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Biggs High Class of 2026 Celebrates Graduation



Graduates of the Biggs High School Class of 2026 stand during commencement ceremonies on May 29 at Biggs High School. Approximately 37 seniors received diplomas as family members, friends and staff gathered to celebrate the milestone. Photo by Seti Long

By MPG Staff

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs High School honored approximately 37 graduates during commencement ceremonies, celebrating the accomplishments, friendships and experiences that shaped the Class of 2026.

The ceremony featured speeches from Salutatorian Gracie Sheppard and Valedictorian Mason Kaelin, who reflected on the lessons learned during their years at Biggs High and encouraged classmates to embrace the future.

Sheppard acknowledged the uncertainty many graduates face as they prepare for the next stage of life.

"Most of us don't have it all figured out. And honestly, I feel that there is something beautiful about figuring it all out," Sheppard said.

She encouraged her classmates to remember the value of kindness and to recognize that others may be facing challenges that are not always visible.



Valedictorian Mason Kaelin delivers his commencement address during Biggs High School's graduation ceremony on May 29. Kaelin reflected on the friendships, experiences and support that helped shape the Class of 2026. Photo by Seti Long

"Never forget the value of kindness. It will get you so far in life," she said. "You really don't

know what someone else is going through."

Sheppard also urged graduates to appreciate every moment and avoid taking time for granted.

"Life is shorter than we are ever going to admit, and not a single day is promised," she said. "So don't wait, say the words you want to say, take the risk, and be present for the people who you love the most."

Valedictorian Mason Kaelin reflected on how quickly his high school years passed and thanked the teachers, family members and friends who supported him along the way.

"Today we are not just celebrating those of us who are graduating but also celebrating everyone who got us here," Kaelin said. He offered special thanks to teachers for their guidance and to families for their sacrifices and encouragement.

Kaelin said the graduates are entering a world full of opportunities and

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Rural Counties Back State Split Resolution

By Susan Meeker

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Rural frustration over water policy, state mandates, shrinking local control and what county leaders described as a widening political divide between urban and inland California is fueling new support across Northern California for Assembly Joint Resolution 23, a proposal signaling interest in forming a new state from California's existing boundaries.

County boards in Colusa, Sutter, Butte and Yuba counties approved resolutions backing AJR 23 during May meetings. The proposal, authored by Assemblyman James Gallagher, would formally express legislative consent for specified counties to potentially form a new state, subject to approval by Congress.

The Colusa County Board of Supervisors approved its resolution May 19 after supervisors and public speakers argued rural counties are increasingly overshadowed by urban political priorities.

County leaders said the proposal was intended primarily to "send a message" to Sacramento that rural residents believe state policies favor urban population centers while agricultural and inland counties continue losing political influence.

Colusa County Supervisor Daurice Kalfsbeek-Smith said rural communities are increasingly frustrated by state policies that fail to reflect the needs of agricultural counties.

"The state's one size fits all approach is what's destroying rural California," Kalfsbeek-Smith said.

Public speakers in Colusa also voiced support, including a representative of the State of Jefferson movement who urged officials to continue demanding greater Northern California representation.

But the strongest concerns surfaced days later in Sutter County, where supervisors tied the proposal to mounting frustrations over public safety costs, infrastructure funding, wildfire policy, water storage and state oversight.

Sutter County Supervisor Dan Flores said his support for the resolution stems from what he sees as a widening gap between state expectations and the resources counties receive to meet them. He said counties are increasingly expected to manage homelessness, mental health services, public safety, roads and public works, and health care while

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Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Found on Costco Plants

By MPG Staff

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba County agricultural officials are urging residents to take immediate precautions after the invasive glassy-winged sharpshooter was detected on grape and citrus plants sold at Costco stores.

The insect, a type of leafhopper, can spread Pierce's disease, a bacterial infection that is fatal to grapevines. It can also damage almond, citrus and ornamental plants, posing a significant threat to California agriculture and home gardens.

Anyone who purchased grape or citrus plants from the Marysville Costco beginning May 21 is asked to help prevent the spread of the pest by contacting their local county agricultural commissioner's office.

"Glassy-winged sharpshooters pose an immediate and serious threat to vineyards because they transmit the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa*, which causes the deadly Pierce's disease in grapevines," said Yuba County Agricultural Commissioner Stephen Scheer. "We are asking for communitywide cooperation to help limit this risk. If you recently purchased grapevines or citrus plants at Costco, please contact your county agriculture department so we can safely dispose of grapevines and inspect citrus plants." Officials emphasized that the



A glassy-winged sharpshooter, an invasive insect that can spread the bacterium responsible for Pierce's disease in grapevines, was recently detected on grape and citrus plants sold through Costco stores in the region. Photo courtesy of the University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources, Jack Kelly Clark

plants in question are grapevines intended for planting in home gardens and landscaping, not grapes sold for consumption.

Residents who purchased grapevines are advised to place two garbage bags over the plants and secure them tightly. Those who purchased citrus plants should contact their county agriculture department to schedule an inspection.

Residents should not attempt to return, transport or relocate the plants. They also should not place them in the trash or compost.

Residents seeking guidance should contact their local county

agriculture department. Yuba County can be reached at 530-749-5400 or yubaag@yuba.gov. Sutter County can be reached at 530-822-7500 or sutterag@co.sutter.ca.us. Colusa County can be reached at 530-458-0580 or ccag@countyofcolusa.ca.gov. Nevada County can be reached at 530-470-2690 or agdept@nevadacountyca.gov.

Colusa County agricultural officials also issued a request for public assistance following the discovery, asking residents who purchased grapevines from Costco to contact the Colusa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for evaluation. ★

The New Pi-Line Biggs High Class of 2026 Celebrates Graduation



By Josh F.W. Cook

If you are unencumbered and you want a cultural and sociological scientific adventure, go to the Dollar General Store in Gridley. They have a camouflage clothing section, beach furniture, and ice cream. Mostly based in the Southern United States, "DGs" have a different worldview and culture that is palpable when you are inside. Spent 40 minutes there last week, just looking around and people-watching. Oddly, the Gridley Herald sells out at the Dollar General every week. The Dollar General in Live Oak is not as folksy; it is more uptown and larger in scale.

Two weeks ago, we were leaving the Dick Jones Little League Field at Viera Park, and we noticed some vagabonds and hobos at the Portuguese cultural hall. So when we saw a GPD officer, we alerted him. Patrol Sgt. C. Massey knew who they were and what they were doing and was in the process of processing them. He noted with a grin, "I know everyone in Gridley." Fast-forward to this week: we see 5 GPD officers arresting a guy at Wilson School and the CalFire 74 crew on the roof of the old CVS Pharmacy on the highway. The first thing we wondered was whether the

hobo getting arrested was the guy who lights things on fire? Such intrigue! GPD Chief Farr should start negotiating a contract for a reality TV series. It would be a great way to make revenue for the City, and if people saw how often GPD personnel stop crime, they would appreciate the local police a bit more.

If you have not seen it, the Portuguese Hall has been demolished. Sad day. Great memories. Holy Trinity forever.

Seven Butte College football players who signed NCAA letters continue their academic and athletic journeys at the four-year level, bringing the number of Roadrunners running to bigger football programs to 26. Fullback Rhys Cooper signed with NCAA Division III Azusa Pacific; outside linebacker Peyton Marceau signed with D-II Colorado (Mesa), offensive lineman George Brown signed with D-II University of Missouri (Central); defensive lineman Khary Beler signed with D-I Kennesaw State; lineman Gabe Miller signed with D-I Washington State; lineman Rich Abrego signed with D-II New Mexico Highlands University; and snapper Connor McCloskey signed with D-II Southwest Minnesota State University. Way to go, Butte College - Home of the "over-achievers". There is a new Warner Bros. Coyote and Roadrunner movie coming out this summer, and the fame of the Butte College mascot just keeps growing, and growing.

Josh F.W. Cook is a graduate of the prestigious Woodrow Wilson School. ★

Continued from page 1 challenges, whether they pursue college, careers, trade schools or other paths.

"A few people I've spoken to have said that high school will be the best years of our lives, but, goodness I hope not," Kaelin said. "There is so much to life and so much beauty in our futures both near and far."

