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## Thumbs Up for Homecoming!



Biggs Homecoming King and Queen, Thomas Job and Ally Williams, give the night a "Thumbs Up"! Photo by Christina Stohman

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Biggs got the month of October started off right with a week's worth of Homecoming activities and the big game under Friday nights lights.

The Homecoming 2023 theme for Biggs High School was "cartoons" with each of the classes dedicating a float to the toon of their choice. Students started crafting their floats the weekend before, working Saturday through Thursday, except for Wednesday, to perfect their masterpieces.

Seniors weren't crabby about their SpongeBob themed float, which included sponges with the



JV football players and BHS Cheerleaders dressed as SpongeBob line the path waving flags and pompoms as Biggs Varsity Football Team bursts onto the field for their game against the Trinity Cardinals. Photo by Seti Long

names of each senior written on them and stapled to the backdrop. Juniors worked on a Scooby-Doo

themed float, Sophomores went with a classic Charlie Brown setup, and Freshmen the one and only,

Mickey Mouse.

Floats were driven down B Street on Friday, October 6, as part of the annual BHS Homecoming Parade and again displayed at the varsity football games half-time where winners were announced. This year the Sophomores would take first place, followed by Juniors in second, Freshmen in third, and Seniors in last place.

BHS students celebrated each day of the week leading up to Friday's main events with dress-up days or other activities. Tuesday students brought "anything but a backpack" to carry their gear around. Some chose garbage bins while others used suitcases.

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## Council Follows Up on Code Enforcement

By Melody McDowell

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley City Council opened their October 2 meeting with a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The meeting got down to business quickly, and Ashley Ayala, of the Gridley Recreation Department, led with an update on upcoming activities of her department as well as those that have occurred over the past several months.

With many thanks to support staff who have made planned initiatives into reality, Ayala reported on the successful soccer season that is currently in full swing. Basketball registration for 2024 has opened, and registration has filled quickly for the upcoming I Spy a Bird Tour and the Field Trip to the Museum of Science and Curiosity.

Due to grant funding that has been applied for and received through the Everybody Healthy Body program, Ayala was pleased to announce that a new scholarship program for youth sports is being put into action. Funding is now available to provide registration and/or equipment fees to youth who might not otherwise be able to participate. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Gridley Recreation Department.

Community Services Officer (CSO) Katie Hill, soon to be Certified Code Enforcement Officer, took the podium next. She informed the Council of recent code enforcement activities within the City of Gridley, and specifically spoke to concerns that have been voiced about the abandoned property at 110 Virginia Street.

Hill states that all efforts to contact the owner of this property have yielded no response, and that the property is currently delinquent on property taxes and scheduled to be up for auction in 2024. Options for action include establishing a receivership, which entails having a third party designated to take responsibility for the property, or obtaining an abatement warrant, wherein the City would have 14 days to complete its abatement activities and clear the property. In either case, the property will be cleared, and Hill advised that the City obtain a Litigation Guarantee in advance of abatement activities to ensure that any and all lien claimants are identified.

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## Big Bulldog Homecoming!

Story and photos by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley High School celebrated a traditional Homecoming week with spirit days, rallies, a parade, and more before Friday's big game against the Corning Cardinals.

Monday students dressed as "soccer moms and BBQ dads". Tuesday was "dress your age" day, with freshmen dressing as babies, sophomores as toddlers, juniors as professional adults, and seniors as elderly adults. Wednesday teachers and students reversed roles, dressing as each other. The same day a fun tie-dye event was held at lunch so students could dye shirts pink to wear for "pink out" Friday in honor of Breast Cancer awareness month. Thursday was "rhyme without reason day" and Friday, students



Freshmen were all smiles as they wowed with their "Up" themed float.

wore pink.

The Junior girls took on the Seniors Monday night

in the traditional Football Follies game. Football players coached the teams,

and the GHS boys' cheerleaders rooted them on  
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# Thumbs Up for Homecoming!



A Biggs Wolverine plows down the field with the ball during their Homecoming game. Photo by Christina Stohlman



Senior Brody Hudson is taken down but keeps possession of the ball. Photo by Christina Stohlman



Efrén Solís-López and Addie Scott. Photo by Seti Long



Felipe Andrade and Jazmin Ibarra. Photo by Seti Long



Biggs Mayor Brian Bassett would rock the stadium with the National Anthem played on his electric guitar at Friday's BHS Homecoming game. Photo by Seti Long

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 Wednesday highschoolers spirit day was "Adam Sandler Day" after which the BHS ladies met out on the football field for a rousing powderpuff game. Powderpuff teams were comprised of students from all classes of BHS since the school is so small, with Freshmen joining the Seniors and Sophomores joining the Juniors to create competing teams. The Senior/

Freshmen team would take the win 18-6. The BHS boys cheer-leading squad would dazzle in their green sparkling tutus as they provided the half-time entertainment. Thursday, BHS would continue their spirit days with each class dressing up as their float theme, and Friday, Wolverines were asked to wear their school colors of green and black as they geared up to tackle the Trinity

Cardinals on the football field. Biggs JV Football would kick off the evening's festivities but face a heartbreaking 14-30 loss to the Cardinals. During the break between the JV and Varsity game, the Homecoming King and Queen candidates were introduced to the crowd. King candidates were Thomas Job, Efrén Solís-López, and Felipe Andrade. The Queen candidates were Jazmin

Ibarra, Ally Williams and Addie Scott. Last year's Homecoming Queen Marcella Munanui would return to crown this year's royalty. BHS held their breath as the announcer opened the envelope to reveal that Homecoming King and Queen 2023 would be Thomas Job and Ally Williams. After countless smiles and pictures, the mood got serious as the JV team and BHS Cheerleaders lined up to

welcome Biggs Varsity Football team onto the field. Biggs Mayor Brian Bassett would play the national anthem wearing his Biggs football jersey and playing his green and black guitar, setting everyone up for one electric game. Biggs would end the night with a big win over the Cardinals and move on to finish the week of fun with the annual Homecoming Dance. ★

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# Big Bulldog Homecoming!

