

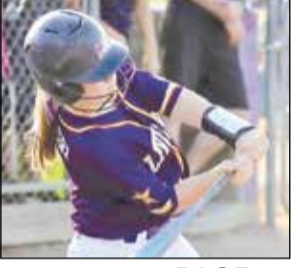


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## Memorial Arch Honors Two Gridley Women



Family members of Joan Brock gathered under her spirit animal, a Turkey Vulture, installed on a memorial arch located in Quota Park to memorialize the wife, mother, teacher and Quotarian lost in 2021. Pictured from left: Husband Elmer Brock, granddaughters Charlotte Brock, Penelope Brock, sister Ellen Fisher, son Michael Brock and daughter-in-law Satia Sisay-Brock. Photo by Seti Long

*By Destiny Hutchison*

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Quota Club gathered at Quota Park on Wednesday, June 24, to dedicate an iron memorial arch honoring the lives of Annie Harshbarger Reid and Joan Brock.

Family, friends and community members came together to celebrate both women and the lasting impact they had on Gridley.

Quota Club President Maggie

Hepworth welcomed attendees, held a moment of silence, and introduced the project.

"We decided to add a beautiful arch to remind us of the strength and resilience of these two women, with pink jasmine that will climb the arch during the spring and summer," Hepworth said.

The arch also is adorned with the women's spirit animals, adding a deeply personal touch to the memorial.

A crow represents Reid, who graduated from Gridley High School in 2002 and became a successful occupational therapist. Installed on the right side of the arch, symbolizes her intelligence, adaptability and enduring presence. Reid lost her life in a tragic accident while visiting family.

A colorful vulture honors Brock, reflecting resilience, protection, and the ability to bring renewal and strength through life's challenges.

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## Gridley Sinks Deeper into Sports Complex Costs



*By Susan Meeker*

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Unstable soil beneath Gridley's sports complex is driving the need for expanded foundation work and adding new costs to a project already stretched beyond its grant funding.

The newest increase is a \$363,000 addition to the project's bill for deeper light-pole foundations after contractors found the ground too weak to support the poles at the planned depth. The revised design calls for seven reinforced concrete cylinders, each 42 inches wide and drilled 30 to 35 feet into the ground to reach stable material. The deeper foundations must be completed before the contractor can install the light poles that have already been delivered.

"We know the soil is really bad out there. It's basically quicksand," said contracted City Engineer Dave Harden. He said the soil left crews with no choice but to redesign the foundations to reach firmer ground. "They have to come up with a method to drill down that deep in order to provide the stability those light poles are going to require in order not to sink and to not fall over during winds or earthquakes or any of that stuff."

The unstable soil has also created additional work on the field. Crews must return to clear weeds that grew during the delay, lower sprinkler heads and regrade areas that were already prepared once but must now be redone before turf can be planted. Harden said the extra work is necessary to bring the site back to a condition suitable for finishing the field and establishing grass.

The sports complex is funded in part by a \$3 million Proposition 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant, with the city responsible for remaining costs that had already climbed to roughly \$760,000 before the latest setback. The additional foundation work pushes the city's share even higher as the project moves toward completion.

The city still must purchase signage, picnic tables and other items that were intentionally left out of the construction contract so the city could secure better

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## Picnic in the Park Returns



Children of all ages tackled the giant obstacle course bounce house at Gridley Parks & Recreations revival of Picnic in the Park.

*Story and photos by Seti Long*

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - After a one-year hiatus, Picnic in the Park returned to Gridley on Saturday, June 27, with a four-hour event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Using the shaded expanses of Manuel

Vierra Park, newly installed Gridley Parks and Recreation Manager Jamie Luevano organized a variety of sports and activities for families to enjoy.

From soccer and basketball to spikeball, volleyball and a "Shoot for the Goal" game inspired by the World Cup, Luevano made use of

more of the park than in previous years.

Angel Jumpers provided an extreme obstacle course inflatable that attracted many of the children in attendance, while the Gridley Lions Club served free barbecue meals to attendees younger than 18.

The event encountered

a few obstacles, including unseasonably cool weather that put a stop to the dunk tank, a popular attraction at past events.

"We had about 50 to 70 kids," Luevano said. "It's been slow but steady. Like I said, that's not bad at all."

Luevano said he had

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The improvements along Highway 99 between Ridley and Live Oak are nearing completion, with wonderful sidewalks, street lighting, and free driveway improvements, moving one step closer every day. For those of you who wonder how much all that just cost, it was about \$27 million, primarily through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Contributions include the City of Gridley (\$400,000) and Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) via Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. So now - you might be asking, how many cars go through Gridley every day? The answer is between 17,000 and

25,000. 17,000 on the slower days, 25,000 on the busier days. At about this point, you've probably started sharing some of these interesting transportation highlights with your friend, neighbor, or whoever shares your domicile while you read the Herald. So, here's one more interesting fact. About 1,800 people in Butte County take the bus somewhere each day and therefore don't drive through Gridley in a car.

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As we celebrate the Fourth of July - as well as the 250th anniversary of our great nation - we hear a great deal about freedom. For the record, here are a few of the most important freedoms we enjoy: Freedom of speech and expression under the First Amendment, which safeguards political or unpopular views with strong judicial protections against government censorship—stronger than in many nations with expansive hate speech or blasphemy laws; (Canada has recently been prosecuting people for speaking the Bible out loud). Next, and

very unique to America, the individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense, enshrined in the Second Amendment; strong freedom of religion, allowing free exercise without official establishment or significant interference; and secure private property rights coupled with economic liberties that facilitate ownership and entrepreneurship under a reliable rule of law. Vitally important is a judiciary that's separate from the other branches of government and somewhat independent. This framework has made America the greatest country in the history of the world. America has allowed more people to gain more wealth, prosperity, health, and well-being than any country in recorded history. It is a great, fantastic, and amazing thing that our country has lasted this long while allowed so many people to flourish and live in outside oppression and the control of others.

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

# Memorial Arch Honors Two Gridley Women

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Brock devoted 38 years to teaching in the Gridley community, inspiring countless students throughout her career before losing her battle with cancer in December 2021.

Together, the two birds create a meaningful tribute to the memory of Reid and Brock.  
In a letter addressed to Reid's mother and read aloud during the ceremony, Brock's daughter, Valerie Brock Holmes, wrote, "I feel like we are sharing such a special moment with the dedication, but more than that, I feel such a strong connection between Annie and Mom."

Holmes shared that Reid and Brock passed away just three days apart.  
"I know if Mom could find a way to Annie in the afterlife, she would simply go up and wrap her in her arms and say, 'Birds of a feather, flock together,'" Holmes said.

After the dedication, guests gathered around the arch with family members.