As he concluded his remarks, Kaelin encouraged his classmates to carry forward the relationships they built during their time at Biggs High.

"Growing up is scary. It's painful. It makes you feel uncertain," he said. "If there is one thing I will leave with you, it is no

matter what, continue to love."

Principal Doug Kalin congratulated the graduating class and praised students for their perseverance and growth.

"Your hard work, your determination have brought you here, and you should be incredibly proud of what you have accomplished," Kalin said. "Today is both an ending and a beginning."

Kalin reminded graduates that success is measured not only by achievements but also by character, kindness and integrity.

"The world needs people who are willing to listen, help create and lead with compassion," he said. ★



Salutatorian Gracie Sheppard addresses classmates, families and staff during Biggs High School's commencement ceremony on May 29. Sheppard encouraged graduates to lead with kindness and to never take a single day for granted. Photo by Seti Long

Wildfire Helicopter Returning This Summer

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County will again have a privately contracted firefighting helicopter stationed at Chico Airport this summer under agreements approved May 26 by the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

The agreements between Butte County Fire, Pacific Gas & Electric and CAL FIRE provide a Sikorsky UH-60 Type 1 helicopter for wildfire suppression from June 15 through Nov. 15. The aircraft will operate during daylight hours and remain under the operational control of the Butte County Fire Department.

Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund told supervisors the helicopter program has already proven valuable during the past two fire seasons.

"In 2024 and 25 the board both approved an agreement with PGE to provide at no cost to the county a helicopter as pilots and its mechanical support," Sjolund said.

Sjolund said the helicopter logged 84 total flight hours over the last two



The helicopter is equipped with a 1,000-gallon water tank. Photo courtesy of PG&E

years, including responses to the Thompson, Park and Granite fires. Crews delivered nearly 440,000 gallons of water during firefighting operations.

The helicopter is equipped with a 1,000-gallon water tank and has capabilities similar to CAL FIRE aircraft, according to Sjolund. The aircraft will be dispatched through the county command center and can respond throughout Butte County's local and state responsibility areas.

The agreements also allow the

helicopter to assist neighboring jurisdictions through the state mutual aid system at no cost to the county. CAL FIRE may request the aircraft for state responsibility area fires and reimburse Butte County for flight hours used on those incidents.

PG&E will cover the first two hours of flight time for incidents within Butte County. Additional flight hours will cost \$10,500 per hour, according to Sjolund.

Sjolund said the locally based helicopter provides an important backup resource when state firefighting aircraft are committed elsewhere during major wildfire activity.

"It provides a local capability when state resources are pulled out of the county for other fires," Sjolund said. "That helicopter is here to be able to maintain initial attack response."

Board Chair Bill Connelly noted the helicopter responded to both the Thompson and Park fires while other large fires were burning across California. ★

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Freebirds Endure Losing Streak After Being Swept by the Coast

By YSBC Sports

MARYSVILLE, CA (YSBC) - The weekend series between the Long Beach Coast and the Yuba-Sutter Freebirds was an offensive outpour as Long Beach beat YS on Saturday, May 30, 15-10.

The Coast continued their early season success against the Freebirds as they took the first two games of the series.

Long Beach scored 25 runs on May 29 in a dominant victory and wasted no time getting back on the scoreboard on Saturday as they put up seven runs quickly in the first two innings.

YS starter Zac Addikson was relieved after he finished the second as he allowed seven runs off



Yuba-Sutter pitcher Zac Addikson (22) tosses a pitch on Saturday, May 30 during the Freebirds' 15-10 loss to Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla

seven hits and tossed 74 pitches.

The Freebirds responded in the second and third with an offensive output of their own as they racked up 10 runs over the two

innings, including six runs with two outs in the third.

YS utility Josh Duarte continued flustering opposing pitchers as he was the batting average leader (.571) to n the Pioneer

Baseball League (PBL) at the conclusion of Saturday and added four hits and five runs-batted-in (RBIs).

Duarte gave the Freebirds the lead in the third with a bases-clearing

double to center.

The Coast retaliated and took the lead in the fourth as they tallied four runs off of YS pitcher Anthony Silvas.

Silvas came into the game in the third inning and tossed 3 2/3 innings of relief where he gave up four runs off five hits and struck out three.

Long Beach outfielder gave the Coast an 11-10 lead off an RBI single.

There were a lot of familiar faces on the Long Beach roster as some former YS High Wheelers returned to Bryan field.

Long Beach catcher Cuba Bess had three hits in the win on Saturday and Cole Cressend started the game on the mound for the Coast.

Long Beach catcher

Thomas McCaffrey had a great series at the plate as he had seven hits, including three home runs and 10 RBIs in the first two games of the series against the Freebirds.

The Coast finished off the series sweep on Sunday night with a 13-6 win and handed YS their fourth-consecutive loss.

YS hit the road for the first time this season as they traveled down to Modesto and took on the Roadsters, who are one of the three newest teams in the PBL.

The series with Modesto will conclude on Sunday, June 7 and the Freebirds return to Bryant Field and host the RedPocket Mobiles beginning on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:35 p.m. ★

Caltrans Awards \$23.6 Million Statewide

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans has awarded \$23.6 million in transportation planning grants to 58 projects across California aimed at improving climate resiliency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing pedestrian and bicycle safety and strengthening disaster preparedness.

The funding will support local planning and conceptual design efforts that help move transportation projects closer to construction. State officials said the grants focus on multimodal transportation options and improving mobility in under-resourced communities.

Nearly \$14 million of the funding comes from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Additional funding sources include the State Highway Account, the Federal Highway Administration State Planning and Research Program and the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5304 Grant Program.

California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin said the grants will help communities develop transportation solutions that improve quality of life and create safer connections to schools, workplaces and community resources.

"Every California community deserves an opportunity to shape a safer, healthier and more connected future," Omishakin said.

Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy said the investments will support climate-resilient infrastructure while expanding access to transportation options.

"These investments will strengthen California by making it safer and easier for people to move through their communities," El-Tawansy said. "By

planning for climate-resilient infrastructure, improving access to walking and biking options and supporting under-resourced areas, these projects will help protect people, expand opportunity and build a transportation system that serves everyone."

Of the total funding, \$20.4 million will support 49 Sustainable Communities Competitive and Technical Grant projects involving local governments, regional agencies, transit operators and tribal governments. More than \$8.7 million of that amount will fund 20 projects focused on active transportation safety improvements. Caltrans said 86% of those projects will benefit under-resourced communities.

Another \$3.2 million in Strategic Partnerships Grants will support nine projects focused on long-term transportation planning, railroad crossing safety, transit reliability, multimodal circulation improvements and bus rapid transit planning.

Among the projects receiving funding are a \$256,300 grant for the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians in Tehama County to develop an Active Transportation Plan and a \$593,000 grant for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians in Riverside County to update a tribal land use plan with climate-resilient transportation standards.

Caltrans has awarded 808 transportation planning grants totaling \$316 million since the program began during the 2015-16 fiscal year. The agency reported that more than 73% of those projects have been completed.

SB 1 generates approximately \$5 billion annually for transportation improvements and is shared between state and local agencies. ★

Mendocino Forest Plans Trails Day Events



National Trails Day takes place annually on the first Saturday in June. Photo by Yinet_87 via Pixabay

By MPG Staff

WILLOWS, CA (MPG) - Mendocino National Forest officials are inviting community members to take part in National Trails Day events June 5 and 6 across the forest.

National Trails Day, established by the American Hiking Society in 1993, takes place annually on the first Saturday in June. The event brings together land managers, volunteers and partners to celebrate public trails and complete maintenance projects.

Forest officials said volunteers will help improve trail safety, accessibility and maintenance during several projects scheduled throughout the forest. All ages are welcome to participate.

The first event, the Snow Mountain Wilderness Waterfall Hike, will take place Friday, June 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the West Crockett Trailhead. Participants will hike to Middle Fork Falls, learn about the trail's history and assist with trail maintenance. Forest staff

also will demonstrate the use of crosscut saws.

The guided hike covers 2.5 miles each way. Participants may meet at the trailhead at 10:30 a.m. or caravan with Forest Service staff from the Supervisor's Office in Willows at 8 a.m.

