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## Anthony's Celebrates New Location



The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce and Anthony Velazquez family came together to celebrate the grand opening of Anthony's Balloons with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Photo by Seti Long

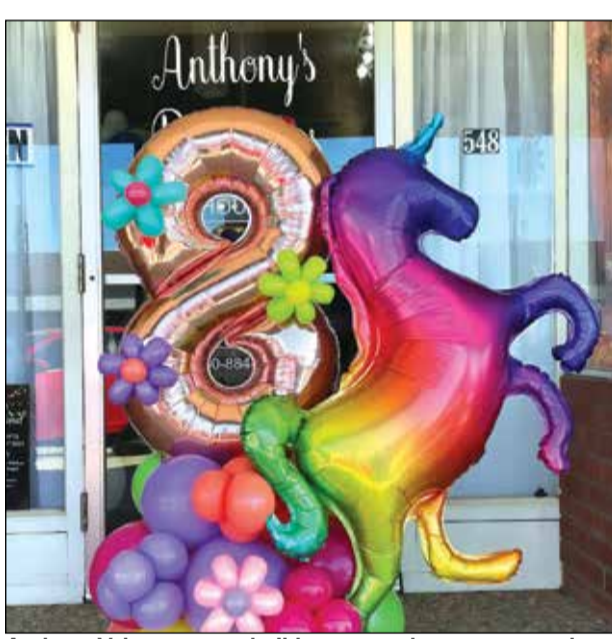
By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Under a handcrafted balloon arch, one of the business's specialties, Anthony's Balloons officially moved to its new location in downtown Gridley.

Anthony's Balloons creates custom balloon designs for an array of events, including bridal and baby showers, parties, weddings, and more.

Owner Anthony Velazquez began his business online and has been managing the ballooning enterprise ever since. The young businessman opened his first store-front location in downtown Biggs just over a year ago and has now moved it to Gridley.

Together with the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce and his family, Velazquez welcomed the public to share his joy in opening his new location with a ribbon cutting



Anthony Velazquez can build a custom bouquet around any theme for your next party or event. Photo provided by Anthony's Balloons

and open house, Friday afternoon.

Velasquez shared he was excited about the store's opening, telling the Herald he enjoyed the feeling of expanding and hoped everything would go well. He shares that he has had a

passion for balloons from a young age and that he has always dreamt of turning his hobby into a business. With his family and the community's support, Anthony's Balloons became a reality.

As guests browsed an

extensive array of balloons, from latex to mylar, and gifts, Velazquez explained that his new store is stocked with quality products at a range of price points, including the pre-made bags designed for arch and garland building in a wide spectrum of colors. He also carries a selection of props which his clients can choose from to customize their event backdrop and personally design their balloon color schemes if they wish.

Veronica Velazquez says, "It's really a one stop shop" for balloon decorative needs. Whether you want to Do-it-Yourself or enlist Velazquez's talents, Anthony's Balloons is ready to assist.

Anthony's Balloons is located at 548 Kentucky Street in Gridley and will be open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. You can also place orders online on the store's Facebook page. ★

## GUSD Teacher Arrested

Gridley Police Department News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On October 10, 2023, the Gridley Police Department (GPD) received information from a concerned parent regarding rumors of explicit photographs of a Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) teacher circulating among students. GPD Officers promptly began an investigation to determine the validity of the allegation. An evolving investigation with GPD Officers, along with Investigators from the Butte County District Attorney's Office (BCDA) produced evidence that more than just explicit photographs of a GUSD teacher were being circulated among students and the community.

The investigation revealed that GUSD teacher, Michelle Solis, was involved in a sexual relationship with a former student. In addition, evidence was obtained of other explicit photographs of Michelle Solis in the possession of the juvenile victim. Michelle Solis has been a teacher with the GUSD for 20 years. This is an ongoing collaborative investigation to determine the potential of other victims.

The Butte County District Attorney's Office as well as a Butte County Superior Court Judge reviewed the facts of the case and an arrest warrant was issued for Michelle Solis. On November 13, 2023 at 10:32 AM, Michelle Solis was arrested at her residence, no statement was provided by Michelle Solis due to her legal representation. Michelle Solis was later booked into the Butte County Jail for Felony 261.5(d) PC, Unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor under the age of 16.

The investigation is on-going and the Gridley Police Department urges any parents/guardians of any former or current students who have information regarding this investigation and/or information regarding other potential victims to speak up and not be silent. We as a community need to work in unity for justice in this matter.

The Gridley Police Department continues to work with the Butte County District Attorney's Office and the Gridley Unified School District in this investigation. As new information/evidence is uncovered, there may be additional charges for further violations filed.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Gridley Police Department, School Resource Officer Ashley Carson or Officer Emma Warren at (530) 846-5670. ★

## Schohr FFA National Champion

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Recently, Gridley High School FFA students traveled to the 96th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana for competition.

During the 4-day conference held November 1-4, 2023, FFA students from across the country attempted to best each other in various FFA divisions for national titles after securing championships at their state levels.

After a stunning recitation, Gridley's Joe Schohr would be named FFA National Champion in Creed.

Schohr says that he has spent hours training, working on his intonation, hand movements and eye contact to best share the FFA Creed, something that the young man has a passion for. He practiced by



FFA National Championship in Creed, Joe Schohr pictured with his gold medal. Photo provided by Gridley FFA

sharing his speech with others, including Gridley Rotary Group. The Rotarians had the pleasure of hearing Schohr speak at their October 26th meeting, providing feedback on

his presentation before his departure to Indiana. Even then, his performance was captivating and moving.

Each paragraph of the FFA Creed begins with "I believe" and it was clear

from Schohr's performance he truly did believe in the words he spoke.

Schohr hails from a long line of farmers, with four generations of his family farming rice and raising Hereford cattle here in northern California. "Growing up my life has always revolved around agriculture," says Schohr. "The FFA creed talks about the morals and values of agriculturists, and I have been raised with those values my whole life. Being able to take those ideas and speak at the national level was a huge honor."

