded out to Bandy to tie the game in the bottom of the third.

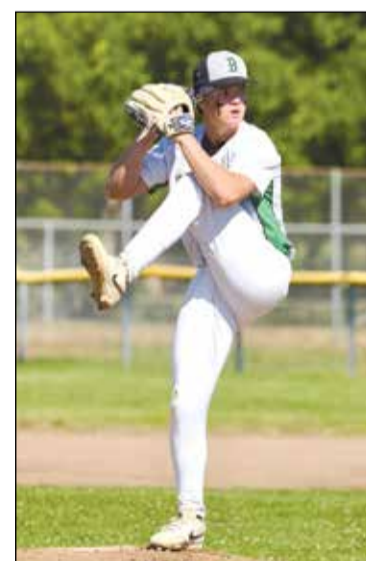
Bandy tossed five innings in the loss where he struck out six and allowed six hits.

Leal showed dominant control of the strike zone as he tossed a complete game where he gave up four hits and sent seven Biggs

hitters back to the bench empty on strikes.

Leal tossed 79 pitches throughout the game and tossed 72% of them for strikes.

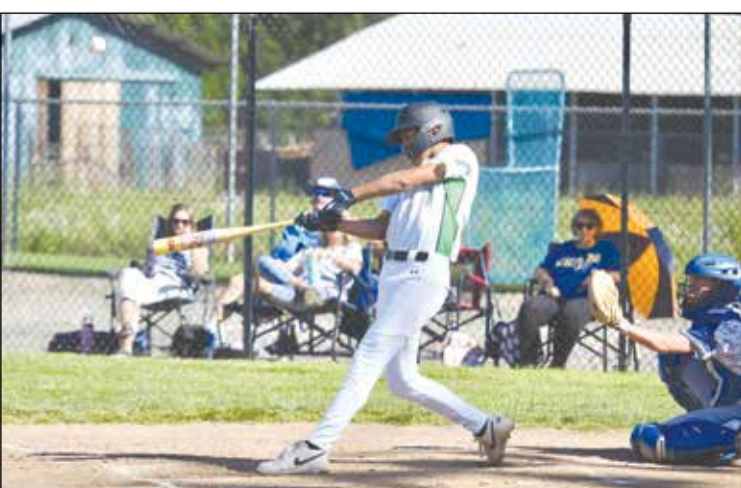
The Wolverines finish the



Biggs junior Dennis Dewhurst (7) throws a pitch on April 28 during the Wolverines' loss to Hamilton. Photo by Chris Pedigo

regular season off with a series a doubleheader against Portola on Tuesday and host Willows on Friday, May 8.

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Biggs junior Cashten Acosta (1) hits a fly ball on April 28 during the Wolverines' loss against Hamilton. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Biggs freshman Jaiden Bandy (11) hits the ball on April 28 during the Wolverines' defeat to Hamilton. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Trojans Sweep Bulldogs in Series for First Place in Westside League

By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball team were swept by the Orland Trojans on May 1 with a 10-1 loss.

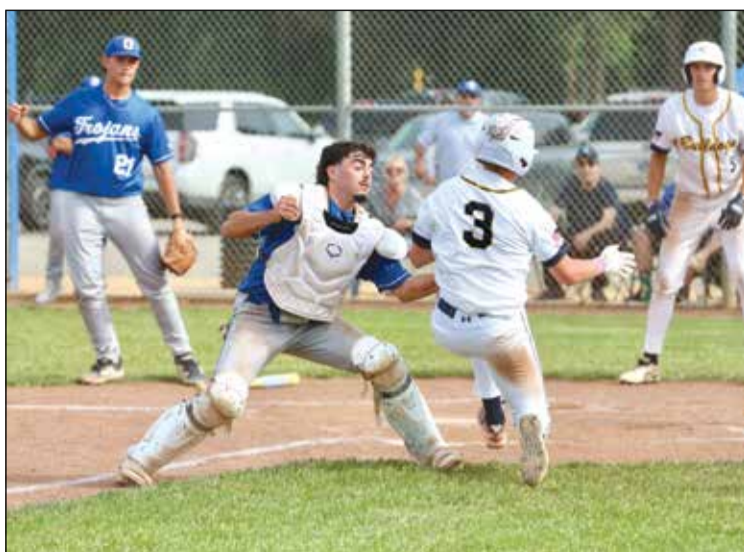
Gridley and Orland were tied at the beginning of the series in the Westside League standings with one loss each team suffered once to Las Plumas.

