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## And the Winner Is...

*Gridley Truck Community is "Best" in Turnout*



Linda Knowles stands beside her 55' Chevy which secured a trophy and plaque for both the "Best Paint" and "People's Choice" awards at the 2023 Gridley Truck Show. Photo by Diego Ramos

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Engines revved and chrome glistened as trucks passed through the gates in the early morning of September 16th, 2023, marking the start of the second Gridley Truck Show.

The 2023 event showcased almost 200 different makes of trucks, from classic to modern. Judges circled early to give each entry a look. Some were so low they hugged the ground, while other trucks were lifted high – even a bright red number with scissor doors – while the classics gleamed with spectacular paint jobs and sleek interiors.

The Gridley Truck Show returned for its second



The Queens of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program and Miss Agriculture America Pageant teamed up to put a little extra sparkle into the Gridley Truck Show award ceremonies. Pictured left to right: Back row: Ali Khan – Miss Ag America Butte County Jr. Teen Queen, Destiny Hutchinson – Miss Ag America Butte County Teen Queen, Miss Teen Butte County Maizy Miller, Miss Teen Butte County 3rd Runner Up Emily Danner, Miss Teen Butte County 2nd Runner Up Maddie Garcia, Missette Butte County 2nd Runner Up Ava Cote, Miss Teen Butte County 1st Runner Up Gracie Yost. Front row: Isabella Bastiani – Miss Ag America National Teen Queen, Miss Butte County Makayla Mellinger, and Miss Butte County 1st Runner Up Savannah Arcangeli. Photo by Hilary Bastiani

installation with co-organizer of the first show, Diego Ramos, now at the helm.

While show veteran Tom Simpson mentored the young protege, Ramos made the show his own. The crowd enjoyed music, bounce houses to entertain the younger crowd, bobbing for apples, food vendors, spirits, and the presence of two royal courts, the Miss Butte County Scholarship Programs Queens and the Miss Agriculture American local and national queens.

The royal ladies helped hand out the trophies at the awards ceremony, with 20 categories of winners as follows:

Gridley Police Department Choice: Darrel Paisley; Mayor's Choice: Drake Sahagen; People's Choice: Linda Knowles – '55 Chevy; Best of

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## City Council Update on Gridley's Infrastructure Improvements

Story by Melody McDowell

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council met Tuesday, September 5, since their usual Monday meeting would have fallen on Labor Day.

Plans were presented during the evening for review which detail the second phase design for the Orchard View apartments development, located between Archer Ave and Evelyn Dr along Highway 99. This is to be a development intended for lower-income families and will be ADA-compliant.

Community members who participated in last year's Caltrans town hall meeting regarding the State Route 99 Gridley Pavement Rehabilitation Project will recall this major highway improvement project is slated to begin construction in 2024.

City Engineer, Dave Harden, reviewed progress in obtaining funding for and approving initial plans for the highway project. He indicated that an approximately 2,000-foot section of the city's water main pipe has been identified as a potential threat to the integrity of the new storm drain system which is a feature of the planned improvements. He stated that it would be wise to replace and alter the location of this pipe in the course of project construction, citing its age (nearly 50 years) and its composition of asbestos concrete.

According to Harden, Caltrans is able and willing to replace and move this pipe as part of the official project, and they have requested plans by January if that course of action is desired. Harden indicated that completing the needed replacement in this way will save the City a significant amount of time and money. In response to questions and interest from councilmembers, he will submit an official design and plans for consideration and approval by October 2.

Jake Carter, the Electric Utility Director for the City of Gridley, discussed establishment of a Supplemental Apprenticeship for the Electric Department. Tonight, he brought forward language for a formal agreement which "is aimed to encourage serious bidders or applicants to apply with the intent of becoming a journeyman at the City and a long-term employee. This agreement creates a timeframe in which the apprentice or journeyman would be obligated to

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## Celebrating Independence!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Downtown Gridley was a swirl of color, light, and music last Friday, September 15th as the North Valley Catholic Social Services and partners celebrated Mexican Independence Day with the community.

Mexican Independence Day is traditionally celebrated September 16th, but festivities begin the day evening before. The celebration returns to Gridley for its second year, with Daddow Park being the perfect venue for the event.

The Gazebo was the heart of the entertainment, with brightly colored flags streaming from its eaves and a variety of music issuing from under its shade. The patio functioned as the stage for folkloric dancers, including the Michoacan based Danza de Los Viejos or "dance of the little old men". Multiple resource groups



Two youth dancers fan out their colorful skirts after their performance at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration in Gridley. Photo by Seti Long

including health and wellness, mental health, and support services were on site for guests to access. Of course, the event would not be complete without food vendors, jewelry, and purses for guests shopping needs. Facepainting and games kept the little ones busy. The Independence Day Celebration began around 11:00 am and ran into the evening, with many relaxing and taking in the beautiful dances, music, and entertainment

organized by NVCSS, their partners Las Catrinas, the Promotores Outreach group and more.

Khris-Tina Kelly of NVCSS says that events like this are inclusive to everyone in Gridley and

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

As increasingly high-tech gadgetry makes its way into our lives, we get used to the new stuff and need occasionally to remember what it's like to live without it. The case point is the rear-view backup camera on the car. Somehow, last week, I ended up in a vehicle that did not have a backup camera. I put the car in reverse, began to back out, and stared at the dashboard. There was no picture there, only an A.M. radio (which is another thing). It annoyed me to look over my shoulder like Dr. Earl Souza taught us to at the Gridley High School driving school of the late 1980s. The whole thing made me chuckle, and I made a mental note to write about it

in the next Pi-Line. Then, my daughter's brand new Toyota arrived with a series of electronic gadgets they lovingly call Safety Sense 3.0. The car drives itself. When you start going down the highway, it looks around with a radar and a video camera, decides where the middle of the lane is, moves the car there, and keeps it there. The radar and video camera can also recognize motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists and steer the car away from them so they don't get run over (maybe 4.0 will avoid possums and deer). It also keeps going at the speed you select when you turn on the cruise control. More than that, it saves you the distance you select from the car in front of you, slows down, and speeds up without you paying attention. After driving that for about four days, I was a road hazard when I returned to my low-tech 2013 Camry, which has no Safety Sense or maybe Safety Sense 1.0. The experience made me want to go home and do dishes by hand instead of using the dishwasher and open the

garage door without the remote and the motor.