Schohr would like to thank all those who helped him along his way to the national title. "I want to give a special thanks to my advisors, Ms. Vaca and Ms. Albani, as well as some of my biggest supporters and mentors, Mrs. Coughlin, Bella Albani, and my

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# Superintendent's Official Statement for Immediate Release



Justin Kern, GUSD Superintendent. Courtesy photo

School District takes matters of this nature with the utmost seriousness and promptly reported the allegations to the appropriate external authorities, including law enforcement, and have been actively cooperating with the appropriate agencies since the initial report. While I cannot provide further comments on an ongoing investigation or active personnel matters, it is essential to emphasize the gravity of these allegations and charges. While we refrain from making premature judgments about the actions of the staff member facing prosecution, it is crucial to reiterate the district's stance against any inappropriate contact between a district employee and a student. Such behavior will NOT be tolerated. I recognize this situation may have consequences that extend beyond those directly involved, especially within our close-knit community. I kindly request that everyone respects the ongoing process. Engaging

in rumors, speculation, or conducting unofficial judicial proceedings on social media is counterproductive and disrespectful. Such behavior only exacerbates the trauma and stress experienced by those affected and can have a negative impact on our educational community beyond the scope of the investigation.

Finally, I am shattered to have to address a situation of this nature. Such actions outlined in the charges filed undermine and erode confidence in our schools and with our staff, while causing a great disruption in many personal relationships throughout our community. With that said, the safety and well-being of children will always be the primary concern of this District and appropriate measures will be taken to ensure this priority is addressed.

Sincerely,

Justin Kern  
Superintendent

The following represents the Gridley Unified School District's official statement regarding the ongoing investigation leading to the arrest of a district employee this morning. First, I appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Gridley Police Department, the Butte County District Attorney's Office, and our Human Resources Office as they have methodically and carefully examined this case. Further I would like to acknowledge that the employee in question has been on Administrative Leave since the initial allegation of unprofessional conduct was made known. The Gridley Unified

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

**CORRECTION** - it has been presented to this columnist that errors have been found in previous renditions of the Pi Line. Knowing that people always gravitate toward and read retractions, corrections, and apologies, we start this week's Pi Line with a single clarification and a pair of corrections. First, high fructose corn syrup in Egg Nog has not been proven by the FDA to have any adverse side effects in humans. Next, Robert Miller, a well-known civic leader and prominent Catholic lay leader, was referred to in this column as "Robbie Miller." While I attribute the error to the time I spent with Mr. Miller in local schools many years ago, it was indeed an error on my part to refer to him by his kid name. A second error brought to the attention of the Herald is the mis-spelling of Mrs. Doug Eidson's name. To set the record straight, Sharon Eidson's last name is spelled Eidson, not Edson. For those of you still confused, this is the Sharon, who started the legendary Bronze Cue Restaurant in 1965; she also managed the Gridley Pharmacy during that business' peak years, when it surpassed Spruce Drug and Thrifty to become the number one best-rated Pharmacy in Gridley (and Live Oak). If none of those data points clear up the issue, she is Lisa, Dean, Linda, and Debbie's Mom and "Nana"

to Kelsey, Kasey, Ally, Maddy, Kylie, Karson, Tyler, Riley & Landry. Mrs. Eidson contacted the Pi Line and started a community effort to find Mandarins before Christmas, as the above-mentioned grandchildren love getting Mandarins at Grandma's house.

Speaking of Mandarins, local Armenian Community spokesman Al Tarzian, upon hearing of the current Mandarin crisis threatening to upset everyone's Holiday plans, directed me to the Irving Orchards at 307 OBrien Avenue as a potential source for the Vitamin C-rich citrus.

Many people remember the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco and the associated fires. But the Gridley and Oroville Fires of 1905 were also a big deal. In July of 1905, Gridley was visited by a fire, which wiped out almost the entire business district. The loss was estimated at \$104,000. On August 23rd of the same year, Oroville was hit with a fast-moving fire as well, the loss of which was estimated to be \$50,000. The fire burned on the north side of Montgomery Street between Huntoon and Lincoln Streets and down Lincoln into Chinatown and the Tenderloin (I did not know Oroville had one of these) section. In fighting the flames, John Preston, a fireman, was killed by a falling wall. To understand the damage costs, here is the calculation - \$154,000 in 1905 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$5,386,307. Ms. Watson (God rest her soul) and Mrs. Ostling, my terrific Gridley High School math teachers, would be proud of me for figuring that one out.

To continue with the

"start Christmas celebrations before Thanksgiving" movement led by my #4 daughter Mokie, this week's Pi Line Christmas/Hanukkah Food Review highlights a local delicacy tested and approved by my #1 daughter, Reagan. This award-winning snack will make a great Holiday gift - as well as serving as a tremendous conversation starter. Have you ever eaten a sprouted walnut? From the Riverwood Ranch off Steadman Road in Biggs, Jenn Kramer is taking the snack world by storm with her Tenderly Rooted brand, Sprouted Walnuts. Sprouting, a natural process, does two things: it releases bound-up nutrition, and it breaks down the protective barrier around the nut. This 100% natural biological process increases "bio-availability" of all the wholesome walnut goodness to your body. Many people who love Walnuts but have an adverse allergic reaction find these sprouted-type nuts to be the answer to their many prayers, as sprouted nuts are milder and easier to eat. Since your mouth will not be hurting, it will be ready for the many unique and creative flavors, like Jalapeño Lime, Cinnamon Roll, Herbed Balsamic, and Salt & Vinegar. I suggest you move fast before they sell out for Christmas/Hanukkah and get stocked up now. You can order these locally grown delights online at tenderlyrooted.com, and if you choose local pick-up, you can get them at the farm and not pay for shipping. These nuts are a unique (and locally grown) culinary delight.

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Views expressed here are solely his own.

# Schohr FFA National Champion

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Schohr plans to continue his work involvement in the National FFA

Organization and hopes to further his education after high school, attending university to earn a degree in ruminant genetics.

