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Colusa High Names Top Scholars



On Thursday, March 26, the top seven seniors at Colusa High School Recognized for academic achievement. Pictured, from left, Jackelyn Martinez, Mia Cowser, Monserat Miramontes Barajas, Nuriel Cortes-Jiron, Alaina Torres, Caeden Agnew, and Myley Hammock. Photo by Lloyd Green Jr.

By Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The Rotary Club of Colusa honored seven Colusa High School seniors Thursday, March 26, during its annual Super Seven Scholars event at Trinity United Methodist Church Friendship Hall, recognizing the top academic students in the graduating class.

The Super Seven Dinner has been a fixture in the community for decades with the Colusa Woman's Club establishing the event in 1975 before passing it to the Torchbearer Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in 1997. The Rotary Club of Colusa now organizes the annual recognition. The evening began with a welcome

from Colusa High School Principal David Johnstone, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Roberta James. Pastor Molly Knappen of Trinity United Methodist Church gave the invocation before dinner was served. Guest Speaker was Braden Lyss, former Colusa High School Graduate.

This year's Super Seven seniors are Caeden Agnew, Uriel Cortes-Jiron, Mia Couser, Myley Hammock, Jackelyn Martinez, Monserat Miramontes Barajas and Alaina Torres.

Each student was introduced by counselor Jessie Proctor and recognized alongside a teacher who had a significant impact on their

academic career.

Super Seven Seniors

Myley Hammock, is the daughter of Angela and Jeremy Hammock. She has focused her academic interests on art, poetry, reading and English. Myley has been involved in the Environmental Science Academy and has volunteered through local programs. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, drawing, listening to music, reading and traveling. After graduation, she plans to attend Butte College to earn an associate degree in psychology before transferring to a four-year university. Her teacher of influence is Christina Rodriguez.

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Kimball Outlines Priorities in Williams



Williams City Manager Yvonne Kimball settles into new role. Photo courtesy of LinkedIn

By Susan Meeker

WILLIAMS, CA (MPG) - In her first month on the job, City Manager Yvonne Kimball said she is focused on building relationships and advancing key projects as she settles into her new role.

At the City Council's March 18 meeting, Kimball described her first weeks as "very busy and productive," noting she is working to get up to speed on city operations and ongoing initiatives. She thanked the council for its support and reception.

"I'm grateful to the community members for opening their arms to welcome me," she said.

Kimball also highlighted the experience and commitment of city staff.

"I feel inspired ... many of them were born and raised in the community and they are really committed to the success of the entire community," she said.

Among early challenges, Kimball pointed to the difficulty of finding housing in Williams, though she emphasized the overall transition has been positive.

Kimball said her initial priorities include strengthening communication, supporting the council, and maintaining organizational leadership while moving projects forward.

"My goal with city council's direction is to punch them through so that we can see the results," she said.

One of those projects is the E Street redesign, a multiyear infrastructure effort the city delayed to March to allow Kimball to oversee the next phase, including a required median household income study. The project is supported by a \$9.3 million California Transportation Commission grant and \$1 million in federal funding and includes storm drainage improvements, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and replacement of water and sewer mains.

Finance Director Rex Greenbaum, who has been working with Kimball during the transition, said her approach has already set a tone for staff.

"She has high

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Stonyford Tea Party Rooted in History



Above left: Bridget Kaplan, in a striking floral hat and dress, poses with her prize after being recognized during the Stonyford Museum's Tea Party fundraiser on March 28 at the Stonyford Community Hall. Above: Guests in spring dresses and wide-brimmed hats gather for an elegant tea brunch during the Stonyford Museum's Tea Party fundraiser on March 28 at the Stonyford Community Hall.

Story and photos by Susan Meeker

STONYFORD, CA (MPG) - The Stonyford Community Hall took on a warm, vintage charm March 28 as guests gathered for the Stonyford Museum's second annual Tea Party fundraiser, an afternoon that blended history,

hospitality and community spirit.

The event raised funds to support the volunteer-run museum and its efforts to preserve the history of Stonyford and the eastern portion of Colusa County.

Longtime museum director and historian Joyce Bond welcomed guests and thanked the many

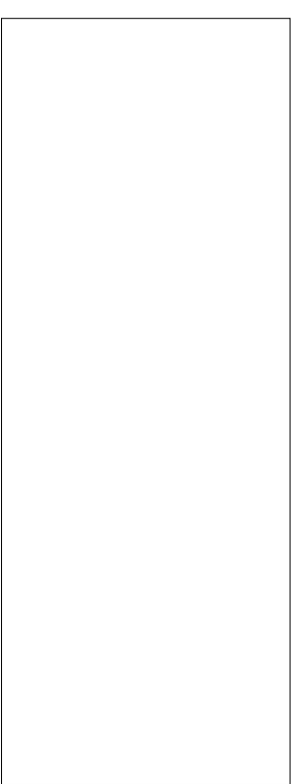
volunteers and donors who helped bring the gathering to life, along with continued support from June Kronberg of Willows, who donated watercolor paintings created by her late husband, artist Vic Kronberg.

The fundraiser was organized by Terri Curry and her daughter,

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Stonyford Tea Party Rooted in History



Guests are served a light tea luncheon of salad, quiche and fresh fruit during the Stonyford Museum's Tea Party fundraiser on March 28 as a fundraiser for the Stonyford Museum.

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Summer Nadeau, who greeted guests in a festive red, white and blue outfit and leaned into the spirit of the day by tying into the nation's upcoming 250th birthday, a reminder of the role history plays in gatherings like a tea party.

"We're all about history here, so I had to dress the part," Nadeau said.

She also pointed to a display that can be found inside the museum that highlights a historic White House gathering hosted by Eleanor Roosevelt, connecting the afternoon's event to a broader tradition of social events rooted in the past.

Tables were set with vintage China as guests enjoyed quiche, scone, salad, fruit and handmade sweets, paired with a variety of teas. Attendees lingered in conversation, many noting the event offered an elegant

and welcoming way to support the museum while celebrating the community's past.

The afternoon included contests for best hat and best attire, along with raffles and a silent auction. Donated items ranged from handmade goods and floral arrangements to household and religious pieces and books, reflecting the character and generosity of the community.

The museum remains open on the second and fourth Sundays free of charge, with operations supported through donations and community events. Museum displays feature Native American heritage, the Stonyford Rodeo, Forest Service history, local reservoirs and everyday life in the rural valley.

Organizers said fundraisers such as the tea party help ensure those stories remain preserved and accessible. ★

Museum Expo Highlights Regional History

By Lloyd Green Jr.

WILLIAMS, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Valley Museum opened its 2026 season March 21 with its annual History Expo, drawing visitors for a day of exhibits, demonstrations and local history.

The event featured regional organizations, including the Friends of the Colusa County Library, Winters Museum, Sutter County Museum, Colusa County Historical Society, the Colusa County Law Enforcement Memorial Wall project and the Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History.

Museum Director and Curator Elijah Rodriguez said this was their first event and is growing momentum.

"We had a great turnout for our first kickoff event," Rodriguez said. "We hope to grow the event each year."

Visitors were encouraged to explore the museum's exhibits and displays while connecting with local groups, many of which promoted upcoming programs and events across the region.

The Sutter County Museum, located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City, is currently hosting "Beyond the Five Rivers: Punjabi Pioneers Through the Art of Sarabjit Singh," on display through May 9. The exhibit highlights Sikh history and Punjabi pioneers in California. A free reception is scheduled for April 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Friends of the Preservation of Yuba County History promoted



Gloria Estrada, right, shows Mexican hacienda tokens she brought for appraisal during the Sacramento Valley Museum History Expo on March 21 in Williams. Photo by Lloyd Green Jr.

the "Flowers, Tombstones and Tales" cemetery tour set for April 11 at the Historic Marysville City Cemetery. Guided tours begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., with admission set at \$10 at the gate.

In Smartsville, organizers highlighted the 17th annual Pioneer Day festival planned for April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature live music, historic characters, vendors, tours and children's activities.

Visitors also explored booths, spoke with historians and took part in activities that included live music, raffle drawings and ice cream floats. A professional appraiser evaluated historical items brought in by attendees.

Gloria Estrada brought tokens found at a roadside sale in Mexico to be appraised.

"I thought these were unique," Estrada said. "these were used by different farms to pay their workers."

The intricate tokens were identified as Mexican hacienda tokens, used in the 19th and early 20th centuries by large estates to pay workers. The tokens served as private currency and often limited where workers could make purchases.

The Sacramento Valley Museum located at 1491 E. St. in Williams, preserves and shares the history of the Sacramento Valley from prehistoric times to the present. The facility is housed in a former Williams Union High School building constructed in 1911. Today, the 16,000-square-foot building contains multiple exhibit rooms and research materials.

The museum is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, with group and private tours available by appointment.

For more information, call 530-473-2978, email sacramentovalleymuseum@gmail.com or visit sacvalleymuseum.org. ★

Kimball Outlines Priorities in Williams

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expectations," Greenbaum said. "We know she will maximize our resources."

Greenbaum reported the city remains financially stable. Williams currently holds about \$10.2 million in total cash and investments, including approximately \$2.78 million in net General Fund balance after obligations. Sales and transient

occupancy tax revenues are tracking close to projections, and expenditures remain below budget, he said.

Looking ahead, Kimball said she plans to expand communication with residents through newsletters and other outreach efforts.

"We want to keep the community informed and involved," she said. ★

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Local Writer Featured at Luncheon

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Jackelyn Martinez, is the daughter of Ramon Martinez and Elizabeth Ibarra. She has focused her academic interests on science, math and art. Jacky has been involved in Spanish Club, FFA and Girl Circle. In her free time, she enjoys painting, doing nails and spending time with friends. She plans to attend UC Davis and major in human biology, with the goal of continuing to medical school and becoming a pediatrician. Her teacher of influence is John Wirt.

Mia Cowser is the daughter of Elisa Garcia-Roach and Thomas Roach. She has strong academic interests in biology, math and theatrical arts. Mia has been active in art club, swim team, theater and leadership activities, as well as FBLA and ESA. Outside of school, she enjoys reading, writing, playing games, baking, traveling and spending time with friends. Mia plans to attend a four-year university and is considering a major in biology or math. Her teacher of influence is John Wirt.

Monserrat Miramontes Barajas, is the daughter of Marisela and Paz Miramontes. She has maintained interests in science, math and art. She has been involved in Girl Circle, FFA, ESA, Chem Club and Spanish Club, and has participated in tennis and golf. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, drawing and hiking. Monserrat plans to attend Butte College and then transfer to UC Davis to become a radiologic technologist. Her teacher of influence is Angela Kirchubel.