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New topic - this is sort of a correction but also an explanation. Never wanting to violate this long-running column's cheerful, upbeat tone in the historic Gridley Herald, I seek to explain this one sentence from last week's column: "Everyone should thank Oroville Supervisor Bill Connelly. Ever since the near catastrophic dam(n) failure, he has been doggedly pursuing the state of California to ensure they do what they're supposed to do to maintain the dam." The "re" was a typographical error. I was not, in any way, shape, or form, trying to offer up obscenities and disguise them with random characters. This is not one of those kind of newspaper opinion pieces. No expletives were intended on my part other than the Dam(n) one.

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Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Opinions expressed here are solely his. ★

# A Table for One: Gridley VFW Honors POW and MIA



Gridley VFW Post 5731 honors the POW/MIA. Pictured left to right: Officer of the day Ed Kawasaki, Chaplain Norris Anderson, Junior Vice Commander George Hiralez, Senior Vice Commander Sergio Gonzales, and Commander Mike Farr. Photo by Cheyenne Bart

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A single table, draped in a pristine white cloth and set perfectly waited for its guest solemnly inside the Gridley VFW Post 5731 chambers Friday, September 15th. But that guest never arrived.  
Post 5731 held a special ceremony honoring fellow soldiers that became Prisoners of War or went Missing in Action during their service. The "Missing Man Table" according to the War Memorial Center, is "meant to remind viewers of those fallen, missing, or imprisoned U.S. Military Service Members."

The table and each item on it is meant to represent emotions and is symbolic in meaning. The War Memorial Center website lists the following meanings: "The table is round, to show our everlasting concern for our missing men. The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve. The single red rose displayed in a vase, reminds us of the lives of these Americans and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith while seeking answers. The red ribbon symbolizes our continued determination to account for our missing. A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate - captured and missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty. The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted, symbolizing their inability to share a toast. The chair is empty, the seat

that remains unclaimed at the table."  
According to the Bylaws, the VFW POW/MIA Observance ceremony also requires VFW officers to perform specific functions within the ceremony. The first symbolic tribute is made by the Jr. Vice Commander, Gridley's being George Hiralez, who placed a bouquet of red roses on the table "to symbolize their courage and gallantry." Sergio Gonzales, Sr. Vice Commander then placed a bouquet of "white flowers as a reminder of their unselfish devotion to duty" on the table. Officer of the Day, Ed Kawasaki, had the honor of placing "blue flowers to symbolize the great love that our comrades have for our flag and our country." Chaplain Norris Anderson laid down a bouquet of evergreens as a "symbol of life everlasting" also signifying "undying love for our imprisoned and missing comrades." Finally, Commander Mike Farr would have the honor of laying down a laurel wreath, symbolizing "victory over death for those who have made the supreme sacrifice." Definitions of symbols from the VFW Bylaws

This is the first time that VFW Post 5731 held such a ceremony. Kawasaki said that the post intended "to show respect and remind families that we still carry the memory of the POW/MIA with us."  
The event was attended by local dignitaries including Councilmember Angel Calderon, Butte County District 4 Supervisor Tod Kimmelschue and Teri DuBois from Congressman Doug LaMalfa's office.  
The Gridley VFW Post meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. ★

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## Gridley Friends Gather for Otto Behunin's 90th Birthday



Front, left to right: Lynne Behunin, Lynn Quist, Erika Quist, Otto Behunin, Colleen Hamblin, Terry Hamblin, Elizabeth Oldroyd, Mary Ann Jenkins, Brittmarie Jenkins. Back, left to right: Leigh Behunin, Collin Quist, Maria Quist, Dennis Quist, Debi Tripp, Tom Tripp, Charla Nielsen, Bert Nielsen, Eric Oldroyd, Jay Oldroyd, Lisa Jenkins Manning, Ken Cordner, Jared Jenkins, Robin Jenkins Cordner, Scott Behunin. Photo by Tara Behunin

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Otto Behunin has many friends in Gridley from his years living here and serving the community, and some of those friends gathered in Centerville, Utah to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. Bert and Charla Nielsen, now living in Alabama, were among those on hand for the celebration.

Behunin served on the hospital board for many years and organized the annual Memorial Day program at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, serving as its Master of Ceremonies. About five years ago, after the death of his beloved wife Darlene, Behunin moved to Utah to live near his son, Scott. The distance didn't prevent good Gridley friends from traveling to show their appreciation on his birthday. ★

## The resourceful life of Preston Perkins Popular Gridley Resident

By John J. Raspanti

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The man with the first name of Pleasant, reportedly because of his disposition, was born a slave in Virginia one year into the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln's emancipation proclamation act freed him and his mother seven years later. The Civil War ended in 1865. The once lush green of Virginia had turned red during the bloodshed.

The young Pleasant Preston Perkins worked in coal mines back east. His education was limited, but Perkins had no fear of work.

He moved west to Gridley before the turn of the century, finding employment in the fields and near the feather river.

As the only African-American in town, he stood out, but the citizens seemingly accepted him.

Around the turn of the century, Perkins often used his brawn to get the occasionally moody Gridley Herald's gas-powered Taylor press back up and running.

Perkins quickly earned a reputation as always on call and willing to help the community.

In 1913, Perkins was cleaning up the Rideout Bank on Hazel Street in downtown Gridley. It was early. Downtown wasn't

awake yet, but Perkins was. He spotted a couple of men wanted for murder.

He reported the sighting to the sheriff, who, along with other members of the community, thanked him.

Though busy with various jobs, Perkins found his passion in his forties. A lifetime lover of animals, Perkins discovered he was something of a "dog whisperer." He parlayed this talent into a small business.

A bull terrier by the name of Belle became Perkins' prized pupil and close friend. The dog was a natural-born performer and understood many words. The community loved Belle.

Belle's death devastated Perkins. Some heard him say he'd never train another dog, but eventually, he did, but none replaced "Old Belle" in his affections.

On his last day amongst the living, one of his dogs summoned a neighbor that Perkins needed help. The dog was whining, but Perkins smiled at her. The dog eventually calmed down.

Perkins died a few hours later. Many people from town paid their respects at his funeral. Several left floral tributes.