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# VFW Needs Your Shoes

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Warren H. McCutcheon Gridley VFW Post 5731 is hosting a fundraiser to aid impoverished and developing nations.

Gridley VFW is asking the community for donations of gently worn, used and new shoes. At the completion of the shoe drive, the footwear will be weighed, and the total weight of the collection will determine the amount of money raised.

Gridley VFW states in a media release that, "In the US alone, over 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away yearly. The materials used to manufacture shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used, and new shoes

to the Warren H. McCutcheon VFW Post 5731, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference."

VFW has made three drop locations available to the public. Donations can be made at Biggs East Mini Storage at 428 Biggs East Hwy., Biggs, CA (530)868-1627 7 days/week 8 am-6 pm (closed on holidays), Mac's Hardware and Rental/Market at 550 E. Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA Monday-Saturday 6 am-6 pm Sunday 8 am-5 pm, and the City of Gridley Recreation Department located inside of Manuel Vierra Park (194 Washington St., Gridley, CA) Monday-Thursday 9 am-2 pm.

This fundraiser is ongoing until January 31, 2024. For more information, please email VFW Post 5731 at gridleycavfwpost@gmail.com.

Gridley Parks & Recreation is excited to announce it's

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# North Valley Secures Championship!



Bottom row left to right: Lochlan Triebold, Antonio Reyes, Maverick Cable, Steven Patterson  
 Middle row left to right: Adrian San Miguel, Tristan Huesser, David Taranto, Jaden Solis, Marcos Sarabia, JJ Victorino, Ty Egan. Coaches in back row: Manuel Reyes, Javier Solis, Jesse Egan, Steven Patterson. Photo courtesy of North Valley

## North Valley 12U Coaching Staff

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - North Valley wasted no time preparing for one more tournament when being told there was a team from Bend, Oregon who is currently ranked as the number two team in state this past summer for 12u All-Stars.

North Valley got to play the Junior Cougars from Mountain View in the semi-final game where North Valley played their best and most challenging game of the season. The Jr. Cougars

wasted no time scoring 1 run in the first. North Valley answered back with back-to-back runs in the first and second inning.

The score remained tied until the bottom of the fifth when North Valley scored 3 runs and secured the win 5-2 over the Cougars. North Valley went on to win the 6-4-3 Tournament in Redding going undefeated beating Cottonwood Crush 7-3 for the Championship game on Sunday.

North Valley ends their season 49-17-1 and will start back up in February for their 2024 season. ★

# Readying for Wonderland

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Our community is readying for the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce's Winter Wonderland Parade and tree lighting.

The holiday festivities will begin December 6th at 5:30 p.m. As tradition, the community will gather around the towering evergreen on the Orchard Hospital campus for the flick of a switch that will launch our town into the Christmas spirit, as our living tree comes to life in color.

What follows next is quickly becoming a beloved part of our community's holiday celebrations.

From 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Gridley's downtown corridor will be alive with activities for guests, including the opportunity to browse food and craft vendors for the perfect gifts, enjoy live music, and do selfies with princesses and Olaf. At 6:30, people will line the streets of Virginia and Hazel in anticipation of the exciting Parade of Lights.

The Chamber is still pushing for more parade entries, but at this time boasts a large selection of vendors, with only five spots remaining for those interested in participating in the event.

For more information or to register your parade entry, please visit the Chamber of Commerce at 890 Hazel Street, Gridley, or call (530) 846-3142. ★



A woman in the crowd gives a wave at last year's Parade of Lights. Photo courtesy of Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce



The Armed Forces were represented at last year's Parade of Lights. Photo courtesy of Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

# 18-Year-Old Sentenced to Prison for Oroville Drive-by Shooting

## Butte County District Attorney News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man was sentenced today to nine years in state prison for charges stemming from a drive-by shooting outside of an Oroville residence in May of this year.

Aidan Romero Sewall, 18, had earlier pleaded no contest in Butte County Superior Court to a count of assault with a semiautomatic firearm causing great bodily injury.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charge stemmed from an incident on May 28, 2023, when Oroville Police were called to a Spencer Avenue residence on a shooting. When they arrived at the residence, they located a 21-year-old male with a gunshot to his arm. The victim described being in front of the residence with friends when a black Infiniti sedan drove by. The victim heard a gunshot and then felt his arm get "flung in the air." A closer examination showed he suffered a single through-and-through gunshot

wound to his right upper forearm.

Some of the victim's friends at the scene described seeing a gun appear from the window of the black Infiniti just before the gunshot was heard. The gun was described as a 9mm Glock semi-auto pistol. A 9mm spent casing was located at the scene of the shooting. None of the witnesses were either willing or able to provide police with names or a description of any of the occupants of the Infiniti. However, a couple of hours after the shooting, a black Infiniti was stopped by police in Oroville driven by Aidan Sewall's twin brother, Riley Sewall. It was determined Riley was the driver of the Infiniti at the time of the shooting.

After an extensive and painstaking investigation, the detectives determined Aidan was a passenger with Riley at the time of the shooting. Aidan was detained by Red Bluff Police on June 26, 2023, on a separate felony assault charge in Tehama County. During questioning about the Oroville shooting, he admitted shooting what he described as a "ghost Glock" towards the victim, claiming

he was acting in self-defense when he saw the victim reaching for his waistband, but then admitted he did not see a firearm. More evidence was obtained suggesting the shooting was an act of retaliation for an incident that occurred the evening before involving Aidan, Riley, and some of the victim's friends.

At today's sentencing hearing, the defense argued Aidan Sewall should receive a lower term of six years because he was only 18 at the time of the offense. However, prosecutors pointed out Aidan was a self-admitted street gang member and had many photos of himself with guns on his social media. Judge Corie Caraway ruled the middle term of nine years was more appropriate because Aidan had engaged in violent conduct that indicated he was a serious danger to society.