Nuriel Cortes-Jiron is the son of Martina Jiron and Miguel Cortes. He has taken a strong interest in academics, especially physics, where he has focused on deeper understanding and problem solving. Nuriel has participated in cross country and track and field during high school. In his free time, he enjoys drawing, playing piano and working on creative projects. He plans to attend

Butte College to complete general education before transferring to Sacramento State. His teacher of influence is Darren Townzen.

Alaina Torres is the daughter of Stacie McCarty and Artie Torres, with Amber West-Torres also playing an important role in her life. She has been involved in athletics and leadership throughout high school, including volleyball and Associated Student Body, where she served on the student senate and participated in leadership activities. Alaina enjoys spending time with her family, reading, working out and being with friends. She plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, where she will major in political science and pursue a career as a criminal defense attorney. Her teacher of influence is Tina Lyons.

Caeden Agnew is the daughter of Emma and Garrett Agnew. She has been active in FFA, 4-H, Associated Student Body and athletics during high school. Caeden has also participated in softball and volleyball and has been involved in dance. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with family, working out, being outdoors and going on trips with friends. Caeden plans to attend a University of California campus and major in biology and human anatomy, with plans to become a surgeon. His teacher of influence is Meghan Burke.

Students recognized at the event, in addition to high academic achievement, are all actively involved in extracurricular activities in addition to their studies. Many participate in clubs and hold down jobs off campus. Most plan to attend college after graduation to pursue various careers.

Super Seven organizers said the Rotary, the school district, and the supporting businesses and nonprofit organizations that help sponsor the event were all very proud of the student's perseverance and achievements. ★

By Lloyd Green Jr.

ORLAND, CA (MPG) - Author Steven T. Callan will speak at the Colusa County Historical Society's April 18 luncheon, where he will discuss his latest novel, "The Outlaw from Newville."

The event is scheduled for noon at the Glenn Success Square Conference Center, 131 E. Walker St. The public is invited, and a book signing will follow the presentation. Tickets cost \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://colusi.com>.

Callan, who grew up in Orland, is known for his Game Warden Henry Glance series. His newest book, released June 10, 2025, continues the story of a Northern California game warden navigating complex wildlife crimes.

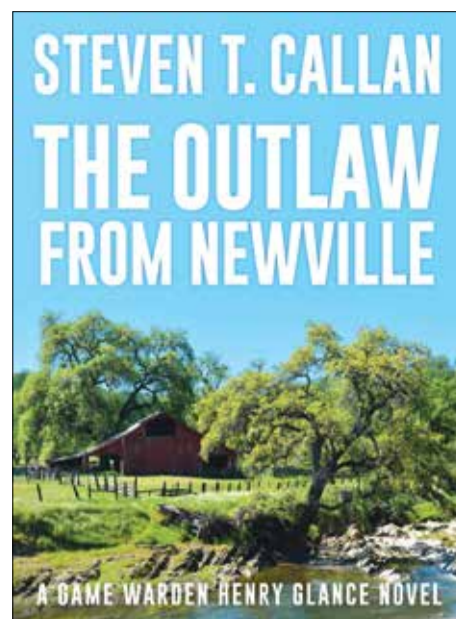
The novel is set primarily in Glenn and Butte counties and also follows a storyline that reaches back to Soviet Russia in the 1970s. The plot centers on a long-running investigation tied to a big-game hunter accused of repeated wildlife violations.

Callan said his writing reflects a long-standing connection to the outdoors.

"My love of nature is what drives my writing. I include a conservation message in everything I write," he said.

Before becoming an author, Callan spent 30 years with the California Department of Fish and Game, beginning his career in 1974. He later served in supervisory roles and worked much of his career in Shasta County.

His earlier work includes both fiction and nonfiction. His first novel in the Henry Glance series, "The Case of the



"The Outlaw from Newville," the latest novel by Northern California author Steven T. Callan, who will speak April 18 at the Colusa County Historical Society luncheon in Orland. Photo courtesy of Coffeetown Press

Missing Game Warden*, was named a finalist for Best First Novel in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

Callan has also received recognition for his nonfiction writing. His book "Badges, Bears, and Eagles" was a finalist for a 2013 Book of the Year award, while "The Game Warden's Son" was named Best Outdoor Book of 2016 by the Outdoor Writers Association of California.

Organizers said the April 18 event offers an opportunity for readers to hear directly from the author about his work and experiences in wildlife law enforcement. ★

Williams Names Harden City Engineer

By Susan Meeker

WILLIAMS, CA (MPG) - The Williams City Council has designated Dave Harden as the city's engineer, formalizing a role that has been filled through contract services in recent years.

Harden, a professional civil engineer with employee owned Bennett Engineering Inc., based in Roseville, will serve as the city's official engineer with authority to review and sign engineering documents and support public works and development projects.

The appointment follows the city's transition away from an in house public works director and engineer to fully contracted services. City Manager Yvonne Kimball said the designation ensures Williams maintains consistent engineering oversight as major projects move forward.

Harden told the council he has worked with Bennett Engineering since 2010 and is familiar with Williams through years of project work.

"I currently serve as a city engineer to the City of Gridley and the City of Biggs as well as some other special districts around California," he said.

Harden's work focuses on municipal infrastructure, including water and sewer systems, roadway improvements and capital project planning. Bennett Engineering has assisted Williams since 2016 on projects such as traffic



David Harden, a civil engineer with Bennett Engineering Inc., has been designated as the city engineer for Williams. Photo courtesy of LinkedIn

signal upgrades, sewer improvements and long range infrastructure planning.

Under the city's existing agreement with Bennett Engineering, Harden will continue providing services through August 2026, with an option to extend.

Council members cited Harden's familiarity with local projects and his experience with nearby cities as key advantages for Williams. The resolution passed unanimously and the designation took effect immediately. City officials emphasized that the designation does not add cost, as the engineering services are already budgeted. ★

Honey and Hot Rods Set for Orland

By Lloyd Green

ORLAND, CA (MPG) - The Honeybee Discovery Center will partner with downtown businesses to host Honey and Hot Rods, a free community event set for April 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 4th Street in downtown Orland.

Organizers said the event will bring together bee education, classic cars, local shopping and live entertainment in a single-day celebration aimed at families and visitors.

Attendees can view a lineup of classic and custom vehicles as part of a car show scheduled throughout the day. Awards for participating vehicles will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Vehicle owners may register through the Car Registry.

The Honeybee Discovery Center will offer free admission during the event.

Visitors can also take part in a Honey Tasting Trail, which will feature honey-inspired items at participating downtown businesses.

Event organizers said the day will include live music, food vendors, wine and cold brews, along with family activities such as face painting and a petting zoo.

Local businesses are expected to remain open during the event, offering shopping opportunities alongside the scheduled activities.

Organizers described Honey and Hot Rods as a way to highlight local agriculture, small businesses and community engagement in Orland's downtown district.

More information is available at honeybeediscoverycenter.org, on Facebook under "Honey and Hot Rods," or by calling 530-805-2899. ★



2026 Colusa County Spring Reading Challenge



April 1 - 30

Colusa County early learners are invited to log-in, read, play, and create in Footsteps2Brilliance through the month of April. The top reader in Colusa County will receive a special trophy, and the top class will earn a trophy, class party, and reading medals! Must connect device to Wi-Fi by April 30.

Presented by Colusa County Office of Education's "And Literacy For All" Questions? Visit www.AndLiteracyForAll.net or call (530) 473-1350



Food & Farm NEWS

Farm Bureau Leaders Advocate at Capitol

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

Mentorship Program Grows Next-Generation Farmers

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

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

Vision Tech Allows Dairies to Identify Lameness Early

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

Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email lloyd.green@mpg8.com

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

Saturday, April 4

Arbuckle Golf Club Easter Egg Hunt - 9 a.m., 5918 Hillgate Road, Arbuckle. Annual egg hunt for children with separate age groups including preschool and under, kindergarten through second grade, and third and fourth grade.

Colusa Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt - 9 a.m., Colusa Fairgrounds, 1303 10th St., Colusa. The Colusa Lions Club will host its 70th annual Easter egg hunt for children from toddler age through third grade. The longstanding tradition includes real dyed eggs, golden eggs and visits from the Easter Bunny.

Saturday, April 4

Kindred Quilt-Along - 10 a.m. to noon, Colusa County Arts Council, Colusa. Free community art event where participants create fabric squares inspired by *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler. No experience required and all supplies provided. Those unable to attend can pick up a fabric square to complete at home and return it by April 7 to be included in the community quilt, which will be displayed publicly.

Colusa Assembly of God Easter Egg Hunt - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1747 State Highway 20, Colusa. This free community event will feature multiple egg hunts by age group, along with games, a petting zoo, photo booth, craft tables and raffle prizes, including a grand prize drawing.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Service - 10 a.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 642 5th St., in Colusa. Service will feature guest priest John Day, music on the historic pipe organ played by Cynthia White, and a light luncheon to follow. The church will be decorated for the holiday.

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:45 to 11:15 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 511 Oak St., Marysville. Children are invited to take part in an egg hunt following Easter Sunday service. Open to all families regardless of background or church affiliation. Coffee and sweets will be available.

Tuesday, April 7

Coffee with Council - 9:30 a.m., Caffeinated, 528 Market St., Colusa. Community members are invited to meet with Mayor Denise Conrado and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Markss to share ideas, ask questions and discuss city issues over coffee.

Thursday, April 9

Job Fair and Career Expo - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Education Village Multipurpose Room, 499 Marguerite St., Williams. The Colusa County One-Stop will host a job fair featuring local employers and career resources. Resume assistance is available in advance by contacting the One-Stop at 530-458-0326, ext. 106.

Friday, April 10

Jim Armstrong Memorial Swinging for a Cure Golf Tournament - 10 a.m. shotgun start, Arbuckle Golf Club, 5918 Hillgate Rd. Four person scramble benefiting ALS research. Cost is \$125 per player and includes dinner. Information: Andi Armstrong, (530) 682 1614

Saturday, April 18

Ruck the Buttes - Registration 7:30 a.m., start 8 a.m., SYO Park, 7780 Butte House Road, Sutter. This 15-mile, military-inspired ruck is hosted by Garage Fitness & Nutrition. Participants are required to carry weighted packs, with guidelines of 10 pounds for women and 20 pounds for men. Entry is \$35 and includes a T-shirt and post-race snacks. Registration available at laurensrgarage.com/ruckthebuttes26.

Stagehands Clean Up Day - 9 a.m., weather permitting. Volunteers are invited to help clean and organize the community theater space. For more information, email thestagehands@yahoo.com.