"I really appreciate that something so beautiful was put up in honor of my sister," said Katie McDonald Harshbarger. "But also, of one of my favorite teachers."

Brock's husband, Elmer Brock, added, "It's a great honor for both of them,"  
As the afternoon concluded, the arch stood as a new landmark in Gridley; a community that refuses to forget its own.

Reid's father, Keith Harshbarger, thanked everyone who helped make the memorial a reality.

"It's nice to have something like this to keep my daughter's memory alive and growing," Harshbarger said. ★



The Harshbarger family stands beneath the arch and spirit animal of their loved one, Annie (Harshbarger) Reid, who was lost to an unexpected accident that took her life. Pictured from left: Mother Peggy Harshbarger, sister Katie (Harshbarger) McDonald, and Father Keith Harshbarger. Photo by Seti Long



Quota's Maggie Hepworth shared lovely memories and sentiments of both women being honored with the installation of the arch at Quota Park in Gridley. Photo by Seti Long

# Gridley Sinks Deeper into Sports Complex Costs

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pricing. Those items remain part of the overall project budget and will be installed after the contractor completes its portion of the work. The concession building will be delivered as a prefabricated unit and set in place once the pad is ready.  
Council members acknowledged the cost

increase was difficult to absorb but said the city is already heavily invested in completing the complex. The council approved the added cost on a unanimous vote.  
The project remains on a tight timeline, but officials expressed confidence that the latest round of drilling will finally stabilize the site and allow construction to advance. ★

MEMORIAL

**LESTER WILLIAM (BILL) ONYETT - 02/02/1944 – 05/29/2026**

Bill was born February 2, 1944, the second of four sons and one daughter to Bert and Betty Onyett. He passed away May 29, 2026, at the age of 82. Being a third generation Gridleyan, he attended elementary schools and graduated from Gridley High in 1961 where he was a star athlete and was named Bulldog of the Year.  
He attended Chico State for one year and played football for the Chico State Wildcats. Bill served 6 years in the California National Guard.  
Bill worked at Bremer Hardware for a year before becoming a box boy at Gridley Safeway. This was the beginning of a lifelong career at Safeway as he worked his way up the ladder to management positions in the Bay Area.  
Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Darolyn, his daughter Kelly, his son Scott, and many family and friends. He now rejoins his daughter Stacy who passed away exactly one year earlier, his parents, and his brother Dick and sister-in-law Avis.  
Bill will be remembered as kind-hearted, humorous, and deeply devoted to his family. Private services were held.  
Condolences may be sent to Darolyn and her family at 47 Prescott Circle, Oakley, CA 94561.

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# Butte County Budget Facing Deep Cuts

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County's \$1.08 billion recommended budget for 2026-27 shows shrinking revenue, deep staffing cuts, and rising pressure on health and safety services. Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Meegan Jessee told supervisors June 23 the plan is 0.6% smaller than last year and reflects completed projects and reduced grant funding.

Jessee said the General Fund Operating Budget drops to \$288.4 million, down \$17.9 million from last year. The county maintains a \$16 million general reserve and an 11.19% contingency provision, meeting the Board's policy target of 12% of prior year operating costs. She said the budget assumes a beginning General Fund balance of \$32.6 million, with any difference adjusting contingencies and, if needed, the reserve.

State and federal sources make up 62% of governmental funds revenue. Jessee said only 20% of total revenue is discretionary, even with Measure H. Property tax remains the county's largest general purpose revenue source at \$92.2 million, followed by local sales tax and public safety sales tax. She said the Board retains full discretion over only one fifth of all incoming dollars.

The most significant impact of the budget is staffing. Jessee said the plan eliminates a net 76.5 positions across all departments, 67 regular positions and 30.5 limited term roles. The Department of Employment and Social Services faces the largest reduction, cutting 37 positions this year after eliminating 66 last year.

Tiffany Rowe, director of the Department of Employment and Social Services, said the department has been hit by deep staffing losses tied to an \$8.4 million reduction in expected federal and state allocations and rising operating costs.

She said the cuts are already affecting the county's ability to meet mandated timelines and maintain service levels.

"In two years, the department has suffered over 100 positions being eliminated," she said.

"There's no good news here. We cannot continue to do more with less."

Public Health loses four positions and expects increased demand for county funded indigent care. Behavioral Health faces



rising costs tied to housing and restoration programs for individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial. Schedule A adjustments increase Behavioral Health's budget by \$3.6 million, largely for Phoenix Place housing, restoration programs, technology upgrades, and facility repairs.

Probation eliminates six positions, including two tied to reduced state funding for pretrial services. Chief Probation Officer Melissa Romero said the county's pretrial program began in 2021, 22 and expanded when responsibility for screening tools shifted from the Sheriff's Office to Probation.

She said reduced state allocations now force the department to scale back those services.

The Clerk Recorder's Office continues to struggle under a statewide fee structure that has not been updated since 2010, leaving the department dependent on fees that no longer cover its mandated workload. County Clerk Recorder and Registrar of Voters Pete Finley said the outdated model has pushed the office to operate without General Fund support even as costs rise.

"This fee for service model is failing in the State of California," he said.

Despite the cuts elsewhere, officials said public safety operations remain more stable. Sheriff Kory Honea said the Sheriff's Office maintains 333 allocated positions and restores designated area deputy assignments after years of staffing shortages.

The District Attorney's Office remains at 103 positions and continues onboarding experienced prosecutors, supported in part by Measure H revenue. District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the office has returned to staffing levels not seen in nearly a decade.

"For the first time since March of 2017 we are back up to 28 deputy district attorneys," he said.

Fire operations benefit

from the state's assumption of year-round staffing at three former Amador stations, Forest Ranch, Robinson Mill and Jarbo Gap, allowing the county to restore seven administrative and prevention positions. The department also receives funding for new engines, protective gear, and volunteer wellness programs.

Capital and maintenance needs remain substantial. The county lists \$97.2 million in ongoing capital projects, including the new probation building scheduled to break ground in July, the Carpenter Ridge communications tower, and multiple fire station upgrades. Schedule A adjustments add \$6.89 million in appropriations and \$5.68 million in capital authority, rebudgeting incomplete projects and incorporating new grants.

Transportation funding tightens. Jessee said the Road Fund will lose \$1.65 million due to lower-than-expected state transportation revenue, delaying the SB1 rubberized chip seal program until additional funding can be secured. Transit funding also drops by \$603,834 following updated state revenue estimates.

The Community Corrections Partnership budget of \$16.3 million remains intact, supporting the Sheriff's Alternative Custody Supervision program, Probation's supervision and housing partnerships, Behavioral Health assessments and diversion programs, and victim services in the District Attorney's Office.