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from the sidelines. Often show-stealers, the male cheerleaders were more than entertaining at half-time. The Senior lady bulldogs would win.

For three days, students worked diligently on Pixar themed floats at the cattle barn located at the Butte County Fairgrounds. This activity has been part of Gridley Homecoming tradition for decades.

Each class chose a movie to be the focus of their floats. Freshman class built an "UP" themed float, complete with a bouquet of balloons whisking away the main character from Carl's House. Sophomores didn't take any garbage making their Wall-E float, while Juniors got things cookin' with their Ratatouille themed float. Seniors hit the gas pedal with their Car's themed float, even incorporating the truck by decorating it as a red semi-truck to fit the motif.

Judges mingled with the students as they finished their floats and got all the pieces perfectly into place. Friday morning, GHS teachers got a look at the final products and got to throw their votes in for best float before they were presented to the public during the Homecoming Parade.

Friday, the high school got riled up with the Homecoming Rally and the Homecoming Parade after school. The parade followed its standard route down Spruce Street and back up Sycamore as it made its way back to the high school.

Sports teams including Volleyball, Swim, and of course, Football were all present, including the cheerleaders and the class floats. Families lined the streets to wave as the parade passed by and kids dove for the candy thrown from the students.

Winners would be announced at the Varsity game halftime. Seniors would win with their glittering Cars float. Second place would go to the Freshmen with their incredibly well-done Up float. Juniors would place third with Ratatouille and despite their hard work, Sophomores would get fourth. That said, all floats were very impressive!

Also crowned at halftime were the 2023 Homecoming King and Queen. The crowns would go to King Aaron Kullar and Queen Miranda Johnson. A win secured by the Bulldogs and a Homecoming Dance would cap the week. GHS Leadership reported that over 300 students would be attending the dance.



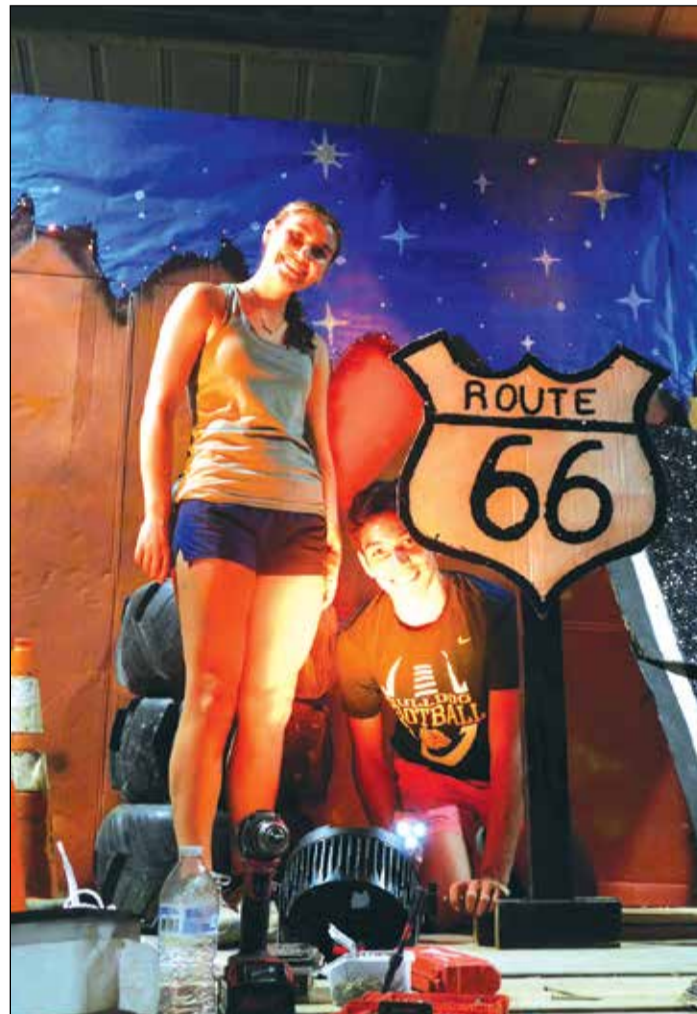
GHS Cheerleaders shined down the parade route waving pink pom-poms in honor of Breast Cancer awareness.



Children and families lined the parade route, waving at the students, watching in awe as the floats went by, and charging for the candy thrown by the various sports teams in the GHS Homecoming Parade.



The juniors dished out some heavy competition with their "Ratatouille" float.



The seniors proved they are ready to hit the road with the "Cars" float.

## Flippers Courtesy of Quota



Pamela Scott (far left) and Susan Prendeville (left) stand next to the GHS Swim Team Homecoming Parade float after Quota Club donated funds to help the team secure new equipment.

**Story and photo by Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley's Quota Club recognized the outstanding efforts of the Gridley High School Swim Team and helped them get some much-needed equipment.

After hearing about their needs, Gridley Quota Club worked with the team to help them obtain it. Pamela Scott and Susan Prendeville awarded a \$500 dollar donation to the GHS Swim Team on behalf of the Quota Club. The funds were used to buy the athletes swim flippers.

Currently, GHS Swim ranks in the top teams of the BVL league, with the boys swimming undefeated this season and the

ladies staying in the top three. They recently just competed in the Winners Meet and with combined boys and girls scores, GHS Swim took first place.

Scott says, "We love our swim team. These kids are amazing!" She continues, "I was able to watch them training and they have an amazing Coach." GHS swimmers practice in an outdoor, unheated pool for most of the season, proving their dedication. Coach Monica Terry agrees with Scott, saying that she has outstanding athletes on her team which deserve recognition for their hard work.

