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GHS Varsity Volleyball on Fire this Season



Gridley varsity volleyball team smiles after their win! Left to right:Captain Isabel Santillan, Captain Charlee Sormano, Elisa Bensing, Tati Rivero, Abby Boyan, Avery Mendenhall, Kiya Emberson, Yalany Romo, Captain Chastity Archer, Taylor Carey, Iris Counihan and Coach Liz Ayon. Photo provided by Liz Ayon

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The work that Gridley High School’s varsity volleyball team has been putting in daily since summer has more than paid off as they continue their undefeated season into league play. The Bulldogs currently boast a record of 17-0, coming out of their first league game against the Oroville Tigers on Sept. 26 with a 3-0 win, powering on to crush the Orland Trojans with a 3-1 victory, at Orland on Oct. 1. Head coach Liz Ayon says that her team is really excited to demonstrate their skill set and show what they are made of as they enter league play, with a just a few weeks and less than ten games remaining before heading into the playoffs. “A big area of focus for us is just continuing to get better every game and focusing on one game at a time,” Coach Ayon said.



Smiles filled the court as the ladies take a break after putting another win in the books. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo

The team members also play together in the off-season as part of a travel team that is active January through May. Coach Ayon also keeps the team members very active in the community to strengthen the team’s bonds. “It’s important for them to understand what it means to work hard and to serve their community, and the more of that they can do

together, the better they are going to play together as a team.” Ayon remarked. And they have been playing well. Ayon attributes a portion of the team’s strengths to their heavy hitting offense. “We have a lot of weapons in terms of hitters,” Ayon told the Herald. “A lot of our hitters are

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Join the Conversation: Upcoming CWPP Stakeholder Workshops in Butte County

Butte County Fire Department News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The development of Butte County’s 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) update is a collaborative effort between local, county, state and federal agencies, along with community organizations and the public. In partnership with SWCA Environmental Consultants, these groups are working together to create a comprehensive plan that incorporates community input to strengthen wildfire resilience and safeguard local resources. Butte County invites community members to participate in two upcoming stakeholder workshops for the 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan update. These workshops provide an important opportunity for residents, local decision makers, fire management experts and other stakeholders to come together to discuss strategies for reducing wildfire risks across the county. The workshops are designed to be a collaborative environment where participants can ask questions, share insights and offer feedback that will help shape the Community Wildfire Protection Plan update. Information about the Community Wildfire Protection Plan process will be presented briefly at the start of the meeting, followed by open discussion and opportunities for public input in an open house format. The first workshop will be on Oct. 8 at 765 East Ave., Chico. The second workshop will be on Oct. 9 at 78 Table Mountain Boulevard, Oroville. Both workshops will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a brief presentation and run until 7:30 p.m. These workshops are open to all community members and everyone is encouraged to attend and contribute to this critical conversation. Together, we can contribute to a safer, more resilient Butte County. ★

Bowling Family Dentistry Expanding



Dr. Bob Bowling poses with staff members, Jessica and Stacey. Photo by Connie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY (MPG) - “Changing lives, one smile at a time” is the motto of Bowling Family Dentistry. The office, in Gridley for 35 years when Dr. Bruce Bowling bought the practice from Dr. Craig Barton, is now expanding.

Bruce Bowling’s son, Bob Bowling, attended the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, where he graduated with honors. Bob Bowling joined the practice in 2011 and took over in 2013 when Bruce Bowling retired. Bruce Bowling and his wife, Alicia, then went on a mission to

Arkansas for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After coming home, they planned to return to Arkansas for more missionary service but Bruce Bowling sadly suffered a fatal heart attack in 2016. Bowling said that patients still talk about his dad “and the excellent

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The New Pi-Line



Josh is out, so the Pi Line will be filled this week with the return of long-time Gridley Herald Editor Scotty Williams and his Friday, September 4, 1998, Scotty Sez column, which was Scotty's column when he wanted to talk more about sports than news.

This was the 1998 football preview.

Live Oak

Okay, the Lions have graduated several key players from their 12-0 state-ranked team last season, and they have a tougher schedule this year, so there is no way Live Oak could go undefeated again, right? Despite all they have lost, the Lions have a lot more coming back, and this is a team that could very well go undefeated this season. That's a big boast, particularly when you consider that Live Oak added large school programs, such as Lindhurst and Paradise.

But barring any significant injuries, this is a Live Oak team that could sweep a season for the second year in Live Oak's toughest regular season test, which will likely come in their final scheduled

game in Paradise on Nov. 6. Before that, the Lions will have to go through Sutter, Lindhurst, Colusa, Pierce, Durham, Portola, and Capital Christian. East Live Oak's schedule could be looked at as climbing a mountain with the final three teams (East Nicolaus, Delta, and Paradise). Live Oak will have to play each of the schools on its roster with the pressure of being the favorite. Still, I think Coach Jim Arostegui and company are up for the challenge.

The journey begins tonight.

Biggs

Biggs is heading into their second game of the season tonight. The Wolverines dropped a heartbreaker 21-20 to Hayfork last Friday.

Biggs was probably harder hit by graduation than any other local team this season. But despite that, the Wolverines still have a lot of talent, and I expect them to again be right in the mix for a Mid-Valley League Title. The big difference this season for the Wolverines is they aren't going to be able to put up the kind of points they did a year ago. Without the quickness they had last year, Biggs will have to be disciplined every night on both sides of the ball. Against Hayfork, Biggs mixed up the pass and ran well but came up one defensive stop short of victory.

Like Gridley, the Wolverines play their first

two games on the road. Biggs travels to Durham tonight and then hosts their first league game against Pierce next Friday.