Jessee said staff will prepare the final budget resolution for adoption on July 28. The county will adjust contingencies and reserves once the actual General Fund balance becomes available in the fall. Departments facing the deepest cuts will continue working with Human Resources to place displaced employees elsewhere when possible. ★

# Picnic in the Park Returns

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only about two weeks to promote the event after it did not take place last year. Despite the short notice, he viewed the event as a success and an opportunity to prepare for the future.

"I wanted to make sure we did it so that I know what to anticipate for next year," Luevano said. "It's good for me to experience so that I can build on it for next year."

"Now I know what I want and have a better idea what I want to do next year. That's always helpful," Luevano said with a smile.

For upcoming Gridley Parks and Recreation events, activities, and programs, visit the department at 179 Washington St. in Gridley or online at <http://gridley.ca.gov/171/Recreation-services>. ★



Grill master Vern Hartman handled dishing up the hot dogs for the Lions Club crew that provided free meals for kiddos at Gridley's Picnic in the Park. Due to low attendance, GP&R and Lions decided to make meals free for all of those in attendance.

# Biggs Council Approves New Employee Agreements

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The City Council approved two employee agreements last month for the 2026-27 fiscal year, adopting identical wage and benefit changes for both represented and unrepresented staff. The new agreements took effect July 1.

The council approved a one-year Memorandum of Understanding with United Public Employees of California Local 792 at its June 23 meeting.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the agreement includes a \$1 per hour wage increase, \$50 per pay period bilingual pay, an additional floating holiday for a total of 3, and removal of the monthly cap on city health insurance contributions. He said the city will now apply an 80-20 cost-sharing ratio for medical and dental coverage and update Skelly hearing procedures and notice requirements to match current law.

Gauthier said the fiscal impact for represented employees is \$8,455 in wage adjustments and \$2,711 in benefit adjustments, for a total of \$11,166.

The council also approved a parallel agreement for unrepresented employees. Gauthier said the terms mirror the represented agreement, including the wage increase, bilingual pay, holiday change and health insurance adjustments. He said the fiscal impact for unrepresented staff is \$6,850 in wage adjustments and \$4,165 in benefit adjustments, totaling \$11,015.

A separate action updated the city's salary schedule to reflect the new pay rates. Gauthier said the adjustment is required to keep the city in compliance with CalPERS rules whenever wages change.

The agreement with the employee union expires June 30, 2027. Negotiations for the next contract are expected to begin in May. ★

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# Beta Sigma Phi Honors Woman of the Year

By Dell DeMeyer

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Members of the Gridley Beta Sigma Phi chapter, Beta Omega Master, recently held their Founders Day celebration and luncheon at the Victorian Rose Garden in Biggs.

The founding of the 95-year-old organization was celebrated with the local chapter selecting Diane Wilkerson as Woman of the Year. Wilkerson is pictured with new pledge member Carol Haynes Smith.

Chapter President Dell DeMeyer and executive board members conducted the event, which followed the theme "A Garden Angel." Fresh floral arrangements decorated the luncheon table, creating an elegant atmosphere.

Members welcomed new member Sharyl Backues, who received the Pledge Ritual, and announced the new international theme, "Sisters Light the World."

Special guests included Area Council



New Beta Sigma Phi pledge Carol Haynes Smith, left, and Woman of the Year recipient Diane Wilkerson are pictured during the chapter's recent celebration of the organization's 95th anniversary. Photo courtesy of Beta Sigma Phi

President Pam Anderson of Corning and Vice President Kat Bruhn of Redding. ★

# Live Oak Man Faces Kidnapping Charges

By MPG Staff

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - A Live Oak man was arrested Sunday after allegedly kidnaping a woman, leading law enforcement on a vehicle pursuit through Sutter County and Yuba City before barricading himself inside a Taco Bell, where officers negotiated his peaceful surrender.

The incident began at about 4:15 p.m. June 28 when the Sutter County Sheriff's Office received a report from a concerned citizen who saw an adult woman inside a business who appeared to be in distress.

A Sutter County deputy located the suspect vehicle near South George Washington Boulevard. When the deputy attempted to contact the driver, the vehicle fled, leading deputies on a pursuit through portions of Sutter County and Yuba City.

The pursuit ended near Live Oak Boulevard and Highway 20 after the driver abandoned the vehicle and ran into a residential neighborhood. Deputies established a perimeter with assistance from the Yuba City Police Department, California Highway Patrol and the Yuba County Sheriff's Office. Authorities also

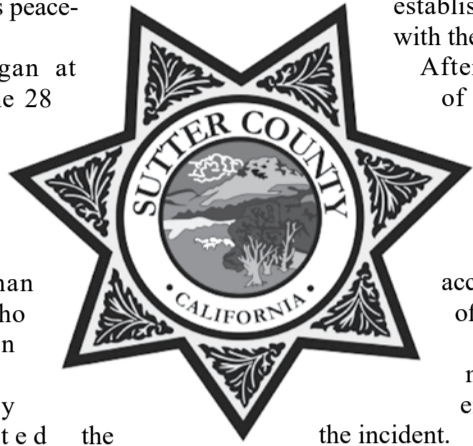
deployed a CHP helicopter, a Yuba City police drone and a Yuba City police K-9 team during the search.

During the search, the suspect entered a Taco Bell and barricaded himself inside. Officers evacuated customers from the dining room and escorted employees out through another exit before establishing communication with the suspect.

After about 45 minutes of negotiations, officers used de-escalation techniques to persuade the suspect to surrender without further incident, according to the sheriff's office.

One deputy suffered minor, non-life-threatening injuries during the incident.

Authorities arrested Robert Hubbard, 41, of Live Oak and booked him into the Sutter County Jail on suspicion of kidnaping, driving while his license was suspended or revoked following a prior DUI conviction, violating a domestic violence protective order, felony vandalism, resisting, delaying or obstructing a peace officer, and felony evading a peace officer with willful disregard for public safety. He was also booked on an outstanding felony warrant from another agency. ★



# Supervisors Approve Gridley Parcel Agreements

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Board of Supervisors on June 23 approved a series of compensation agreements with the City of Gridley, clearing the way for the city to retain several former redevelopment agency parcels for future municipal development.

County officials said the agreements are required under California's redevelopment dissolution law and ensure the county and other taxing entities receive a pro-rata share of any future sale proceeds if the city sells the properties instead of developing them for government use.

The City of Gridley serves as the Successor Agency to the former Gridley Redevelopment Agency. The California Department of Finance previously approved the city's Long-Range Property Management Plan, which calls for

transferring certain redevelopment parcels to the city for municipal facilities. Approval of the plan required creation of a new parcel map and compensation agreements with affected taxing entities, including the county, CSA 34 and CSA 37. California's redevelopment agencies were dissolved in 2012 under legislation signed by Gov. Jerry Brown, shifting former agency assets to local oversight boards and requiring successor agencies to dispose of property under state rules.