GHS Swim would like to thank Gridley Quota Club for the donation. ★

## Message from Sheriff Barnes Regarding the Passage of Senate Bill 2

On September 26, 2023, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 2 which greatly restricts where concealed carry permit holders can legally carry their firearms. This law would not take effect until January of 2024. The good news for CCW carriers is the Firearms Policy Coalition filed a lawsuit with the support of several other organizations. The matter is scheduled for a hearing in early December of this year.

To provide some context, in June of 2022, the Supreme Court issued a decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen* case. The decision noted the Second Amendment protects the right to carry a loaded handgun in public for self-defense, and New York's law requiring residents to demonstrate "proper cause" to obtain a CCW, violated the Second Amendment right. SB2 is California's response to the Bruen decision and greatly restricts those



Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes. Courtesy photo

public places where a concealed firearm can be carried.

Within SB2, a new section is added to the penal code that would not allow a CCW carrier to carry in parking lots of government property, airport parking lots, and public transportation like buses or trains that are managed in part by public funds. Also, CCW carriers could not carry at any establishment where alcohol is sold, public parks, or any public permitted event like a parade. Further restrictions require businesses and churches to post signs indicating if concealed carry is allowed

on the premises. These are just some of the restrictions outlined in the law.

What is concerning is SB2 criminalizes routine behavior by good citizens who have lawfully obtained their CCW permit and want nothing more than to protect themselves and their families from harm. Conversely, firearm enhancements for criminals committing violent acts are being ignored in some communities.

For now, there will be no changes to our CCW application process or how we handle and enforce related laws. I, as sheriff, will continue to monitor the situation and work to ensure the Constitutional Rights of our citizens are being protected.

I recommend staying informed and supporting those organizations that are working to preserve our Constitutional Rights through appropriate legal avenues. Some suggested websites are [www.firearmspolicy.org/](http://www.firearmspolicy.org/) and [crpa.org/](http://crpa.org/) ★

## Worship in the Park: Does God Exist?

**Gridley Christian Church News Release**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley Christian Church will hold its annual Worship in the Park on Sunday, October 15th at 10:30 AM in Daddow Park. This beautiful outdoor setting is a great place to worship the God who created us and loves us immensely.

At 10 AM finger foods will be available along with hot drinks and bottled water prior to the worship time. The Jimenez family will lead music celebrating the goodness and faithfulness of God. Communion will be served. This reminds us of the sacrificial death on the cross Jesus made to forgive us of our sins.

Pastor Ed Lucas will speak on the topic: Does God Exist? There is so much scientific evidence confirming God's existence yet many people choose to ignore it. Could it be that so many people have lost hope in this life because life's solutions can be found only in a loving, saving relationship with God—a God in who they do not believe exists?

There are free Bibles available for children and adults. During Pastor Ed's talk there will be separate activities for the children.

Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington Street. Call Pastor Ed at (530)846-4002 for any needs you may have. Gridley Christian Church is a loving church family where everyone is family. ★

## Get in the Mix!

**Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Museum will hold a Chamber of Commerce mixer Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come tour the museum at 601 Kentucky Street. Two floors will be on display with the upstairs featuring an attorney's office, dental office, medical office, a parlor and a bedroom.

The Gridley Museum recently acquired the former T-Shirt Factory next door, and this building contains many artifacts, including a display of the Butte Theatre and a beautiful carriage complete with the surrey on top!

The museum is open Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month.

Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Gridley Museum Board of Directors. ★

# The New Pi-Line



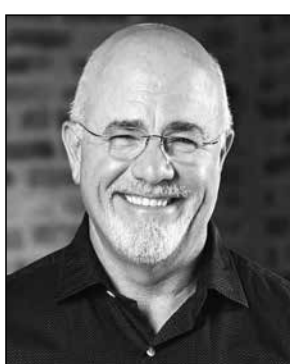
By Josh F.W. Cook

My friend, Dan Cohen, who, some years ago, packed up his family and moved to Israel, has been sending us photos of everyone in his neighborhood gathering supplies to send with soldiers who will liberate the farmers in the southern part of their country who were overrun by crazed terrorists. Many families are cut off from all of their possessions and are living with friends or in shelters. Indeed, Dan's daughter is in the Army, and she and her friends have mobilized to defend their country. In Israel, all young people, both men and women, spend time in the Army. When I sent the photos from Dan to my mother, she texted me back and said, "That looks like what members of

our church do in a disaster." I had the same thoughts. Because my wife worked for the Governor and I served with the Sheriff during our local floods and fires in which thousands of people were displaced, the response from Dan's neighborhood looked all too familiar to those of us who live in Butte County - and show up to help out when the worst things happen to our friends and neighbors. We are particularly connected to Jewish people not only because we believe in the right of Jewish people to have a country to live in - it's more personal to us because of the eight years I was in the State Guard as a Chaplain Assistant. My Chaplain was a Jewish Rabbi, Captain Matt Friedman. During the Camp Fire, Matt mobilized with the National Guard and slept in our house while he was deployed. Matt called today, and he has missing family members in Israel. One year ago, I was in Israel with my wife and daughter. Since the terrorist attack started, we've been looking at photos on the Internet and tracking the places where we were that are now in flames

or a pile of rubble from rocket attacks. It is sobering. If you want to help, you can join our family in sending money to ZAKA, the Israeli Search and Rescue organization. Their website is [www.give.zakaworld.org](http://www.give.zakaworld.org). They have all of their people searching for bodies and survivors. If we could, my family would be there with Dan, doing whatever we could to help out. Because we cannot, we send some funds to ZAKA, and we will continue to text and call our friends to let them know we support them as they deal with this unimaginable tragedy. The tactics of the HAMAS terrorists, like kidnapping old ladies, killing children, and desecrating dead bodies on social media, are outside any civilized rules of war, the Geneva Convention, and human decency. The war will run its course. Helping people in a terrible time of need is how we will start to build a peace that transcends the darkness of this week.