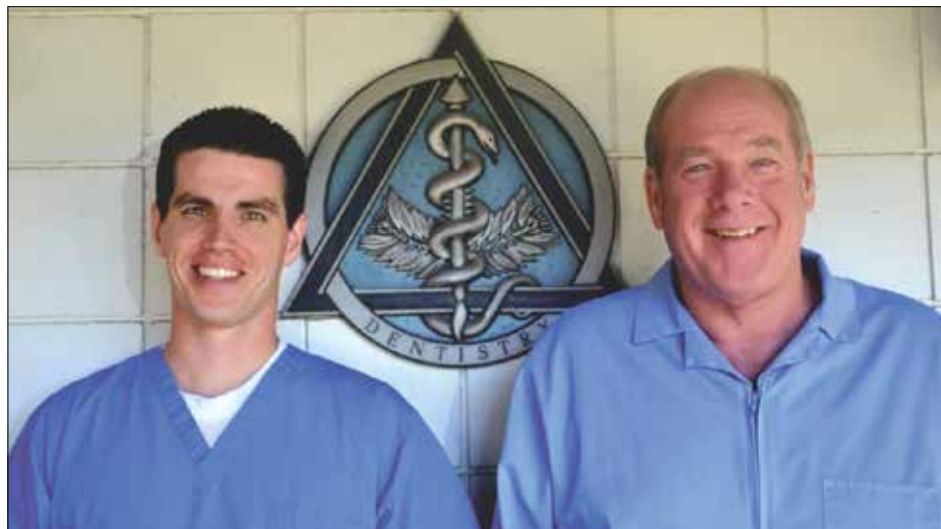
Gridley

Their senior quarterback is Mike Bartolomei, who was academically ineligible until three games left in the season last year. He is reportedly the fastest player on the team and can throw the football. Wheatland features an offensive line with only one player at 225 pounds or more. Most of those linemen were starters last season.

"They're huge up physical. They bio a couple of camps this summer, so they are ahead of some people as far as what they are able to do at this point in the year," said Doug Kaelin.

After Wheatland, Gridley travels to Marysville next Saturday. The Bulldogs then host three games in a row: Paradise, Sutter, and Willows, before heading into the league. Gridley has gone 3-7 in the preseason the past two years. I think Gridley could win that many games this pre-season alone. Gridley's biggest asset this year looks to be their depth. They've got a lot of players to choose from at every position. The Bulldogs may struggle a little early, but this team has a lot of athletes, and if things come together, Gridley could post their best record in three seasons. ★

Bowling Family Dentistry Expanding



Son and father, Bob and Bruce Bowling, pose in front of their dental office in 2011. Courtesy photo

Continued from page 1 dental work he did for them."

Armed with his education, state-of-the-art equipment and dental team, Bob Bowling has built upon his father's legacy. He treats most of the common dental concerns as well as abscesses and gingivitis and also performs implant surgeries.

Having served as a missionary for two years in Honduras, Bowling speaks fluent Spanish, making it more positive for limited English-speaking patients.

Bowling said that he wanted to expand the practice so he could see more patients. Planning and financing for the project took three to four years but construction has proceeded much faster, according to Bowling.

Construction started in July and is scheduled for completion in February. The project will include a complete remodel of the existing dental office. The new expansion will have three new treatment rooms, a break room, consultation room, better restroom facilities and an improved

sterilization area, according to Bowling. The staff will move into the new portion of the building while the old office is

remodeled.

Bowling and his wife, Emmalee, reside in Gridley with their three children. ★



Dr. Bob Bowling shows where his own office will be in the new expansion. Photo by Connie Voss

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70 Years of Marriage

Long time area residents James Bumpus and Mattie (Hicks) Bumpus celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary October 2nd. The pair met in 1954 at Church in Live Oak and after marrying, have resided in the Live Oak, Gridley and Biggs communities. The family would like to congratulate them on the great achievement of 70 years together.

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American Legion Joins Forces with Sons and Riders



The SAL and Legion Riders join forces with American Legion Post 210 and their Auxiliary. Photo by Seti Long

American Legion Post 210 News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - South Butte Post 210, the American Legion is proud to include two new family members to our family. We now have a full contingent of our family, the Post, our Auxiliary and now the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and the Legion Riders.

Sons of the American Legion
Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are members working together to promote children and youth programs through programs that include fundraising events. Post 210, SAL and The American Legion

Auxiliary (AUX).
To join the SAL, you only need to have a father or grandfather who served in the armed forces since 1919.

American Legion Riders
The American Legion Riders are members of our South Butte Post 210 Family, who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. They are members of our post, our Auxiliary or the Sons of the American Legion.
To join the Riders, you obviously need to own a motorcycle and be a member of one of the Post families.
If you are interested, please contact our commander Owen Stiles at 530-306-4588 or ostiles45@gmail.com. ★

LaMalfa Outlines Passage of Bills to Reduce China’s Influence

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Last week, House Republicans advanced a series of critical bills aimed at safeguarding America’s economy, infrastructure, agriculture, and national security from increasing Chinese Communist Party (CCP) interference.
Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement regarding this important action:
“China’s growing influence in our economy, our educational institutions, our military installations, and our farmlands is an undeniable threat to American sovereignty. The passage of these bills sends a clear message: we will not sit idly by as the CCP undermines our national security and steals our intellectual property. House Republicans are dedicated to protecting America’s future and standing up to foreign adversaries who wish to harm our nation.”
H.R. 1398, the Protect America’s Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act, reinstates President Trump’s “China Initiative,” a vital program that was unilaterally terminated by the Biden-Harris administration. This initiative aggressively prosecutes the theft of U.S. trade secrets, economic espionage, and cyberattacks that threaten our intellectual property and infrastructure. The bill also mandates annual reporting from the Department of Justice to Congress, ensuring transparency and accountability in confronting Chinese-backed threats.
H.R. 1516, the DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese

Entities of Concern Act, cuts off funding to higher education institutions that maintain ties to Chinese entities of concern, including Confucius Institutes. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the soft power influence China has attempted to exert within U.S. academic institutions, particularly through these questionable partnerships.
H.R. 7980, the End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act, takes direct aim at China’s control over the electric vehicle (EV) industry by prohibiting the use of the \$7,500 federal EV tax credit for vehicles with batteries that are either manufactured by or tied to sanctioned entities in China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea. This bill ensures American taxpayer dollars are not used to support foreign adversaries in this critical sector.
H.R. 9456, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act, addresses the growing concern over foreign ownership of American farmlands. By adding the Secretary of Agriculture to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, this bill ensures a more comprehensive review of land transactions that may pose national security risks. With this legislation, Republicans are ensuring foreign entities, particularly China, cannot quietly acquire U.S. farmland and compromise our agricultural resources.
Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

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WANDA FAYE (SAMPLE) HILL • 7/31/1938 - 9/15/2024

Wanda Faye (Sample) Hill, age 86, a loving wife and devoted mother, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2024, in Chico, California.