The county approved agreements covering Parcels 6, 7 and 9 in the Gridley Industrial Park, which the city intends to develop as a recreational sports complex and a corporate yard. A deed restriction recorded in 2024 limits Parcel 6 to sports-complex use under state parks grant requirements. The agreements

state that if the city sells any of the parcels for more than \$0, the county and other taxing entities will receive their proportional share of net proceeds.

Supervisors also approved compensation agreements tied to the city's 2024 sale of Parcel 8, a former redevelopment property in the Industrial Park that sold for \$307,620. The Auditor-Controller calculated the pro-rata shares: \$55,863 for the county, \$3,503 for CSA 34 and \$4,645 for CSA 37. As the Gridley Herald previously reported, Gridley Unified School District has expressed interest in Parcel 9 or another available parcel within the park for a storage facility.

The fiscal impact to the county is \$55,863 to the general fund. County officials said there are no personnel impacts.

The Board approved six compensation agreements on its consent agenda. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

On the look out for any toad whether it be one from last year or a tiny new one. No sightings yet. I looked in a large toad house with a lid on top that I was given and felt around. This is where I released the babies. No swishy toad bodies but two snails, I took them out. I have to say I have some of

the most beautiful snails. Large with deep brown designs in their shells combined with buff and sienna. Graceful big bodies with long eye stalks that they check me out with as if to say, "What do you want?" I've been baiting far from the toad release. I'm hoping baby snails are eaten by baby toads.

The vegetable garden is finally taking off. It was a slow start this year. Now we have a lot of tomatoes, chard (which we always have), grapes, squash, some asparagus. All onions are harvested. No reds this year, but a lot of whites and some yellows. Jim, my husband threw out unknown seeds in one area. He can be such a wild man. It

looks like either squash or melons. I'm hoping for melons. Cucumbers are taking off and finally Green Griller zucchini. I picked one peach off of the early peach tree. It was a monster and very sweet. It's a good thing I'm not dependent on my peaches to make a living. The later peach has many more.

The Butte County Fair exhibition book for competitive entries is open. I put a few small sized plants in. I always say no more, but then I want to support the Fair. I've entered Bonsai which I never will get a first because my friend Ruben wipes the field. Check I tall out and enter. They now have in the office entries as well as online. ★

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# Biggs Council Adopts Surplus Budget

By Susan Meeker

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The City Council adopted a \$7.6 million budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year, approving a spending plan effective July 1 that maintains essential services and increases the citywide fund balance to \$17.4 million.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the budget reflects direction provided during council study sessions and incorporates all actions taken in the months leading up to adoption. He reported \$7.6 million in revenues and \$7.1 million in expenditures, resulting in a projected surplus of

\$494,000 across all funds.

The General Fund is budgeted at \$1.4 million in revenues and \$1.3 million in expenditures, producing an operating surplus of \$32,000 and an ending balance of \$1.8 million.

"The general fund in a five-year projection is still very healthy," Gauthier said.

General Fund revenues include \$562,673 in taxes, which make up 42% of the total. Intergovernmental funding totals \$447,319, and other revenue adds \$291,269. Charges for services contribute \$39,258, and licenses and permits add \$9,712.



On the spending side, administration totals \$403,955, public works \$395,680, police services \$262,290, fire protection \$226,855, and the City Council \$14,683. The budget maintains current staffing levels across all departments.

A major structural change in the new budget is the formal application of the cost allocation plan approved earlier in the spring, shifting \$1.3 million in shared General Fund overhead to the water, sewer and electric enterprise funds. Gauthier said the adjustment aligns the budget with council policy and corrects past omissions, including debt service that had not been budgeted in prior years.

Capital spending totals \$963,000, including \$100,000 for a sewer main infiltration study and planned transfers for water, sewer, electric, City Hall and B Street annexation related

capital needs. The AMI meter replacement project accounts for \$700,000 of the capital program.

Enterprise funds for water, sewer and electric are budgeted at \$4.9 million in revenues and \$4.5 million in expenditures. Enterprise operations represent most city services, reflecting Biggs' role as a full-service utility provider. A two-year rate study is underway to evaluate long term utility sustainability.

Gauthier said year-end surpluses will be assigned to the city's newly adopted reserve categories once actual revenues and expenditures are finalized later in the fiscal year. ★

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# Community Calendar

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

## Saturday, July 4

### 4th of July Parade

Celebrate Independence Day at the 3rd Annual CARD 4th of July Parade, starting at 9 a.m. sharp. Watch as our vibrant Chico community comes together for a patriotic procession featuring creative floats, spirited local organizations, and a sea of red, white, and blue in Downtown Chico, starting at 132 W. 4th St., Chico. Following the parade, enjoy a performance by the 191st Army Band from Dublin and concessions provided by Woodstock's Pizza at the Chico City Plaza. Brought to you by Chico Area Recreation & Park District (CARD).

### Celebrate America 250

Join us for Oroville's Fourth of July Celebration as we commemorate America's 250th anniversary with a day full of community spirit and patriotic festivities. Begin your day exploring Oroville's local farmers markets, dining and shopping in Downtown Oroville, then gather at Riverbend Park for an evening of food, entertainment, and fireworks. The celebration at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville, will feature food vendors beginning at 5:00 p.m., a patriotic pre-show program and National Anthem at 9:00 p.m., and a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. Whether you're a longtime resident or visiting for the holiday weekend, Oroville's Fourth of July Celebration offers a welcoming and family-friendly way to celebrate Independence Day. More information at [www.visitororville.com](http://www.visitororville.com).

## Sunday, July 5

### Rib Cook-Off

Toni's Burgers & More, \$15 registration, must cook ribs on site. Judging is at 4 p.m. and winner takes the jackpot. Come cook, compete and have a good time at 11975 State Highway 70, Oroville.

## Tuesday, July 7

### Butte Humane Society Fundraiser

Noon to 10 p.m. at 1984 East 20th St., Chico. Join our fundraiser by mentioning it at the restaurant or apply code "RCFUND96" to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will donate 15% of net sales to Butte Humane Society.

## Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11

### VFW Auxiliary 1747 Rummage Sale

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at Oroville VFW Hall, 1901 Elgin St., Oroville. Shop our sale to raise funds for Veterans and Family support. This event is organized by the Auxiliary ladies at Post 1747. For more information, call 530-534-9009.

## Saturday, July 11

### Slice of Chico

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Chico. Now celebrating its 51st year, this event

brings the community together with complimentary ice-cold watermelon slices and a showcase of Chico's diverse local shops and restaurants. This summertime tradition transforms Downtown Chico into a lively marketplace filled with food, shopping, entertainment, and fun for all ages. The watermelon slicing stations will open at 10:00 a.m., with the main station hosted by the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) on W. 3rd Street between Broadway and Main Street. Visitors can enjoy sidewalks filled with vibrant activity, featuring special sales from boutiques, unique finds from local artisans, and delicious offerings from Chico's many restaurants.