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 Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and public administrator. Views expressed above are solely his. ★



## What's Fair to Everyone Concerned?

Dear Dave,

About a year ago, my husband and I offered an empty house we own to a young man at our church, who had lost his home and everything he owned in a fire. He has taken good care of the place, but has made no effort to pay rent. We don't need the money, because we're in good shape financially, and we were thinking about selling the other house, anyway. I'd like to simply write it off, and gift the home and title to this young man, but my husband feels he owes us something for putting a roof over his head all this time. What are your thoughts?

- Penny

Dear Penny,

I think you and your husband have good hearts. I

## Dave Ramsey Says

also think you handled this situation poorly.

From the sound of things, you put him there originally on a charity basis, and now your husband wants to change the deal. You didn't set up any kind of rental agreement, but your husband feels you two are owed something? I'm sorry, but no. That's on you.

At this point, you have some big decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this young man experienced a terrible tragedy. But at the same time, I'm not hearing lots of evidence that he's putting his life back together. If after this long the guy's not back on his feet and out on his own, you may be enabling bad behavior on his part.

Now, if you want to gift him the house, that's your decision. If you want to approach him with a rental agreement or sale proposal to which all parties are

amicable, that's okay, too. If neither of these ideas are in the cards, I'd make sure to sit down with this young man and have a gentle—but firm—talk. I'd let him know I had been happy to help him over the last several months, but that he needs to start moving forward with his life. I'd set a very reasonable and patient timeline for a move-out date, and let him know once that time is up, I'll be selling the house.

That's fair to everyone concerned.

- 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. ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

God prepares us for the big tests in life by training us in little ways to get us ready. For example Moses was rescued by an Egyptian Princess and raised in the palace of the Pharaoh for 40 years. Then God moved him out and led him through the wilderness to Median where he lived, married, had children, and met the Lord "Yahweh" on a mountain. There Moses stayed for 40 years a herder and member of the People of Hebrews.

After 80 years God sent Moses back to Egypt to get and bring back His people to the Promised Land. After 80 years Moses faced Pharaoh, and took Egypt to its knees, and brought out over two million Children of God.

For the next 40 Moses moved, taught the law, and showed God's mighty power before they stood at the entrance to the Holy ground. At age 120 years, Moses climbed a mountain, looked upon the Promised Land, and chose Josiah to replace him as the leader God's children.

All the way God provided Moses the skills he needed, and the tools required for the tasks that lay ahead. He will do the same for us if He has a



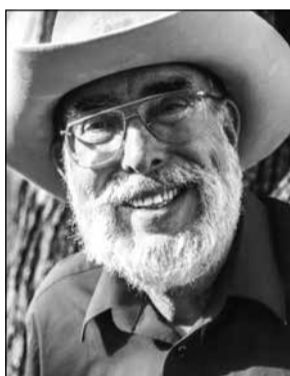
task waiting for us. The Holy Spirit gives out blessings, talents, skills, and gifts to use in life. Those are gifts of the Spirit used to produce fruits of the Spirit. If God can make a sheep herder into a King of Israel, an old man and woman into a mighty kingdom and nation, and a child into a powerful judge and prophet, then God can move mountains in our lives.

A teenage girl became the blessed mother of the Son of God because she believed and obeyed and said, "Yes" to God's plans. Through out history God has called and man has answered to that call, and God has provided all the tools needed for the task given. Joan of Arc led a religious army as a young girl. God provided.

If God has put a "call" upon your heart, just believe He will go along with you and provide the necessary items as well as His strength. "Never will I leave you!" says the Lord. He will stand by all His promises.

Come to the Gridley United Methodist Church and we can find God's plans for us together. We worship every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

We didn't have the Chipper Invitational Golf Tournament this year. It wasn't a good summer for anything that takes place outdoors, for one thing. Just too dang hot.

For another, people we knew all over the world by internet or pen pals were having a tough time surviving any *disaster du jour*.

Thirdly, it just wasn't

## Each year "Chipper" would pick another farm, and the legend grew

a good year to celebrate Doc's legendary pet squirrel. Chipper came to life several years ago when Doc placed an ad in The Valley Weekly Miracle offering a reward for finding his missing pet squirrel. Five dollars and fifty cents.

Since it's really hard to find a non-existent squirrel, even in the best squirrel habitat, the reward money went unclaimed, but our valley got a new story and legend and laugh.

The Chipper Invitational Gold Tournament came about to raise money for charity. Doc and the guys each took a shovel and a

t-bar fence post and walked out onto a farm for a ways and then dug a shovel's worth of dirt, slammed in the t-post, and taped a number to it. Multiply by eighteen, and our golf course was born.

Each year "Chipper" would pick another farm, and the legend grew.

So this year we had to be content with raising our coffee mugs to the best non-existent squirrel a valley ever had, and look forward to a better summer for fun next year.

Insomnia getting you down? Watch a golf tournament on television. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Last Summer I picked bulbets from my double Tiger Lilies. I planted them and they grew in the following spring. Recently, I harvested them as little bulbs. I have sixty-three small bulbs. I think the bulbets produce multiples similar to chard seeds. I haven't looked into this, I'm speculating. I know I planted

about twenty-five "seeds," maybe thirty. What a great surprise to have so many. I've planted the bulbs to get them bigger next year. This is very rewarding and I'm hopeful the bulbs get bigger. According to research they should grow bigger. I'm feeding them bulb food. We'll see what happens. Now I've picked more. Should all of this come to pass, I'll be giving these great treasures away! I'm thinking it might take another year before they are big enough to make a bloom, we'll see.

Sadly, my lower back is really acting up again. I'm truly taking plants out and giving some of them away. For those of you who've seen my yards, you know all this is relative. In other

words, there are so many plants now it will simply start looking more open but there will still be a lot of plants.