Striped Bass Derby - Colusa. Two-day fishing derby hosted by the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association, with participants able to compete one or both days from boat or shore. Daily payouts and prizes include a \$2,000 grand champion bonus, along with awards for top finishes and largest fish. Weigh-ins are held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Colusa Public Boat Ramp. Entry includes raffle tickets and a barbecue lunch. Registration: <https://ncgasa.org>

Wednesday, April 22

Commodity Distribution - 10 a.m. to noon, Maxwell Parks and Recreation, 64 Oak St., Maxwell. The North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

Thursday, April 23

Colusa Commodity Distribution - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Colusa Scout Cabin, 901 Parkhill St., Colusa. Commodities will be distributed by the North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program while supplies last.

Information: 530-712-2600.

Williams Commodity Distribution - Noon to 1 p.m., Williams Family Action Center, 499 Marguerite St., Williams. The North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

Friday, April 24

Commodity Distribution - 11 a.m. to noon, Grimes Scout Cabin, 15 S. Fourth St., Grimes. Commodities will be distributed by the North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

Non-profit Group Meetings

Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization, send updates to lloyd.green@mpg8.com

Colusa County Arts Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., 151 Fifth St., in Colusa. Meetings are open to the public.

Colusa County Gun Owners meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at El Jaliscience Mexican Grill, 305 Fifth St., Arbuckle.

Colusa County Democratic Central Committee meet the first Monday of every odd numbered month, at 6:30 p.m. at locations to be announced. Email colusacountydemocrats@gmail.com for more info.

Colusa County Republicans meet the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Colusa Assembly of God, 1747 Highway 20, Colusa. More info: colusacountygop@gmail.com.

Colusa County Veterans meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Colusa VFW Hall, 108 E. Main St., Colusa. For hall rental, call (530) 701-9413.

Colusa Masonic Association meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the lodge, 311 Fifth St., Colusa.

Colusa Rotary meets weekly at noon Tuesdays at Rocco's Bar & Grill, 546 Market St., Colusa.

Friends of the Colusa County Library meets monthly on the second Monday at noon in the Morse Conference Room at the Colusa Library, 738 Market St., Colusa.

Garden Club of Colusa County meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 642 Fifth St., Colusa.

Maxwell Legion Auxiliary meets the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Maxwell Legion Hall, 250 Oak St., Maxwell.

Pacific Flyway Quilters meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Colusa Masonic Hall, 311 Fifth St., Colusa.

Ukulele Club - The Ukulele Club meets Mondays, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Colusa County Arts Council, 151 5th St. Players of all levels are invited. For info, colusaukuleleclub@gmail.com

Meeting Minders

Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization, send updates to lloyd.green@mpg8.com

Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the APRD office, 309 Fifth St., Arbuckle. Agendas available at arbuckleparksandrecreation.org.

Arbuckle Public Utility District meets the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the APUD office, 104 Fifth St., Arbuckle. Agendas available at arbuckle-pud.org.

Cortina Community Services District meets the fourth Monday of every other month at 6 p.m. at the Arbuckle Golf Course, 5918 Hillgate Rd. Agendas available at cortinacsd.specialdistrict.org

Pierce Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted, at 5:30 p.m. in the PHS Multipurpose Room, 960 Wildwood Road, Arbuckle. Agendas available at pierce.k12.ca.us.

Colusa City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Heritage Preservation Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meets bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September and November on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Citizens Oversight Committee meets quarterly in January, April, July

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and October on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas are available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Unified School District meets the third Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room, 745 Tenth St., Colusa. Agendas available at colusa.k12.ca.us.

Maxwell Unified School District meets March 11, April 15, May 13 and June 23 at 8:30 a.m., and June 24, July 8 if needed, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18 and Dec. 14 at 5 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the District Office, 515 Oak St., Maxwell. Agendas available at maxwellusd.net.

Maxwell Public Utility District meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. at the MPUD office, 54 N. San Francisco St., Maxwell. Agendas available at maxwellpud.myruralwater.com.

Maxwell Parks and Recreation District meets the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Maxwell Parks and Recreation Building, 64 W. Oak St., Maxwell. Agendas are available at maxwellparkandrec.com.

Williams City Council meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 810 E St., Williams. Agendas available at cityofwilliams.org.

Williams Parks and Recreation Commission meets as needed on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 810 E St., Williams. Agendas available at cityofwilliams.org.

Williams Planning Commission meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 810 E St., Williams. Agendas available at cityofwilliams.org.

Williams Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the third

Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the WUSD Board Room, 260 11th St., Williams. Agendas are available at williamsusd.net.

Colusa County Board of Supervisors meets twice monthly at 9 a.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Remaining 2026 meeting dates are Feb. 24, March 10 and 24, April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2, 16 and 30, Aug. 11 and 25, Sept. 8 and 22, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 3 and 17, and Dec. 15. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County LAFCO meets April 2, June 4, Aug. 6, Oct. 1 and Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Agendas are available at colusalafco.org.

Colusa County Fish and Game Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa, with entrance on the Sixth Street side. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County Transportation Commission meets the same day as the Board of Supervisors at 3 p.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County Office of Education meets the second Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the CCOE Large Conference Room, 345 Fifth St., Colusa. Agendas are available at ccoe.net. ★

Program Supports Colusa Homeless

By MPG Staff

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - A new program in Colusa County is offering basic hygiene and clothing resources to residents facing housing instability or homelessness, aiming to reduce barriers to daily life and employment.

PneumaCare Health, part of the Ministerial Association of California Counties, now provides access to showers, two sets of gently used clothing and free shoes for qualifying individuals. The effort focuses on meeting immediate needs that can affect a person's ability to secure work, attend appointments or participate in recovery programs.

"Having access to hygiene and clean clothing can directly affect a person's ability to attend appointments, seek employment, participate in recovery programs or simply move through the community with confidence," said Susan Wagenaar, founder of Colusa County Recovery.

Services are available through referrals from PneumaCare Community Health Workers, the THRYVE Day Center, Health and Human Services or Behavioral

Health. Transportation is available through PneumaFLYER as a Medi-Cal benefit under CalAIM. Individuals may also call PneumaCare directly at (530) 473-9050.

In addition to hygiene services, PneumaCare operates the THRYVE drop-in center at 761 Main St. in Colusa. The center offers life skills activities, peer support groups and access to computers and digital resources.

Wagenaar said the center provides more than short-term assistance.

"This creates a space not just for meeting immediate needs, but for building momentum toward long-term stability," Wagenaar said.

Daniel Reagan, president of the Ministerial Association of California Counties, said the program reflects a broader shift in how communities address homelessness.

"Programs like this reflect a growing shift in how community support is delivered, meeting people where they are and addressing real-life barriers head-on," Reagan said. "Because sometimes, the path forward starts with something as simple as a shower, clean clothes, and a fresh pair of shoes." ★

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United Way Postpones Annual Soiree

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Sutter Colusa United Way has postponed its Annual Elegant Soiree, originally scheduled for April 10, citing unforeseen circumstances that affected planning for the event.

"The decision followed a review of unforeseen circumstances that limited our ability to provide the

highest-quality experience," said Kamesha H. Richard, executive assistant for the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way.

The organization announced the event will now take place Oct. 17 at the Five30 Event Center in Marysville.

Organizers acknowledged support from local restaurants, wineries and breweries that had committed to participate in the

April event and said those partnerships will carry over to the new date.

"We appreciate the outpouring of support from local partners and look forward to welcoming them in October," Richard said.

The group also thanked businesses, individuals and community organizations for early sponsorships, donations and ticket purchases.

All contributions will remain valid and be honored for the October event, according to the announcement.

"All sponsorships, donations and ticket purchases will be honored in full," Richard said.

United Way officials said the annual fundraiser supports programs focused on youth opportunity, health, financial stability and community resilience

across Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties.

Organizers encouraged the public to attend the rescheduled event and said they remain committed to delivering a meaningful experience for guests and supporters.

For questions regarding sponsorships, donations or tickets, individuals can contact the United Way office at 530-743-1847. ★

For the People



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I have literally waited most of my lifetime to visit Italy. It has been my forever bucket list leading item.

Now that I'm within a couple of weeks of marking it off of the list, our so called leaders can't agree. Not only are travelers being punished, but TSA workers and families are taking the hit for the 'leaders' hissy fits.

I don't know about the

rest of the country, but I'm more than annoyed. These people were elected by us to make our lives run smoothly. I feel like a political pawn, instead of a valued American citizen.

This is ridiculous.

There are families suffering more than me. I'm concerned about my plans and the saved up trip money at risk. Meanwhile families are going without paychecks, ruining their credit, and at risk of losing homes.

Shame on the politicians. It's time to put first their constituents and think less about their own political careers.

The phrase "of the people, by the people, for the people" is a famous description of democracy, most notably used by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln in his 1863 Gettysburg Address. It encapsulates

the core principles of popular sovereignty: that a legitimate government's power originates from its citizens, is exercised through their representation, and exists to serve their collective welfare.

Isn't it time to recapture that spirit when governing?

Hopefully by the time this is published they will have come to agreement. The government shutdown will have passed, people will be back at work, I'll be packing for Italy, and I can say life is good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★

GARDENER'S CORNER

April in the Garden

By Karyna Barrera, UC Master Gardener Coordinator

Spring is here. It's the busiest time of year for gardeners. Almost all warm-season vegetables, herbs and annual flowers are planted during this time.

You still have time to plant pansies, violas and primroses in the shade. You can also plant summer annuals such as cosmos, marigolds, sunflowers and petunias.

Most perennials can be planted in April. We always encourage planting native, water-wise plants to support pollinators and beneficial insects.

Once the nights are above 55 degrees, you can plant tomatoes, eggplants and peppers, squash and melons. You can continue to plant root crops such as beets, turnips, carrots, radishes and potatoes. Some cool-season crops that can still be planted are chard, leeks, green onions,

lettuce, other salad greens and cilantro. Be sure to pick a sunny spot for your edible garden.

It is time to fertilize. Fertilize your trees and shrubs once this spring. Watch azaleas and camellias for yellowing between the veins in the leaves. If the leaves are yellowish, apply chelated iron to the plants. Deadhead spent flowers but do not remove the leaves from spring bulbs. The leaves restore the bulb, so wait to remove them until they turn yellow. Fertilize your bulbs after they finish blooming with bone meal.

Be sure to apply mulch to your flower and vegetable gardens to keep the soil cool, retain water, prevent weeds and enrich the soil.

Most importantly, have fun.

Source: University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. Visit ipm.ucanr.edu or cecolusa.ucanr.edu. ★

CHECK IT OUT!

A Checkmate of Community Spirit

By Stacey Zwald Costello, County Librarian

Sometimes, the most meaningful community programs don't start with a big plan or a formal proposal. Sometimes, they begin with one person, a simple idea, and the willingness to show up.

That's exactly what middle-schooler Ryatt Scott has done for the Arbuckle community.