### Stars, Stripes & Bikes

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Feather Falls Casino, 3 Alverda Dr., Oroville. Join the American Legion Riders as they showcase some of the finest motorcycles in Northern California. \$30 to pre-register your bike (\$40 at the door) and compete for awards, bragging rights, and the coveted "Best in Show" trophy. In addition to the motorcycle show, guests can enjoy a variety of vendors, delicious food and drinks, exciting raffles, and awards presentations throughout the day. All proceeds support Veterans, community and patriotic programs. For more information, contact Missy Secretary at 530-903-1840.

### Preserving Food with Friends

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 stone fruit. Register in advance at [preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com](mailto:preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com) or call 530-777-8469 for more information.

### July Movies in the Pool: "Shark Tale"

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Pool, 2320 North Ave., Chico. Jump on in at the PV Pool for a movie night with a splash. Float, swim, and relax while enjoying our movie at sundown. Bring your crew and your favorite pool float, then grab movie snacks available for purchase and settle in for a fun summer night. Tickets and more information at [www.chicorec.gov](http://www.chicorec.gov).

## Monday, July 20 through Sunday, July 26

### Let Freedom Ring Kids Music Camp

Gridley Christian Church, 580 Washington St., Gridley. Children ages 4 through eighth grade are invited to participate in a free week of music, sign language, simple choreography, rhythm instruments, hand bells, Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and snacks. Camp sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 20-24, with a dress rehearsal from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Participants will present performances of the mini-musical at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Registration is required. To register, call Bonnie at 530-933-9845. For information, call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002.

## Saturday, Aug. 22

### Warren McCutcheon Poker Run

Registration begins at 8 a.m., American Legion Post 210, 249 Sycamore St.,

Gridley. The ride benefits veteran causes and includes a meal ticket and poker hand with registration. First bike out is at 10 a.m. and the last bike out is at 1 p.m. Registration is \$25 for riders and \$15 for passengers. For information, text Josh at 530-455-9925. All proceeds benefit veteran causes.

### Meeting Minders

Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization, send updates to [lloyd.green@mpg8.com](mailto:lloyd.green@mpg8.com)

**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 July 14 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

**Butte County Board of Supervisors** generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28 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@buttecounty.net](mailto:literacy@buttecounty.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**, first Monday each month, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

p.m. at 299 Spruce St.

**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, July 22.

**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, July 1.

## Community Resources – Find Food

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

**First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry**, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be June 28. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Gridley Library Summer Event Schedule

**JULY 8 - Seed Bombs** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can create seed bombs to take home and plant.

**JULY 9 - "Little Shop of Horrors" Sing-Along** – 5:30 to 7 p.m., Gridley Library. Adults are invited to sing along while watching the cult classic musical film.

**JULY 10 - Sure Start Family Playtime** – 9 a.m. to noon, Gridley Library. Families with children ages 0 to 5 are invited to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

**JULY 11 - Summer Adventure Journals** – 2 to 3:30 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults can create and decorate personalized journals to document summer memories.

**JULY 14-18 - Friends of the Library Book Sale** – During library hours, Gridley Library. Shop used books, DVDs and more. Proceeds support library programs and materials.

**JULY 15 - Edible Planter Boxes** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can create and enjoy edible planter box treats.

**JULY 17 - Family Storytime** – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 22 - Pokemon Extravaganza** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids

can enjoy Pokemon-themed crafts, a scavenger hunt and activities celebrating their favorite characters.

**JULY 23 - Dungeons & Dragons Movie Day** – 1 to 3 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults are invited to watch "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves."

**JULY 24 - Sure Start Family Playtime** – 9 a.m. to noon, Gridley Library. Families with children ages 0 to 5 are invited to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

**JULY 25 - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign** – Time to be announced, Gridley Library. Teens and adults of all experience levels are invited to participate in a Dungeons & Dragons adventure.

**JULY 29 - Book Soundtrack Dance Party** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens can dance to music featured in film and television adaptations of popular books.

**JULY 31 - Family Storytime** – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 31 - Lip Sync Battle** – 3 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens are invited to perform and compete in a friendly lip sync competition featuring their favorite songs. ★

The Gridley Library is located at 299 Spruce St. For information, call 530-552-5652. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. A complete calendar of events is available at <https://buttecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month>.



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Lakeview Holding LLC, 1341 W Robinhood Drive Suite A, Stockton, CA 95207  
Date filed in Butte County: June 3, 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: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
LAKEVIEW 7-10-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000622**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: D and M Construction, E and A Hauling and Landscaping 6754 Citrus Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966  
Ramiro R Medrano and Ramiro R Medrano, 6754 Citrus Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: June 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 20, 2010  
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. 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 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
CONSTRUCTION 7-10-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000646**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: 3rd Generation Cleaners & Alterations, 3rd Generation Cleaners 1380 East Avenue Unit 100, Chico, CA 95926  
The Prestige Worldwide LLC, 1380 East Avenue Unit 100, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: June 11, 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: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
CLEANERS 7-10-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000461**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Better Lawns, 2974 Eaton Road, Chico, CA 95973  
Zackary G Lawrence, 2974 Eaton Road, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: April 28, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 1, 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: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026  
A BETTER 7-17-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000658**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Fastrack Food Mart, 1675 State Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948  
Nirmala Rani Vasuveda, 133 Table Mountain Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: June 15, 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 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026  
FASTRACK 7-17-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000691**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Griselda G Medrano, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, 95965

Date filed in Butte County: June 23, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 23, 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: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
SISTERS 7-24-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000656**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Summit Welding Services, 245 Ohio Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Dayton A Ramoz, 245 Ohio Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: June 12 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 12, 2024  
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: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
SUMMIT 7-24-26

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000648**  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: 3rd Generation Cleaners and Alterations, 3rd Generation Cleaners 1380 East Avenue Suite 128, Chico, CA 95926  
A and P Clean Group LLC, 1565 Hasley Court, Dixon, CA 95620  
Original filing date: August 28, 2024; Statement expires: August 28, 2029. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.  
Date Filed in Butte County: June 11, 2026.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk-Recorder of Butte County  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
CLEANERS 7-10-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000653**  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Aspen Dental Practice of Judge Dental PC, 1931 E. 20th Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Judge Dental PC, 281 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse, NY 13057  
Original filing date: July 23, 2024; Statement expires: July 23, 2029. The Registrant began transacting business on: June 1, 2024. Business conducted by: A Corporation.  
Date Filed in Butte County: June 11, 2026.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County  
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
ASPEN 7-24-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000694**  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965, Heidi E Hoskins, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Original filing date: March 10, 2025; Statement expires: March 10, 2030. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: An Individual.  
Date Filed in Butte County: June 23, 2026.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County  
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
SISTERS 7-24-26

## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01855**  
Petitioner Maximiliano Garcia Alfaro filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Maximiliano Garcia Alfaro to Maximiliano Alfaro.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing July 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North

County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 5, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
ALFARO 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01819**  
Petitioner Juanita Matilde Montoya filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Juanita Matilde Montoya to Juanita Matilde Underwood.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing July 22, 2026 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on May 29, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
MONTROYA 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01820**  
Petitioner Anne Marie Underwood filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Anne Marie Underwood to Ana Maria Montoya.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing July 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on May 29, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
UNDERWOOD 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01874**  
Petitioner Melvanie Alene Collins filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lyla Laney Reimer to Lyla Laney Collins.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing July 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 2, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
COLLINS 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01916**  
Petitioner Hunter Mangan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hunter Mangan to Hunter Wayne Brazzel.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing August 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 8, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
MANGAN 7-24-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01915**  
Petitioner Chloe Elizabeth Ryan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chloe Elizabeth Ryan to Chloe Elizabeth Brazzel.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to

show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing August 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 8, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
RYAN 7-24-26

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM D. STRONG CASE NO. 26PR00243**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of William D. Strong.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by James F. Love, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting James F. Love 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: July 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. 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: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 2026  
STRONG 7-3-26

## SUMMONS

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 25CV02099**  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Juan Juarez dba Ace Plumbing; Does 1 to 20, inclusive.  
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Colony Insurance Company.  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services

Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): The Heltena Law Firm, LC, 31348 Via Colinas #106, Westlake Village, CA 91362. 818-735-9570  
Date: (Fecha) May 28, 2025  
Clerk (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah, Deputy (Adjunto) June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
COLONY 7-10-26

## TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 125-252-020-000 TS NO: CA07000132-26-1 TO NO: 260057868-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 9, 2024. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM, East Entrance, Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on May 14, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0001799, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by DYLAN CONKLIN AND KIMBERLEE CONKLIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for SIERRA PACIFIC MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION NMLS: 1788 as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:

# Local Agencies Align on Tort Reform Plan

By Susan Meeker

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Cities and counties across the region, including Butte County, Biggs, Live Oak and Sutter County, are joining a state-wide push for tort reform as public-entity liability costs continue to climb and strain local budgets.

Officials indicated the rising exposure is affecting agencies of every size, from large counties to small rural cities that

self-fund claims or rely on joint risk pools.

The support letter, signed by more than 70 agencies, cites new data from the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities showing that public liability exposure has tripled in seven years and now exceeds 7 billion dollars. Costs are projected to rise another 70 percent by 2027 to 2028, a trend regional leaders said is diverting

money away from police, fire protection, road maintenance and classrooms.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors ratified the letter on June 23, adding the county's voice to the coalition. Nearby Sutter County and the City of Live Oak have also endorsed the effort.

Even the smallest communities are feeling the pressure. The Biggs City Council voted unanimously last week to sign

on, with officials indicating the financial impacts are now unavoidable for rural cities that operate on limited general-fund revenue.

"Liability costs are skyrocketing, and small cities are getting hit especially hard," Biggs City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said.

The coalition argues that current liability rules allow public agencies to be held financially responsible for damages far beyond their

share of fault. In the letter, the signatories wrote that "the fiscal trajectory is unsustainable, the structure of liability is fundamentally unfair to taxpayers, and the consequences are now measured in billions of dollars diverted away from classrooms, fire stations, roads, mental health services and the essential programs Californians depend on every day."

Supporters indicated the proposed reforms would

not deny survivors their day in court. Instead, they said the changes are needed to prevent further erosion of essential public services and to protect the fiscal stability of small and rural communities.

Regional officials said the unified stance from Northern California communities strengthens the push for legislative action as lawmakers consider potential changes to the state's liability system. ★

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### TRUSTEE SALE

721 E SIERRA AVE, PORTOLA, CA 96122 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$262,941.34 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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 visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000132-26-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000132-26-1 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Date: June 4, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000132-26-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0490098 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026 THE GRIDLEY HERALD 7-3-36



### NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF BIGGS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Consolidated General Municipal Election will be held in the **CITY OF BIGGS** on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing four (4) members to the City Council, one (1) to serve a two-year term ending 2028, and three (3) to serve a four-year term ending 2030.

This will be an all vote-by-mail election. All registered voters in the City of Biggs will receive a vote-by-mail ballot in the mail prior to the election.

The **Candidate Filing Period** begins Monday, July 13, 2026, and ends on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 4:00 P.M., regular office hours. If one or more incumbents do not file nomination papers by August 7, 2026, the filing period for qualifying individuals who are not incumbents will be extended to no later than 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

A nominee must be a registered voter residing within the City of Biggs.

Nomination documents and further information may be obtained at City Offices by contacting the City Clerk at 530-868-0102.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by §10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Roben Benish, City Clerk

The Gridley Herald 7-3-2026

## GRIDLEY-BIGGS CEMETERY DISTRICT Post Office Box 494 Gridley, California 95948

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-02

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRIDLEY-BIGGS CEMETERY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, acting as the legislative body of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Maintenance Assessment District, has previously ordered through Resolution 94-3 the formation of an assessment district pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, known as the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Maintenance Assessment District, for the purpose of financing certain cemetery facility improvements as specified in the District's Master Plan and for the purpose of funding maintenance operations of those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, through Resolution 94-3, has ordered that the cemetery improvements specified in the original Engineer's Report dated April 8, 1994, be constructed, and has estimated that the cost of such proposed cemetery improvements is greater than can be raised from a single annual assessment, and has ordered that the estimated costs of these improvements, other than the costs of maintenance and servicing, be raised by an assessment levied and collected in annual installments over a period of 20 years, commencing in fiscal year 1994-95 and ending after fiscal year 2013-14; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 14-01, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code sections 22608 and 22585 et seq., declaring the intention to extend the annual assessment period an additional 20 years, setting a public hearing for June 11, 2014 and requiring that the notice of public hearing and assessment ballots be mailed to all District property owners as shown on the equalized tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly published and mailed as required by Resolution 14-01, Streets and Highways Code sections 22585 et seq. and Government Code section 53753 and the assessment ballots were timely mailed to all owners of property within the District as shown on the equalized tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, at 7:00 AM on June 11, 2014, as set forth in Resolution 14-01, the Board held a public hearing and afforded all interested persons an opportunity to heard, closed the public hearing and directed the Clerk to tabulate the assessment ballots that had been received prior to the close of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the ballots were tabulated and there was no majority protest, the Board may proceed with this Resolution of intent to levy and collect assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Sections 22622, 22623, 22565 and 22661 authorize the preparation of an Engineer's Report on an annual basis which shall describe any proposed new improvements or any substantial changes in existing improvements, set forth an estimate of the costs of any improvements and/or maintenance, specify a diagram for the assessment district, specify the amount to be assessed upon various types of assessable lands within the assessment district, and include in the estimate and the assessment for fiscal year 2026-2027 the total amount of the annual installment assessment ordered in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, an Engineer's Report for fiscal year 2026-2027, as authorized and ordered by the Board, has been prepared, which Engineer's Report generally describes the general nature, location, and extent of the new improvements or any substantial changes in existing improvements and maintenance, provides an estimate of the costs of any proposed new improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and refurbishments and maintenance, sets forth a diagram for the assessment district, specifies the amounts to be assessed upon various types of assessable lands within the assessment district, and sets forth the total amount of the annual installment assessment for fiscal year 2026-2027 ordered by this Board of Trustees in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Engineer's Report has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 22623, and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to act pursuant to Streets and Highways Code sections 22585-22595.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