On Saturday, June 6, the Stonyford OHV Trail Stewardship project will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stonyford Work Center. Volunteers will ride and work along 20 miles of mixed-use trails using motorcycles, side-by-sides or four-wheel-drive vehicles. The day begins with check-in and a safety briefing.

Also on June 6, volunteers can join the Lake Pillsbury Nature Trail project from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sunset Campground. Participants will help clear trails and restore trail tread on a half-mile nature loop near Lake Pillsbury.

Forest officials recommend volunteers arrange their own transportation. Many forest roads are dirt or native surface roads, and officials recommend high-clearance

four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Participants should bring lunch, water, snacks, gloves, sunscreen and a hat. Officials also recommend long sleeves and closed-toe boots because some trails may be steep, uneven or blocked by downed trees.

The Forest Service also designated June 6 as a fee-free day at standard amenity recreation sites on Forest Service lands in recognition of National Trails Day. The waiver does not apply to expanded amenity fees, reservation fees, special recreation permits or concessionaire charges.

According to the Forest Service, the agency manages more than 165,000 miles of trails nationwide. In 2025, volunteers and partner organizations completed nearly 26,000 miles of trail maintenance work, accounting for more than 60% of trail maintenance accomplishments.

More information is available from Laura Leidner at laura.leidner@usda.gov or online at www.fs.usda.gov/r05/mendocino ★

County Approves Gridley Area Road Projects

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Bridge repairs and roadway safety improvements affecting the Gridley area are included in Butte County's newly approved Senate Bill 1 transportation project list for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors approved the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account project list May 26 as part of the county's annual submission required to remain eligible for SB 1 transportation funding. The project list was approved as part of the board's consent agenda.

Among the projects added this year is a scour repair project for the East Gridley Road bridge at the Feather River. The bridge repair project carries an estimated total cost of about \$1.38 million with approximately \$277,150 in RMRA funding identified in the project list. Construction is currently targeted for June 2031.

County officials said the annual SB 1 list includes road maintenance, bridge rehabilitation and traffic safety projects throughout Butte County. The program also allows local agencies to leverage additional state



and federal transportation funding programs.

Additional projects affecting south Butte County communities include roadway safety improvements on East Gridley Road, West Biggs Road, Richvale roads and Larkin Road through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. One project involving edge line improvements on several south county roads carries an estimated cost of about \$1.36 million.

Another safety project involving median barrier and guardrail replacement on East Gridley Road and several other county roads is estimated at about \$250,000.

The county's project list also includes preventive bridge maintenance on the East Gridley Road bridge near Larkin Road with an estimated project cost of about \$294,710.

Other south county

projects include rehabilitation work on Foothill Boulevard between Swiss Lane and Oro Bangor Highway estimated at \$250,000, along with a rubberized pavement improvement program involving Durham-Dayton, Midway and Richvale roads estimated at \$1.25 million.

The RMRA program was established under Senate Bill 1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Counties must annually submit project lists to the California Transportation Commission identifying planned road and bridge work funded through the program.

Butte County anticipates receiving approximately \$8.98 million in RMRA revenue during the 2026-27 fiscal year. County officials stated the projects approved under the program are not expected to impact the county general fund.

The county's broader transportation list for the coming fiscal year also includes bridge work, pavement rehabilitation, erosion repairs and safety upgrades in other areas of Butte County, including Concow, Cohasset, Paradise and the Oroville foothills. ★

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Council Frustrated Over Traffic Studies

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The City of Gridley is pursuing federal traffic safety funding for dangerous intersections, school congestion and railroad access concerns, but several council members questioned whether the city is spending too much time studying problems instead of fixing them.

The City Council on May 18 authorized applying to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All

grant program, which could provide funding for traffic safety planning and related studies. City officials said the grant would require a 20 percent local match.

Harden said a project in the \$350,000 to \$400,000 range would require a local match of \$70,000 to \$80,000, which he said could be met through staff time, consultant work and survey efforts rather than cash alone.

Harden said the grant would allow the city to gather the traffic data,

crash analysis and public outreach needed to compete for future construction funding. The consultant-led work would focus on long-standing concerns, including the East Gridley Road and Fairview Drive intersection, traffic near Wilson School and emergency response access when trains block crossings.

"We have fire on one side and the hospital on one side of the tracks, and all our development coming in on the west side," Harden said.

The proposal includes temporary demonstration projects such as short-term curb extensions, delineators, rumble strips or a temporary closure of Lincoln Avenue during Wilson School drop off. Harden said the goal is to test traffic calming ideas before committing to permanent construction.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson questioned why the city must continually hire consultants to validate problems residents and school staff have raised for years.

"Why can't we just use common sense and say this is what we need to do," Johnson said, warning that the city could spend years pursuing planning grants while dangerous conditions remain unchanged.

Council member J. Angel Calderon raised concerns about students walking along narrow highway shoulders and residents near Hollis Lane struggling to safely enter Highway 99 during peak traffic.

"Sometimes during the rush hour, people are just

driving like crazy," he said.

Harden said the grant would not prevent the city from making immediate safety fixes.

"This is not going to pay for the construction of anything," he said. "This is strictly planning." He added that project scopes can be adjusted if the city addresses a safety issue before the study is complete.

The council voted to move forward with the application before the federal deadline. ★

Gridley Advocate Presses County for Mental Health Support

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A Gridley councilmember urged Butte County supervisors to protect behavioral health services for south county residents as the board approved several mental health contracts and funding increases May 26.

J. Angel Calderon, a former behavioral health employee and current Gridley City Council member, told the board the Gridley area has historically been underserved in mental health care and warned against reducing outreach programs aimed at vulnerable populations.

"One of the reasons I run for office is actually to address and possibly establish an infrastructure for health in Gridley," Calderon said during public comment.

Calderon said he was encouraged by reports that a new behavioral health clinic could open in Gridley within months but raised concerns about what he described as planned

reductions to special population services.

"I am very concerned about the last meeting we had with the advisory board," Calderon said. "I understand that behavioral health is going to cut all the services provided to special populations."

He pointed to outreach efforts involving farm workers, children and elderly residents. Calderon said the Promotores Program helped uplift Latino and Hmong families by connecting at-risk residents with mental health education, chronic disease prevention and behavioral health services, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic when many agricultural workers continued working under stressful conditions.

He also reminded supervisors that Gridley once had one of the highest suicide rates per capita in the region and credited community outreach and prevention efforts with improving conditions over time.

The comments came during a meeting in which the Butte County Board of Supervisors approved multiple behavioral health agreements and funding amendments.

Among the actions supervisors approved was an amendment increasing a state behavioral health grant by \$450,000, bringing the total grant amount to more than \$5.5 million and extending the funding through June 2028. County officials said the grant supports expanded access to mental health services for children and youth, including foster youth and LGBTQ students.

Supervisors also approved additional funding for Paradise Unified School District mental health outreach services and a nearly \$500,000 agreement for psychiatric medical director services due to an ongoing shortage of psychiatrists in Butte County.

The behavioral health items were approved as part of the board's consent agenda. ★

Biggs Reviewing Utility System Costs

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs officials are reviewing long-term costs tied to the city's water and sewer systems as infrastructure maintenance, utility expenses and future capital improvement needs continue growing.

During a May 26 budget workshop, the Biggs City Council reviewed proposed 2026-27 enterprise fund budgets for the city's water and sewer operations. City Administrator Nicholas Gauthier said the city is restructuring how utility finances are organized to create more accurate budgeting and long-term planning.

Under the proposed budget, the water fund projects about \$499,515 in water sales revenue, while the sewer fund projects about \$661,468 in operating revenue.

The city is also adjusting how shared public works and administrative expenses are charged to enterprise funds. Gauthier explained that water and sewer employees are no longer budgeted separately and are instead grouped under the city's public works operations, with utility funds reimbursing the general fund for shared services.

"Once we get through this next fiscal year and we have all the wrinkles ironed out, this will be a lot cleaner process," Gauthier said.

Several expense categories increased under the proposed budget, including utilities, maintenance and equipment repair.

Gauthier said previous budgets did not fully charge utility-related electrical and gas costs directly to the water and sewer systems, including electricity used for pumps and operations equipment.