Over the past year, Ryatt has faithfully come to the Arbuckle Branch Library each week to lead what began as a chess club and ultimately grew into something even bigger: a welcoming, lively game club where young people could gather, learn, and most importantly, have fun.

Through his consistency, creativity, and enthusiasm, Ryatt created a space where patrons could try new games, build skills, and connect with one another. Whether it was teaching someone the basics of chess, introducing a new board game, or simply

encouraging participation, he brought a sense of energy and inclusion that made the program special.


Programs like this don't succeed on their own. They thrive because of people like Ryatt, who give their time generously and lead with kindness and patience. Week after week, his dedication has made a lasting impact on the Arbuckle Branch and the young patrons who walk through its doors.

As Ryatt takes a well-deserved break for the month of April, we want to recognize and thank him for all that he has contributed. His efforts have not only strengthened our programming but also reminded us of something important: Libraries are not just places for books, but spaces for connection, creativity, and fun.

Ryatt, thank you for your time, your leadership, and for reminding all of us not to take ourselves too seriously. We look forward to what comes next, and in the meantime, the game board is set! ★

COLUSA COUNTY SHERIFF

Persons listed in this log from local law enforcement agencies are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant are included.



Abraham Leos, 32, of Williams, was arrested by the Williams Police Department at 9:03 p.m. on March 23 at 1015 Nicolaus Drive in Williams on suspicion of attempted burglary, resisting or obstructing a peace officer, being under the influence of a controlled substance, unlawful entry into an occupied dwelling, driving under the influence of alcohol and hit and run causing property damage. Bail included \$5,000 on the burglary charge and \$5,000 on the DUI charge.

Joshua Robert Hayes, 33, of Willits, was arrested by the Colusa County Sheriff's Office at 9:16 p.m. on March 24 on Interstate 5 southbound at Freshwater Road on suspicion of possession of marijuana for sale, transporting marijuana and driving with a suspended license. Bail was set at \$5,000, with an additional \$15,000 warrant hold.

Steven Lloyd Dennis, 80, of Maxwell, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:24 p.m. on March 24 at Maxwell Road near Interstate 5 on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more.

Veronica Raquel Esco, 51, of Sacramento, was arrested by the Williams Police Department at 5:13 p.m. on March 26 at 100 Marguerite St. in Williams on suspicion of possession of unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. She was also held on warrants out of Solano County and San Mateo County, with bail set at \$2,500 and \$11,000, respectively. Bail on the local charge was set at \$5,000.

Barry Dwayne Schrader, 63, of San Pablo, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 5:43 p.m. on March 26 on Interstate 5 southbound near Hahn Road on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Miguel Angel Sanchez-Tavares, 27, of Yuba City, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:29 p.m. on March 27 on State Route 20 east of State Route 45 in Colusa County on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more and carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Sandeep Badhan, 41, of Sacramento, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:31 p.m. on March 27 at 530 E St. in Williams on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Jami Lynn Partin, 44, of Williams, was arrested by the Colusa County Sheriff's Office at 11:57 p.m. on March 27 at 403 First St. in Arbuckle on suspicion of simple battery against a spouse or dating partner. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Adrian Rivera Ocampo, 43, of Colusa, was arrested by the Colusa Police Department at 12:19 a.m. on March 28 at 243 E. Parkhill St. in Colusa on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and probation violation. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Diego Alberto Torres Carranza, 27, of Gridley, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:59 p.m. on March 28 on State Route 20 east of Westcott Road on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Emily Rose Webb, 28, of Chico, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 8:04 p.m. on March 29 on State Route 20 near Marguerite Street on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

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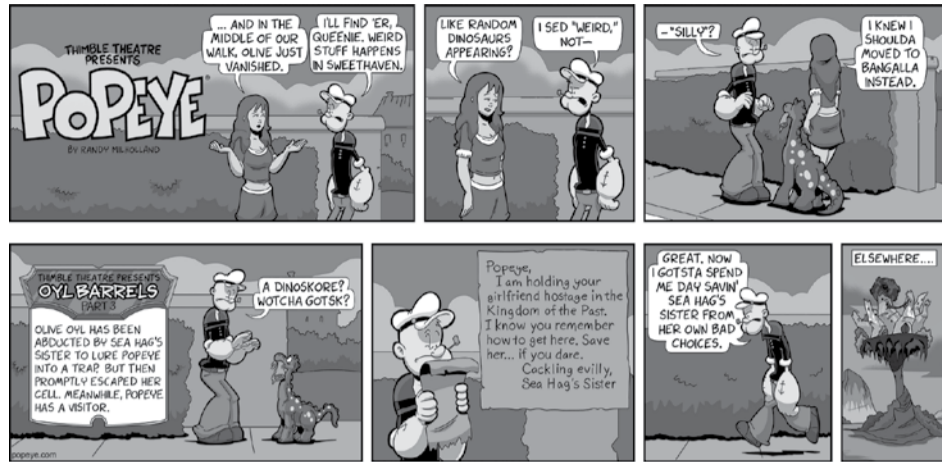
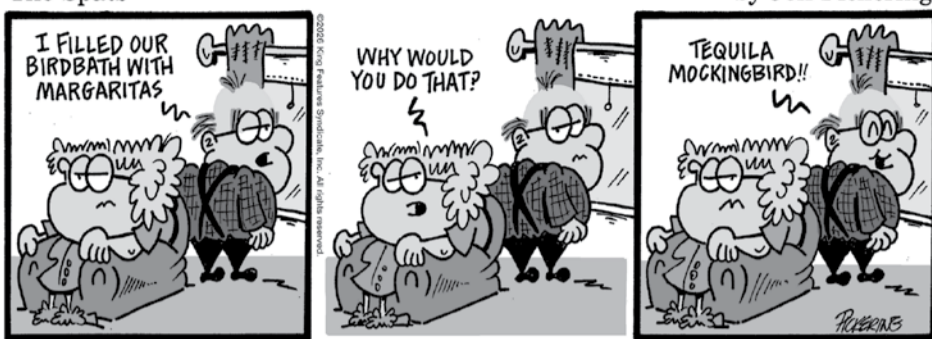
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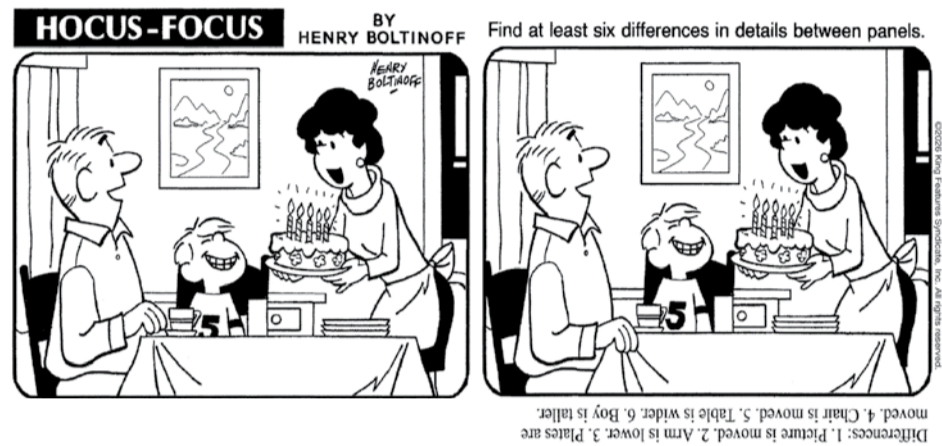
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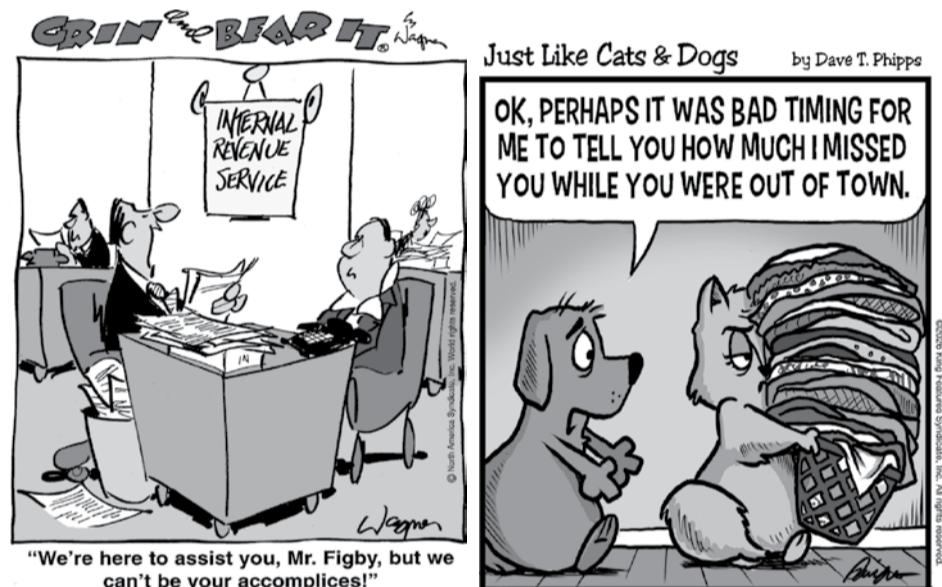
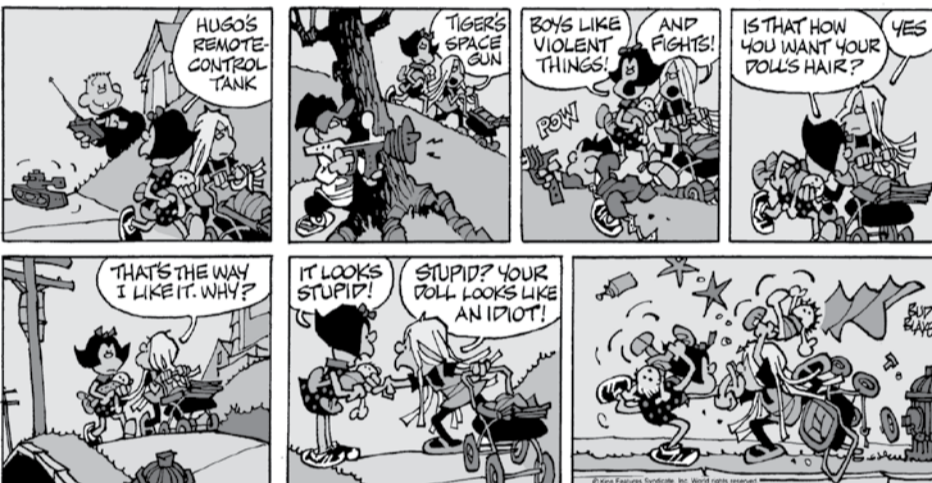
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Colusa, CA 95932**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ANNEXATION – COLUSA TRIPLE CROWN DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL will hold a Public Hearing in the City Council chambers in the Colusa City Hall located at **425 Webster Street on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** or soon thereafter with the intent to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Annexation – Colusa Triple Crown Development

Due to the size of the documents and their supporting studies, the public may review the IS/MND on the City's website at <https://cityofcolusa.com/public-notices/>. The public may request a copy of the IS/MND by contacting Jake Morley, Planner at (530) 458-4741 ext. 3103 or by email at planning@cityofcolusa.com

The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Resources, Section 15000 et seq.).

Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant Annexation and Colusa Triple Crown Development

Project Sponsor and CEQA Lead Agency:
Applicant: City of Colusa, Jesse Cain - City Manager
Phone: (530) 458-5890

Lead Agency: City of Colusa
Phone (530) 458-4741, ext. 3103
Lead Agency Address: 425 Webster Street, Colusa, CA 95932

Project Description: Wastewater Treatment Plant Annexation and Colusa Triple Crown Development, consisting of:

- Annexation of 680.06 acres of land consisting of 10 parcels and an additional 14.79 acres of existing right-of-way, for a total of 694.85 acres
- Colusa Triple Crown Development Proposal consisting of:
 - Development Agreement
 - Site Plan Review
 - Tentative Subdivision Map
 - Special Use Permit (cannabis)
- General Plan Amendment and Rezone of city-owned land to a designation of Agricultural and zoning of A-G Agricultural and lands known as Brookins Ranch to R-1 Single Family, as mentioned in the General Plan.
- Colusa Municipal Code update adding Appendix A – Section 17.5 A-G Agricultural zoning regulations
- Colusa Municipal Code amendment to Appendix A – Section 21.5.01 to permit Cannabis operations subject to a Special Use Permit in the A-G Agricultural zone.

In regard to the Colusa Municipal Code Amendments, the following summaries is provided:

- Ordinance which would add Article 17.5 A-G Agricultural to Appendix A of the Colusa Municipal Code, which would establish standards and regulations to A-G Agricultural zoning districts. Such an addition to the Code Municipal Code would protect agricultural uses and agricultural operations in areas where fertile soils particularly suited to crop production are present, areas where agriculture is the natural and desirable primary land use, and where the protection of agriculture from the encroachment of incompatible land uses is essential to the general welfare and economic prosperity of the County.

- Ordinance which would amend Article 21.5.01 – Cannabis Regulations of Appendix A of the Colusa Municipal Code, which would allow cannabis operations in the A-G zoning district subject to issuance of a Special Use Permit.

No other changes or modifications are proposed to Article 21.5.01.

The full text of the ordinances is available online at: <https://cityofcolusa.com/public-notices/>. The public may request a copy of the IS/MND by contacting Jake Morley, Planner at (530) 458-4741 ext. 3103 or by email at planning@cityofcolusa.com

Project Location: Property that runs on the western side of Property that runs on the western side of Will. S. Green Road is just south of the Colusa High School and is also accessible at the terminus of 5th Street. As well as the property that is at the southern terminus of Will S. Green Road, City of Colusa. All property is located within the Sphere of Influence for the City of Colusa. The Colusa Triple Crown Development project site is immediately east of the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant on approximately 86 acres.

Public Review and Comment Period: In accordance with the time limits provided for by state law, the public review period was published from January 30, 2026, through March 2, 2026. Comments are still welcome and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2026. Comments may be sent in hard copy or via email to:

Jake Morley, City Planner
City of Colusa
425 Webster Street
Colusa, CA 95932
Email: planning@cityofcolusa.com 04/03/2026 · CCPR

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF COLUSA
CASE NUMBER: CV24920
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
RICARDO ROBLEDOR
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner(s) Ricardo Robledo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

From: Ricardo Robledo
To: Richard Robledo

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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the county may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
4/28/2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 1
547 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932

A copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Colusa County Pioneer Review.

Date: 3/20/2026
BRENDAN MICHAEL FARRELL, Judge of the Superior Court
04/03/2026, 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026 · CCPR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 2026-0000024

Date filed: March 5, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
SF MetalworksBusiness Address:
1167 PARKER STREET, COLUSA, CA 95932Name of Registrant(s):
**FRONT ROW BUILDERS, INC.
1167 PARKER STREET, COLUSA, CA 95932**

This business is conducted by a Corporation, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/10/2019.

*Ronald J. Moore, CFO
2886149*

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

*/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder
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**WILLIAMS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER
FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE
STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Williams Unified School District will hold a hearing and consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee ("Level I Fee") on new residential and commercial/industrial developments as approved by the State Allocation Board on January 28, 2026. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level I Fee are necessary to fund the construction of needed school facilities to accommodate students due to development.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before Thursday, April 16, 2026 or appear in person at the hearing at 6:00pm on April 16, 2026 at the following location:

WUSD Board Room, 260 11th Street, Williams, CA 95987

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 260 11th Street, Williams, CA.

Dated: March 27, 2026 and April 3, 2026
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**COLUSA COUNTY WEED PLOW DOWN
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

Colusa County has declared that the growth and accumulation of weeds in the unincorporated areas of the County poses a fire, safety and public health risk to the residents of these areas and therefore has declared weeds a seasonal and recurring nuisance.

It is the responsibility of each property owner to remove weeds from his or her property by May 1st, 2026. Removal may be done by dicing, plowing, rototilling, mowing, cutting or other method approved by the local fire authority.

The areas where weed removal shall be done:

-Improved Lots or Parcels. For a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide surrounding the entire property of any improvement, provided that any portion of any improvement is within (50) feet of the property line, then removal at the location need to only take place up to the property line.

-For Vacant Lots or Parcels. If a vacant lot or parcel abuts another lot or parcel, upon which lies an improvement, then removal shall take place on the vacant lot or parcel to the extent that a clearance of fifty (50) feet from such improvement exists.

-Improvement. Improvement means commercial, retail and residential structure and any accessory structure used in conjunction with such commercial, retail and residential structure, including, but not limited to, storage sheds, detached garages, greenhouses and fences.

Failure to complete removal by the plow down date herein before prescribed, shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine no to exceed FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) and the Department may proceed to abate the nuisance and removal of the weeds. Cost of the weed removal by the Department shall be apportioned to your property and in addition to an administrative charge, shall be a special assessment upon such property and added to our property bill as provided for in Government Code Section
04/03/2026 · CCPR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 2026-0000023

Date filed: March 4, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
R.T.G TRANSPORT LLCBusiness Address:
762 11TH STREET, WILLIAMS, CA 95987Mailing Address:
PO BOX 954, WILLIAMS, CA 95987Name of Registrant(s):
**R.T.G TRANSPORT LLC
762 11TH STREET, WILLIAMS, CA 95987**

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/25/2021.

*RTG Transport, LLC,
Roman Toittoledo Gonzalez, Manager
State CA AI: 202251918807*

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

*/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder
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FILE NO. 2026-0000032

Date filed: March 19, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
C & J FARMING PARTNERSHIPBusiness Address:
6880 GREENBAY ROAD, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912Name of Registrant(s):
**FOWLER, CHASE R.
PO BOX 631, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912
RUNNING J. RANCHES, INC.
6880 GREENBAY ROAD, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912**

This business is conducted by a General Partnership, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/19/2026.

James Watson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

*/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder
03/27/2026, 04/03/2026, 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026 · CCPR***FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

FILE NO. 2026-0000030

Date filed: March 19, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
MC LOPEZ TRUCKING LLCBusiness Address:
410 EIGHTH STREET, WILLIAMS, CA 95987Mailing Address:
PO BOX 1235, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912Name of Registrant(s):
**MC LOPEZ TRUCKING LLC
PO BOX 1235, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912***State CA AI: 202251517991*

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/19/2021.

*MC Lopez Trucking, LLC,
Mariana Lopez Cruz, CEO*

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

*/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder
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**Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records
Request Copies of Records by June 30, 2026**

**Attention Parents/Guardians, Former Students,
Eligible (Adult) Students,**

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the Colusa County Office of Education-SELPA's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students who are no longer receiving Special Education services for at least 5 years beyond the age of twenty-one (21). These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the school district otherwise.

Special Education records which have been collected by Colusa County Office of Education-SELPA related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of Special Education in the district, must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after the Special Education Services have ended for the student. Special education services end when the student no longer is eligible for services, graduates high school, completes his or her Educational Adult Transition Program at age 21, or moves from the district.

After five (5) years, the records are no longer useful to the SELPA/district, but they may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of the records in writing or in person at the following address:

**Colusa County Office of Education-SELPA
Attention: Kelley Hickel
499 Margarite Street, Suite A Williams, Ca 95987**

PLEASE NOTE: THIS NOTICE PROVIDES STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS WITH NOTICE THAT THE SELPA MAY DESTROY RECORDS UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES AND TIMELINES:

- Records that include a student's name, address, grades, attendance records, dates attended, grade level completed, and year completed may be destroyed once 5 years have passed since the student's 21st birthday.

- Special Education records, SST records and health records may be destroyed once 5 years have passed from the date a student has graduated or reached graduation age (if exiting the district before graduation) as long as there is no outstanding request to inspect and review records and the records are no longer deemed useful to the SELPA/District.

- Notice of destruction of these records is provided annually via this publication. Educational records of a student are no longer needed by the District to provide educational services at the end of one year following a student's graduation from the District. A parent/guardian may submit a written request for the destruction of all educational records at that time.

- Destruction will proceed where parents or eligible students have not requested copies by June 30, 2026. The records may be destroyed as per the paragraphs above. Parents and/or students who are eighteen years of age have the right to request a copy of their record before destruction.

Parents/eligible adult students are reminded that copies of the records might be needed for the acquisition of Social Security benefits or for other purposes.

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**NOTICE INVITING CONTRACTORS
FOR COLUSA COUNTY INFORMAL
BIDDERS LIST (CUPCCAA)**

Notice is hereby given that Colusa County is inviting all licensed contractors to submit their company information for inclusion on the County's Informal Bidders List for public works projects in accordance with the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA), Public Contract Code section 22000 et seq.

This is a new program for Colusa County. The County's initial Informal Bidders List will become effective May 7, 2026, pending approval of the implementing ordinance by the Board of Supervisors.

Contractors included on the list may be notified of informal bidding opportunities for public works projects estimated to cost \$220,000 or less.

Contractors must possess a valid California contractor's license and must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) in accordance with Labor Code section 1725.5.

Contractors may obtain the application and additional information at www.countyofcolusaca.gov.

Completed applications are to be submitted to purchasing@countyofcolusaca.gov. Contractors may submit applications at any time during the year.