#### Section 1. Findings. The Board finds:

- the preceding recitals are correct;
- compliance has been had with all requirements of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, including, but not limited to sections 22585-22595, and section 53753 of the Government Code;
- the tally of the assessment ballots timely received was in favor of the assessment as set forth above;
- the Board may proceed with the levy and collection of assessment as set forth herein; and,
- Said assessment is a valid property-related fee as defined in Article XIII D, section 6(b) of the California Constitution:

- Revenues from the fee shall not exceed the funds required to provide the property related service: maintenance and expansion of the cemetery for exclusive use of property owners and families.
- Revenue derived from the fee is not used for any purpose other than that for which the fee was imposed. The fee provides **only** for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery.
- The amount of the fee imposed upon any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership does not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The fee provides **only** for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery.
- The fee is imposed for a service that is actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the property in question. The charge provides for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery which is available to the persons paying the charge and not available to the general public.
- The fee is not imposed for general governmental services where the service is available to the public at large in substantially the same manner as it is to property owners. The charge provides for the expansion and maintenance of the cemetery which is available to the persons paying the charge and not available to the general public.

#### Section 2. Declaration of intent to levy and collect assessments pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 22624.

- Said assessments will be levied and collected within the boundaries of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Maintenance Assessment District, which comprises all that area lying within the boundaries of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District. A full and detailed description of the boundaries of the Assessment District and the parcels of land within the district is contained within the Engineer's Report.
- The Board of Trustees declares its intent to continue to levy and collect assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027 within said District at a rate of \$1.50 per month or \$18.00 per year per single family residential unit, apartment unit and/or condominium, all as set forth in the Engineer's Report. This is the same rate as that of the prior fiscal year. The total number of parcels to be assessed and an estimate of total annual assessment revenue are contained within the Engineer's Report. The estimated cost of the proposed cemetery improvements specified in the Engineer's Report is greater than can be raised from a single annual assessment, and therefore, the estimated cost of these improvements, other than the cost of maintenance and servicing, will be paid for by this assessment, which will be levied and collected in annual installments over a period of 20 years commencing in fiscal year 2014-15 and ending after fiscal year 2033-34.
- Improvements within said assessment district to be funded by said assessments shall include construction of expanded cemetery facilities at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery and ongoing maintenance items as detailed within the Engineer's Report which is incorporated herein by this reference.
- Reference is hereby made to the Engineer's Report which is on file with the Clerk of the Board for a complete description of proposed improvements to be undertaken in fiscal year 2026-2027 and thereafter, the cost thereof, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the proposed assessment district.
- The Board hereby declares that this resolution of intention constitutes a notice of hearing regarding its intent to levy and collect assessments within the assessment district for fiscal year 2026-2027. This hearing shall be held at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 8, 2026, at 8:30 AM, at the office of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, 2023 State Highway 99, Gridley, California. The clerk is hereby directed to publish this notice as a notice of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 6061.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District this 17th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

YES 3 : TRUSTEES: Larry Hamman, Larry Evans, Charles Nuchols  
NOES : TRUSTEES:  
ABSENT : TRUSTEES:  
ABSTAIN : TRUSTEES:

Larry Hamman \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Angie Coté \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

# COMICS & PUZZLES

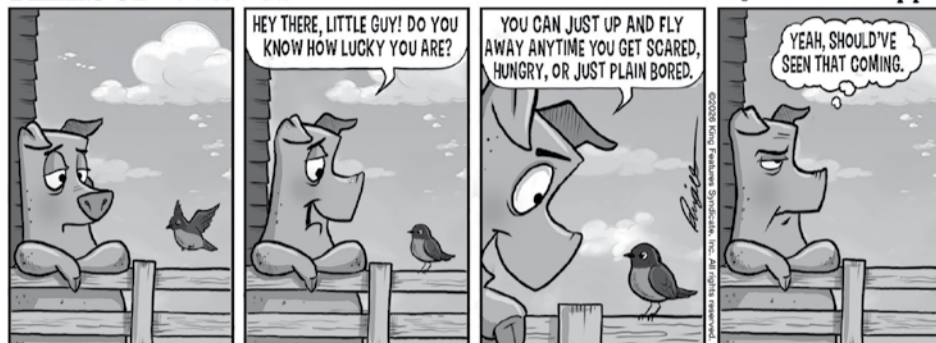
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by Jeff Pickering



## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb



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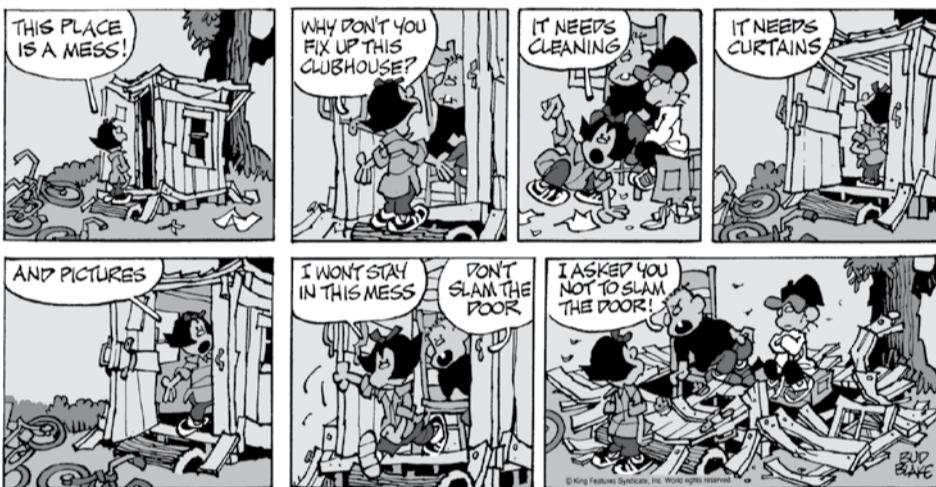
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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**ACROSS**