The proposed water fund includes about

\$56,000 for repairs and maintenance tied largely to wells, pumps and water infrastructure.

Discussion also focused on the city's water supply system and the possibility of upgrading the city's third backup well into a full-time operating well to improve reliability and maintain water pressure during maintenance outages. Biggs currently relies on two active wells, while the third is reserved for emergency use.

"That will give us a lot more basically backup supply, backup pressure," Gauthier said.

Council members also discussed creating formal reserve and capital improvement policies to help fund future infrastructure upgrades. Officials said the city has historically lacked formal reserve policies governing how excess enterprise revenue is set aside for future needs.

The city's sewer and water rate schedules reviewed during the meeting were previously approved and do not include new proposed increases this year, although Gauthier said both systems are approaching the point where updated rate studies will likely be needed.

"The city is due for a rate study," Gauthier said.

Gauthier said the council is expected to review the city's electric utility fund during the next budget session. He told council members the electric fund remains financially strained and currently lacks enough revenue to support major capital improvements without future adjustments.

"Electric doesn't even have the money for capital improvement that it needs, let alone for the normal operating expenses it has," Gauthier said. ★

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state funding fails to keep pace.

"It's not because I don't love California. It's really because I do love California," Flores said. "My family has lived in this state for generations and California is our home."

He said counties are now functioning as the "front lines of government," with

residents turning first to local officials when problems arise.

"When people need help, they do not call Sacramento, they call us," Flores said.

Sutter County Board Chair Mike Ziegenmeyer described similar frustrations, pointing to state budget cuts affecting local youth, veterans and senior services while counties

continue facing growing financial pressures.

"We're running prisons now," Ziegenmeyer said, referring to state public safety realignment policies that shifted additional incarceration and supervision responsibilities onto counties.

Ziegenmeyer also criticized what he described as excessive state control

over grant funding and local projects, saying counties are often required to complete studies and mandates dictated outside their communities.

"We have water issues," Ziegenmeyer said. "We have all kinds of water, and yet we can't get storage."

Rural leaders also pointed to wildfire concerns, local project restrictions, grant limitations and Proposition 50, a Democratic redistricting proposal following the death of U.S. Representative

Doug LaMalfa, among frustrations raised during the discussions.

AJR 23 lists 15 Northern and inland California counties, including Colusa, Butte, Sutter and Yuba, as eligible to participate in the formation of a new state if approved by Congress.

The proposal itself does not divide California. Any future state split would still require approval from both the California Legislature and Congress under the U.S. Constitution.

Colusa County Board Chair Merced Corona said he supported the resolution as a symbolic effort to draw attention to rural frustrations with state government but said he does not necessarily support splitting California into two separate states.

"I feel we are stronger together," Corona said. "Dividing California into two smaller states would better serve the citizens by fostering governance that is more responsive and representative." ★

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Farms Increasingly use Drones for Aerial Applications

Drone operators say they see an uptick in business as agricultural drone application technology improves, farmers become more comfortable with it and more products receive aerial labels. Drones have proven useful for aerial applications, especially for specialty crops. "Vegetable crops have probably adapted drones faster than any other crop," said Briana Layfield, president and owner of Temecula-based Ag-Bee LLC. "When vegetable plants start growing, (growers) can't get tractors in past a certain growth stage." Last winter, her company treated vegetables in the Imperial, Coachella and Pajaro valleys. Other seasons, the company flies coastal vegetable fields from Ventura to Watsonville. Nicholas Steed, who operates Oakdale-based UAV Ag Solutions with brother Brandon, said they've also experienced increased producer interest. The company has used drones to treat walnuts, almonds, alfalfa and field corn.

Former Dairy Vet Looks to Improve Welfare on Farms

Founded in 2022, Tennessee-based nonprofit Kinder Ground makes animal welfare improvement more accessible on farms by offering grants and expertise to farmers who are looking to learn more about animal welfare. "The idea is for farmers to come to us with ideas," Jen Walker, chief animal welfare officer at Kinder Ground, told Ag Alert® in an interview. "We really like projects

that elevate welfare beyond those basics. Sometimes it's seeing the simplest of opportunities. That's where I think relationships are important. What we have found is if a farmer can have somebody go in on it with him or her, it's much easier to take a risk." A former dairy veterinarian, Walker said one new animal welfare technology she is excited about is cattle-vision goggles. "It's a computer program that takes input from a camera and digests it, and puts it up in virtual reality goggles so that what you're seeing is what we think cows would see," she said.

Committee Meets to Advise DWR on State Water Plan

An advisory committee to the California Department of Water Resources held its first meeting this month to begin work on the next update to the California Water Plan, the state's long-range strategy for managing water resources across all sectors. The plan is updated every five years and guides statewide water policy, planning and investment priorities. The meeting came months after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 72 in October 2025, launching a multiyear effort to modernize California's water planning framework in response to intensifying droughts, floods and long-term water reliability challenges tied to climate change. SB 72 established an interim statewide planning target of 9 million acre-feet of additional water supply by 2040. The target is expected to play a central role in the development of the state's 2028 and 2033 water plans. ★

Gavin Newsom's Rosy Painting of California's Economy Leaves Out Its Darker Undertones



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As Gavin Newsom makes his increasingly frequent appearances outside the state — seemingly preparing for a 2028 presidential campaign — one of his stock messages is that California's economy is soaring.

"We dominate in every category," Newsom bragged during a recent presentation to the Center for American Progress, a left-leaning think tank. "We are the center of the universe (and) America's coming attraction."

He cited the state's \$4-trillion-plus economic output that, were it a nation, would rank 4th or 5th largest in the world, and mentioned the ranks of Nobel Prize winners and vigorous venture capital investment in the state.

Moreover, he boasted, California has used that economic vigor to finance an array of social programs and services, such as universal health care, proving, he said, that such largesse can co-exist with capitalistic gains.

Subliminally, Newsom was pitching the notion that electing him as president could bring California-like prosperity and generosity to the nation as a whole. However, since Newsom is using the economy as a major talking point, it would be fair to provide key facts he fails to mention.

Yes, California has world-class economic output, but it

is due largely to a very narrow sector, Silicon Valley's high-tech industry, which has hugely benefited its entrepreneurs and capital investors.

However the industry is undergoing a shakeout due to the artificial intelligence phenomenon and it's shedding thousands of jobs, thus concentrating wealth even more.

Meanwhile the state's other world-famous sector, Southern California's movie and TV industry, is hurting badly as production migrates to other states and nations — so badly that the state is offering subsidies in an effort to slow the hemorrhage.

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, California's unemployment rate has routinely ranked among the nation's highest, with a million members of its labor force lacking jobs.

Beacon Economics, a major consulting firm that closely charts California's economic situation puts it this way: "On one hand, California's economy is in good health. While the official figures for the last quarter are still being tallied, the state's economic growth comfortably outpaced the national average of 2.5% in 2025, tracking toward an annual growth rate near 3%.

"At the same time, the job market is sagging. California now has the highest unemployment rate of all fifty states in the Union, stubbornly hovering at 5.5%, and its job market appears to be going in the wrong direction. The total number of jobs in California actually shrank by 0.6% since the beginning of this year, making it the 17th worst-performing state in the nation in terms of job creation."

One result of these contradictory data is one of the nation's highest levels of income disparity, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California points out. Only eight other states have wider gaps.

"The gap between top and bottom incomes in California has increased substantially (by 57%) since 1980, when families at the top earned seven times more than those at the bottom," the PPIC report says, reflecting 72% income growth for those in the top tenth in income but 19% growth for those in the bottom tenth.

The Census Bureau's calculation of poverty that includes the state's staggering living costs puts California's rate at the highest, 17.7%, tied with Louisiana. A similar calculation by PPIC and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality puts it at 16.9%, while another 17.9% of the population is "near-poor."

About 15 million Californians are poor enough to qualify for healthcare under the state's Medi-Cal program but, as Newsom failed to mention in his Center for American Progress presentation, his new budget reduces Medi-Cal eligibility for some Californians to shrink the state's chronic budget deficit, which he also didn't mention during his recitation of cherry-picked data.