Wanda was born 1938 in Carnegie, Oklahoma, to parents John Ellis Sample and Ruth Longacre Sample. At age 12, her family relocated to Gridley, California, where she graduated from Gridley High School. Wanda married Fred Hill and enjoyed 48 cherished years together until his passing in 2015. They made their home in Chico, California, then spent several wonderful years in Oak Grove, Louisiana, before returning to Chico.

Wanda was proud of her work as a neurosurgeon’s assistant in the 1970s and found immense joy as a substitute teacher in Louisiana. She was an avid tennis player and loved traveling to competitions with her “tennis buddies.” She and Fred traveled frequently in their motorhome,

creating lifelong memories and friendships along the way.

Wanda was preceded in death by eleven older siblings, many of whom also resided in the Gridley area. She is survived by her four children, Tamara (Hill) Callan, Cynthia Hill, Thomas Hill [Theresa], and Donald Wayne Hill, along with four stepchildren, Diane (Hill) Donaldson [Lowell], Fred A. Hill [Vicki], R. Scott Hill, and Kimberly (Hill) Reece [David]. She will be missed deeply by her many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Wanda’s strength and love will remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

Rep. LaMalfa, Rep. Fong, Sen. Padilla Ask Biden for Major Disaster Declaration

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - Congressman LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement after joining Senator Padilla and Congressman Fong in asking for a major presidential disaster declaration for the Park and Borel Fires in California. Earlier Sept. 25, Governor Newsom submitted the required request to the President for aid.

Rep. LaMalfa said, “The Park Fire is the fourth largest in California history, and the largest arson-related fire we have ever recorded. With over 400,000 acres burned and thousands evacuated, it is imperative

that we acquire the federal resources needed to start the rebuild. I look forward to the Biden Administration’s swift approval of this request to help our regions begin the recovery process.”

Read the letter at <https://lamalfa.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/lamalfa.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Park%20and%20Borel%20Fires%20Major%20Disaster%20Declaration%20Letter.pdf>.

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Time to Sell

Warren Buffett, the 90 plus year old iconic investor known as the Oracle of Omaha, and CEO and Founder of the investment holding company Berkshire Hathaway, sold 60% of his shares in one of his favorite holdings Apple. Once owning a whopping one billion shares, he now owns 400 million shares. Buffett also reduced another long-time holding, Bank of America. His company is now holding a record amount of cash and cash like investments and one has to wonder what Buffett sees or is thinking about the stock markets. Buffett’s right hand man Ajit Jain, who has been with Buffett since 1986 and is his top investment officer is also making notable stock market sells himself, having sold Berkshire shares to the tune of 139 million.

It is said insider buy stocks when they think markets are good and sell stocks when they fear bad things are afoot.

True, not all insider sells are due to market conditions. Sometimes it might be to raise money for a home or whatever, but Buffett and Jain’s sells are major stock dumps entailing massive amounts of money.

It isn’t because they are buying some real estate. Not sells at these levels.

Keep in mind Buffett, his company and Jain,

his top guy, all follow the CEO’s strategy of buying great businesses and holding them “forever” as Buffett has said many times.

So why has forever ended? At least when it comes to these recent large sells?

Buffett holds and has held for quite some time large amounts of Treasury Bills. These T-Bills, as they are commonly called, are U.S. Government debt issuances, regarded as risk free as to the principal if held to maturity and have been yielding up to 5% or more annually because of the recent Federal Reserve’s interest rate hikes.

Not a bad return for the staunch investor that Buffett is known to be. Plus 5% yield is nothing to sneeze at. But selling these solid companies that B of A and Apple are known to be, you have to wonder what Buffett and Jain are afraid of.

Stocks are wildly over valued by more than one standard metric. Stansberry Research Digest newsletters notes that 19 valuation models are stretched into territory, which when measured by these metrics, are the highest they have ever been.

This means stocks are the most expensive they have ever been.

Note that markets are rarely predictable even

when historical precedents are widely out of whack. It is said what is low can go lower and what seems too high can go even higher. And this is especially true where stock markets are concerned. Being the sum of all the beliefs of the billions of investors in the market at any one time, much like a flock of swallows or a herd of buffalo, its direction is impossible to discern.

One might be wise however, to at least consider the movements of large and notable investors like Warren Buffett and the like and note historical precedents as they pertain stock prices when evaluating where the markets might go and what, if any movements, should be made in their own portfolios.

“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”

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Riley Reviews
“WOLFS” UNITES KNOWN COMMODITIES FOR AN OFFBEAT THRILLER

A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley

“WOLFS” RATED R on Apple TV+

As some may surmise that the incipient decline and potentially eventual doom of network and cable television might actually be a thing, streaming services like Netflix and Amazon Prime may strive even harder to satisfy the need for home entertainment.

These two behemoths of streaming options may be challenged to a greater extent in the future, but for now Apple TV+, approaching the fifth anniversary of its launch in 2019, is impressive for its catalog and ongoing production of original television and films.

During television press tours, critics have witnessed Apple TV’s presence at our biannual meetings to tout their new programs, and only this past winter was there an ostensible “executive session” that served not much greater purpose other than to recap past hits and provide a quick preview.

But who really needs executives spewing the party line like Baghdad Bob when the product speaks for itself? Apple TV+ has delivered popular hits like “Ted Lasso” and “Slow Horses” along with Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks’ limited series “Masters of the Air.”

What could Apple TV+ do to generate more traffic than pick up the crime thriller film “Wolfs,” starring Brad Pitt and George Clooney in roles as cognito fixers who seem to require little more than acting like they did in “Ocean’s Eleven” and the two sequels that followed?

Apparently, “Wolfs” had a very limited theatrical run that seemed to escape widespread public notice, at least because of the telltale sign that the box office receipts weren’t found on a website devoted to imparting that information.

Would signing up for Apple TV+ be worth the cost just to view “Wolfs” at home? The answer depends on how much you want to see Brad Pitt and George Clooney as rivals who wink, banter and trash-talk for just shy of two hours.

“Wolfs” is a bit convoluted in its plot and storyline of a thriller tinged with comedic elements that come from Pitt and Clooney, whose characters’ names are never revealed, bickering over their assigned roles in a messy clean-up operation.

The film opens with Amy Ryan’s Margaret, a district attorney with a public image to protect, distraught over the fact that she’s in a luxury New York hotel suite with the body of a half-naked, presumably dead young man.