- Every which way
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- Tibetan tree
- Twig of willow tree
- Bad wishes
- Like certain tradition
- Separated
- \*Fermented tea
- Trampled
- Hermey and Buddy, e.g.
- Pronoun
- \*Bee's favorite beverage
- Like blabbermouth
- Freud's concern
- Becoming
- Uncontrolled swerve
- Type of heron
- Unidentified John
- Pocket change
- Ding follower
- Kenya's neighbor
- "Five down" fighter pilot
- Cuddle, romantically speaking
- Eras
- Film director's cry
- Opinion
- \*Bled fruit beverage
- \*Most-consumed beverage
- Abbreviation, abbr.
- Miniature whirlpool
- The Brady Bunch, e.g.
- Hanukkah gift
- Came by horse
- "For \_\_\_ the Bell Tolls"
- Schiller's famous poem, e.g.
- One-armed bandit

**DOWN**

- "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
- \*Most popular choice for official state beverage
- Nobel Peace Prize capital
- It's meant to be
- Travesty
- Wet nurses
- Samoan money
- "Caffeinated" "shot"
- Bye, in Palermo
- \*Group of bovine milk producers
- Table scrap
- Mona Lisa's home
- Presidential promises, e.g.
- Detonation
- \*Plant-based "milk" choice
- Must-haves
- Encourage (2 words)
- Cornua, sing.
- Late country singer-songwriter Campbell
- Relating to ilium
- \*Popular party beverage
- Affirmatives
- Competitive advantage
- New Zealand's bygone bird
- \*Milk+carbonated water+syrup
- Head of a body part, anatomically speaking
- Preceding month
- Send back to mother country
- It's meant to be
- Road-crossing helper
- Not these or those
- Implant
- Like duchess or count
- Johann Sebastian of music fame
- Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- Palm starch
- Object of worship
- Starchy tuber
- "Amazing!"
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# Declaration of Independence

**W**hen in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

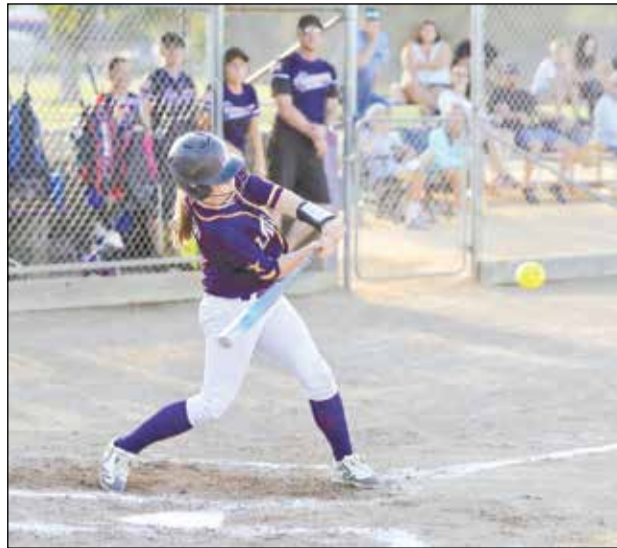
We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



# Live Oak Little League Eyes Tournament Comeback



The Live Oak 10-12 softball team heads back to the dugout after a defensive inning on June 26. Photo by Ryan Dudek



Live Oak catcher Hannah Lancieri (3) connects with a pitch on June 26 in the win against Almanor LL. Photo by Ryan Dudek



Live Oak pitcher Eveya Martinez (2) tosses a pitch on June 26 during a 10-0 win over Almanor LL. Photo by Ryan Dudek

By Steven Bryla

**PALO CEDRO, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Little League 10-12 softball team lost to Chico LL on Sunday, June 28 1-0 in the winners bracket of the Shasta Sections tournament. Live Oak won their opener on June 26 with a dominant 10-0 win over Almanor LL

LO pitchers Eveya Martinez and Charlotte Dudek combined for a no hitter in the circle with 13-combined strikeouts for the win. Martinez tossed four innings in the victory while she had 11 Almanor hitters empty on strikes. Martinez's 76% strike percentage and Dudek's six pitches in the

fifth secured the dominant win. Martinez led the way for LO with three hits from the plate and two runs-batted-in (RBI) during the win on June 29. LO pounded 13 hits against Almanor. On Sunday versus Chico, it was a pitchers duel between Martinez and Chico as there were only three

total hits allowed in the game. The lone run of the game on Sunday came when Chico laid down a bunt in the third inning on a throwing error to first with a runner on second. Martinez tossed five innings with 11 strikeouts and three walks in the loss. The two LO hits came from

Hannah Lancieri and Juliana Alvarez. With the kiss, LO moved to the losers bracket where they played against Red Bluff LL. If LO was successful to beat Red Bluff, they would have had to beat Chico on Tuesday and Wednesday to win the Shasta Section tournament. ★

# Freebirds Drop Third-Straight Series in June



Yuba-Sutter infielder Christian Castaneda (31) fields a ground ball on June 25 in a loss to Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla

By YSBC Sports

**OAKLAND, CA (YSBC)** - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds dropped their third-consecutive series of June on Sunday, June 28 as they lost to the Oakland Ballers 11-10. Yuba-Sutter struggled in June as they had a record of 6-17 after the conclusion of play on Sunday in Oakland. The Freebirds started off the series against their NorCal rivals with a win on June 26, but dropped two-consecutive one run games on Saturday and Sunday. YS had an early four-run lead on Sunday, but Oakland finally adjusted to Freebirds starter Anthony Silvas on the rubber as they took a 5-4 lead in the sixth. The Ballers handed YS reliever Dylan McCall his second-consecutive rough outing on the rubber as they rallied three runs off him in the seventh that extended their lead 8-4.

The Freebirds took a 10-8 lead in the eighth after they played six runs across the plate after Christian Castaneda and Jordan Donahue pelted two balls to left center. Castaneda's blast was a two-run shot and Donahue's was a grand slam. Oakland infielder Nick Leehey delivered the game-winning blow in the ninth off YS closer Tristan Wolf as he sent a rocket over the left-center fence for a walk-off home run. Freebirds infielder Josh Duarte led YS with two hits in the loss. YS began a three-game series against with Modesto on Tuesday at Bryant Field prior to hosting Long Beach for a three-game set on Friday, July 3. First pitches for Thursday and Saturday's game against Long Beach is scheduled for 5 p.m. and it will return back to 6:35 p.m. on Sunday, July 5 following the holiday. ★



Yuba-Sutter reliever Dylan McCall (36) tosses a pitch on June 25 against Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla



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