Though lying in an unmarked grave at the Gridley Cemetery near where he once worked and lived, Pleasant Perkins's kindness and magical abilities with dogs, live on. ★

## And the Winner Is...

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Show: Chris Morris - '53 Chevy; Best Paint: Linda Knowles - '55 Chevy; Best Interior: Sereno Mozzini - '62 Chevy; Best Engine: Wes Boone - '53 Chevy; Best Custom: Chris Morris; Best Club: Butte Creek VIPs; Best Pre-1940: Jacob Tanabe; Best Pre 60-66: Sereno Mozzini; Best Pre-67-72: Carolyn Steele; Best Pre-73-87: Drake Sahagen; Best Pre-88-98: Manuel Medrano; Best Pre-99-09: Aaron Brose; Best 2010-Current: Seth Moody; Best Off-Road: Charles Etchevery; Best Low-Rider: Elias Silveira; Best Foreign:

Ronnie Knight.

After the awards ceremonies, vehicles stayed so that late arriving guests could get a good look. Meanwhile, the fairgrounds prepped for another "Night at the Grounds" event filled with family fun, games and activities that would run into the evening.

Of this year's show Ramos said, "I think it was a great turnout!" As for future installations, Ramos would love to add a cruise to the show and potentially move it downtown to "bring some more attention to Gridley and the truck community here." ★

## A Dollar General for Biggs

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The City of Biggs was in bargaining position at its last regular monthly meeting, holding ownership of one of three parcels necessary for a Dollar General store to be built in the community.

Biggs has been in discussions with the grocery chain as it has looked to bring a general store to the downtown area. At its September 12th meeting, Biggs City Council discussed selling a plot of land off Bannock Street to the company. Two neighboring property owners had already agreed to sell their acreage, with Biggs' lot being the last piece of the puzzle.

The city's property currently has an old electrical substation on it, but that is about it. Dollar General offered the city \$10,000 for the lot in contrast to five appraisals solicited by the City of Biggs that sources say placed the market value of the property somewhere between \$30,000 - \$50,000.

The question for council members was whether to demand fair market value for the property or accept the current offer of \$10,000 and profit from the other revenue the store would generate for the municipality, not to mention job opportunities.

The council considered the potential revenue that the store would generate in the form of sales tax and electrical usage when it examined the low bid. A projection estimated that the store would generate \$36,728.44 of electrical revenue in a year billed at Biggs C1 rate. If built, it was argued that the store would continually generate revenue for the city, which would offset the low offer.

During the discussion, the zoom feed dropped but City Administrator Josh Cook confirmed that the agenda item to approve

the purchase and sale agreement between the City and Dollar General passed 3-2 (Yes votes: Brian Bassett, Chuck Nuchols, Mike Buck. No votes: James (Bo) Sheppard, Jerome Squires).

According to Cook, it is the City's hope that Dollar General will finalize their application and payment of fees within the next month and that construction on the store will begin soon. A tentative map is available on the 9-12-2023 agenda, showing the proposed location of the store off Bannock and Seventh Streets, parallel to the railroad.

In other action, the City Council voted to award a contract to LACO Associates for an initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the subdivision dubbed the Tree House, otherwise known as the Dan Boegers project. The agenda asked for 50% of the study's cost be paid upfront by Boeger, but the council decided that 100% of the funds would be necessary to move forward. The study has been deemed necessary by Biggs City Council and planning staff before action can be taken to annex the property into the city limits.

Council also voted to continue a 3-phase annexation plan with consultant PlaceWorks for 520 acres east of Biggs towards Highway 99. The plan would be funded by the SB2 Grant Awarded by the State Housing and Community Development Department and is intended to streamline the preparation, adoption and implementation of plans to fast-track housing approvals and production.

City Council Agendas can be viewed at [www.biggs-ca.gov/Government/Agendas-Minutes/index.html](http://www.biggs-ca.gov/Government/Agendas-Minutes/index.html) and meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at Biggs City Hall, 3016 B Street, Biggs. ★

## City Council Update on Gridley's Infrastructure Improvements

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be employed by the City or pay the City back for the appropriate related program expenses."

It was discussed that this apprenticeship would be made available first to current employees of the City of Gridley, and then opened to the general public. The proposed apprenticeship agreement was approved unanimously.

Carter also sought approval for the purchase of a new digital wood inspection drill, with accompanying diagnostic software for the testing and evaluation of wooden power poles.

Per state General Order 165 which has been in effect since 1997, rural electrical poles must be subject to visual inspections every 2 years and must be inspected intrusively (with use of diagnostic drills) every 10-20 years, depending on how recently they were last inspected in such manner.

At a cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 the City of Gridley can hire a contractor to complete these inspections, but the necessary equipment can be purchased and maintained by the City at a cost of just under \$12,000. Initial staff trainings have demonstrated the ease and accuracy of this type of testing system and make a strong case for the feasibility of handling these inspections on an in-house

basis. The proposed purchase was approved 5-0.

City Administrator Cliff Wagner proposed an initial set of policies that would provide a principle-guided framework for decisions involved with "managing electric rates, ensuring financial stability, equitable pricing, and ... meeting revenue requirements."

The suggested policies cover principles of adequacy, fairness and equity, cost-based services, and stability. While it was a shared feeling among councilmembers that such principles and policies are needed, there were many concerns voiced about whether these policies represent the right verbiage to use and whether the timing is right for adopting them.

Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Sanchez advocated for coming back to review and approve the policies after the Council has completed their review of the detailed numbers and recommendations of the Cost-of-Service study, which will happen during special sessions of the Council on September 12 and September 14. The policies discussed were ultimately passed as-is with a vote of 3-2.

The City Council will reconvene for its next regular meeting after the special sessions have been conducted, on September 18. ★

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# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church



The United Methodist Church

Working for the Lord even takes place in your job or career. Every day in every way you can show how the Lord has blessed and prospered you so others can find their way to the Creator.

Try it, starting today! You are in Jesus' work force, and He has already paid your wages well into the future. You blessed and loved, so now let others know who controls the purse strings and bank account in your life. Be the servant He has asked you to be. Work with honor and pride in Jesus' name. You already have the tools for the task.

The gifts of the Spirit are the tools for us to use. The gifts of kindness, compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, forgiveness, and LOVE. Go use His gifts to spread His way for us to live like Him as an example to others.

Come to the Gridley United Methodist Church Saturday September 23rd for an animal service starting at 10 am. We will be blessing your pets that are still with us and remembering those that have passed. You may bring live animals, pictures of them, or even their favorite toy.