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". 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 #14 courtesy of the Gridley Museum

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The blueberry mockingbird thief is returning regularly. It's eating the berries when they barely have color. I'm guessing this is a female who was nesting. Now that it is child free it is coming for the berries. I've tried putting dried insects in the feeder hoping it would sense them and go eat that. So far, no

sign that is working. I already had the dried insects for my turtle and I was given dried meal worms at the toad party because a friend had toads and would feed them the dried meal worms. The fact that I've harvested a lot of berries already allows me to let go a little bit. The fact that the shift in weather for a week or so to cooler temperatures made the berries quit ripening also allows me to let go a little. The part that makes me wonder if I'm losing out is that I planted two new later fruiting varieties of blueberries with the idea in mind to extend the blueberry harvest time. Both of the new bushes are growing well and one of them fruited. I was a wee

bit concerned when I realized that the other later variety was not flowering that my grand plan would fail. Blueberries need other flowering berries to develop fruit. Turns out that my current early variety produces enough new flowers late in its' season to be a pollinator or so I think because there are berries developing on the late season bush. Now with this mockingbird taking berries all of the time, I'm wondering if I will ever get any of the later berries. We'll find out.

The berry saga continues with the blackberries. They have been nibbled on but not totally eaten. I'm not noticing new flowers, so the berries on all levels may be done. ★

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

Tri Area Graduation Events

LIVE OAK: June 4: Live Oak High School Graduation 7 p.m.

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

MANZANITA: June 10: Manzanita Elementary School Promotion 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7

The Lord's Gym Kids Mud Run

Get ready to enjoy a weekend of muddy, high-energy fun. This incredible free outdoor obstacle course is designed specifically for kids and teens ages 4 through 17, featuring four age-appropriate tracks with up to 25 exciting challenges. Parents can join in our special parent-and-child heats or cheer from the sidelines along the dedicated spectator trail. Beyond the race, the event is a full community festival featuring inflatable bounce houses, a giant sledding hill, and food concessions. While the run itself is free, all proceeds from attractions and concessions directly support the Lord's Gym Charity Mission, funding local food banks, youth programs, and recovery initiatives in Oroville. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday The event takes place at Father's House Acres, 3556 Bangor Hwy., Oroville. Registration and more information at www.lordsgymmudrun.com.

Continuing through Sunday, June 14

Shakespeare in the Park: "The Tempest"

This summer, the Cedar Grove Meadow in Bidwell Park transforms into a mythic island inspired by ancient Greek gods and goddesses, brought to life through story, movement, and stunning soundscapes. Doors and live pre-show entertainment begin at 7 p.m. and the main show begins at 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets and more information at www.legacystage.org.

Saturday, June 6

Preserving Food with Friends

Join us for these hands-on classes, limited to 12 students. 10 a.m. at The Garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St. This month's class will be about pickles. Register in advance at preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com or call 530-777-8469 for more information.

Annual yART Sale at monca

Head over to the Museum of Northern California Art (monca) at 900 Esplanade, Chico, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for this free annual event. Sift through donated goods and find treasures. Everything from used books, craft supplies, furniture, and more will be available at low prices. Find something new to you while supporting monca's commitment to sustainability and inclusion. All proceeds go toward monca's continuing growth and community development.

Chico Pride Downtown Festival

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chico City Plaza, 418 Main St., Chico. Join us for the largest LGBTQ+ event between Sacramento and the Oregon border, and one of the biggest annual festivals in the Butte County area. It's a celebration of diversity; uniting, strengthening and affirming the LGBTQ+ Community and our allies. All proceeds go toward funding Stonewall Alliance's nonprofit programs including social and support groups, advocacy and training, and more.

Kick Off Summer BBQ

Join us at Chapman Park, 775 E. 16th St., Chico from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy free hot dogs, live music, and family-friendly activities, with the splash pad keeping things cool. Presented by Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD).

Sunday, June 7

49'er Fair

Join us for a fun, family-friendly country fair. There will be live music, food and drink, craft booths, a plant and gift sale, gold panning and more! 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colman Museum & Centerville One-Room School, 13548 Centerville Rd., Chico.

Worship in the Park

6 p.m., Nick Daddow Plaza, Hazel Street, Gridley. Christian Life Assembly will host an outdoor community worship service at Nick Daddow Plaza. The free event will include worship, food and refreshments, including popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Admission is free and open to the public.

Friday, June 12

Caddies & Canines Golf Invitational

Join us for a day of fairways, fun, and furry friends – we're heading to the iconic Bidwell Park Golf Course, 3199

Golf Course Rd., Chico. This tournament is a vital lifeline for the Butte Humane Society. We receive no city, county, or government funding – we rely entirely on the generosity of our community to provide medical care, shelter, and love to animals in need. Every swing you take helps save a life. 7 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. shotgun start. Registration and more information at www.golfbidwellpark.com.

Saturday, June 13

Chalk It Up for Charity

Come see competitive sidewalk chalk artistry with prizes. Kids draw for free. There will be craft vendors, food trucks, and children's activities provided by Your Local Marketplace. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lassen Cidery, 643 Entler Ave., Suite 52, Chico. Proceeds benefit Friends of Chico Animal Shelter.

June Movies in the Pool:

"Lilo & Stitch" 2025

Jump on in at Pleasant Valley Pool, 2320 North Ave., Chico, for a movie night with a splash. Float, swim, and relax while enjoying the movie at sundown. Bring your crew and your favorite pool float, then grab movie snacks available for purchase and settle in for a summer night of easy fun. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., presented by Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD).

Wednesday, June 17

Senior Citizen Appreciation Day

Join the Gridley community to honor and celebrate senior citizens with a special event dedicated to gratitude, connection, and appreciation. This gathering is an opportunity to recognize the wisdom, contributions, and lasting impact of our older adults. Guests will learn about community resources and local organizations. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Daddow Park, Hazel and Virginia Streets.

Thursday, June 18

Butte County Farm Bureau Barbecue Grill & Chill

2026 Summer BBQ at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 East Hazel St. Join us for an outdoor event that will be fun for the whole family. No-host social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Enjoy bounce houses for the kids, door prizes, silent auction, live auction, gun raffles plus a delicious barbecue trip tip dinner. Shubert's Ice Cream and Candy will provide their famous ice cream for dessert. Tickets now on sale at www.buttefarmbureau.com.

Saturday, June 20

Gridley Gearhead Classic

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. Car show featuring classic cars, custom builds, muscle cars, trucks and imports, along with vendor booths, food, a beer garden and live music. Vehicle registration is \$40 in advance or \$45 day of show, with check-in at 8 a.m. Spectators are admitted free. RV spaces and camping available. Information: buttecountyfair.org.

Thursday, June 25

Live Oak Lions Club Rib Bingo

Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m., Community Building, 10200 O St., Live Oak. The Live Oak Lions Club will host an evening of bingo, food and prizes. Admission is \$15 and includes six bingo cards. Participants will have opportunities to win bingo prizes, enjoy a rib dinner, enter door prize drawings and take part in opportunity drawings. Additional food will be available for purchase.

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, June 5: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Newspaper fashion show, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to come show off on the runway with clothes you made from recycled newspaper. (G)

Wednesday, June 10: Flyswatter slap down, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. See what kinds of interesting patterns you can make by dipping flyswatters in paint and slapping it down on paper. We recommend you wear something you don't mind getting paint on! (G)

Friday, June 12: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, June 13: Ugly art roulette, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For this event, each adult starts a painting and we'll switch paintings every five minutes. We'll keep rotating until all canvases have been worked on by everyone involved. (G)

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.

Saturday, June 6: Used book sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Discover amazing reads at unbeatable prices, perfect for stocking up your shelves, finding hidden gems, or picking up your next favorite story. Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9: Stay and play story time, 11 a.m. to noon. "Kids Create" craft time, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This week, we'll be making bird feeders.

Wednesday, June 10: Preschool story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. LEGO club, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 11: Preschool story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. Family fun night, 5:30 p.m. Join us this week for "Wild Things" animal education. Fun for the whole family.

Friday, June 12: Teen cooking challenge, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 13: Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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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 June 9 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 June 9 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.

Friday Night Concerts, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chico City Plaza, 132 W. 4th St., every Friday through August 28 (excluding July 3). Grab takeout from your favorite downtown restaurant and enjoy your meal picnic-style in the Plaza while the band plays. Support local restaurants and soak up the music-filled summer atmosphere.