In a situation like this, high-profile

people resort to hiring a professional to clean up the mess to cover the tracks of what would be a scandal not only for Margaret but also a hotel seeking to avoid bad publicity.

Enter Clooney’s fixer with a luggage cart and a duffel bag of considerable size to save the day. Wearing surgical gloves, Clooney seeks to calm his client with a stiff drink, reassuring her that he has everything under control.

But then things get interesting when Pitt’s nameless character shows up, knocking on the door, at the behest of the unseen hotel owner, Pam (the voice of Frances McDormand), as a matching fixer. That the situation was captured on a hidden camera creates another puzzle.

The hotel room scene includes blood and broken glass, with the body of a character only referred to as Kid (Austin Abrams) on the floor, who is presumed to be a male prostitute, contrary to the protests of Margaret who insists otherwise.

Awkwardly, Clooney and Pitt have no choice than to work together, which results in two leading men with easy charm to trade oblique glances and sarcastically whimsical insults.

The body disposal gets more complicated in a number of ways, and more so than the discovery that Kid had a backpack with bricks of heroin presumably belonging to some crime lord.

As the action goes, a chase through Chinatown is exhausting for everyone, followed later with Clooney and Pitt crashing a wedding party. An intense shootout with Albanian or Croation (who can be sure?) gangsters a burst of unexpected violence.

For lack of a better description, “Wolfs” is disposable entertainment, one that has a glossy superficial appeal but ultimately is as forgettable as watching a Chicago White Sox game as the team flails away at setting a record for the most losses ever in a season for a major league baseball team.

The best bet for watching Brad Pitt and George Clooney at their finest as a team for a thriller is to watch “Ocean’s Eleven” for their gold standard of a snarky buddy film. You can skip the sequels.

Nevertheless, it’s fair to say that Pitt and Clooney acquit themselves decently enough as their initial hostility, driven by some nice rebukes, gradually fades to a grudgingly joint effort that makes the whole enterprise reasonably watchable.

A nice touch comes near the end when Clooney says to his fellow fixer, “I never did catch your name,” and Pitt’s reply about surviving a shootout hints a sequel could be in the works. Nothing is certain, but if there is a next installment, it should be a more sophisticated caper.

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Making Time to Listen: Biggs City Council Meeting

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs City Council held a special meeting the night of Tuesday, Oct. 1 to address multiple items on the agenda, and specifically, the 6th Street development currently troubling many in the community.

With Biggs City Administrator Josh Cook on leave and city attorney Greg Einhorn at a previous commitment, councilmembers navigated the meeting on their own.

Biggs Mayor Brian Bassett addressed those in chambers before opening the meeting and promptly turned over the floor to the packed chambers for public comment.

Eight residents approached the podium to speak on a number of issues, including Vanessa Bogg, who detailed an incident involving the city administrator allegedly attempting to confront her husband over an online post at their home.

Others, such as Mandy Mattos, shared disapproval of the tone and choice of words of 6th Street property owner Kory Hamman has used in social media/public discussions about Biggs residents and Biggs



City Hall Chambers were packed for Tuesday night’s Biggs City Council special meeting. Residents turned out in force to take advantage of the council’s ear, sharing concerns and looking for answers from their elected officials regarding the 6th Street project. Photo by Seti Long

itself, while wondering exactly where additional tax revenue would be generated by the project.

Stephanie McDonald raised concerns about parking and its impact on the streets and child pedestrian safety was brought up by Vickie Harrison.

Others questioned whether preliminary reports that have been competed, such as a traffic study, were relevant to the current project as they alleged that the reports were completed before the addition of apartments to the project.

Council listened and Mayor Bassett urged residents with questions to give their concerns to the City of Biggs in writing before the next meeting so officials could try to get answers to them.

With the floor closed, council moved on to approve the resolution to authorize the City Administrator to “Execute A Substitution of Trustee and Deed of Reconveyance,” heard department reports from CAL FIRE’s Chip Fowler and approved resolutions adopting Caltrans Standard Specifications and plans for 2nd Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements before tabling the rest of the agenda until next week’s regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8. ★

Biggs Housing Battle Hot Topic at Rotary

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Realtor Kory Hamman, the guest speaker at Gridley Rotary on Thursday, Sept. 26, provided details on the controversial 42-unit apartment complex and 18 residential single-family homes planned for the Sixth Street property in Biggs. Hamman is a joint owner of the property.

Hamman began by explaining that the City of Biggs approached him and the joint property owners about the project. He shared that because California Governor Gavin Newsom has mandated that the community build low-income housing, 20 percent of the proposed apartment complex must be low-income. The complex will be similar to the Ford Oaks apartments in Gridley.

Hamman said that the city can either comply with the state mandate or face the consequences, which could result in the state suing, with fines of \$50,000 per month for non-compliance.

Biggs does not have the revenue to fight the state, according to Hamman. Other California communities are facing similar challenges.

Yet Biggs residents have raised strong objections to the development. An online petition was initiated at Change.org asking for infrastructure concerns to be addressed before bringing in additional residents and transparency from elected officials. Hamman maintains that Biggs has no money to fix the problems.

Major potholes in the roads, sewer blockages and improving

city services are some of the residents’ concerns.

“More people lower the cost for everybody else. Costs of city services will go down with more people. Blocked sewer lines are often caused by owners’ large trees, not infrastructure,” Hamman said, placing the responsibility on the homeowners.

Hamman stated that the yearly budget for the City of Biggs is \$5 million and is already insufficient. Forty-two apartment units, which are anticipated to bring in \$20 million in tax credits, and \$1.2 million in impact fees to the community, according to Hamman.

CAL FIRE Station 73 is in desperate need of a new fire engine and more firefighters for the area. The engine alone has a price tag of \$1 million, which was discussed at a recent council meeting. Biggs has only \$200,000 available for the expenditure.

A few residents have indicated that they favor a low-income senior complex but “Biggs does not have sufficient amenities for that,” Hamman said.

Others have objected to the problems that commonly attend low-income housing, such as crime and poor upkeep of the buildings. Hamman reassured that for the 6th Street complex, each applicant will be subject to credit and background checks. Furthermore, Hamman clarified that the state has improved the subsidies for such developments with yearly tax credits to be applied toward maintenance.