On Sunday the 24th we will have our regular worship service at 10 am, please join us for that also. ★

Colossians 3:17 tells us to: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed (action/work) do it all in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Thus we are to work and speak as if God is our employer and we His employees.

We are to do the best we can, with what we can, when we can, and as often as we can. If we get a nudge or idea from the heavens, God will provide the time and means by which to do what He asks of us.

In verse 23 we read: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters." No matter how small the job or minute the task, do with all your effort as if God has hired you Himself.

In verse 24 the results of our actions become clear. "...since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord you are serving." Our rewards may be smiles and bonuses here on earth, or more likely in eternity.

Think about it. How can you personally work for the Lord daily so that His glory and compassion may be seen? Offer food, clothing, or a kind word. Go out of your way to aid or help someone who can't help themselves.



### Hilary's Wake Leaves Huge Losses For Table Grape Growers

California table grape growers in Kern and Tulare counties suffered major crop losses last month when Tropical Storm Hilary slammed vineyards as they neared the peak of harvest season. With about a third of the crop harvested before the storm hit, California Table Grape Commission estimated the wind and rain damaged 35% of the grapes that remained on vines, or around 25 million boxes. The boxes hold about 21 pounds of grapes each. Western Ag Crop Insurance Services, which surveyed the damage to table grape crops, said more than 60 million boxes may have been destroyed.

### Farmers, Water Districts Seek Solutions In and Out of Court In Flows Fight

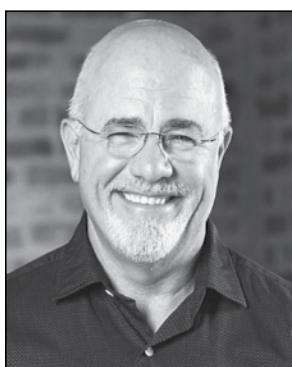
Central Valley water districts are working to achieve a more holistic approach for San Joaquin River fisheries through voluntary agreements, while also pursuing court challenges to a state plan on downstream flows for fish. Central to the issue is a plan adopted in 2018 by the California State Water Resources Control Board that requires affected water users to leave unimpaired flows of 30% to 50% in three San Joaquin tributaries, the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced rivers. Water districts and farmers have protested the plan, saying it cuts water supplies while doing little to help fish.

### Farm Groups Say New 'Waters of the United States' Rule Remains Problematic

After the U.S. Supreme Court set boundaries for what bodies of water the federal government can regulate, some farm groups say they're disappointed a revised rule meant to conform to the court ruling fails to bring clarity and certainty to agricultural landowners. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a final, modified WOTUS rule last month. It took effect last week. Farm groups had hoped that the Biden administration would instead scrap its existing rule altogether and write a completely new one.

### California Almond, Walnut Exports Boosted As India Lifts Tariffs

India has formally removed retaliatory tariffs on some U.S. farm products that made almonds and walnuts from California less competitive. Duties on almonds, walnuts, apples, chickpeas and lentils were lifted Sept. 6. The tariffs were eliminated two days before President Joe Biden's meeting last week with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the Group of 20 economic summit in New Delhi. Almond exports to India alone represent 46% of all U.S. agricultural exports. The Indian tariffs were a response to 2019 U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum. ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

### Be Workers and Givers

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been very fortunate in our careers. We both have six-figure incomes, and as a result we have a little over \$2 million in savings and investments. With this in mind, do you have any advice on how to make sure your kids aren't spoiled as they grow up in a family that's doing well financially?

– Gary

Dear Gary,

First, don't spoil them! Teach them to work, and teach them to be givers. Oh, and gently remind them every so often that it's you and your wife who are wealthy—not them. Yeah, I know. This probably sounds mean to some folks, but I'm talking about simply explaining to them how

you and their mom have worked hard, been smart with your money, and that's why you're in the position you're in.

We taught all our kids, from a very young age, just how important it is to work. Work equals money. When you do that, and kids see it in their parents' attitudes and actions, it makes a big impression. With little kids, it can start with simple things like cleaning up their rooms or clearing the table after dinner. And it should carry over into their teenage years, as well. Every able-bodied child should be working and earning money, whether it's their own entrepreneurial idea, at a fast food joint or babysitting.

Another thing we did was based in our faith. As Christians, we taught our kids that we don't really own anything. It all belongs to God, and one of our jobs is to wisely manage the things He entrusts to us. The first rule is to take care of your own household—the important stuff. After that, it's okay to have some

nice things, but it's not all about fun. It's also about thoughtful giving and being generous.

As a parent, your job isn't to be a buddy to your kids. It's not to give them every little thing they want, and make sure they're running around carefree and playing every hour of the day. Your job is to teach them about the important things in life, and over time, mold them into mature, responsible human beings who can survive—and succeed—in the real world.

– Dave

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

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

### Hope I don't get outbid

are now the property of Pastor Jeff's church. They have filled the basement with them and they're threatening to crowd the pie-cooling counter in the ladies' kitchen area, which just can't happen.

They must be sold, of course, but there is one catch: none of them are named, and everyone knows a painting must have a name or else it's not a real work of art. These paintings are from the school of abstract expressionism, which means there's a lot of bright paint on them, and if you can look at one and figure out what it's supposed to be, the artist failed.

A painting-naming committee was formed, naturally, and the last we heard, had about a dozen paintings named, based loosely on what some wild curve or blob on the canvas brought to someone's mind.

Of course, down at the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, we came up with a solution in about three cups' time.

The trick, we decided, is to blend nonsensical words

together, because anyone who would buy one of these paintings has an obvious contempt for reality in the first place. So we came up with a formula. Make a list and name a painting an *amalgamation/dynamism/cataclysm/rudiment/despotism/heraldry/approximation*

of *sin/pulchritude/embellishment/innocence/hitchhiking/world order/fishing season/spaghetti feeds/lassitude/ennui/cyclamates*.

You simply pick one from one column, one from the other column, slap 'em together and there you go. With seven in the first column and 11 in the second column, the naming committee can instantly name at least 77 paintings. And this was just during three cups of Mavis's best. A hard-working church committee could name a thousand paintings during one of Pastor Jeff's sermons and be back in business in time for the benediction.

I'm putting my dibs down on Despotism of Pulchritude. Hope I don't get outbid. ★



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## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Autumnal Equinox is one of two days in our calendar year where the daylight time and the night time are equal in length. This is a time when the night starts becoming longer than the day, there is more time in the dark than in the light. It is the time of the harvest in our area.