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 Friends of the Library – Meets on the first Monday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Gridley Branch Library, Nora Wiley Room, 299 Spruce St.. The group supports library programs, activities and services. New members and volunteers are welcome. For information, contact the Gridley Branch Library.

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. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10.

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, 17. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Finals Are Here

If you've been watching what has turned out to be the coming out party for San Antonio's Victor Wembanyama, it would be easy to miss his impact in the final and deciding seventh game of the western division series. Wembanyama put up a solid 22 points, seven rebounds and two assists in what for him appeared to be a pedestrian performance. But stats alone won't tell this story which is one you don't want to miss.

When Oklahoma City ran the table last season with an overwhelming performance in the NBA playoffs and finals, they established themselves as by far the organization that had the best team. Many fans throughout the nation had to learn the names of the players as few were household names, but the chemistry on the court was something rarely seen. At the center position the thunder reminded me of the 1975 Golden State Warriors when they came out of nowhere to win the championship with two no name centers that split time the entire series and were the consummate team players.

OKC took a chapter out of that book to produce seven-foot Chet Holgren and Isaiah Hartenstein who played as an ensemble that took the league by surprise and gave a lesson to one and all when it comes to true team basketball.

After enjoying one short year as NBA champions the Thunder have been dethroned, and of all things beaten at their own game.

Although the Spurs Victor Wembanyama will get the majority of the headlines and well deserved, it was the nearly perfect execution of team basketball that won the seventh game of this series. A total of seven players were in double digit scoring, and the Thunder were left wondering who beat us?

It was the team that beat you, and I have high hopes that the front office of the Sacramento Kings was watching.

Unable to capitalize on the stellar performance of MVP Shai-Gilgeous-Alexander who led the Thunder with 35 points, four rebounds and nine assists, OKC found out what they already knew. MVP or no, one player cannot do it by himself, and on their own court they had to watch as the San Antonio Spurs schooled the reigning

champions of how to play effective team basketball.

I admit to not seeing this coming. I was confident that the Thunder would unveil what got them there last year, but on this night, it was not to be. Inexplicably Chet Holgren played 33 minutes and added a paltry four points for the night and a total of four rebounds. His counterpart Isaiah Hartenstein played 21 minutes and had seven points and five rebounds for his efforts. While neither made a noticeable impact, Holgren may well have had the worst performance of his NBA career.

Everyone that plays this game has a worst ever performance, but few save it for the seventh game of a series that would have propelled them to the NBA finals.

Already pundits all beating the drum that Holgren is on the chopping block, and sadly for him, Chet Holgren may have played his last game for the OKC Thunder.

Time has a way of healing all wounds, and things may look better when a week or two passes, but great players answer the bell when it counts, and without question Holgren did not answer the bell.

Congratulations to San Antonio for their historic win, and even more on showing the world how to build a championship team, because that is quite likely what they are about to become.

The New York Knicks are saying wait a minute! How about us?

They would be right to say so, and I believe the finals may well surprise some people, but at this moment San Antonio looks like the odds-on favorite.

Pay attention Sacramento, because it was team basketball and not any one player that took out the thunder. Yes, Wembanyama is a force, but 22 points and seven rebounds is not an overwhelming stat, and it's what San Antonio did as a team that won the day.

Will we all be watching the finals as they get under way on Wednesday? I certainly will and it should be an entertaining series, but I'll be glued to my TV set on June 23 when the NBA trots out Adam Silver for this year's highly anticipated draft night.

All the best Kings fans! ★

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Burnside, Laura Jean Gerber, 44 Moraga Drive, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: May 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
MUSIKAL 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000506
The following person(s) are doing business as: Southern Handy Services, 2211 Floral Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Gerald L Spain, 2211 Floral Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: May 7, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
SOUTHERN 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000489
The following person(s) are doing business as: Upgraded Living, 2050 Parkway Village Drive, Chico, 95928
Aveed Khaki, 2050 Parkway Village Drive, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: May 4, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 1, 2007

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
UPGRADED 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000521
The following person(s) are doing business as: Dapper Doggie Grooming Co, 119 Dakota Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917

Britney L Bassett, 119 Dakota Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: May 11, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
DAPPER 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000535
The following person(s) are doing business as: West Eikon Textiles, 4765 Baggett Marysville Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Orbital Logistics Foundation LLC, 4765 Baggett Marysville Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: May 14, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
WEST 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000518
The following person(s) are doing business as: Northbeast Co, 2019 Forest Avenue Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928
Joel Patrick, 2019 Forest Avenue Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: May 11, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 11, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
NORTHBEAST 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000569
The following person(s) are doing business as: Paradise Farmers Market, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969
John Heinke, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: May 21, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 21, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
PARADISE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000524
The following person(s) are doing business as: Stump Works, 236 W East Avenue A 304, Chico, CA 95926
Lake Life Houseboat Repair LLC, 236 W East Avenue A 304, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: May 12, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 1, 2026

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
STUMP 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000586
The following person(s) are doing business as: Carsons Junk Haul Away, 2202 V7 Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Chee Gay Thao, 2202 V7 Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: May 27, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires

five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026
CARSONS 6-26-26

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE NO. 24PR00392
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of STEVEN TITO SALGADO aka STEVEN T. SALGADO Conservatee. NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on June 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by Law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of STEVEN TITO SALGADO aka STEVEN T. SALGADO, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest of conservatee and subsequently all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: A single-family residence located at 2162 Ludlum Avenue, Palermo, California, 95968. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: AP#: 026-183-006 All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows: LOTS 18, L9 AND 20, IN BLOCK 20, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTATN MAP ENTITLED, "MAP OF TOWN OF PALERMO, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, PROPERTY OF THE PACIFIC IMPROVEMENT COMPANY" WHICH MAP WAS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OE THE RECORDER OE THE COUNTY OE BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON FEBRUARY 17, 1891, IN BOOK 5 OF MAPS, AT PAGE(S) 4. The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title. The conservator of the estate has an exclusive listing with Century 27 Select. Interested parties may contact Sheerene Mehrizi, Realtor at (530) 774-3377. The terms and conditions of the sale are: cash sale, taxes, rents, operating, and maintenance expenses, premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be pro-rated as the date of confirmation of sale. Escrow charges, examination of title, recording of conveyance, any title insurance policy shall be paid 1/2 by Buyer and 1/2 by Seller. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of an order confirming the sale. TIFFANY ROWE, Public Guardian
Published 6/5/2026, 6/12/2026, 6/19/2026
Salgado
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LESLIE W. HUMPHREYS
CASE NO. 26PR00189
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Leslie W. Humphreys.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Butte County Public Administrator, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Butte County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: June 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Probate Room: TBA. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of

letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Butte County Public Administrator, P.O. Box, 1649, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-552-6165
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 2026
HUMPHREYS 6-5-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC SEC. 6105)
ESCROW NO. 16219E
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the seller(s) are: MANJIT S. LALLY AND DALBIR K. LALLY AND JASWINDER KAUR, 1675 STATE HIGHWAY 99, GRIDLEY, CA 95948
Whose chief executive office address is: 1490 HIGHWAY 99 GRIDLEY CA 95938
Doing Business as: FASTRACK FOOD MART (Type – GAS STATION AND CONVENIENCE STORE)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: FASTRACK
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: NIRMALA RANI VASUDEVA AND/OR ASSIGNEE, 1 WILDFLOWER TERRACE OROVILLE, CA 95965
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL. And are located at: 1675 STATE HIGHWAY 99, GRIDLEY, CA 95948
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JUNE 23, 2026
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665
THIS BULK TRANSFER INCLUDES A LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS RECEIVED FROM ESCROW AGENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL.
Dated: MAY 12, 2026
Buyer(s): NIRMALA RANI VASUDEVA
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TRUSTEE SALE
T.S. No. 144602-CA APN: 022-350-057-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/1/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 6/24/2026 at 3:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/8/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0029204 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ANTONIO A ROMO A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The

street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 454 TRENT STREET, BIGGS, CA 95917
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$102,273.95 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 144602-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 144602-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
Published 5/22/2026, 5/29/2026, 6/05/2026
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. CA-26-1035037-AB Order No.: 3878011 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/1/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU

NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **GEORGE EDWARD LYLES AND BERTHA LYLES, HUSBAND AND WIFE** Recorded: **5/8/2002 as Instrument No. 2002-0023406** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **BUTTE** County, California; Date of Sale: **6/24/2026 at 03:30 PM** Place of Sale: **At the Main Entrance of the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$37,860.37** The purported property address is: **10703 OROVILLE QUINCY HWY, BERRY CREEK, CA 95916** Assessor's Parcel No. : **061-450-037-000** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1035037-AB**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. 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NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. 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If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1035037-AB**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **866-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1035037-AB** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If

Supervisors Back Sutter Buttes Event Venue

By Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to overturn a Planning Commission denial and approve a scaled event venue project near the base of the Sutter Buttes, siding with a local farmer seeking to diversify his agricultural operation despite opposition from nearby residents concerned about preserving the rural area.