Some Biggs residents say that



Realtor and property owner Kory Hamman presents data for the proposed development on Sixth Street in Biggs. Photo by Lynne Spencer

the increase in traffic will put too much stress on roads that already need repair.

However, Hamman said, traffic studies have shown that Biggs could easily handle an additional 2,500 vehicles and this project will bring in 300 vehicles. Again, the potholes could be repaired with the additional revenue, whereas now there is not adequate funding to do so. All the data was corroborated by Hamman.

Hamman continued to add that the population of Biggs has grown only 6% in the last 25 years and that increase was due to a Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) development. Overall, school enrollment has declined by 20% since 2018, both due to families moving out and students transferring to Gridley schools. Lack of funding has caused more and more cuts to school programs such as band.

The lost Average Daily Attendance (ADA) revenue has been \$350,000 to \$450,000 annually. As a result, the Biggs school Superintendent Doug Kaelin is in favor of the development and the revenue it will bring in by adding more students.

Opponents argue that a school bond of \$16 million will be on the ballot in November that will generate school funds if it passes.

Another unfortunate outcome of the school enrollment and population decline is that Dollar General has abandoned plans for a Biggs store. Other businesses have passed over Biggs for the same reason, Hamman said.

“It’s common sense (to move forward with the project),” Hamman concluded. ★

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Wolverines Edge Panthers in Thrilling Finish

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Biggs Wolverines got a down to the wire win in their first league game against the Maxwell Panthers at home on Friday, Sept. 27.

The packed Wolverine home crowd was roaring as #19 Jordan Hoff had a huge return on the opening kickoff to set up the offense with short field position for their first opening drive. The Wolverines then drove the ball down the field with a balance of throws and runs to eventually set up a touchdown where junior quarterback Skyler Long would scramble all over the backfield and eventually find a wide-open receiver. That wild play foreshadowed just how electric this game would be.

The Panthers and Wolverines then traded long, physical drives deep



Wolverines block the game winning field goal. Photo by Dillon Longmire

into the opponent's territory, that ultimately ended with a turnover on downs and the no points scored. The first quarter ended with the Wolverines leading 6-0.

The second quarter started with the Wolverines trying to establish a running game with senior running back Davis Long but were eventually stopped resulting in a punt. After getting the ball back, The Panthers handed the ball off to junior running back Eric New who took it the length

of the field and scored the Panthers first touchdown. The Wolverines answered right back with a fake pitch touchdown throw from Skyler Long.

At halftime, the score was 14-7 and what fans thought would be a tough, defensive game quickly turned into an offensive onslaught in the second half. The game sped up as both teams exchanged scores on the first three drives of the second half. After Maxwell scored their second touchdown of the game making the score



Giovanni Mitchell #22, Austin Steele #48 and David Ibarra #21 put a hard stop to the Panthers forward progress. Photo by Chris Pedigo

20-17, they kicked it deep to Jordan Hoff who was once again on his way to setting up the Wolverines with great field position. That was until Hoff fumbled while getting tackled and gave the ball right back to the Panthers to start the fourth quarter.

The Panthers the attacked the Wolverine defense with throws, eventually scoring a touchdown making the score 20-24 and taking the breath out of every Wolverine fan in the stadium. Once getting the ball back, Skyler Long took over with a flurry of runs moving the ball down the field in a hurry and scoring a rushing touchdown. The Wolverines were unsuccessful in their two-point conversion making the score 26-24 with 7:03 left on the clock.

The Panthers slowly took the ball down the field by chipping away with runs. After converting on multiple third downs and moving the ball down the field, the clock ran inside

of a minute when the Panthers decided to set up for a field goal on fourth down. After the Panthers and Wolverines traded timeouts, it was time for the kick. The snap was high, the Wolverine rush was fierce, and the ball never got off the ground securing the Wolverine win.


The Wolverines will take their 3-1 record on the road Friday, Oct. 4 against the Quincy Trojans after press time, while the Panthers must sit on their first loss of the season with a bye week this week but will return to action on Oct. 11 at home against the Trojans. ★



Maxwells' Eddie Izquierdo #4 attempts to take down Biggs' Davis Long #2. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Skyler Long #16 navigates past Maxwell defenders as he works his way up the field. Photo by Chris Pedigo



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Preparing for Spooky Season

Spooky Season is quickly approaching, and readers will be armed and ready with these great books.



From department stores to movies and everything in between, Monsters seem to be around at every corner. So, this is the perfect time to catch up on the origin monster stress that is still a timeless classic today. The Monstrous Classics Collection from Aladdin Publishing, all with newly imagined and eye-catching cover art. One of the first classic monsters featured is Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, first published in 1818. Most people know the Monster, but do they know the story? How about the Monster's name not being Frankenstein? Victor Frankenstein spent his life obsessed with creating life from lifeless body parts. Yet, what the scientist creates is more than he ever bargained for; instead of human likeness, Victor Frankenstein created a hideous beast of patchworked parts with an intelligence that blurs the lines between human and monster. Repelled by his own creation, Victor casts out the Monster, but the consequences of his actions turn into tragedy.

Follow the story of the

scientist, the man, and the Monster.

Follow the story, the letters, and the diary entries in the most notorious vampire story, Dracula, by Bram Stoker. English solicitor Jonathan Harker visits the Transylvania castle of Count Dracula, only to realize he has entered into a place frozen in time. He quickly finds himself under attack while also witnessing an unnatural transformation by the Count. Lucy Westenra is suffering from a weird illness that causes weird fits of sleepwalking and presents with two puncture marks on her neck. To uncover the truth of these strange happenings, readers must delve into the world of the unbelievable and the world of vampires.

Another infamous monster family is the pop culture icon from the 60's, the Addams Family, with the all-new reawakening of this family through the Netflix film Wednesday. Readers can peek inside her library with "Delightfully dark quotes and gothic takes from one grim girl," in The Addams Family: Wednesday's Library. Readers will

get an inside look at the books that might grace the shelves of Wednesday Addams library. This book is filled with quotes and antics from famous poets and writers, complete with graphics and illustrations. A fun gift for any show fan or to add to any Halloween shelf.

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas is back with a new board book called Everybody Scream by Evie Dayne. This delightful pop-up book takes an all-new twist as it takes readers into Halloween Town. Meet each character From Jack to Oogie Boogie and be able to slide them to the top of the book for a fighting and delightful Halloween display that is Jack Skellington-approved.