Dated: March 17, 2026

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Patricia Rodriguez, Deputy
03/27/2026, 04/03/2026, 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026 · CCPR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 2026-0000035

Date filed: March 24, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
IVY G ZUMWALT & ASSOCIATESBusiness Address:
520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932Name of Registrant(s):
**BAKER, LEUAN ZUMWALT
520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932
INGRAM, CYNTHIS ZUMWALT
520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932
KELLAR, CAROLYN ZUMWALT
520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932**

This business is conducted by a General Partnership, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/31/1989.

Carolyn Z. Kellar

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

*/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder
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Ordinance Overlooked in PRT Suspension Debate

By Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - A proposal to suspend the Colusa Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission stalled March 17 after it emerged that an existing ordinance governing the commission had not been reviewed by staff or several council members before the item reached the dais.

Ordinance No. 500, adopted in 2014, outlines the commission's structure, duties and authority, including its advisory role on parks, trees and recreation funding, projects and maintenance.

Despite that, the March 17 staff report stated the commission's role had become unclear and recommended suspension while the city reviews "relevant ordinances, codes, and commission policies."

The staff report did not state

that no ordinance exists, but it also did not reference Ordinance 500 or summarize its provisions, even as it recommended suspending the commission for lack of clarity.

During the meeting, City Manager Jesse Cain told the council the commission lacked formal guidance.

"There's really no ordinances, there's no guidance," Cain said.

Commission members quickly challenged that statement.

PRT Commission Chair Elizabeth Yerxa told the council the ordinance exists and clearly defines the commission's responsibilities.

"Ordinance 500 exists, which spells out all of our duties," Yerxa said. "This is all laid out... it's very clear as I read this."

Other commissioners echoed

that position, citing years of work tied directly to those duties, including tree planting efforts, park improvements and project recommendations to the city.

The discussion showed key information about the commission's governing ordinance had not been reviewed before the item came forward.

Several council members acknowledged they had not reviewed the ordinance prior to considering suspension.

Councilmember Denise Conrado said she had not reviewed the ordinance.

"I have never read it, and I am the liaison," Conrado said.

Councilmember Dave Markss said he needed time to review the ordinance.

"I've never seen Ordinance 500," Markss said. "I've got to take time to digest it... I just

can't read it right here and say we'll know how to proceed."

Even Greg Ponciano, who voted on the ordinance in 2014, said he was not familiar with its contents.

"I know I voted on it, and I couldn't tell you what was in it today," Ponciano said.

The lack of awareness raised questions about due diligence as the council considered dissolving or restructuring a long-standing advisory body.

Commissioners also pointed to a lack of direction from the council over time, not a lack of structure.

Leslie Poland, a 14-year commissioner, said the group has operated without clear guidance from the council despite having defined responsibilities.

"In my 14 years on this commission, we've received no

direction from city council on what we should be accomplishing," Poland said.

Councilmember Daniel Vaca acknowledged that gap, stating the responsibility for clarity lies with the council.

"We have to straighten things out," Vaca said. "There are things that have been overlooked for a long time, and we're just starting to do it now."

Ultimately, the council did not move forward with the suspension.

Ponciano made a motion to table the item until council members could review the ordinance and other relevant documents.

"I wouldn't feel comfortable, either way, making an uninformed decision," Ponciano said.

The council agreed, leaving the commission in place for now. ★

Gallagher Introduces Energy Reform Bill

By Lloyd Green Jr.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman James Gallagher, R-Yuba City, introduced Assembly Bill 2700, legislation that would require state regulators to develop recommendations to cut electricity rates by at least 30% and address unpaid claims for wildfire victims.

AB 2700 directs the California Public Utilities Commission to produce recommendations by Jan. 1, 2028, aimed at lowering power costs while identifying ways to make victims of utility-caused wildfires whole. The proposal comes as electricity rates in California have risen sharply in recent years.

"California families are being crushed by some of the highest electricity rates in the nation, and too many wildfire victims are still waiting for the fair compensation they deserve," Gallagher said.

Since 2019, electricity rates in California have increased by nearly 40%, according to Gallagher. The state now has the second-highest rates in the country. The bill would require regulators to review programs that add to utility bills and determine whether they provide measurable benefits to ratepayers.

Under the measure, the commission would also audit wildfire mitigation costs reported by utility companies and recommend rate reductions if spending is found to be unreasonable. It would further evaluate existing programs for cost effectiveness and recommend eliminating or reforming those that do not deliver value.

In addition to rate relief, the bill addresses compensation gaps for wildfire victims. It calls for an assessment of verified restitution shortfalls tied to fires caused by utilities before July 12, 2019. That includes victims associated with the Fire Victim Trust, created after major wildfires in 2017 and 2018 and Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s bankruptcy.

State lawmakers established the California Wildfire Fund in 2019 to cover future claims tied to utility-caused fires. However, victims of earlier fires were not eligible for that fund and, according to Gallagher, many remain undercompensated.

Gallagher said the bill aims to ensure restitution efforts do not shift additional costs onto ratepayers.

AB 2700 is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy on April 8. ★

Lawmakers Push Childcare Reform



Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry standing at a podium speaking. There is a group of people behind her holding signs that say yes on AB 1981. Photo courtesy of Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

By Lloyd Green Jr.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry announced new legislation aimed at addressing the rising cost of childcare and low wages for providers, two issues supporters say strain families and the state's workforce.

Assembly Bill 1981, titled the True Cost of Child Care Act, would require the California Department of Social Services to provide a timeline for updating reimbursement rates to reflect the actual cost of care. The bill also calls for regular progress updates to the Legislature to ensure accountability.

"Childcare is essential to our workforce and economy, yet too many families are struggling to afford it while providers are underpaid," Aguiar-Curry, D-Winters, said during a press conference.

State data cited by supporters shows many families spend between 20% and 30% of their income on child care, well above the federal affordability benchmark of 7%. At the same time, providers, most of whom are women, often earn less than \$16 per hour without benefits.

Supporters say the gap has led to staffing

shortages and reduced access to care. They argue that without affordable options, some parents leave the workforce, while providers struggle to keep their businesses open.

The measure has drawn backing from labor groups and advocacy organizations, including Child Care Providers United, United Domestic Workers, Service Employees International Union and Parent Voices.

Childcare providers who spoke in support of the bill described financial instability and uncertainty in maintaining their operations.

"AB 1981 is a critical step toward making that possible," said Miren Algorri, a provider from San Diego County, referring to maintaining services while covering basic expenses.

Nancy Harvey, a provider from Oakland, said unexpected costs can threaten closures, leaving families without care. Sylvia Hernandez, a provider in Van Nuys, said the proposal would help move wages closer to a sustainable level.

Aguiar-Curry said the bill focuses on transparency and follow-through.

"AB 1981 brings transparency to the process, holds the state accountable, and keeps the focus where it belongs," she said. ★

Colusa Demonstration Draws Strong Turnout

By Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - More than 100 people gathered Saturday, March 28, in front of the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, where passing drivers honked and waved in support during a nationwide "No Kings" demonstration.

Organizers said more than 8 million people participated in over 3,300 protests across all 50 states, self-proclaiming it the largest single-day demonstration in U.S. history. Earlier events in June and October 2025 drew an estimated 5 million and 7 million participants.

The Colusa event, organized by the Colusa County Democratic Central Committee and promoted through the

grassroots group Indivisible, remained peaceful as participants lined Market Street with American flags and handmade signs.

"This is a peaceful protest, which we feel is about as American as you can get," said Ed Conrado, chair of the Colusa County Democratic Central Committee. "It's just expressing our feelings about the way our government is being run at this point."

Participants raised concerns about the current administration, immigration policy, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the conflict with Iran and gas prices.

Organizers said the event aimed to increase civic participation and give residents a way to express their views publicly. ★

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ") FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE WILLIAMS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Williams Unified School District (District) invites qualified architectural firms (Consultants) to submit their qualifications for inclusion in a pool of pre-qualified architectural firms. Respondents will be expected to provide professional architectural services on an as-needed basis to support a range of projects, including new construction, modernization, and facilities planning. The pool will be active for up to five (5) years, and serve as a critical resource for the District. Respondents to this RFQ are to submit their Statement of Qualifications on <https://colbisecurebids.com/o/williamsusd/26-01> no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 17, 2026. Submittals not received by the deadline will not be considered. The District reserves the right to reject any or all applicants, incomplete packets, non-responsive applicants, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the RFQ. The decisions to provide a waiver shall in no way modify or compromise the overall purpose of the SOQ, nor excuse the Consultant from full compliance with all requirements if awarded an Agreement. The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, ancestry, medical condition, disability, or gender in consideration for an award of contract. For a full copy of the RFQ and requirements of the submission, please visit <https://colbisecurebids.com/o/williamsusd/26-01>

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Colusa County is requesting bids (RFB) for one 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptor, for the Sheriff's Office as more specifically detailed in the Bid Specifications of this RFB. Bids must be received at the County Board Clerk's Office, 547 Market St., Suite 102 Colusa, California 95932 no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2026.

The bid must be made on the bid forms furnished by the County. The RFB and Bid forms are available on the County website at www.countyofcolusa.gov in the Bids & RFP's section.

Each bid shall be enclosed and submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing the project name and the bidder's name

The County of Colusa reserves the right to reject any bids.

Date: March 24, 2026

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Patricia Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk II

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 2026-000029

Date filed: March 17, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
CAMPIZ INSURANCE SOLUTIONS

Business Address:

2967 DAVISON CT., SUITE C, COLUSA, CA 95932

Name of Registrant(s):

CAMPIZ INC
2967 DAVISON CT., SUITE C, COLUSA, CA 95932

State: CA AI# 4709482

This business is conducted by a Corporation, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/01/2026.