Three years ago, I planted a Red Flame grape as a column instead of spreading it across a support. The vines go up and I trim them back regularly. This year there were so many grapes I haven't been able to keep up with them. Some are starting to make raisins. I'm now picking them because it is time to take them off the vine so it doesn't get exhausted. I'm going to try freezing them and using them like itty bitty frozen snacks. Somewhere I heard or read that they can be thinned to have fewer but bigger grapes. I think I will try that next year. ★

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# Council Follows Up on Code Enforcement

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of the Gridley Lions Club and the Gridley Museum, stood to underline the urgency of the situation at 110 Virginia Street, echoing Ms. Gramps and others who have shared concerns this year. Citing concerns that the current extent of graffiti, unsanitary conditions, and structural damage are beyond hope of individual repair, Mr. Dahl advised the Council, "you need to move on this."

An additional property was identified as being in similar condition with similar options for action, at 390 Virginia Street. It was noted that a permit for cleanup of this property was filed earlier this year but has not yet been acted upon.

Police Chief Rodney Harr

indicated that he is personally aware of planned efforts to demolish and cleanup the tower and structure at this address and stated that he would be in contact with the City as regards the potential need for temporary closure of sections of Virginia and Magnolia streets to ensure public safety during demolition.

Another community speaker was recognized before leaving the subject of code enforcement, a Ms. Beverly Miles of Peach Street. She expressed frustration with code enforcement concerns raised to her regarding her property, which she stated seemed to ignore or dismiss other, more pressing property concerns in the immediate surrounding area.

It was unclear whether the

property in question was reported by neighbors or flagged by code enforcement, which Hill shared is taking a more proactive approach to identifying potential code violations. Community members are being encouraged to make formal property condition complaints in a variety of situations, ranging from yard sale signs attached to power poles, to illegal dumping, to abandoned and/or inoperable vehicles.

Google Maps is one tool used to verify complaints, so property owners who wish to see how their property appears can search their address with this tool, which Hill stated has re-mapped all of Gridley this summer. A more extensive list of example complaints that the CSO can address

is found at <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/departments/code-enforcement-services/>

In a bit of a plot twist for pending buyers, it was next discussed with the Council that an adjustment to the existing Surplus Lands Act took effect at the end of July of this year. The change necessitates the City's formally declaring Industrial Park parcels as surplus lands prior to any outside sale, in order to avoid hefty financial penalties.

This could purportedly delay planned sales and developments by as much as five months, should any letters of interest from qualified housing sponsors be put forward, but no alternative courses of action appear

to be available based upon the demands of the Act. City Attorney Tony Galyean and City Planner Donna Decker urged prompt approval of resolutions presented to formalize the declaration immediately, to prevent any risk of future penalties. The Council approved the resolutions unanimously.

And finally, the Council moved to approve their planned sponsorship of the Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament (fondly known as G.I.B.T.) in the amount of \$1,500.



The next City Council meeting on October 16, is expected to address proposed changes to electric rates, as well as a review of finance policies and the Local Roadway Safety Plan. ★

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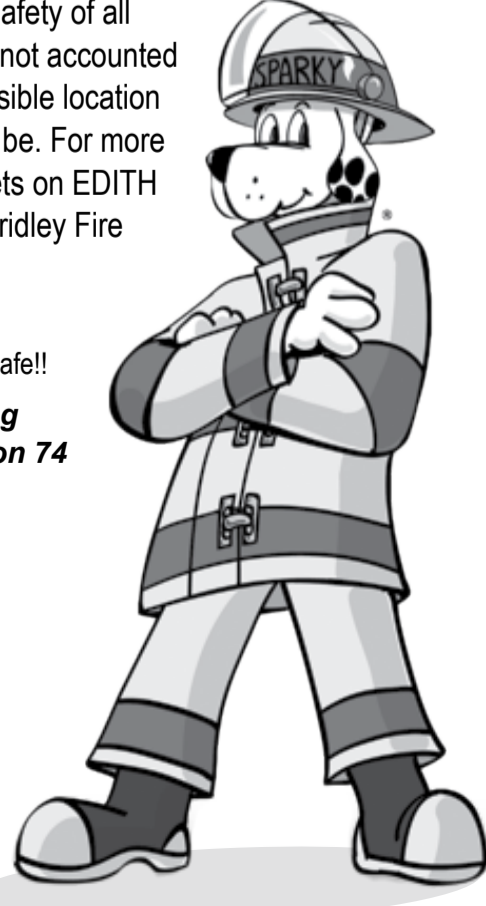

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# Armed Robber Charged for Shooting and Paralyzing Victim

**Butte County DA News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was charged on October 9, 2023, in Butte County Superior Court for an attempted robbery that left the intended victim paralyzed by a bullet through his face. Jaden Christopher Hollowell, 20, of Chico, was arraigned in court this afternoon on a charge of attempted robbery along with a sentence enhancement of shooting and gravely

injuring the victim. He was also charged with the unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. As charged, Hollowell is facing 25 years to life in state prison.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that the case stems from a robbery gone bad on September 1, 2023, in the 1200 block of Notre Dame Boulevard in Chico. On that Friday at noon, Chico PD received multiple 911 calls of a shooting that had just happened in the parking

lot of an apartment complex. Officers responded and located a single male victim in his vehicle, who had been shot through the face. The 25-year-old victim was life-flighted to a Sacramento hospital due to the severity of his injuries. The victim is still in intensive care in Sacramento.

Ramsey said CPD detectives responded to the scene and were able to retrieve surveillance of the incident. They eventually identified Hollowell as being one of two people

involved in the shooting inside the victim's vehicle. The victim had a marijuana delivery business and had traveled to Chico to sell marijuana to Hollowell. Detectives believe Hollowell and a Chico juvenile planned to rob the victim during the marijuana deal and specifically lured the victim to Chico to do so. Once the victim arrived, Hollowell and his crime partner produced handguns. Hollowell shot the victim once in the face. The pair then fled the area.

On Thursday of last week, Chico PD arrested Hollowell. Detectives continue to investigate to determine the identity of Hollowell's teenage accomplice.