Follow the journey of one little pumpkin as it dreams of becoming a jack-o-lantern in Stumpkin by Ruth Cummins. Stumpkin found himself different from all the other pumpkins; instead of a stem, he only had a stump, but he dreamed of being carved into a jack-o-lantern. Will he ever get his dream? ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Sacramento Kings fans will be watching with great interest, as training camp begins Oct. 1, and there will be long shots looking to make the team. Names like Terry Taylor, Skal Labissiere, Jalen McDaniels, Colby Jones, Boogie Ellis and recent invitee Justin Powell are but a few of the players with aspirations of making the big club roster.

Add Orlando Robinson's name to the list, but Orlando could potentially have a good chance of making the opening day roster because of his NBA experience with the Miami Heat, and his size. Robinson at 6'10" represents the type of front court player the Kings are in desperate need of, and he showed flashes with Miami that give the Kings hope that this aspiring 24-year-old may be able to provide some valuable minutes off the bench.

Without question Sacramento will be leaning on the talents of power forward Trey Lyles, who at 28 is in his prime, and showed Kings fans last year that even coming off the bench, Trey can be an impact player. Like his teammates De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk, Lyles came to the NBA from the Kentucky Wildcats and was drafted twelfth overall in the 2015 NBA draft by the Utah Jazz. Trey spent time with the Denver Nuggets, San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, before being acquired by the Sacramento Kings in February of 2022.

Lyles found a home in Sacramento, and his production immediately took a jump, as the Kings gave their young big man an average of nearly 23 minutes per game. Showing this kind of confidence led to Lyles most productive season as a pro, and in 2022 Trey averaged 10.6 points per game.

The last two seasons, for reasons that are difficult to understand, Lyle's time on the hardwood has diminished, and with it his scoring as well. Averaging seven points per game, Lyles has struggled to get the consistent playing time he needs to be a double-digit contributor, and I am hopeful, that coming into his prime and going into his fourth season as a Sacramento King, coach Brown will give this talented forward more

time on the court.

As fans we each have our favorites, but in Trey Lyles I see a player that needs to feel the confidence of his team and his coach, and I would like to see how he would produce in a starting role.

The Kings have been unable thus far to land an impact power forward, and it may be inevitable that they may have to look from within or continue to build this roster via the draft.

Without question Monte McNair has had opportunities to land an impact forward, but I give him great credit for passing up on trades that would have sent the Kings in the wrong direction. Too many NBA general managers are looking for steals, and I love the fact that McNair has kept the fabric of today's team intact.

Many pundits and I could myself as one, feel that with the addition of DeMar DeRozan the Sacramento Kings have arrived, and without that elusive forward they have been seeking, I want to see what the team we have assembled can do.

In just a little over a week the Golden State Warriors come to town, and thirsty for basketball Kings fans will get their first taste of the new look Kings.

I can't deny that I will miss Davion Mitchell, but I am also very curious to see what newcomers like Orlando Robinson or Boogie Ellis may contribute. Is there a diamond in the rough on this team?

I don't know that I ever expected to read or hear that NBA pundits would rate the Sacramento Kings as the best basketball team in the state of California, but that is exactly what is occurring.

The LA Lakers, Golden State Warriors, and LA Clipper do not represent bad basketball teams, so to be touted as the best of them, should be something to make every Sacramento fan smile.

So, break out those cow bells Kings fans, and get ready to light the beam 50 times or more! It can happen and I expect it to happen!

Enjoy the preseason. This is going to be fun!

All the best Kings fans!
Your thoughts are always welcome at
vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Hitch In Higher Ed Master Plan: California's Colleges Still Don't Work Well Together



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's Master Plan for Higher Education, adopted 64 years ago, envisioned that three systems — the University of California, California State University and dozens of community colleges — would cooperatively, seamlessly and inexpensively generate the educated citizenry and workforce a rapidly growing state needed.

The plan assumed that community colleges — eventually numbering more than 100 — would provide sub-professional job training to some students while preparing others for transfers to four-year schools.

The state colleges (later state universities) would train teachers, engineers, accountants and other professionals and award master's degrees in some fields.

The University of California would admit students with especially high potential, educate them in scientific and other complex fields up to the doctorate level and conduct research.

It didn't quite work out that way.

The three systems often have been more competitive than cooperative, particularly when vying for money from governors and state legislators. They've erected barriers that make transfers

difficult and squabble over academic turf.

Community colleges, for instance, have encountered stiff opposition from the state university system as they sought legislative permission to award four-year degrees in some fields, while the state universities have faced equally tough resistance from the UC system to their efforts to award doctorate degrees.

The master plan's assumption that higher education in California would be inexpensive to students also has taken a beating as other programs and services claimed ever-larger shares of the state budget.

That's been particularly true since 1978, when the passage of Proposition 13, California's iconic property tax limit, forced the state to become the major source of financing for K-12 schools, a role that a 1988 ballot measure, Proposition 98, lodged into the state constitution.

The current state budget allocates more than \$81 billion to K-12 schools while higher education would get less than \$24 billion. UC estimates that a year of attendance at one of its campuses costs about \$45,000.

Finally, students who seek to transfer from community colleges to either a UC campus or a state university face daunting barriers because the three have differing notions of how that should occur, as a new report from state Auditor Grant Parks underscores.

"Although most transfer students who applied to CSU and UC gained admission to at least one campus in those systems, CCC students still struggle to transfer," Parks said in a letter summarizing

his agency's audit. "Only about 1 in 5 students who began community college from 2017 to 2019 and intended to transfer did so within four years, and transfer rates were even lower for students from certain regions and demographic groups. The vast majority of students who did not transfer never reached the point of applying to CSU or UC, mainly because they had not earned enough units."

Parks suggests that community colleges could make transfers easier with counseling and giving students "a clear roadmap," but he points out that "another barrier to transfer is the variation in transfer requirements across and within the three systems, which makes the process difficult for students to navigate."

There's nothing that would prevent the three systems from reducing the barriers to transfer that Parks cites, but they have taken only fitful and obviously inadequate steps in that direction.

Parks' report is only the latest bit of evidence that the 1960-vintage master plan never worked out as planned and needs a thorough overhaul if its rosy vision is to even approach reality.

Although the plan's deficiencies have been obvious for years, neither governors nor legislators have expressed interest in making needed changes, because the politics of dysfunction are so daunting.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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Claudia Ines Sanchez Acosta.