Riley Sewall has been charged with, and is currently being sought for, a charge of accessory after the fact in connection with his twin's case. Anyone knowing his location is encouraged to call the Oroville Police Department. ★



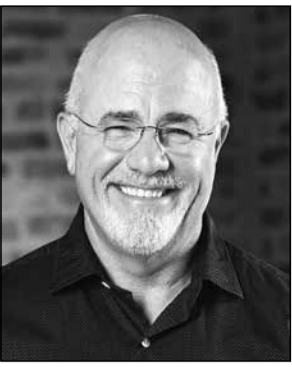
Princess Elsa and Anna from "Frozen" attended last year's Parade of Lights. Photo by Seti Long

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**Risk is Real**

**Dave Ramsey Says**

get a renter, and the house doesn't sell. It puts your family in jeopardy, so to me it's not an option.

Want my honest opinion? I think you've both got a case of house fever right now. The possibility I just mentioned isn't a rare occurrence. Lots of people have had the same idea, with the best of intentions, and still wound up in a big mess. I love real estate. I mean I really love real estate. And I've flipped more than a few houses in my day. But the particulars of this deal make me a little nervous. If you and your husband are willing to accept the possibility of things not working out like you planned—and the fact you might have to take additional jobs for an unknown length of time just to make ends meet—then it might be a play. But for me? Nope. I don't like putting myself into these

kinds of situations.

When I was much younger, I was willing to do all kinds of dangerous stuff and ignore the risk. But going broke decades ago knocked that kind of thinking out of me in a hurry. Any deal that runs the risk of leaving you bankrupt, or the victim of a foreclosure, just isn't worth it, Erin.

— 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. ★*

Dear Dave,

My husband and I want to do a live-in and flip real estate purchase. The idea is to buy a fixer-upper and rent out the basement to help with the mortgage payments. How do you feel about ideas like this?

— Erin

Dear Erin,

In a situation like this you need to do a basic business analysis. You've got to have a plan in place, and you've got to figure out the worst-case scenario. Part of this is determining whether you can survive if things fall apart. In this case, the worst case is that you can't

**Thoughts to Ponder**

by Kathy Neal

**Gridley United Methodist Church**



Do you have an "idol" you lift up or bow down to? I don't mean a large carved lion, or a flying angel, or a large pole you use to worship. These were all used ancient world because the people feared the universe (sun, moon, stars, and their happenings), worshiped gods of harvest, planting, fertility, that could be half animal and half human forms.

When God created man, it was for a close relationship, and one of honor and dignity with man. It was because man feared and knew very little of God's power. Then people began to place their faith and trust in pieces of wood, stone, or gold. Even the Hebrews during the Exodus did.

Man today still has idols in life. Things like prized possessions, people with famous names or careers, love of power and strength, or rulers of countries. Some use small emblems of religious leaders long passed as a symbol of religion. But the fact is none of these can save

us, protect us, rescue us, or carry us through life. Why? They are not alive or real. There is only one Living God and He told us not to have any graven images to worship. Speaking to dead trees, or a molded statue, thinking they will supply our needs is fruitless and most sinful.

Look at your life for what you are thankful for and see if it causes you to forget God, others, or even family. What have you made an idol of? Money can't save you or even buy your way into heaven. Power and success will only last for awhile until someone else has more power or becomes more successful.

All that you collect here on earth will stay here when you pass. You can't take it with you. Please empty your hearts, your minds, your bodies of desires than can't keep you safe, rescue you, or protect you. Only God has that power and means to do so.

*We worship Sundays at 10 am. Our address is 285 Magnolia Street. ★*

**Gridley Thumbs and Roots**



By Barbara Ott

have "making the world a better place," on my side. Turns out there are a lot of creatures, including insects, that survive the winter underneath the leaves. Over the years these creatures adapted to life in the temperate forest. With fewer forests and large urban areas, it's a challenge for those creatures to survive the winter.

Another idea is to let old bloomed out flowers and stems stay until spring for winter shelter. Native bees are prone to survive in hollow stems. When I prune my Crepe Myrtle, I always find Praying Mantis egg cases on the branches. Usually, I see them after I've cut the branch. I collect them on the twig or branch and put them in a protected place. I know

they survive this process because I see the itty-bitty Praying Mantis babies every spring.

When fall chores lead to trimming trees, bushes and shrubs, collect the trimmings, make a brush pile in the corner of your yard. I'd say the exception to leaving any debris under trees is your fruit trees. They need clean understories to protect against disease and insect invasion. The brush away from the fruit trees will serve as a winter habitat for reptiles and amphibians. Birds, too, will take advantage of your brush pile, using it to seek shelter during winter storms or as a roosting spot. Be aware that visiting cats will take advantage of this habitat. This is a side effect of town habitat gardens. ★



**Delay in Passing Farm Bill Could Cut Off Federal Support for Dairy Farmers**

Dairy farmers are bracing for the "dairy cliff." That is the term for what happens if the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program is allowed to expire. The program offers monthly price support payments to dairy farmers. If Congress fails to pass a new, five-year farm bill or approve an extension of current legislation by the end of this year, those payments will cease. That would harm dairies, increase milk prices and cause supply-chain disruptions. "It would be disastrous for the dairy industry," said Matthew Viohl, California Farm Bureau director of federal policy.

**Pistachio Production Surge Stirs Worries of Oversupply, Price Drops**

After harvesting a record crop this year, California pistachio growers say they're looking to processors to expand use of the nut and drive up sales as more trees go in the ground and come into production. Already, some growers voice concern the sector may be growing too fast, with projections that California pistachio acreage will near 811,300 and production will reach 2.08 billion pounds by 2031. "I'm afraid of oversupply and under demand," said Fresno County grower Greg Meyers. American Pistachio Growers estimates state bearing acreage will rise by more than 5% a year.