Hollowell's arraignment was continued to Wednesday, and he was remanded to Butte County Jail without bail due to the seriousness of the charges and the fact that he was still on probation from a 2021 conviction of possession of a concealed firearm and domestic violence. ★

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**COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24, ZONING ORDINANCE – RESIDENTIAL USE TABLE 24-19 and GLOSSARY 24-304**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **October 26, 2023, at 9:00 am**, or shortly thereafter, in the Board Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view, or listen to, the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

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Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance – Residential Care Home modification of definition to include Board and Care Facilities allowed by right in the LDR and MDR Zones Project #: ZCA23-0005:

This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24) for the land use category: *Residential Care Home, Large* within the Residential Zone Land Use Table (24-19) for the Low Density Residential (LDR) and Medium Density Residential (MDR) zoning designations. The amendment will remove the requirement for a minor use permit. In addition, the amendment will modify the existing *Residential Care Home* definition to add language elaborating on the specific Board and Care, Sober Living Home, and Sober Living Environment uses and limit the number of persons for the Residential Care Home, Large use to fourteen (14).

It is determined that this Zoning Ordinance amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA23-0005) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date.

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**Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services**  
 Gridley Herald 10-13-2023



**Researchers Seek Standards to Test Smoke Taint in Winegrapes**

As climate change and wildfires challenge California's wine sector, smoke taint has emerged as one of the primary threats to the state's most lucrative crop. Despite a growing body of research on smoke taint, scientists and growers say gaps in the still-evolving science mean wildfire smoke continues to cause unnecessary crop losses and financial damage even when it doesn't taint grapes. In 2020, up to 325,000 tons of winegrapes, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, went unharvested in California due to actual or potential smoke damage.

**Farm Bureaus Secure Grant Funding for Soil Projects, Water Efficiency**

Farm Bureaus in Butte and Solano counties were awarded \$10 million in grants through the California Department of Food and Agriculture to fund projects that support soil health and water efficiency. The two Farm Bureaus received \$5 million each from the state's Healthy Soils Program and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program, or SWEEP. Grants for Butte County Farm Bureau support projects in Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties. Grant monies for Solano County Farm Bureau support projects in Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento and Yolo counties.

**Citrus Growers on Guard in Ventura County after Pest Found in Residential Tree**

Citrus growers in Ventura County remain vigilant after agricultural officials confirmed the region's first finding of an insect pest carrying the huanglongbing bacteria, which kills citrus trees. The discovery is a concern because Ventura County remains the state's top producer of lemons and grows other citrus fruits. The infected Asian citrus psyllid was found Sept. 19 in a residential citrus tree in the southwestern area of Santa Paula. It tested positive for the pathogen associated with huanglongbing, or HLB, also known as citrus greening disease.

**San Joaquin Grape Growers Struggle to Get Permits to Burn Diseased Vineyards**

Grape growers, facing a Jan. 1, 2025, deadline to end agricultural burning, say they're having difficulty getting burn permits from the regional San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Under a 2003 law, open-air burning of orchards and vineyard material within the eight-county district was supposed to be phased out by 2010, provided alternate, less-polluting disposal methods were available. But several biomass plants that were expected to accept the agricultural material have closed. The California Air Resources Board approved extending the deadline to end burning. ★

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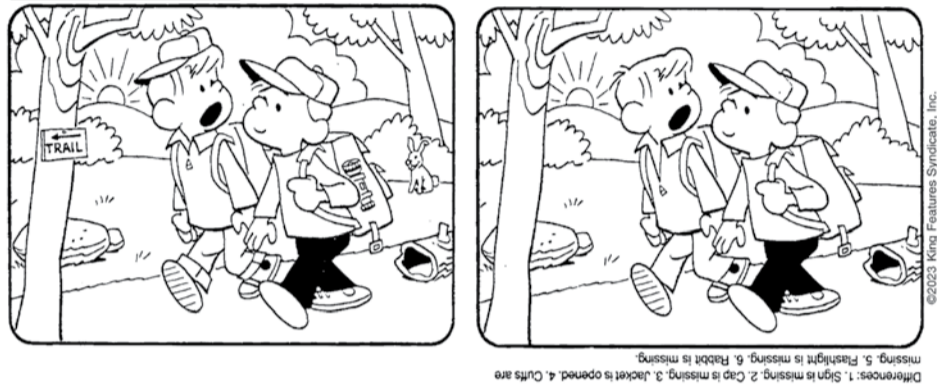
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# Bulldogs Defense Stuffs Cardinals *en Route* to First BVL Win

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs opened the first week of Butte View League play with a strong defensive show as they beat the Corning Cardinals 14-7 on Friday, October 6.

It was also homecoming week for Gridley and the theme was night of Nostalgia, but for Corning junior quarterback Kanon Gregorio, it should have been named a night he'll want to forget as he tossed three interceptions during the game.

Gridley (4-2, 1-0 BVL) got on the scoreboard early as senior running back Brian Brown scored on a 2-yard touchdown rush to help put the Bulldogs up 7-0 with a little more than seven minutes to go in the first quarter.

Brown led the Bulldogs with 15 carries and 75 rushing yards on the night.

Brown told the Herald the way his offensive line feeds him the good energy is hard not to run as hard as he can and it's motivating to keep him going.

Brown now has a total of 500 rushing yards on the season with four games to go in the regular season.

Cardinal senior running back Geovanni Gonzalez tied the game early in the second quarter when he scored on a 1-yard touchdown rush. After Gonzalez scored, it was a defensive battle for the rest of the game.

Bulldogs head coach Mike Meyer was happy with his team's performance and how they controlled the game defensively.

"We preach to be an elite defense," Meyer said. He added and joked with the Herald about his background being an offensive mindset and you wouldn't think that with how the defense has played throughout the season.

Gridley sophomore cornerback Eli Punzo started the pickfest for the Bulldogs a couple plays later. Gridley drove down the field and missed a 33-yard field goal



Gridley senior lineman Cesar Ortiz (54) tracks down Corning junior running back Quinton Davis (9) in the Bulldogs 14-7 win over the Cardinals on Friday, October 6.