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this court for a decree changing
names as follows: Katherine
Cecilia Viamontes to Katherine
Cecilia Sanchez Acosta.
THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons 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 October 30, 2024, 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 September 10, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the

Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
VIAMONTES 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02859

Petitioner David Emerson Hyde
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as
follows: David Emerson Hyde to
David Vincent Hyde.
THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons 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 October 30, 2024, 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 September 5, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
HYDE 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02818

Petitioner Sammantha Marie
Cowan filed a petition with this
court for a decree changing
names as follows: Sammantha
Marie Cowan to Sammantha
Marie Schut.
THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons 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 October 30, 2024, 9:00
a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on September 6, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
COWAN 10-18-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
DENNIS DUANE DIVER
AKA DENNIS D. DIVER
CASE NO. 24PR00408

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or es-
tate of Dennis Duane Diver aka
Dennis D. Diver.

A Petition for Probate has
been filed by Daniel D. Diver, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Daniel D. Diver be appointed as
personal representative(s) to ad-
minister the estate of the de-
cedent.

The petition requests the de-
cedent's will and codicils, if any,
be admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent administration authority will
be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the

petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant
the authority.

A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows:
October 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance
of letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal de-
livery to you of a notice under
section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,
P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
DIVER 10-4-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
SHARON LOUGHMILLER
CASE NO. 24PR00401
To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or
estate of Sharon Loughmiller,
Sharon Lea Loughmiller.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Robert Charles Wall, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Robert Charles Wall be appoint-
ed as personal representative(s)
to administer the estate of the
decendent.

The petition requests the de-
cedent's will and codicils, if any,
be admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent administration authority will
be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the
petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant
the authority.

A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows:
October 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance
of letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal de-
livery to you of a notice under
section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Amy Byrne, Guth &
Changaris, APC, 474 Century
Park Drive, Suite #300, Yuba
City, 95991; 530-674-9841
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
LOUGHMILLER 10-11-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MAUREEN MCDANNEL
CASE NO. 24PR00414

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or es-
tate of Maureen McDaniel.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Mark D. McDaniel, in
the Superior Court of California,

County of Butte, requesting Mark
D. McDaniel be appointed as
personal representative(s) to ad-
minister the estate of the de-
cedent.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent administration authority will
be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the
petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant
the authority.

A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows:
November 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance
of letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal de-
livery to you of a notice under
section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.


YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,
P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-533-5661
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE Trustee Sale No. 175229
Title No. DEF-634310 YOU
ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER
A DEED OF TRUST, DATED
08/24/2017. UNLESS YOU
TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT
YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY
BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC
SALE. IF YOU NEED
AN EXPLANATION OF
THE NATURE OF THE
PROCEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER. On
10/30/2024 at 3:30 PM, Prime
Recon LLC, as duly appointed
Trustee under and pursuant
to Deed of Trust recorded
09/01/2017, as Instrument No.
2017-0030595, in book xx,
page xx, of Official Records
in the office of the County
Recorder of Butte County,
State of California, execut-
ed by Sebastian Underwood
and Rebecca Underwood,
husband and wife, WILL
SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION
TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR
CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/
CASH EQUIVALENT or other
form of payment authorized
by 2924h(b), (payable at
time of sale in lawful money
of the United States), Main
Entrance, Butte County
Courthouse, 1 Court Street,
Oroville, CA 95965. All right,
title and interest conveyed to
and now held by it under said
Deed of Trust in the property
situated in said County and
State, described as: FULLY
DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE
DEED OF TRUST. APN
009-105-006-000 The street
address and other common
designation, if any, of the real
property described above is
purported to be: 7 6 2
Maine St, Gridley, CA 95948
The undersigned Trustee
disclaims any liability for any
incorrectness of the street
address and other common
designation, if any, shown
herein. Said sale will be
made, but without covenant
or warranty, expressed
or implied, regarding title,
possession, or encumbrances,
to pay the remaining principal
sum of the note(s) secured
by said Deed of Trust, with
interest thereon, as provided
in said note(s), advances, if
any, under the terms of said
Deed of Trust, fees, charges
and expenses of the Trustee
and of the trusts created by
said Deed of Trust. The total
amount of the unpaid balance
of the obligation secured by
the property to be sold and
reasonable estimated costs,
expenses and advances at the
time of the initial publication
of the Notice of Sale is:
\$128,059.02 If the Trustee
is unable to convey title for
any reason, the successful
bidder's sole and exclusive
remedy shall be the return of
monies paid to the Trustee,
and the successful bidder shall