The walnuts and rice are beginning to be gathered. Summer gardens are at an end and winter gardens are being planted. The winter garden part is special to our area. Many people in other places are unable to grow a winter garden without a greenhouse. If you don't want the work of a winter garden, plant some greens in a large flower pot in a sunny place. These could be salad greens or things like chard or spinach. In the past we've had romaine lettuce all winter long. We always have enough chard for ourselves and others. This year the broccoli and cauliflower are in. Soon the onions will go in. There are other crops that can be grown at this time but

my beloved grows them sometimes and sometimes not. Kohlrabi is a plant I like but we have it only once in a while. Brussel sprouts are great as is cabbage. The only problem there is that they can get very buggy. I'll be watching the blueberries as we go along. They don't fruit until late winter to early spring but it is still fun to watch this crop that does better here than I thought it would do. Soon the fancy leaf begonias and other tender plants will go into the greenhouse. Some of the begonias weather the winter by dying and coming back. It's not a gamble I'm willing to take for all of the begonias I have. Enjoy the Equinox. ★

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## Charges Filed on Two Juveniles for Carjacking and Robbery

### Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County District Attorney's office on September 19, 2023, filed charges against two Chico teenagers for a violent carjacking and earlier unrelated robbery from last Friday, September 15, 2023.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the juveniles, ages 16 and 17, are accused of the carjacking of a 68-year-old resident of Chico in the victim's driveway in the 1200 block of Whitewood Way in Chico at approximately 10:00 p.m. The teenagers, dressed in dark clothing and masks, accosted the victim as he got out of his car in his driveway. During the carjacking, the victim was stabbed in the abdomen by one of the juveniles and sustained a non-life-threatening injury. The victim however was able to hit one of the juveniles over the head with his cane before they took his car. Chico police officers found the victim, who was then transported to the hospital and had to undergo surgery for his injuries.

Officers made a sweep of the area and found the victim's stolen vehicle driving nearby shortly after the stabbing.

The juveniles then engaged officers in a 15-mile pursuit in north Chico that ended after officers deployed spike strips to disable the vehicle. The juveniles abandoned the car and fled on foot, but were apprehended by officers a short distance away.

During the investigation of the carjacking, it was determined that earlier the same day at approximately 4:00 p.m. these same juveniles had forcibly taken a phone and backpack from a 15-year-old high school foreign exchange student as the student walked home from school in the 2900 block of Ceanothus Avenue. One of the juvenile suspects had personal property of this additional victim on his person at the time he was taken into custody for the carjacking. Additional property belonging to the high school student was later found in the same juvenile suspect's home.

The juveniles have been charged with carjacking with a knife causing great bodily injury, robbery, evading officers, and resisting arrest. Both are currently being housed at the Butte County Juvenile Hall. Their initial detention hearing will be in Butte County Juvenile Court on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. ★

## Local Teen Pleads No Contest in Unintentional Shooting Death

### Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A nineteen-year-old Oroville man pled no contest on September 14, 2023 in Butte County Superior Court on a single felony count of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the shooting death of the youth's 15-year-old friend.

Christopher Riley Noakes, 19, of Oroville, was arrested for the shooting on May 18, 2023, after a 911 call sent Oroville police officers to a Ft. Wayne Street address, where officers found the 15-year-old male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the head in Noakes' bedroom. Life-saving efforts were started but were ineffective and the youth was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said a subsequent investigation by Oroville Police detectives revealed the victim was visiting with Noakes and the victim had brought with him a handgun. The semi-automatic pistol was subsequently determined to have been stolen the previous day from a

vehicle in Oroville.

Ramsey said the investigation revealed Noakes and the victim were friends and in-laws, and were "hanging out" in Noakes' bedroom while "Facetimeing" with a friend of the victim. Noakes allegedly took the gun, which had been in the victim's waistband, and claimed to be "fooling around" when he pointed the gun at the victim, pulled the trigger, and the gun discharged.

Noakes claimed he did not know the weapon was loaded and claimed to have played with the gun the day before with the victim and it was unloaded.

Ramsey said the evidence pointed to an unintentional shooting, but one with tragic and awful consequences with criminal consequences for its gross negligence.

Ramsey said that Noakes faces up to four years in county jail as a result of the plea and that sentencing is currently set for November 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Ramsey said Noakes remains on his own recognizance with conditions that he not possess any weapons and be subject to search by law enforcement. ★

## Dahle Criticizes Delay on Fixing Homeowners' Insurance Crisis

### Office of Senator Brian Dahle

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - While insurance providers flee the state, the Democratic lawmakers announced they will not take immediate action despite the number of homeowners losing insurance coverage across California.

In response to the inaction, Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) issued the following statement:

"I am deeply disappointed Commissioner Lara and Democratic lawmakers, who were a part of closed-door discussions, decided to hold off

on negotiations with insurance companies. I've fought for better protections for homeowners for years. Californians are suffering unjustly, and deserve strong and empathetic leadership right now. The volume of homeowners being dropped is inexcusable and he has the power to fix this," stated Dahle.

Senator Dahle joined his Republican colleagues and sent a letter to Insurance Commissioner Lara demanding action to address the crisis. His efforts to improve forest management, fund fuel reduction to reduce wildfire risks, and save communities from

devastating wildfires include the following. Learn more about Senator Dahle's efforts to improve and protect California communities.

**AB 2048** (Dahle, 2014) Allows for a homeowner who loses their home due to a natural disaster to be able to file with the Department to be exempt from paying the fee if their home is deemed uninhabitable.

**AB 2029** (Dahle, 2016) Extended the sunset of the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Program that allows landowners to strategically thin up to 300 acres of land without a Timber Harvest Plan for trees

less than 24 inches in stump diameter.

**SB 495** (Dahle, 2022) Would have required the state Air Resources Board to consider and account for greenhouse gas emissions from wildfires and forest fires in the state's scoping plan. (Defeated in Senate Environmental Quality Committee).

Earlier this year, Senator Dahle introduced SB 542 to help alleviate excessive taxation on payments to Zogg Fire victims, meaning settlement payments awarded to victims would not be subject to state income taxes. Ultimately, the bill's language

was incorporated into the 2023-2024 budget signed by the governor. Additionally, Senator Brian Dahle called for an investigation into the Zogg and Dixie Fires and whether PG&E had done fire hardening work previously promised and paid for by ratepayers.