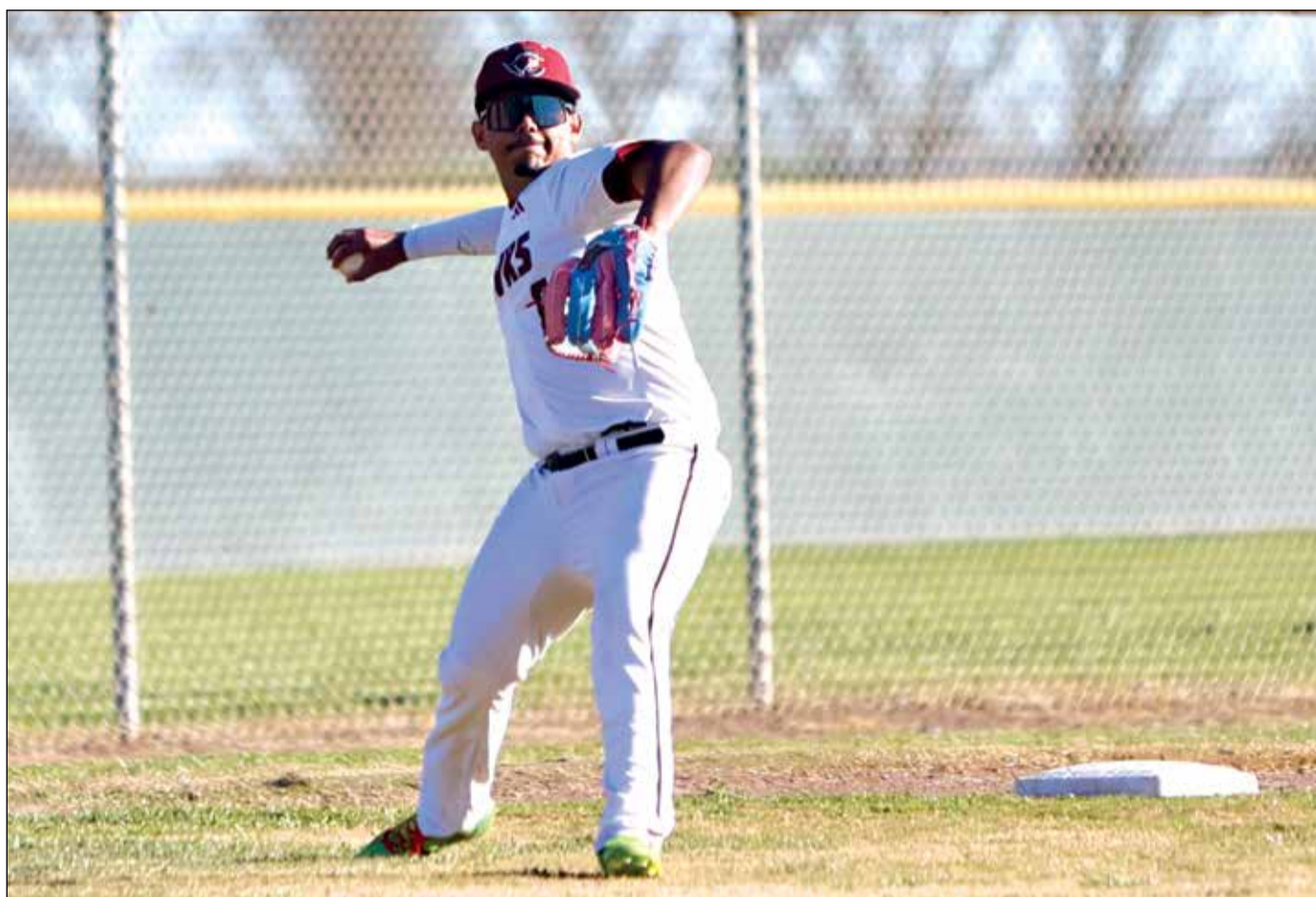
Campiz Inc.
Shelby Campiz, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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Thank You First Responders

Baseball Roundup



Colusa's Jacob Pina struck out eight in the RedHawks 10-4 triumph over Oroville on March 24.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

- Colusa 10 – Oroville 4 (3/24)
- Colusa 0 – Durham 14 (3/25)
- Colusa 2 – Durham 21 (3/27)

After closing out the preseason with a win over Oroville, the RedHawks had a much tougher go of it against Durham to open Sacramento Valley League play as they dropped the season series to the Trojans.

Against Oroville, Charlie Faris had a

big day going 4 for 4, Carson Cain was 3 for 5, while Gio Velasquez and Mason Jennings finished with two hits apiece.

Jacob Pina turned in a solid effort on the mound, scattering three hits and fanning eight before giving way to Dane Codorniz and Faris, who struck out the side in each of their respective one inning of work.

However, things did not go as well against Durham as Colusa managed just two hits in the shutout loss at home, which came off the bats of Jennings and Faris.

In Durham, Pina drove in the

RedHawks' only two runs with a double.

This week, Colusa (3-11, 0-3) was in Winters on March 30, before returning home to play their SVL rival on Apr. 3.

- Maxwell 14 – Mt. Shasta 13 (3/27)
- Maxwell 2 - Mt. Shasta 15

No statistics were available from a wild doubleheader with the visiting Bears in which the Panthers came from behind in the first game but could not get much going in the nightcap.

Maxwell (8-4) opened Mid-Valley League play on Apr. 1 with a doubleheader



Pierce's Colin Dye hit a home run in a losing effort against East Nicolaus on March 27.

in Portola.

- Pierce 7 – East Nicolaus 22 (3/27)

An SVL matchup on the road against the Spartans resulted in a blowout loss for the Bears, however there were several bright spots.

Mikey Acevedo went 2 for 4 with a double, triple and three RBI, Connor Harris picked up a pair of hits and Colin Dye hit a two-run home run.

Pierce (1-9, 0-2) entertained Paradise on Tuesday, then hit the road to complete the series with the Bobcats on Thursday. ★

Softball Roundup



Colusa's Marlie Berry slides into second base ahead of the throw in the RedHawks' 6-5 win over Durham on March 25.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

- Colusa 6 – Durham 5 (8 inn.) (3/25)
- Colusa 8 - Durham 6 (3/27)

The RedHawks took a pair of close ones from the Trojans as they opened Sacramento Valley League play last week.

Late inning heroics in the eighth were required to get past Durham in the first meeting between the two squads as Marlie Berry's walk-off single plated Zaylah Ramirez, who had reached on an error.

Berry and Natalee Stegall collected two hits apiece, as did Bella Romero, who also tossed a complete game in the circle.

Peyton Miller's sacrifice fly set up Colusa by allowing pinch runner Maci Garofalo to tag and score the tying run.

Completing the series in Durham two days later, Colusa was outthit by the Trojans, but the RedHawks took advantage of the long ball with Berry and Miller each launching home runs.

Miller ended the day 3 for 4 with four RBI, Berry drove in three and Stegall picked up two more hits.

Romero again handled the pitching duties.

Seeking to build on the momentum, Colusa (7-6, 2-0) had three conference games this week having hosted Paradise on March 30 before traveling to Winters the following day and completing the series with the Warriors at home on April 3.

- Maxwell 5 – Plumas Charter 4 (3/26)
- Maxwell 6 – Weed 3
- Maxwell 5 – St. Bernard's 13 (3/27)
- Maxwell 1 – Trinity 11
- Maxwell 5 - Fall River 4 (3/28)

After picking up a pair of wins on opening day at the Biggs Tournament, Maxwell dropped its next two games, before bouncing back in the finale to finish 3-2.

Against Plumas Charter, Kali Maltby, Jada Lazarus, Emma Miller and Bianca Minutti each had a hit and an RBI, while Miller also went the four innings in the circle, fanning four.

Miller picked up her second win of the day, recording four more strikeouts as the Panthers doubled up Weed.

Sophia Lopez doubled twice with



Maxwell's Jada Lazarus had a good day against Fall River at the Biggs Tournament going 2 for 3 with a triple and two RBI.

Minutti and Ruby Herrera garnering Maxwell's two other hits.

Although statistics from the loss to St. Bernard's were not available, Lopez, Miller and Herrera recorded hits in the setback to Trinity.

Rounding out play at the Biggs Tournament, Lazarus had a nice day at the plate against Fall River finishing 2 for 3 with a triple and two RBI, while Miller doubled then helped her cause in the circle by striking out nine.

Mid-Valley League competition commences this week for the Panthers (6-8-1) as they made the trek to Portola for a doubleheader with the Tigers on April 3.

- Pierce 1 – East Nicolaus 14 (3/27)

In its only game last week, the Bears made the trip to Trowbridge to complete their SVL series with the Spartans but things didn't go their way.

Statistics from the loss were not available by the Pioneer Review print deadline.

Pierce (3-8, 0-2) hosted Paradise on March 31 before heading to "The Ridge" on Thursday for their second game against the Bobcats. ★



RedHawk pitcher Bella Romero picked up two wins in the circle last week as Colusa swept the season series from Durham.



The Panthers' Sophia Lopez smacked a pair of doubles in Maxwell's 6-3 victory over Weed at the Biggs Tournament on March 26.

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Good Day for Golf at Myers Invitational



The Colusa High School golf team poses with the Myers Family prior to the start at the third annual Brady Myers Invitational Tournament on March 25.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) -It was a beautiful day for golf last Wednesday afternoon as 55 prep golfers from nine different high schools hit the links at the Colusa Golf and Country Club for the third annual Brady Myers Invitational Tournament.

Held in honor of Myers, a former All-American golfer and

longtime member of the Golf Club, who passed away in 2023, the event showcased not only the talent in the North State, but also the passion for golf that he retained throughout his life.

It was something that Myers' daughter, Mattie Steinhoff, was pleased to see saying, "It was really special to see so many teams come out for the annual invitational in honor of my dad. It was a pretty warm day, but

the kids handled it well and kept pushing through, which made it even more impressive to watch. There is some incredible talent out there and it's exciting to see the future of the game is in good hands. I know my dad would have been happy and proud to see these young athletes out there competing, persevering and enjoying the game he loved so much."

In the end, Shasta won the team event with a combined score of

232, Marysville (244) captured second and Nevada Union (262) was third.

As for the local teams, Colusa (272) came in fourth, while Maxwell (283) was sixth. ★

Right: Maxwell's Logan Lazarus putts on the green at the third annual Brady Myers Invitational Tournament held at the Colusa Golf and Country Club on March 25.



Colusa Girls Track Impresses at Durham Invite

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Colusa's girls track team found the conditions at Butte College's Cowan Stadium to its liking last Friday as they dominated the competition at the Durham Invitational, outscoring second place CORE Butte 115-87.

Starting in the sprints, Kendall Marengo won both the 100 and 200 meters in personal record times of 12.88 and 26.19 respectively, Itzel Cruz won the 400 meters in career best 1:02.41, then came in second in the 200 with a time of 27.66, while Peyton Miller (13.33) took third in the 100 which was also her best effort thus far.

Marengo, Cruz and Miller were joined by Shaheen Orr in the 4x100 relay where the RedHawk quartet set a team record of 50.94 to win the race.

Colusa also made its presence known in the distance races with Eloise Guerrero won the 3200 crossing the line in a personal best time of 13:23.68, in addition to taking third in 800 with a 2:45.86, which was also a record time for the junior.

Other top finishers for the RedHawks included Orr (19.28-PB), who was second in the 100-meter

hurdles and Abby Coronado (80-05-PB) with a bronze in the discus.

On the boy's side for the RedHawks, Emi Guzman (53.83) raced to a second-place finish in the 400 meters.

Meanwhile, at West Valley's Eagle Classic Relays in Cottonwood, which was also held on March 27, the Pierce boys turned in a strong effort.