Gridley sophomore linebacker Jason Davis Jr. (52) wraps up Corning junior quarterback (8) in the Bulldogs 14-7 win over the Cardinals. Insert: Seniors Aaron Kullar and Miranda Johnson were named the 2023 Fall Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the football game.

with four minutes to go in the first half.

Both squads traded possessions with one another before going into the half tied.

The scoreless third quarter consisted of great defense by both teams as the final score of the game wouldn't happen until the first couple minutes of

the fourth quarter when Brown had his second touchdown on the night as scored on a 30-yard scamper down field.

The Bulldogs ferocious

defense had three players with double-digit tackles and six total tackles for loss.

Gridley sophomore middle linebacker Jason Davis Jr. religiously had his name called throughout the night as he led the Bulldogs with 17 tackles, one tackle for loss and an interception in the final two minutes of the game to secure the victory for Gridley.

Davis and other defensive players postgame always are the fastest to give their lines the credit with big props as they get that get push up front for back-end defenders to get easier access to the ball.

Junior linebacker Nathan Zumwalt and junior lineman Cesar Ortiz each had 10 tackles a piece and a couple of tackles for loss each.

Although the defense was the main show of the night for the Bulldogs, offensively, junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill completed seven passes for 86 yards and rushed for 55 yards on 10 attempts.

Stogsdill's passes were well thrown balls minus a couple here and there, but he had great reads on where to throw the ball too and showed great touch on the ball as the receivers had a few dropped balls that had a high chance of being catchable.

Meyer expressed to the Herald how he, his staff and players are grateful for the support they have had throughout the community and that includes the behind-the-scene parts to where the "team dinners" hosted to the players the evening before a contest.

Although their next game could be overlooked as they go on the road to Oroville tonight, the Bulldogs aren't going to take it lightly. Kickoff for the game is at 7:30 p.m. ★

# Biggs Wins MVL Opener, Lions Lose to Winters In SVL

Story by Steven Bryla

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The Biggs Wolverines tied their 2022 win total as they beat the Trinity Wolves 31-12 in a Mid-Valley League opener on Friday, October 6.

Biggs had a transition period this week as they had to work in a new quarterback into the system after senior and former starting quarterback Chase Mclean was injured last week at Live Oak with a broken collarbone.

Wolverines head coach Brian Harrison told the Herald that junior quarterback and former receiver Brady Smith got the opportunity and played very well.

Harrison expressed to the Herald that Smith has a lot of wiggle and understands the game very well.

Although there were a couple turnovers on the offensive end, Biggs (4-2, 1-0 MVL) struck first on the scoreboard after senior running back Zach Smith scored on a 5-yard touchdown rush.

Harrison told the Herald the Wolverines came in and were ready to go last Monday following the 35-13 loss to Live Oak on September 29.

"The loss from Live Oak was a big deal and we had a really good practice, the buy-in from there was real," Harrison said.

The Wolverines were up 21-6 at the half after a couple of junior running back Davis Long rushed the ball into the end zone for a couple scores.

The Biggs defense made it difficult for Trinity to get anything going offensively as they only allowed 176 yards of total offense throughout the night.

Biggs travels to Williams next week as they put up almost 400 yards offensively against Mount Shasta last Friday.

Harrison told the Herald they are in a good spot to continue their season and move it forward.



Biggs senior running back Brody Hudson (1) rushes the ball in the Wolverines 35-13 loss to Live Oak on September 29.



Biggs junior running back Davis Long stiff arms a defender in the Wolverines 35-13 defeat to Live Oak on September 29.

"Based on what we did earlier in the year, we didn't set out to win the first game, we set out to win the last game," Harrison said.

On top of doubling their win total from last season, they officially became football postseason eligible with four wins.

Kickoff at Williams is set for 7 p.m.

## Live Oak

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Lions suffered a 35-14 defeat to the Winters Warriors in the opening week of Sacramento Valley League play on Friday, October 6.

Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton told the Herald that Winters ran the ball efficiently and time managed the clock well throughout the game.

The Lions also did have a couple of turnovers in the game and struggled to get any push on running the ball.

Live Oak (4-2, 0-1 SVL) did have success in the air as junior quarterback Aaron Rogers had his most completions (13) and passing yards (239) on the season as the Lions show ability to have a balanced offense throughout the season.

For the second straight week, senior linebacker Eben Jones led Live Oak in tackles (10). Junior defensive tackle Andrew Tapia had eight tackles and two tackles for loss.

Defensively, the Lions gave up around 300 rushing yards and Tilton gave credit to the Winters O-Line doing great blocking throughout the night and opened a lot of holes for their running backs.

Live Oak hits the road to Arbuckle tonight as they play at Pierce. Tilton told the Herald that junior middle linebacker Kyler Robinson is officially done with his three-game suspension that he served after getting ejected during the Gridley game back on September 15.

Kickoff at Pierce is set for 7 p.m. ★

# Little White Houses

*To sweep homeless camps, California cities must offer shelter*



An emergency non-congregate housing site in Chico on Sept. 6, 2023. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

By **Jeanne Kuang**,  
CalMatters.org

Cities in the West can't legally clear encampments unless they can provide adequate alternative shelter to the camp residents. But what, precisely, constitutes "adequate shelter?"

Is it one cot among dozens in a congregate shelter? A top bunk for an elderly person? An individual tiny home? A strip of asphalt, without electricity or water, where rows of people can set up their tents?

The definition is at the heart of debates raging across California in the five years since a federal appeals court ruled that it's cruel and unusual punishment to evict homeless people from public spaces when they have no other options. The 2018 decision on that Boise, Idaho case by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, binding on states in the West, did not require cities to set up enough shelter beds for their entire homeless population, but said it would be unconstitutional to criminally penalize people camping in public when they lack "access to adequate temporary shelter."

Last week a three-judge panel of that same court took another crack at the issue — this time declining to lift a temporary order that has, for nine months, halted San Francisco officials from sweeping the city's homeless camps.