**Agricultural Leaders Urge Action on Improving Ports for Farm Exports**

Officials for Bay Area ports and leaders of California agricultural associations met last week to brainstorm on solutions to better facilitate farm exports from state ports, which a 2021 study called "the least efficient in the world." At a San Francisco hearing held by the California Assembly Committee on Ports and Goods Movement, farming leaders and port directors discussed port shortcomings during the pandemic that stranded farm goods, including tree nuts, rice and wine, and continue to challenge the movement of freight within California.

**Palm Weevil Blamed for Mass Destruction on Palms in San Diego County**

An insect is wreaking havoc on palm trees in San Diego County. The South American palm weevil, also referred to as the American palm weevil and black palm weevil, was first detected in the region 2011 and breeding populations were later found in a Canary Island date palm in San Ysidro in 2015. Weevils have been blamed for killing more than 20,000 palms in the region. Though no infestation has been confirmed, the insect has been reported in the Coachella Valley, a major production area for edible dates about 120 miles northeast of San Diego. ★

**Suspect Arrested for Possessing Drugs for Sale, Firearms and Explosives**

BINTF News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On November 9th, 2023, Agents from the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) and Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) of the Butte County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the Paramount Trailer Park, 2328 Esplanade Number 32, in Chico, CA.

Upon service of the warrant at that trailer, the sole occupant and subject of the warrant, 70-year-old Randel Keith Forbes, was safely detained inside the trailer.

During a search of the trailer, pursuant to the search warrant, Agents located and seized the following evidence items:

- 40.5 grams of Methamphetamine (Presumptive);
- Digital Scale and Further Evidence Indicating Sales of Controlled Substances;
- 10 grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms;
- 1.5 grams of Dimethyltryptamine (DMT);
- (12) Firearms;
- (6) Rifles, (4) Handguns and (2) Shotguns (Three of the Firearms had been Reported Stolen);
- 1,000 Rounds of Ammunition (Approximate);
- (3) Blasting Caps (Intended for Detonating Explosives);
- Military Signal Flare (Designed to be fired from a Rifle Grenade Launcher);



BINTF seized a number of explosive materials including a military signal flare for a Grenade Launcher; Black Powder; Cannon Fuse and other related items. Photo courtesy of BINTF

(2) Pounds (Approximate) of Black Powder; Cannon Fuse and other related items.

During the search, Agents located suspected explosive devices. As such, a Bomb Technician from the Chico Police Department and member of the Butte Interagency Bomb Squad was requested to respond. The Bomb Technician identified several explosive items that are illegal to possess and recovered them for evidence and public safety purposes.

Mr. Forbes was arrested for the following offenses, and booked into the Butte County Jail:

- Possession of Methamphetamine while Armed with a Loaded Firearm (11370.1(a) HS)
- Possession of Methamphetamine for

Purposes of Sales (11378 HS)

Possession of a Destructive Device (18715(a)(3) PC)

Possession of Stolen Property (Multiple Counts) (496(a) PC)

Additional charges may be sought upon further investigation.

For questions or information regarding this media release please contact Commander Michael O'Brien via email at [mobrien@buttecounty.net](mailto:mobrien@buttecounty.net) or by phone at (530) 552-5632.

The purpose of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) is to investigate violations of the law involving controlled substances and criminal street gangs in the County of Butte, to include all incorporated cities of the County of Butte. ★

**Hung Jury in Double No-Body Homicide Trial**

Butte County District Attorney News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Another hung jury was declared on November 13, 2023, in the second trial of a Gridley man for the murder of two Alabama men, whose bodies have yet to be found.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway declared a mistrial in the trial of Ricardo Banuelos, 32, following a twenty-day jury trial and three days of jury deliberations. The mistrial was declared when the jury foreperson stated the jury was deadlocked at seven to five for guilt on the two counts of murder.

In the summer of 2022, a previous jury had deadlocked nine to three for guilt on the murder counts. That jury however did unanimously find Banuelos guilty of a felony for transporting marijuana out of state which carries a maximum of four years in state prison.

Ramsey said the case was a result of an investigation launched in November of 2021 when family members of two men from Alabama reported the men missing. The investigation revealed the two men had come to California to purchase marijuana from Banuelos. The men's cell

phone trail ended at Banuelos' residence on East Evans Reimer Road in Gridley.

Friends and family of both John Dubose Jr., 20, of Selma, Alabama, and Ladexter Pelt, 25, of Eutaw, Alabama, told investigators they had no contact with either man since November 4, 2021.

Physical evidence found in a detached garage at Banuelos' residence led investigators to believe the men were killed on Banuelos's property.

Ramsey said the bodies of the two missing men have not been located.

Ramsey said investigators are actively searching for Ricardo Banuelos's brother, Alfredo Banuelos, 37, who is wanted for murder in connection with this case.

Ramsey said no decision has been made on whether to seek a re-trial.

Ricardo Banuelos is next due in court on December 13, 2023, for either resetting the jury trial or felony sentencing for transporting marijuana out of state. The transportation charge relates to earlier sales by Ricardo Banuelos to the missing men.

Ramsey encouraged anyone with information about this case, the location of the victims' bodies, or the whereabouts of Alfredo Banuelos to contact the Butte County Sheriff's detectives at (530) 538-7671. ★

## Local Fire Agencies and Non-Profits Awarded \$200,054 in Wildfire Safety Funding

**PG&E Communications  
News Release**

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - The California Fire Foundation (CFF), with support from The PG&E Corporation Foundation (The PG&E Foundation), has awarded wildfire safety grants to 49 local fire departments, fire agencies and community groups in Northern and Central California. This is the sixth year these grants have been awarded to help communities bolster their disaster preparedness and response programs.

Within PG&E's North Valley & Sierra Division, 17 grants totaling \$222,054 have been awarded to fire departments, fire protection districts and nonprofit organizations in Shasta, Tehama, Lassen, Butte, Colusa, Sierra, Placer and El Dorado counties.