JR Figueroa (16.59) was second in the 110-meter hurdles and Thomas Sweet (42-1.75) was second in the triple jump.

The Bears' 4x100 relay team comprised of Noah Sucevich, Sweet, Jonathan Vasquez Hernandez and Nate Macintosh set another new team record with a 44.21, which was good for third.

Also in action last week was Maxwell, who participated at River Valley's Third Annual Falcon Hype Invitational in Yuba City on Saturday, where Panther high jumper Tanner Vierra won the event after clearing the six-foot mark.

Maxwell is set to compete next at the Chico Invitational on April 11, while all three squads will be among the participants at the NorCal Small Schools Invitational on April 17 which will also be held at Chico High School. ★



Pierce's JR Figueroa raced to a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles at West Valley's Eagle Classic Relays held in Cottonwood on March 27.



Colusa's Eloise Guerrero won the 3200 meter race at the Durham Invitational on March 27 and also took third in the 800 meters.

Tough Week for RedHawk Tennis



Colusa freshman Brock Prior earned a singles win in the RedHawk's loss to Oroville on March 23.



RedHawk senior Gaven Recendez came up short in a match against Willows on March 26.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - After rattling off seven straight wins to start the season, the Colusa boys tennis team ran into some tougher going last week as they dropped all three matches including one to Oroville and two to Willows.

In Oroville on March 23, Brock Prior came away with a 6-1, 6-4 victory, the RedHawks' only one in the 1-8 setback to the Tigers.

A day later the team traveled to Willows where they suffered a similar fate although the lone win

came from the No. 3 doubles pairing of Samuel Fanti and Romeo Reyes, who prevailed 8-2.

Completing the series with the Honkers at home on March 26, Colusa was shutout 9-0.

Gaven Recendez had a close match in the No. 2 singles spot falling 6-4, 5-7, 10-4, while Fanti and Reyes came the closest to a win in doubles falling 6-8.

Now sitting second in the Sacramento Valley League, the RedHawks (7-3) looked to get back on track when they hosted Paradise Adventist Academy on April 2. ★

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Grant Program to Advance Forestry Science and Stewardship

California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Effectiveness Monitoring Committee announced the opening of the committee's annual EMC Grant Program, inviting research proposals to help shape the future of forestry and natural resource management across California.

The EMC Grant Program furthers scientific research that evaluates the effectiveness of the California Forest Practice Rules and related natural resource protection regulations on forestlands and rangelands throughout the state.

The program also plays a vital role in advancing science-based policy and management, helping California adapt to evolving challenges such as climate change, wildfire risk and biodiversity conservation. By investing in applied research, the program supports innovation, informs regulatory effectiveness and helps guide the next generation of forestry and natural resource management while ensuring that California's forest management practices are grounded in the best available science.

Eligible projects include effectiveness monitoring studies that test one or more Forest Practice Rules or related regulations and align with key EMC research themes such as watershed protection, wildlife habitat, sediment delivery, wildfire hazard reduction, forest resilience and climate change.

Nearly \$1.11 million in total funding will be invested over three



Past projects have provided a deep bench of research and for informing policymakers, forestland managers, researchers and many others as they test solutions and explore challenges. Photo courtesy of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

fiscal years, including \$261,459 in FY 2026–27, \$425,000 in FY 2027–28 and \$425,000 in FY 2028–29.

The deadline to submit an Initial Concept Proposal is May 18 at 5 p.m. PDT. Selected applicants may be invited to submit a Full Project Proposal in summer 2026. Researchers from universities, government agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities are encouraged to apply.

Supporting Science That Drives Decision-Making

Past projects have provided a deep bench of research and for

informing policymakers, forestland managers, researchers and many others as they test solutions and explore challenges.

“Grant funding from the EMC is an opportunity to get support for rigorous science to inform the practice of forestry in California,” said Ben Waitman, senior environmental scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Timberland Conservation Program. “Study results are provided directly to the Board of Forestry and industry professionals, and the grant is a direct pathway to getting important results into the hands of

decision makers.”

Sal Chinnici of Mendocino Redwood Company emphasized the collaborative and applied nature of the program: “The Effectiveness Monitoring Committee brings together a multidisciplinary group of resource professionals focused on funding research critical to understanding whether the California Forest Practice Rules are achieving their intended outcomes. If you are interested in conducting research that supports healthy forests, clean water, and abundant wildlife habitat, we encourage you to apply.”

Jonathan Meurer of the State Water Resources Control Board and EMC Co-Chair highlighted the importance of meaningful research outcomes: “Peter Drucker once said, ‘Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things.’ This idea is central to the EMC’s mission. We want to ensure we are funding research that truly informs the decisions we need to make. Even the most well-executed projects have limited value if they don’t answer the right questions.”

Matt O’Connor of O’Connor Environmental added, “This grant program provides diverse opportunities for natural resources research relating to management practices on the State’s forest lands.”

How to Apply

For application materials and additional details, visit the EMC webpage or the California Grants Portal. For questions or submission information, contact: Kristina Wolf, Environmental Scientist, California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection at kristina.wolf@bof.ca.gov.

About the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee (EMC)

The EMC is a multidisciplinary advisory body that provides recommendations to the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Natural Resources Agency. Its mission is to evaluate whether forest management rules and practices are achieving their intended environmental protection goals through science-based monitoring and research. ★

Six in Ten Drivers Struggle with Headlight Glare

AAA Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A new AAA survey reveals a growing concern among drivers: headlight glare. Six in ten drivers say glare is a problem after dark, and nearly three-quarters of those affected believe it has worsened over the past decade. The findings are renewing concerns about road safety, headlight regulations and modern lighting standards.

“Headlight glare has become a major source of frustration and concern for millions of drivers,” said Doug Johnson, spokesperson for AAA Mountain West Group. “As vehicle lighting technology evolves, so must our understanding of glare, its impact, and the steps drivers can take to maintain safety.”

Glare Problems Are Worsening

Headlight glare continues to worsen for U.S. drivers, with 73% of those who experience it saying the problem has intensified over the past decade.

“Driven by several factors including new headlight technologies and taller vehicle designs, drivers are becoming frustrated with the issue of headlight glare,” said Johnson. Most drivers who



Headlight glare continues to worsen for U.S. drivers, with 73% of those who experience it saying the problem has intensified over the past decade. Photo courtesy Freepik

experience glare cite oncoming headlights as the primary cause, with 92% identifying it as their top concern. About one third also report glare issues in their rearview or side mirrors. At the same time, the latest testing by AAA shows significant progress in nighttime pedestrian automatic emergency braking (PAEB) performance, with impact avoidance improving from 0% in 2019 to 60% in 2025. This increase could be due to improved sensor visibility due to headlight design.

Additional Survey Findings

Drivers who wear prescription glasses (70%) experience more glare than those who do not (56%). Pickup truck drivers are less likely to report glare (41%) than drivers of other vehicle types (66%). Female drivers (70%) report glare more often than male drivers

(57%). Age alone does not show a statistically significant impact on likelihood to report glare being an issue. The height of the driver does not significantly influence the likelihood of experiencing glare.

AAA Encourages Driver Awareness and Safer Nighttime Driving

AAA is committed to helping drivers stay safe. To help reduce headlight glare and improve overall nighttime visibility, AAA recommends drivers do the following: ensure both headlights are clean, fully functional and of the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) design; avoid looking directly at oncoming headlights; visit an AAA Approved Auto Repair facility or NAPA Auto Care Center for professional headlight inspections, replacements, and aim adjustments. ★

Assembly Republicans Push Cost Relief as Families Get Squeezed

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California families are paying more for gas, housing and everyday basics, and Assembly Republicans has announced a package of bills focused on lowering costs for working families across the state.

The affordability plan comes as Sacramento continues to delay action while costs keep rising.

“Californians should not have to choose between putting food on the table or filling up their car,” said Assembly Republican Leader Heath Flora. “We need to cut costs now. Not tomorrow, not next week, not next month. Now.”

Key parts of the affordability package include: Eliminates taxes on tips for service workers (AB 1550, Sanchez); Provides consumers with a partial sales tax exemption for the purchase of infant car seats (AB 1596, Davies); Creates a personal income tax credit for first-time homebuyers (AB 1714, Tangipa); Cuts electricity rates by targeting waste and utility spending (AB 2700, Gallagher); Expands nuclear energy to lower costs and increase reliability (AB 1757, Gallagher).

Leader Flora was joined



Assembly Republicans held a press conference on March 25 to unveil a package of bills focused on lowering costs for working families across the state. Photo courtesy of Assembly Republicans



Assemblywoman Laura Davies (R-Laguna Niguel) contributed to the affordability plan with a bill to provide consumers with a partial sales tax exemption for the purchase of infant car seats (AB 1596, Davies). Photo courtesy of Assembly Republicans

by Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez (R-Rancho Santa Margarita), Assemblywoman Laurie Davies (R-Laguna Niguel), Assemblyman Tri Ta (R-Westminster), Assemblyman Stan Ellis (R-Bakersfield), and Assemblyman David Tangipa (R-Clovis) to roll out the plan.

“These are real solutions to help bring prices down,” Flora added. “Californians need relief now, and we are focused on delivering it.”

A full list of Assembly Republican affordability solutions is available here: <https://asmrc.org/affordability-restore-california/> ★

Assemblymember Tina McKinnor Declares no Taxation on Reparations

Assemblymember Tina McKinnor News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Assemblymember Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood) has announced the introduction of AB 2186, legislation to ensure that future federal, state or local reparations benefits provided to eligible recipients are not subject to state income taxes.

“For generations, descendants

of formerly enslaved people have been denied both justice and economic opportunity,” said Assemblymember McKinnor. “Reparations are meant to repair harm—not be partially taken back through taxation.”

AB 2186 would exclude reparations benefits from California personal income tax for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2027, through

Jan. 1, 2032. The bill broadly defines reparations benefits to include monetary payments, grants, trust distributions, debt forgiveness, and other forms of financial compensation provided through state, local, or federal reparations programs.

Currently, reparations payments could be treated as taxable income under California law, potentially reducing the financial impact intended for

recipients. This undermines the purpose of reparations programs, which are designed to provide meaningful redress for historic and systemic injustices.

“California is actively preparing for the implementation of reparations programs,” McKinnor added. “We must ensure that recipients receive the full benefit of these efforts. This bill sends a clear message: California is committed

to justice, accountability, true repair and lower taxes for hard working residents.”

With bipartisan calls from Republicans and Democrats demanding tax relief for hard working Californians, AB 2186 furthers voter demand to cut taxes and make California an affordable place to call home.

AB 2186 will be considered by the State Assembly this Spring. ★