*Senator Brian Dahle represents California's 1st Senate District, which contains all or portions of 11 counties, including Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Sierra, Siskiyou, and Shasta. Also serving deferred areas of Tehama, Butte, Colusa, and Glenn counties.* ★



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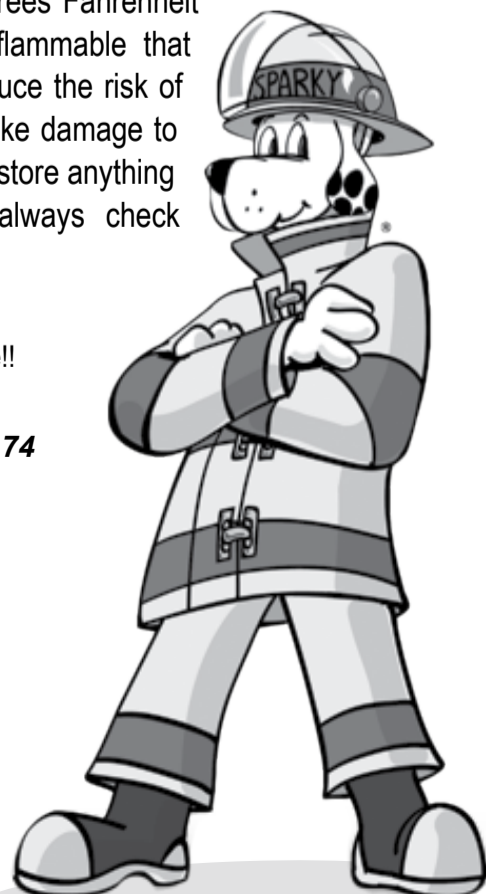
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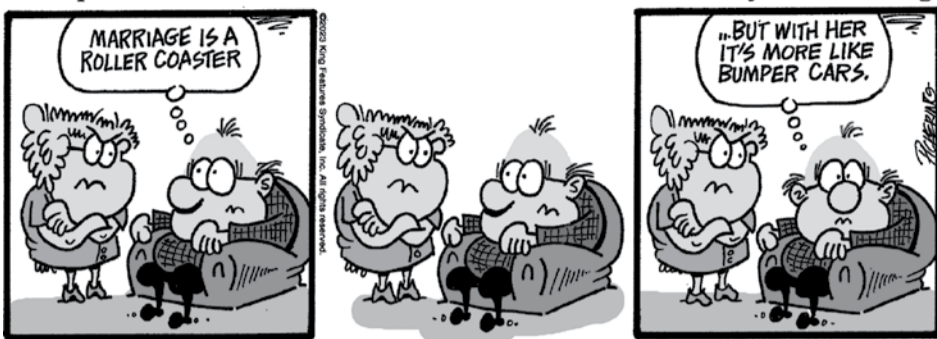
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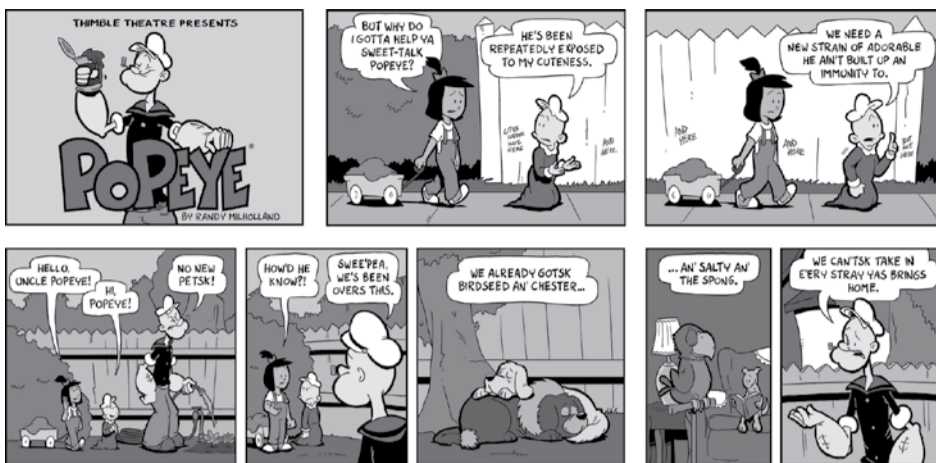


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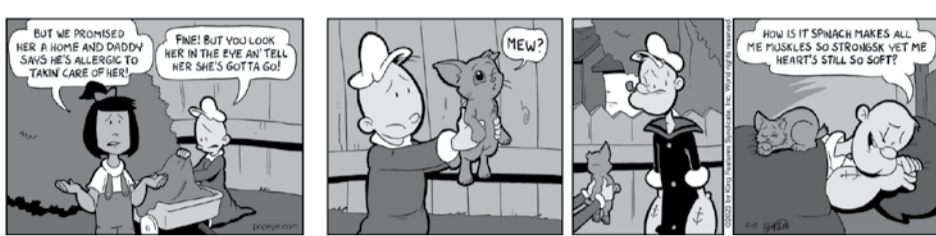
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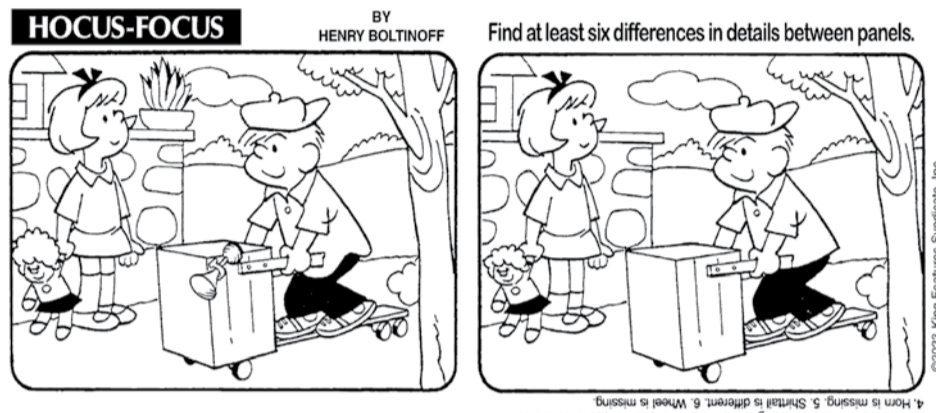
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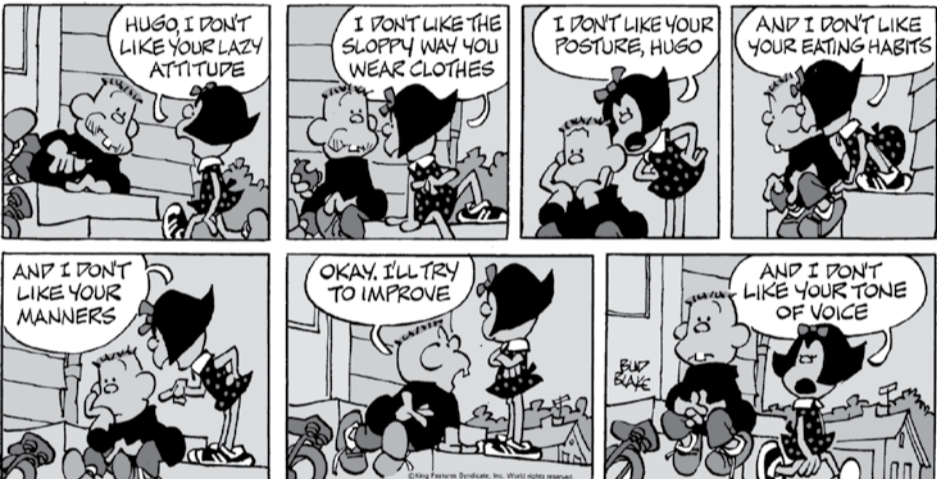