Receiving grants for creating defensible space, vegetation management and fuels and hazard reduction are:

City of Auburn Fire Department, \$20,000; City of Red Bluff Fire Department, \$25,000; Camp Alta in Placer County, \$17,000

Receiving grants to purchase personal protective equipment and specialized equipment for firefighters:

Cottonwood Fire Protection District in Shasta County: \$13,500; Downieville Fire Protection District in Sierra County, \$15,526; Little Valley Volunteer Fire Department in Lassen County, \$15,351; Pioneer Fire Protection District in El Dorado County, \$16,680; Sacramento River Fire Protection District in Colusa County, \$9,240; Tehama Conservation Fund, \$20,000; Williams Fire Protection Authority in Colusa County, \$6,209

Receiving grants to conduct public safety education and outreach activities:

El Dorado Hills Fire Department, \$5,000; Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council, \$4,000; Lakehead Volunteer Fire Company 54 in Shasta County, \$25,000; North Valley Animal Disaster Group in Butte County, \$5,046; North Valley Catholic Social Services in Butte County, \$4,500; West Slope Foundation in El Dorado County, \$15,000; Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council in Butte County, \$5,000

The 49 wildfire safety grants throughout Northern and Central California — totaling \$730,000 this year — have been distributed to agencies in high wildfire-risk

areas with the goal of strengthening their disaster readiness and response. The grants announcement comes during National Preparedness Month, observed each September to raise awareness of the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that can happen at any time.

Since 2018, 314 fire departments and fire agencies statewide have received \$3.79 million in direct funding through the grant program as part of WSPP, and each year the program receives more applications than the prior year. Funding targets specific communities identified as having extreme or elevated fire risk as identified by the California Public Utilities Commission High Fire-Threat District map.

The WSPP focuses on two key areas to help keep communities safe:

A wildfire safety campaign that features fire safety education, developed by CFF, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Hmong to promote early evacuation during fires. The WSPP has worked diligently to overcome language barriers by developing and distributing in-language fire-safety messaging. This campaign includes advertising on radio, television and digital ads, as well as outdoor billboards in high fire-threat areas.

A grant program administered by the CFF through an application process. The CFF awards grants to recipient fire departments, agencies and community groups in support of projects and programs focusing on wildfire/disaster prevention, preparedness and/or relief and recovery assistance.

How the WSPP Help Communities Grantees this year utilized grant funding for the following critical outcomes:

2,800 pieces of personal protection equipment (PPE) secured including helmets, boots, gloves, goggles, and fire shelters; Fuel reductions/vegetation management; 176 acres of hazardous tree and brush removal; 380,500 pounds of tree limbs, branches and other combustibles chipping and hauling; 25 prescribed fires or pile burns; Fire safety education provided across Butte, El Dorado, Marin, Placer, San Luis Obispo, and Sonoma Counties, potentially benefiting over 1.8 million residents; 236 pieces of specialized equipment which include:

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## 3 Ways to Take the Stress Out of Holiday Hosting



Donut snowmen prepared on skewers. Photo courtesy StatePoint

**From StatePoint**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The holiday season is one of the best times of the year! Between cooking, cleaning and keeping guests entertained, it can also be pretty demanding on your time and energy.

In fact, during the holiday season, adults are five times more likely to say the level of stress in their life increases rather than decreases, according to the American Psychiatric Institute.

This year, make life easier for yourself with these stress-reducing holiday entertaining tips:

### MEAL PREP

Getting ahead on meal prep can mean more time spent with friends and family. If you're tasked with serving a big holiday meal, prep the main dishes a day or two ahead of time so you can just pop them into the oven the day of your holiday feast. You can also brine and season turkey, prepare your glaze and score the ham, chop veggies and pre-mix salad dressings the night before. Festive beverages can be batched in advance so guests can easily serve themselves, helping you stay calm and collected during your party. And of course, don't feel shy about asking friends and family to contribute a dish.

### HAVE DESSERT READY

Whether you're throwing a holiday bash or expecting overnight guests, you'll be the host with the most if you have delicious desserts on hand. Fortunately, serving baked goods made with care and quality ingredients is easier than

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### PLAN A GAME NIGHT

If your overnight guests will be spending more than a night or two at your home, you can keep them happy and entertained with some activities that require very little planning but are a lot of fun. For example, you can organize a game night, which is a nice way to maximize your time together. Pick a few games that are well-suited for the size of the crowd and the age of the players. Remember, the best choices for a party are games that inspire conversations, teamwork and creativity. Or plan a movie marathon, picking some holiday themed crowd favorites in advance. You can simplify feeding your guests during these low-key activities by putting out some finger foods like crudité, popcorn, pretzels and donut holes.

With a few tips and strategies, you can ensure holiday entertaining goes as smoothly as possible. ★

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- Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

#### STORING 9-VOLT BATTERIES:

- Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- Store batteries standing up:
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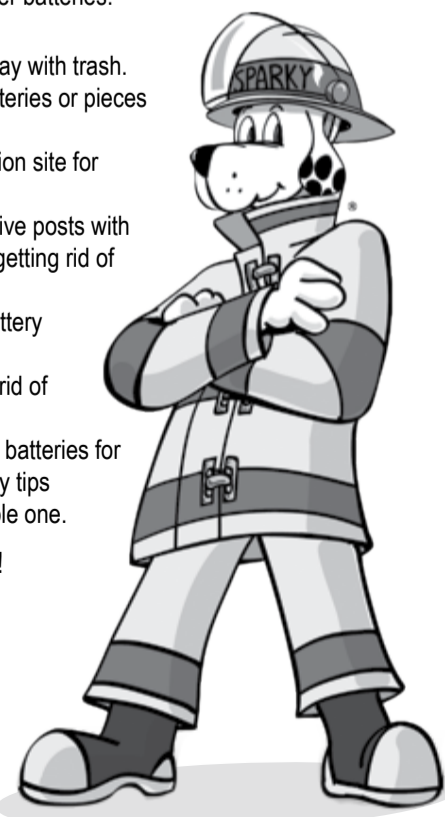
#### DISPOSAL:

- 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.
- Some states do not allow any type of battery to be disposed of with trash. Check with your city or town for the best way to get rid of batteries.