Bulldogs senior Eli Punzo and Trojans senior Roy Alexander were locked in early as both retired their first six hitters of the game and pounded the zone.

Orland put up back-to-back runs in the third and the fourth, but they did it with a small ball approach.

Trojans junior Jackson Kampmann put the first run on the scoreboard with a sacrifice bunt.

Orland extended their lead to two in the second when Alexander struck out at the plate and forced the throw over to first, which allowed Trojans junior



Orland junior catcher Jackson Newham (3) tags out Gridley sophomore Trey Rosser (3) attempting to score from second on May 1 during the Trojans' win. Photo by Steven Bryla

catcher Jackson Newham the break to get across the plate.

Gridley was able to get one back in the bottom half of the fourth and cut the deficit 2-1 as senior Riley Engelmann hit a run-batted-in (RBI) that scored senior Tanner Abbott

Bulldogs' sophomore Trey Rosser was thrown out at home as he attempted to score from second and a perfect throw from the outfield to Newham.

That was the final hit for the Gridley offense as Alexander dominated the rest of the



Gridley senior Eli Punzo (1) throws a pitch during the Bulldogs' defeat to Orland. Photo by Steven Bryla

Bulldogs lineup as he retired his final nine hitters.

Alexander's dominant performance on the mound ended with three hits allowed and eight strikeouts as he did it all with 79 pitches thrown overall.

Bulldogs head coach Dan

Crabtree expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that Orland was the better team and wanted it more than Gridley.

The Trojans tallied with a five-run fifth inning, which extended their lead 7-1 after they had three hits and two sacrifice bunts.

Punzo's time on the mound ended with five innings pitched as he allowed seven runs off six hits but struck out eight Orland hitters.

The loss put the Bulldogs in a second-place tie for league standings with Las Plumas.

Gridley is scheduled to play their final series against Oroville this week as they will host the Tigers on Tuesday, May 5 at 4 p.m. and travel to Oroville on Thursday, May 7 with first pitch scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Northern Section baseball playoff brackets will be released on Friday, May 8 for Divisions II and III.

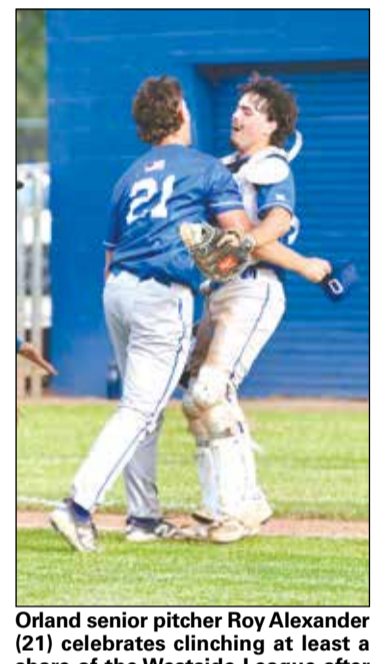
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Gridley senior Riley Engelmann (14) connects with the ball on May 1 during the Bulldogs' 10-1 loss to Orland. Photo by Steven Bryla



Orland senior Roy Alexander (21) tosses a pitch on May 1 during the Trojans' 10-1 win against Gridley. Photo by Steven Bryla



Orland senior pitcher Roy Alexander (21) celebrates clinching at least a share of the Westside League after the Trojans' victory over Gridley on May 1. Photo by Steven Bryla



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