The most recent order gave San Francisco officials confirmation that the city can sweep sites and cite residents who are "voluntarily" homeless: those refusing legitimate, adequate shelter offers. Officials said they haven't yet decided whether to do that.

California cities have been itching to get around the technical bounds of the Idaho ruling as constituents with homes complain about encampments in public spaces, citing public health and other concerns. Many local governments say they can ban encampments and that they have the alternative shelter options to enforce it.

Calling it a necessary form of tough love, they're cracking down on public camps, pairing an offer of shelter — or a stern prodding toward it — with the threat of arrest or fine. San Diego in late July began enforcing a ban on camps in most public places during the day; other cities that have recently passed camping restrictions include Sacramento, San Rafael and Culver City.

Some say the carrot-and-stick approach is too weak a response to flagrant public health and safety concerns on the streets.



People and dogs walking between pallet shelters at an emergency non-congregate housing site in Chico on Sept. 6, 2023. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

Others say it's an infringement on the rights of unhoused people who, if they refuse shelter because of personal circumstances, will get shuffled around town, lose belongings and contact with social workers, or be pushed to more remote or dangerous places to sleep.

Now Gov. Gavin Newsom says the state will intervene, arguing the courts had adopted a "perverse interpretation" of the Idaho case. Newsom, like other Democratic leaders, has blasted the judge's decision for tying officials' hands in street cleanups. He said in a Politico forum Tuesday evening that the state will file a brief supporting the city's attempt to overturn the injunction.

"I've had it. We're going to intervene," he said. "I hope this goes to the Supreme Court. And that's a hell of a statement for a just-gone Democrat. But it's just gone too far. People's lives are at risk."

Even if shelter spaces are open, unhoused people sometimes opt out.

Under the din of the Highway 99 overpass along the edge of Sacramento's urban core, a man emerged from his tent on a recent weekend morning and sat at a makeshift breakfast table, shaking a box of cereal.

The man, who would only identify himself as 53-year-old Eric D., said he'd lived at this encampment of about five tents for about a month. His last campsite was a few blocks away near a freeway exit, and highway patrol officers told him he had to leave. The officers had given him a pamphlet with information about social services and shelter; he said "most of the information, a lot of the homeless people already know."

Before the freeway exit site, Eric said he'd stayed at a shelter near downtown Sacramento for about two months, but said he got kicked out after missing the curfew three times. The third time, he said he had been staying with relatives while attending a family funeral. Now, he walks or takes the bus two miles from the tent to the community college where he takes classes twice a week, and a social worker visits him occasionally, helping him search for an apartment.

Eric said not all shelter experiences are comfortable and some people chafe at the rules. If he tries one again, he would want it to be near the community college.

"A lot of people are living harder than they need to," he said of life on the streets. "Me, I can't stand it."

His neighbor, Joel Martinez, bagged up trash on the sidewalk before sitting down to light a cigarette.

Martinez, 63, considers himself a caretaker for a friend he's met on the streets. She lives around the corner in a van, and that morning she was leaning on its hood partially clothed, chattering to herself. Martinez worries about leaving her alone.

"She talks to people we don't see or hear," he said. "People were taking advantage of her. I don't know if she'd fit in at a shelter."

Still, Martinez said, he's trying to talk her into moving indoors or to a sanctioned campground with him.

He said he understands why cities are moving to ban encampments, and said not all residents keep their camps clean, though some, he said, "police ourselves."

"I know people don't like to be reminded of the homelessness,"

he said. "But it's here, and it seems like the COVID thing really brought it all out."

Federal courts have rarely defined the adequacy of specific types of shelter — though in one extreme case a judge said some things simply don't count.

In Chico, a group of homeless residents sued the city in 2021 over its enforcement of a ban on camping on any public property. At the time, the city had 120 congregate shelter beds (capacity was diminished during the pandemic) and more than 570 unsheltered residents.

In response to the suit, officials opened a temporary sanctioned campground that summer where residents were allowed to park trailers or pitch tents. The city said it could accommodate its entire homeless population.

Federal District Court Judge Morrison C. England — upon finding that the campground was a strip of asphalt alongside the local airport on the outskirts of town, with one awning erected for shade — was unconvinced.

"This raises the question, 'What is shelter?'" he wrote, before quickly dismissing Chico's "asphalt tarmac with no roof and no walls, no water and no electricity."

Chico officials closed the airport site after less than three months, and last year settled the suit by agreeing to build a "pallet shelter" — 177 tiny homes — where those who are camping in a prohibited spot can be directed by outreach workers or police.

Under the settlement, when the city plans to sweep a camp, it must count the number of people living there and confirm there's enough open shelter beds for them, then notify the plaintiffs' attorneys and conduct outreach

to offer the residents shelter in a process that could take 17 days.

More than 300 people have stayed at the new site since April, either because the city was about to sweep their campsites or because they called the city shelter intake line themselves, said Amber Abney-Bass, executive director of the nonprofit Jesus Center which is contracted by the city to run the site. More than 140 of them left either for violating program rules or not returning to their bed for 72 hours, prompting the shelter to give the slot to somebody else, she said. Fourteen have moved on to more stable housing.

Abney-Bass said she's glad the case caused the city to create more beds, but she's wary that as congregate shelters fall out of favor, some will remain on the streets believing "nothing else is good enough" compared to a tiny home placement.

Her nonprofit has assessed more than 100 other people living on the streets since the settlement who have refused a shelter placement if they couldn't get into the tiny homes site.

In another case, in Sacramento, a federal judge has temporarily halted encampment sweeps during heat waves twice since last year, after advocates pointed out in court that the city had been directing unhoused people to a sanctioned campground on unshaded asphalt. The site, city attorney Susana Alcala Wood said, does have meals, showers, restrooms and social services.

The city has asked the 9th Circuit to weigh in.

"In order to advise my client as to what constitutes sufficient shelter, I need the court to tell me," Alcala Wood said. ★