So, when you are preparing to stock up on batteries for the holidays, remember these simple safety tips to keep your holidays a safe and memorable one.

Thank You, and Happy Holidays!!

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# 'Walnut-Buying Period' Announced in Yuba-Sutter

**Yuba County News Release**

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sutter and Yuba County Agricultural Commissioners Lisa Herbert and Stephen Scheer announced on November 1, 2023, the walnut-buying period beginning Monday, Nov. 6, will end April 30, 2024, pursuant to the Counties' Walnut Theft Prevention ordinances.

The ordinances were established to deter thefts from commercial walnut growers by creating a timeframe for walnut purchases, as well as the use of documentation to identify walnut growers.

Walnuts are one of the highest-valued agricultural commodities in both Yuba and Sutter Counties. According to the Sutter County 2021 Crop Report there

were 39,413 harvested acres in Sutter County with a market value of \$121,405,000. The Yuba County 2021 Crop Report reported 17,193 harvested acres with a market value of \$55,705,000.

"The Walnut Theft Prevention ordinances are intended to deter theft, and proof of ownership is a mandatory requirement of the ordinances," stated Herbert.

The walnut-buying period is the declared conclusion of harvest of the Chandler variety of walnuts by the Agricultural Commissioner, after consultation with walnut growers, during which non-processing walnut buying operations within Sutter and Yuba County may lawfully purchase and receive walnuts that have not been dried or processed.

For more information or to access a proof of ownership form approved by these offices please see the Agricultural Commissioner's website: (Sutter County - <https://bit.ly/2G7wsja>) (Yuba County - <https://bit.ly/2HAXNKW>).

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Barbee Studio, 538 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Tammie S Barbee, and Walter L Barbee 701 E Lassen Avenue #95, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: September 26, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 25, 2023. This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023)  
**BARBEE 11-24-23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000920**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Eye Center Optical Group, 3401 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973  
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Date filed in Butte County: October 25, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 20, 2023. This Business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023)  
**CHICO 11-24-23**

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**SIPSTERS 12-1-23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000569**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Quality Direct, 5099 Royal Oaks Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Kathy M Sharman and William P Sharman, 5099 Royal Oaks Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: June 16, 2023, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 12, 2023. This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023)  
**QUALITY 11-24-23**

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**BAPAS 12-8-23**

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**LIVE 12-8-23**

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**BAPAS 12-8-23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000882**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Waterbury Farms, 1333 West Liberty Road, Gridley, CA 95948  
Corina Y Waterbury and Eric E Waterbury, 1534 Block Road, PO Box 193, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: October 9, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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**WATERBURY 12-1-23**

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**FULFILLING 12-8-23**

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV02791**

Petitioner Tara L Keller filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Tara Leigh Keller to Tara Leigh Blessed.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing November 29, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 11, 2023  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Oct 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 2023  
**KELLER 11-17-23**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV02756**

Petitioner Aiden Timothy Paul Cunningham filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Aiden Timothy Paul Cunningham to Cole Steven Bridges.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 6, 2023  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023  
**CUNNINGHAM 12-8-23**

## SUMMONS

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV00611 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: William Dana Anderson and does 1 to 10, Inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Butte Credit.**

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or

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# Bulldogs End Lions Season in First Playoff Meeting

Story by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA** - The Gridley Bulldogs moved onto the semifinals of the California Interscholastic Federation Northern Section Division III playoffs as they beat their cross-town rival Live Oak Lions in a 31-12 victory in the opening round on Friday, November 10.

The victory for Gridley was their first playoff win and trip to the NS semifinals since the 2018 season.

The Bulldogs had a commanding 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter and instead of saying it was over, Live Oak didn't give up and made it a game.

Gridley built its commanding lead after junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill scored on an 8-yard touchdown rush to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead with a tad over eight minutes left in the first quarter.

On the Lions first offensive play from scrimmage, they fumbled the ball and Gridley senior safety Cesareo Villalobos scooped and scored a 46-yard touchdown off a fumble recovery to give the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead.

The nightmare continued for Live Oak on the ensuing kick-off as a returner called for a fair catch off the pooch kick by the Bulldogs and it became a live ball as it stayed in bounce and became a live ball after the Lions player didn't go for the ball, so Gridley recovered and had the ball deep in Live Oak territory.

Stogsdill found sophomore wide receiver Riley Engelmann for a 13-yard touchdown reception to take a 21-0 lead. The Lions were able to eventually get an offensive play off and their defense settled in as well as Bulldogs junior kicker Nolan Weagant added a 37-yard field goal with a little less than nine minutes to go in the first half.

Stogsdill threw a career high 175 yards in the air along with two passing touchdowns.

The Live Oak defense had a



Live Oak senior wide receiver Noah Cuevas (3) scores a touchdown in the Lions 31-12 loss on Friday, November 10 at Gridley. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Gridley senior safety Cesareo Villalobos (7) intercepts a Live Oak pass in the Gridley 31-12 victory over the Lions on Friday, November 10. Photo by Chris Pedigo

great string of shutting down the Gridley offense until the later part of the third quarter.

The Lions scored on the opening drive of the second half when junior quarterback Aaron Rogers found senior wide receiver Noah Cuevas for

a 40-yard touchdown pass.

Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton told the Herald turning the ball over was a huge reason in the defeat as the Lions had five turnovers throughout the game.

The game was still in reach for Live Oak with a little over 10

minutes left in the game as sophomore cornerback Ian Miranda recovered a loose ball and scored on a 43-yard fumble recovery touchdown to cut the deficit 31-12 after another failed two-point attempt.

Eventually time ran out and

the Bulldogs defense wasn't willing to give anymore leeway as it was another all-around team effort defensively as the Gridley defense continued to show why it's one of the premier defenses in the NS.

The Gridley defense was once again successful on stopping the rushing attack of the Lions pair of junior running backs Mario Ramirez and Tanner Tillotson.