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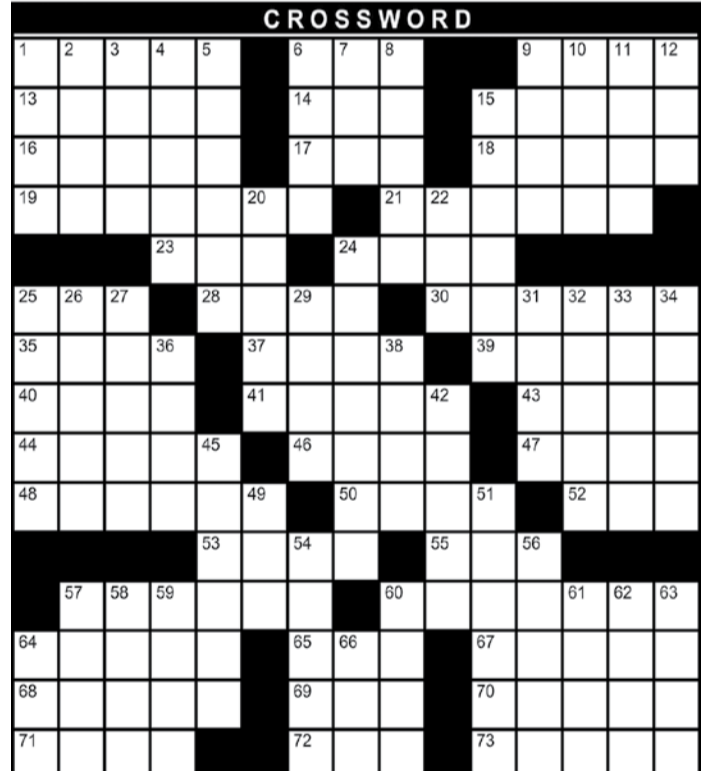
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- Shade of beige
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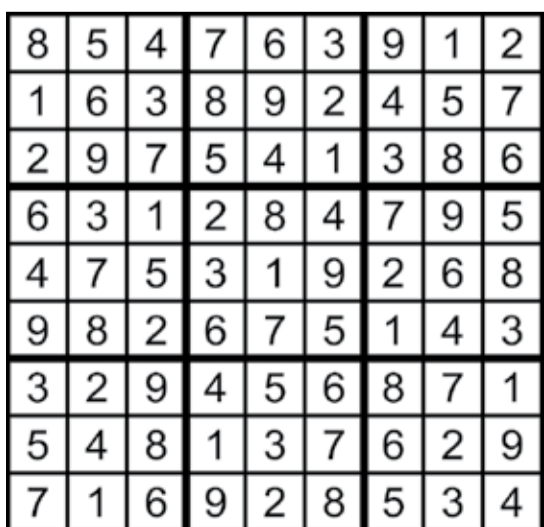
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# Bulldogs Extend Streak to 10, Lions Run Game is Nonexistent

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The "Boneyard" at Gridley High School was jam-packed with hardly any wiggle room for the 14th Annual Harvest Bowl as the Bulldogs beat the Live Oak Lions 27-6 on Friday, September 15.

The win for Gridley was their first of the season and extended the streak of the annual game to 10 for the Bulldogs. Live Oak (2-1) put up a fight, but it ultimately wasn't enough.

Gridley (1-2) head coach Mike Meyer was happy to get his first win of the season and extend the streak of Harvest Bowl victories.

"It feels good to win, it matters a lot to me, to the kids and the community," Meyer said.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard first when senior running back Ryan Woolery scored on a 21-yard rushing touchdown. After a botched point after attempt, junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill rushed the ball in for a two-point conversion to give Gridley an 8-0 lead with four minutes and 56 seconds in the first quarter.

The Lions roared back on the next possession quickly as junior quarterback Aaron Rogers found junior running back Tanner Tillotson on his only catch of the night for a 58-yard touchdown reception with a little more than four minutes to go in the first.

The new offensive scheme for Live Oak includes the passing attack as Rogers has a great arm to get the ball down field. Rogers threw 122 yards on six completions. The running game for the Lions struggled the entire night as they couldn't get any momentum on the ground.

Live Oak had 300 yards rushing against Lindhurst on September 7 and Lions head coach Robert Tilton told the Herald it's hard to win when you can't run the ball.

The main running back for the Lions this season is junior Mario Ramirez who is averaging 140 rushing yards per game following



Gridley junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill (3) holds the Harvest Bowl trophy following the Bulldogs 27-6 victory over Live Oak on Friday, September 15.



Live Oak junior running back Tanner Tillotson (22) runs the opening kickoff in the Lions 27-6 loss to Gridley on Friday, September 15.

the Gridley game, but struggled to get any momentum as he carried the ball 11 times for 19 yards.