At their May 26 meeting, supervisors approved an appeal filed by Mike Smith Jr. for a use permit allowing outdoor special events on his 80-acre agricultural property along Pass Road in the Agriculture-Sutter Buttes Overlay zoning district. The venue would allow for weddings, receptions, nonprofit fundraisers, political fundraisers and similar gatherings in view of the world's smallest mountain range.

Chair Mike Ziegenmeyer, whose district includes the area surrounding the project, cast the lone dissenting vote.

Ziegenmeyer said he remained concerned the project could

create future problems for the rural Buttes corridor.

"Bad things are going to come of this with the possibility of accidents and so forth," Ziegenmeyer said. "Public safety is my number one concern. Scares the heck out of me."

The hearing drew emotional testimony from residents who said the venue would alter the quiet agricultural setting surrounding the Sutter Buttes and create traffic and safety problems along narrow rural roads already heavily used by visitors.

Opponents warned of increased trespassing, littering, wildlife collisions and noise in an area many residents chose specifically for its rural isolation.

"You are setting a precedent," resident Arlyn Smith told supervisors, warning approval could encourage similar commercial event venues throughout the Buttes area.

Another resident described

ongoing problems with illegal parking, trash and trespassing from visitors already traveling through the Buttes corridor and questioned whether emergency services could adequately respond to major events in the area.

professionally managed events while helping sustain agricultural land through additional revenue opportunities for farming families facing economic pressures.

Jim Whitaker of AIP Consulting, representing the applicant, said the property owner remains committed to farming walnuts on the property while attempting to create another income source tied to the unique landscape of the Sutter Buttes.

"My client is a good steward of Sutter, a good steward of the community," Whitaker said. "He's a farmer in the area."

Wedding photographer Liz Gates told supervisors professionally managed venues typically include security, cleanup crews and transportation planning while creating opportunities for local vendors and businesses.

"We might as well keep our dollars here," Gates said. "It's going to bring in business for

vendors, opportunities for many, many, many people."

Brian Davis, speaking on behalf of nonprofit organization Be Extra, said the venue could provide a place for community fundraisers and youth-related events without groups needing to travel outside the county.

Following public testimony, supervisors discussed modifying the original proposal rather than approving the project as initially presented to the Planning Commission, which included up to 16 events annually with attendance ranging from 100 to 850 guests.

Supervisor Karm Bains pushed for stricter operating conditions and a reduced number of events, saying he wanted stronger safeguards in place for surrounding residents and public safety concerns. Supervisors also discussed making clear that violations of permit conditions could result in revocation of the use permit.

The Board of Supervisors ultimately approved the revised project with additional conditions for event operations. ★



Supporters argued the project would create controlled,

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of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-26-1035037-AB and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily

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BUTTE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

2026-27 BUDGET AND LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN: INSPECTION AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the 2026-27 proposed budgets and Local Control and Accountability Plan for the following school districts in Butte County will be available for public inspection on the dates indicated below. Also shown are the dates, times, and locations for the public hearings on the 2026-27 proposed budgets and LCAP.

Biggs Unified School District

Public Inspection: June 5, 2026 to June 10, 2026
300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Public Hearing: June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Biggs Unified School District
300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Gridley Unified School District

Public Inspection: June 5, 2026 to June 10, 2026
429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Public Hearing: June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Gridley Unified School District - Board Room
429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Manzanita Elementary School District

Public Inspection: June 12, 2026 to June 16, 2026
627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948

Public Hearing: June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Manzanita Elementary School
627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948

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City of Biggs City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday June 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Biggs City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, California, to consider the following matter:

Approval of the Report of Delinquent Fees (Report) related to utility charges for collection on the property tax roll prepared by the Butte County Tax Collector pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 5473 et seq. and Biggs Municipal Code Title 10.

A list of addresses potentially affected by this action is on file with the City Clerk.

The City Council shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the Report. Their final determination shall cause the Report to be filed with the County of Butte. The Tax Collector shall include said delinquent fees and charges for taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land.

Property owners and any other interested persons may contact Carrie Pahua, Billing and Collections, at 530-868-5493, or submit written comments to City Hall prior to 4 p.m. on June 23, 2026, or by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov, or in person at the Public Hearing.

As a continued courtesy to the public, the meeting will be broadcast free via the internet - no comments will be allowed remotely. The zoom link to watch the meeting is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5308680100>.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Billings and Collections, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated / Published: May 29, 2026, and June 5, 2026

Roben Benish
City of Biggs City Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID

**PROJECT: Biggs High School Re-Roof
BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Biggs Unified School District of Biggs, California, on **June 17, 2026** at 2:00 pm, at the District Office, **Biggs Unified School District 300 B Street Biggs, CA 95917**

All inquiries concerning this bid shall be directed to Zane Schreder 530-228-9733 zane@zaneschreder.com

Bidders may obtain a digital set of plans and specifications, and contract documents from the Leah Voorhees voorhees@nmrdesign.com and specs for this project will be complimentary. Bidders may also review bid documents at local Builders.

The work of this bid package is described as follows:

Re-Roof Biggs High School

Pre-Bid Job Walk: There is a non-mandatory pre-bid conference for this project on **June 9, 2026 at 11:00 am** Biggs High School Office Parking lot 3046 2nd st. Biggs CA 95917

Bidders shall be licensed California contractors and shall comply with the State Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are required. A 10% bid bond will be required.

The successful bidder must possess the specified Contractor's license that is valid and active for each Bid Package listed below at the time of submitting a bid. The Contractor's California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal. Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents.

Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions, exclusions will not be accepted.

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.

Each bidder shall submit with his bid, on the form furnished with the Contract Documents, a list of the designated subcontractors on this Project as required by the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, California Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et. Seq.

All contractors bidding this project must be registered with D.I.R.

Bidders shall enter into a contract ten (10) days after receipt of "Notice of Award". The cost of all bonds shall be included in the bid and paid for by the Contractor. Contractors shall be a licensed California contractor and shall comply with the State Labor Code which requires setting forth in this document the following sections:

SECTION 1735 - DISCRIMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, ETC.

No discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons upon public works because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons, except as provided in Section 12940 of the Government Code, and every contractor for public works violating this section is subject to all the penalties imposed for a violation of this chapter.

SECTION 1773.2 - SPECIFICATIONS OF GENERAL WAGES

In lieu of specifying the rate of wages in the call for bids, in the bid specifications and the contract, copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and are available to any interested party on request. Copies shall be posted at the construction site.

The work required in the bidding documents are subject to liquidated damages as outlined in the General Conditions.

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INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of BUTTE, State of California, will receive up to and no later than June 15, 2026 pm at 2:00 pm sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the Electrical and low voltage at Wilson Elementary Modular Classrooms project and such bids shall be received at the office of the Gridley Unified School District, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on June 9, 2026, at 10:00 am Meet at Wilson Elementary School 409 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Electronic copies may be obtained upon request from the office of the Architect; Nichols, Melburg & Rossetto, 555 Main Street, Suite 300, Chico, CA 95928. Make requests to kratochvil@nmrdesign.com with a subject heading of "Gridley High School Science Classroom Building"

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Gridley Unified School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it be awarded to them in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under them, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workers in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of worker or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.

Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.

Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.