Although the Lions season ended, their future looks bright moving into next season. Tilton expressed to the Herald they will bring back a good core and foundation of their team into next year.

Tilton told the Herald instead of rebuilding, they will be growing the program with the building blocks in place like Ramirez, Tillotson and Rogers.

Live Oak will join the Butte View League next year, so the Harvest Bowl will be played later in the second half of the season.

Bulldogs head coach Mike Meyer told the Herald postgame he was proud of his team for getting the win and they need to clean up mistakes, but he's ready for the next round at Orland tonight.

He added that defensively it's a true team defense because if a player doesn't fulfill their job assignment, there will be a gap/hole in the defense.

Stogsdill expressed to the Herald it was special as the first playoff victory for Gridley being at home. He added his family ties included his cousins being on the last Bulldogs playoff victorious team, so it felt good to be a part of that.

Gridley has a date with Orland tonight as they look to avenge their 35-14 loss in the BVL title two weeks ago.

Bulldogs sophomore linebacker/offensive lineman Jason Davis Jr. told the Herald the adjustments include minimizing their mistakes and stuffing the run of the Orland offense.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. ★

# Biggs Handles Braves, Heads to Weed for Semis

Story by Steven Bryla

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The Biggs Wolverines football team advanced to the California Interscholastic Federation Northern Section Division V semifinals for the second consecutive year as they beat the Modoc Braves 35-6 on Friday, November 10.

Biggs turned on the scoreboard lights in the second quarter when senior running back Brody Hudson ran into the end zone for the first of his two rushing touchdowns on the night to put the Wolverines up 7-0.

On the ensuing possession, the Biggs defense came up with a huge stand as they forced Modoc to turn the ball over on downs inside the Wolverines five-yard line.

Biggs took a 7-0 lead into the half.

The defense for the Wolverines was a nightmare for Modoc in the second half as Biggs forced four turnovers by the Braves, including three interceptions and a forced fumble.

Modoc did get a late rushing touchdown, but it was clear the Wolverines weren't giving up more than that.

Biggs head coach Brian Harrison told the Herald prior to the game the Braves were a great football team as they had a one-possession loss to No. 1 and No. 2 seeds Portola and Weed in Division V during the season.

"We knew they weren't going to be a pushover game," Harrison said.

He added one of the biggest positives of the game was Biggs took care of the football and it was clear the turnovers made a huge impact on the field position battle.

Wolverines senior running back Zach Smith led the way for



The Biggs Wolverines clinched their second consecutive semifinal appearance in the CIF Northern Section Division V playoffs following the 35-6 win over Modoc on Friday, November 10. Photo by Emily Harrison



Biggs junior linebacker Logan Harrison recovers a Modoc fumble in the Wolverines 35-6 win on Friday, November 10. Photo by Emily Harrison

the Biggs rushing department as he rushed the ball 19 times for

161 yards and found the end zone twice.

Defensively, Wolverines senior linebacker Matt Munanui

was all over the place as he had an interception, led the team with three sacks on the night and added three tackles.

"Matt was a huge factor and an opposing quarterback can't set his feet and throw against us with our big push up front," Harrison said.

Hudson led the way with 10 tackles on the night. Senior cornerback Emiliano Bermudez and junior defensive back Solomon Melendez had the other two interceptions and junior linebacker Logan Harrison had the fumble recovery for Biggs.

Brian added that everyone defensively works hard and gives it their all week in and week out.

With the win over Modoc last Friday, the Wolverines travel north for about two and a half hours for the second time this month as they play Weed tonight at 7 p.m.

Brian told the Herald that Weed is going to run the ball all game long and they have thrown the ball two less times this season than the Wolverines have.

Weed primarily keeps the ball in the hands of senior Dj Horton who has just under 1200 rushing yards on the season, but don't think that's all he is able to do.

Horton can pass the ball as he is averaging 24 yards per completion on the year for 434 yards in the air. Weed junior running back Logan Bowles will be the first look for Horton if he decides to pitch the ball as he is second on the team in rushing with just under 700 yards on the year.

Brian told the Herald defensively they need to control the edge and if they can do that, they have a good shot at being successful. ★

# A Parade for Thousands



These devoted Sikh men mark the beginning of the 44th Annual Sikh Parade.



Each year this float is elaborately decorated in honor of its cargo, the sacred text, the Guru Granth Sahib.



As part of the Nagar Kirtan celebrations, Sikh people prepare a variety of food to satiate the appetites of all those in attendance.



The Indian Motorcycle Club made an appearance at the 2023 Sikh Parade.

Story by Seti Long, photos by Chris Pedigo

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba-Sutter community readied for a very busy weekend as the 44th annual Sikh Parade returned.

Yuba City is home to a very large Sikh population which celebrates Nagar Kirtan, traditionally held the first Sunday in November. The event is

described by Discoversikhism.com as a religious procession of individuals singing holy hymns. The Sikh holy scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib, is part of the procession and is accompanied by music and sharing free food with neighbors in the community. In our area, we know this event to be the Sikh Parade.

The 3-day event began Friday, November 3, 2023, with a

fireworks show, continued into Saturday with a bazaar featuring hundreds of vendor shops peddling textiles to food, and culminated Sunday, November 5th, with a religious procession throughout the community.

The 4.5 mile parade route began and ended at the Sikh Temple located on Tierra Buena Road. An opulently decorated float that carried the Guru Granth

Sahib, along with religious officials of high standing, and the Sikh motorcycle riders were highlights of the parade.

This year reportedly celebrated the 550th birthday of the religions founder, Guru Nanek.

The event typically draws a huge crowd, with hundreds of thousands of people traveling to participate. It is believed that this year's event eclipsed last year's

200,000 in attendance, which is more than twice the reported population of Yuba City. (US Census July 2022 – population of Yuba City 69,014.)

While the event is celebrated worldwide, the Yuba City Sikh Parade is allegedly the largest of its kind outside of India. The speculation is that the 45th anniversary next November may be even larger. ★



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