Tilton added that he was happy with the way the passing game worked in the first half as Rogers looked comfortable and made good throws, but the Bulldogs were able

to adjust well in the second half.

Stogsdill extended the Gridley lead with 36 seconds left in the first quarter after he scored on a three-yard touchdown rush to give the Bulldogs a 14-6 lead at the end of the first.

After Rogers and Stogsdill each

threw an interception within the last six minutes of the first half, Gridley took the 14-6 lead into the locker room. The interceptions were by Gridley senior safety Cesareo Villalobos and Live Oak senior defensive back Carson Eccles.

Stogsdill and Villalobos both

told the Herald that Rogers tipped off his throw with his eyes and that was one of the ways defensively that helped them be successful on the night.

Woolery scored his second touchdown of the night halfway through the third quarter as he scored on a seven-yard touchdown rush. Woolery rushed 92 yards on 15 carries and fellow senior running back Brian Brown led the Bulldogs in rushing with 124 yards on 19 carries.

Stogsdill found junior wide receiver Kaleb Sherwood for a 20-yard touchdown pass for the final score of the game. Stogsdill completed seven passes for 62 passing yards and 65 rushing yards.

With his second Harvest Bowl victory under center for the varsity level, the humble quarterback is always giving his offensive line credit first and foremost for the time to give him the time to get a good push up front or pass the ball.

Gridley travels to Cottonwood tonight as they play at West Valley. Meyer told the Herald he doesn't want a repeat of the 52-0 blowout they endured last season.

"We're going to come in and watch film and address the bad and all of us coaches will look to put the boys in the right spots to succeed," Meyer said.

For the Lions, they host Hamilton tonight as Tilton expressed this as a revenge game from the blowout they endured last season in a 51-8 loss.

Tilton told the Herald that he said the score to them in the postgame huddle following the loss to Gridley and was going to be the message through this week.

Tillotson expressed to the Herald that he wants to improve defensively as Hamilton is a team that passes the ball well and their senior quarterback Diego Sanchez has 945 passing yards through three games.

Rogers said that he is going to focus on keeping everyone's head up at practice this week and make sure they all put in the work necessary to be successful against Hamilton. ★

# Lady Bulldogs Sweep Live Oak in Rivalry Week

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs girls' volleyball team won its eighth consecutive match over the Live Oak Lady Lions on Wednesday, September 13 as Gridley swept Live Oak in straight sets (25-18, 25-12, 25-18).

This was the second meeting between the two teams within a week as they faced off in a tournament the weekend prior where the Lady Bulldogs swept the two sets.

Both teams came in a little banged up as they are both missing key pieces due to injuries.

The first set was deadlocked at 15 until Gridley (9-10) was able to pull away with a little cushion to ultimately until they took the first set.

Lady Bulldogs head coach Elizabeth Ayon expressed to the Herald that her team played well as a cohesive unit and capitalized on a lot of opportunities throughout the night.

"Our front row hit the ball hard and got the ball down, our back row moved their feet well and we got a lot of free balls," Ayon said.

Lady Lions head coach Wendy Ehrke told the Herald that she had to shuffle her lineup over the last couple competition days as injuries have caused players beginning to play new positions and sides of the ball and she was proud of how her team adjusted.

"There is a lot of growth that this team has done and we are going to continue rising to the occasion," Ehrke said.

Live Oak (3-12) senior defensive specialist Aubrey Lopez was visibly wincing through knee pain during the match and expressed to the Herald post-match that she was fine and just working through the pain.

Lopez led the Lady Lions with four digs. Gridley took the second set comfortably after gaining



Gridley senior libero Giselle Fuentes (1) serves in the Lady Bulldogs sweep over Live Oak on Wednesday, September 13.



Live Oak senior setter Melissa Gutierrez (13) serves the ball in the Lady Lions loss to Gridley on Wednesday, September 13.

an early 11-3 lead in the set and continued their dominance for the

rest of the set to eventually take it. Brightspots for the Lady

Bulldogs included junior outside/middle hitter Charlee Sormano,

who is the teamleader with 170 kills and 23 blocked shots.

Sormano hits rockets that make your ears buzz as the zoom of the ball goes swiftly onto the opposing side. The junior captain told the Herald that the fundamentals were key into the victory over Live Oak.

Gridley senior libero Giselle Fuentes added that when the Lady Bulldogs communicate well with one another on the court, they are successful.

Fuentes led Gridley in the match with nine digs and that was with a group effort as the Lady Bulldogs had nine other players with a dig in the match. Sophomore setter Isabel Santillan continues the improvement of being a young player with 24 assists in the match.

Live Oak fell to Paradise on Thursday, September 14 in straight sets. The Lady Lions are in the midst of their Sacramento Valley League schedule as they traveled East Nicolaus and Willows who had a combined record of 36-7 between the two schools.

Gridley got swept by University Prep of September 14 and began Butte View League play this past with road games at Las Plumas and Corning.

Ayon told the Herald that for BVL play, she is going to be looking for one piece of improvement each match in hopes to make playoffs.

"In order to make playoffs, we need to make sure were improving because it's a long season and with recent injuries along with pulling up a sophomore and adjusting her to the new speed, it's all about getting that chemistry," Ayon said.

The Lady Bulldogs finished third in the BVL standings last season and were knocked out in the first round of the CIF Northern Section Division III playoffs. ★



# Celebrating Independence!



Folkloric dancers of all ages performed, swirling their large, colorful skirts at Friday's celebration. Photo by Seti Long

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surrounding areas as they are of high importance, bridging the gaps between our cultures and sharing the beauty of them with the public. She adds, "We're

one community. Taking that and honoring and respecting each other's heritage and celebrating those" cultural aspects is key to growing stronger as a community. ★

# A Light for Those Lost: Suicide Awareness Vigil Set for Daddow Park



By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Parks and Recreation is holding a suicide awareness vigil Friday, September 29th.

September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. The Gridley community has experienced many recent losses to suicide, especially within the youth of our small town.

Gridley Parks and Recreation and partners felt it appropriate to honor

loved ones that have passed from suicide, addiction, and mental illness. The event will feature guest speakers and supportive resources. An open mic session will allow those who have experienced losses to suicide to speak and share their stories.

The public is invited to come and pay their respects. Please bring a candle to light during the vigil which will take place at 6:00 pm and run until 9:00 pm at Gridley's Daddow Park. ★

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