The bidder awarded this contract may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The Gridley Unified School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

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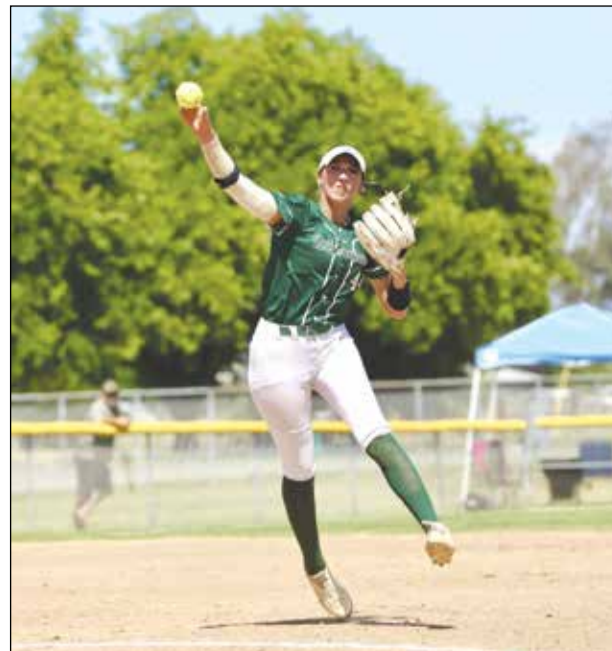
YSBC All-Area Softball Teams



Gridley sophomore infielder Delanie Cloyd (6) hits a walk-off home run on April 23 in the Bulldogs' 12-10 win over Live Oak. Photo by Steven Bryla



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



Biggs sophomore Arden Vines (44) throws a runner out on May 21 during the Wolverines' loss against Los Molinos. Photo by Steven Bryla

By YSBC Sports

SUTTER/BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - As the 2026 softball season officially ended for our teams last week, it's time to recognize our

athletes for their hard work and dedication to their sport.

Our awards are based off of our personal observations throughout the season and post-season success

was taken into consideration throughout the process.

First Team: Arden Vines, Biggs; Riley Harrison, Biggs; Delanie Cloyd, Gridley; and Gracie

Sheppard, Biggs.

Second Team: Emma Bermudez, Biggs; Kaydenze Pruitt, Gridley; Alexis Alcantar, Gridley; and Malayna Ceballos, Gridley.

Third Team: Daisy Duran, Live Oak; Seipert, Biggs; Lyllian Honorable Mention: Baxter, Biggs; Avery Melina Jurado, Live Oak; Mendenhall, Gridley; Tati and Sarah Jupina, Live Rivero, Gridley; and Olivia Oak. ★

Live Oak Softball Sweeps Majors and Minors Tournament of Champions

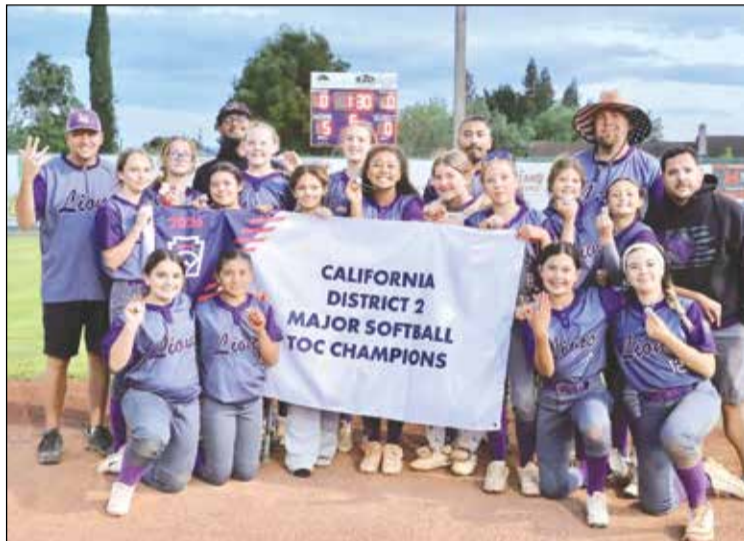
By YSBC Sports

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (YSBC) - The Live Oak Little League softball major Lions and minor league Sooners softball teams ended their seasons with two banners California District 2 Little League Tournament of Champions.

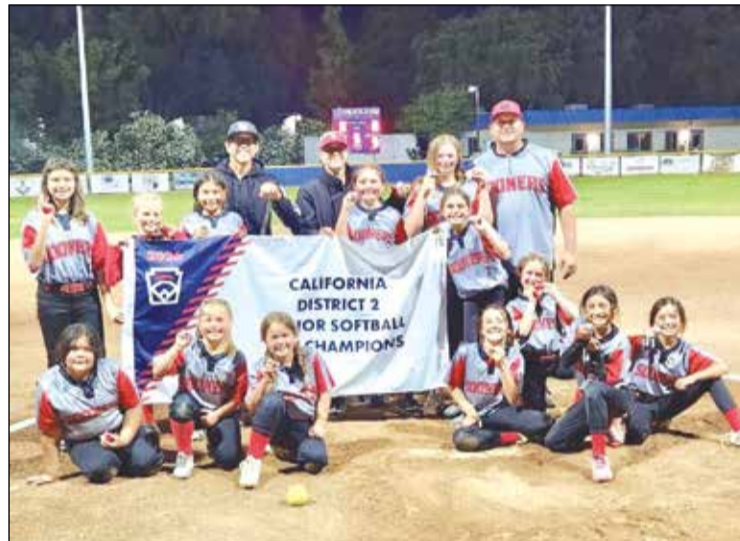
The Lions went 16-1-1 as their only defeat was to the older junior Lions in LOLL in late March.

The Lions roster consists of multiple athletes that made it to the LL West Regional tournament last summer and they have improved their skills within the last 12 months.

The Lions were dominant throughout the season and a fair amount of the roster will move onto All-Star's and the goal of the team is to make a deeper run than they did in 2025.



The Live Oak Major Lions won the California District 2 Championship on May 26 by defeating Sutter Area. Photo courtesy of CA District 2 Little League



The Live Oak Sooners minor softball team went 16-0 during the season and won the CA District 2 Tournament of Champions on May 27. Photo courtesy of CA District 2 Little League

The Sooners went 16-0 during the 2026 season.

LOLL had two minor league teams as they had to play a game in the beginning of May to

determine the representative for the league during the TOC.

Between the two squads, Live Oak minor softball went 26-1 during the 2026 season as that

only loss was reflected during the determination game of finding the LO representative for TOC's.

The Sooners went 3-0 in the minor tournament as they beat

Plumas Lake LL and Peach Bowl LL to reach the final.

The Sooners defeated Olivehurst/Linda LL 9-4 on May 27. ★



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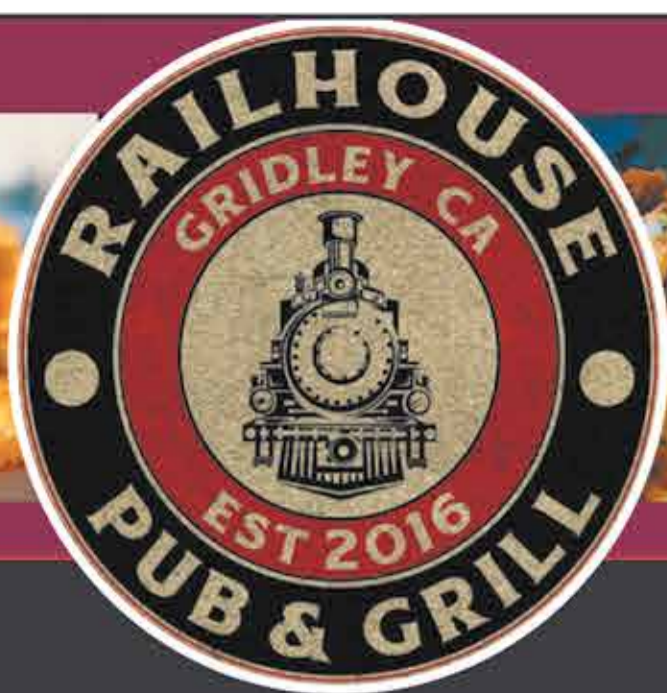


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