have no further recourse. The
beneficiary under said Deed of
Trust heretofore executed and
delivered to the undersigned a
written Declaration of Default
and Demand for Sale, and
written Notice of Default
and Election to Sell. The
undersigned caused a Notice
of Default and Election to Sell
to be recorded in the county
where the real property is
located. Dated: 9/19/2024
Prime Recon LLC Prime
Recon LLC. may be attempting
to collect a debt. Any
information obtained may be
used for that purpose. Adriana
Durham, Vice President
Prime Recon LLC, 27368 Via
Industria, Ste 201, Temecula,
CA 92590 (888) 725-4142
FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE
INFORMATION PLEASE
CALL (800) 280-2832 NOTICE
TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If
you are considering bidding on
this property lien, you should
understand that there are risks
involved in bidding at a trustee
auction. You will be bidding
on a lien, not on the property
itself. Placing the highest bid
at a trustee auction does not
automatically entitle you to
free and clear ownership of
the property. You should also
be aware that the lien being
auctioned off may be a junior
lien. If you are the highest
bidder at the auction, you are
or may be responsible for
paying off all liens senior to
the lien being auctioned off,
before you can receive clear
title to the property. You are
encouraged to investigate
the existence, priority, and
size of outstanding liens that
may exist on this property
by contacting the county
recorder's office or a title
insurance company, either of
which may charge you a fee for
this information. If you consult
either of these resources,
you should be aware that
the same lender may hold
more than one mortgage or
deed of trust on the property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY
OWNER: The sale date shown
on this notice of sale may be
postponed one or more times
by the mortgagee, beneficiary,
trustee, or a court, pursuant to
Section 2924g of the California
Civil Code. The law requires
that information about trustee
sale postponements be made
available to you and to the
public, as a courtesy to those
not present at the sale. If you
wish to learn whether your sale
date has been postponed, and,
if applicable, the rescheduled
time and date for the sale of
this property, you may call
(800) 280-2832 for information
regarding the trustee's sale
or visit this Internet Web
site - www.auction.com - for
information regarding the sale
of this property, using the file
number assigned to this case:
175229. Information about
postponements that are very
short in duration or that occur
close in time to the scheduled
sale may not immediately
be reflected in the telephone
information or on the Internet
Web site. The best way to verify
postponement information is
to attend the scheduled sale.
NOTICE TO TENANT: You
may have a right to purchase
this property after the trustee
auction pursuant to Section
2924m of the California Civil
Code. If you are an "eligible
tenant buyer," you can
purchase the property if you
match the last and highest bid
placed at the trustee auction.
If you are an "eligible bidder,"
you may be able to purchase
the property if you exceed the
last and highest bid placed
at the trustee auction. There
are three steps to exercising
this right of purchase. First,
48 hours after the date of
the trustee sale, you can call
(800) 280-2832 for information
regarding the trustee's sale, or
visit this internet website www.
auction.com for information
regarding the sale of this
property, using the file number
assigned to this case Ts#
175229 to find the date on
which the trustee's sale was
held, the amount of the last and
highest bid, and the address
of the trustee. Second, you
must send a written notice of
intent to place a bid so that
the trustee receives it no more
than 15 days after the trustee's
sale. Third, you must submit a
bid so that the trustee receives
it no more than 45 days after
the trustee's sale. If you think
you may qualify as an "eligible
tenant buyer" or "eligible
bidder," you should consider
contacting an attorney or
appropriate real estate
professional immediately for
advice regarding this potential
right to purchase. A-4825296
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BID PROPOSAL

Notice to Contractors is hereby given.

The City of Biggs ("City") will receive sealed envelope bids only for the **2nd Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project, City Project No. 24-01, Federal Aid Project No. CML 5128(012)** at City Hall of the City of Biggs 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917 until **2:00 PM, October 30, 2024**. At which time or thereafter said bids may be read aloud. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

The work shall consist of the following: Constructing new sidewalks, driveways, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant ramps, intersection crosswalks, storm drain facilities, utility service connections, grind and overlay pavement conforms, and pavement striping and markings for a complete roadway as shown on the plans.

The project has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 11% as required by FHWA.

The City will issue a Notice to Award no later than November 15, 2024. A Notice to proceed will be negotiated with the successful contractor to begin work when weather is agreeable. Work shall be completed within thirty (30) working days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed by the City.

The contractor is to carefully examine the site of the proposed work and is to make his or her own determination of the scope of the work to be performed, and he or she is to carefully examine all Contract Documents. No Prebid meeting will be held.

BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: No proposal will be accepted unless it is made on a Proposal form furnished by the City of Biggs within these Specifications. **To ensure consideration, the Proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. Clearly marked BID PROPOSAL which also bears the name of the project and the date and time set for opening of Proposals:**

Bid Proposal
City of Biggs

**2nd Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project
City Project No. 24-01, Federal Aid Project No. CML 5128(012)
2:00 PM, October 30, 2024**

No proposal will be accepted from a contractor who is not currently licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the Business and Professions Code. Subcontractors shall also be licensed as required by said code.

Contractor shall obtain a Business License from the City of Biggs prior to commencing any work within the City Limits of the City of Biggs.

Bidding requirements, bid forms, plans and specifications for this project can be obtained at the City website **Biggs California (biggs-ca.gov)**, **Valley Contractor Exchange website (vceonline.com)** or CIPList website (**CIP List.com**).

The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$1,130,000.

Please direct any bidding questions to Dave Harden, at **dharden@ben-en.com** no later than ten (10) working days before bid opening.

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California Is Banning Artificial Food Dyes in School Snacks and Drinks. Here’s What the Science Says

By **Kristen Hwang**
CALMatters.org

Many brightly colored kids’ snacks and beverages will disappear from California schools under a new law Gov. Gavin Newsom signed on Sunday that bans certain artificial food dyes from K-12 campuses.

Starting in 2028, six common food dyes will no longer be allowed in food sold at schools because of concerns that they cause behavior and attention problems in some children. The banned dyes are: Blue 1, Blue 2, Green 3, Red 40, Yellow 5 and Yellow 6.

Artificial food coloring production in the U.S. has increased more than six-fold since the Food and Drug Administration first issued safety regulations in the 1930s. Although initial studies indicated that artificial colors were nontoxic, recent research has linked eating foods containing synthetic dyes to hyperactivity and trouble concentrating, particularly among children.

This legislation builds on a first-in-the-nation law Newsom signed last year to ban the sale of food containing four food additives common in candies and baked goods, and are thought to be harmful. That law applies to food sold anywhere in California, while this year’s legislation focuses solely on school nutrition.

“The reason it makes sense to focus on schools is because that’s where a lot of those behavioral and hyperactivity issues are going to compound,” Melanie Benesh, vice president for government affairs with Environmental Working Group, a national advocacy group that co-sponsored the legislation. “If you know there are kids in these schools that have a sensitivity to these dyes, and it makes it harder for them to concentrate, then you are not creating the most conducive learning environment for those kids.”

Several state legislatures are considering bills similar to California’s. The federal government, however, has not updated its safety standards.

“California is once again leading the nation when it comes to protecting our kids from



The foods that contain the most dye are poor quality junk food. Photo by Ylanite via Pixabay

dangerous chemicals that can harm their bodies and interfere with their ability to learn,” said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, the Democrat from Encino who authored the law.

Packaged food manufacturers opposed the food dye restrictions, saying that the FDA — not California — is the appropriate food safety regulator.

“The approach taken by California politicians ignores our science and risk based process and is not the precedent we should be setting when it comes to feeding our families,” said John Hewitt, a senior vice president at Consumer Brands Association, which opposed the measure. The organization represents major food manufacturers, such as Coca Cola and J.M. Smucker.

What does the science say on food dyes?

Managing risk of harmful chemicals can be tricky, and California is no stranger to considering controversial legislation that attempts to reduce exposure.

An early version of the law Newsom signed last year to ban certain food additives was derided by critics as a “Skittles

ban” before lawmakers amended it in a way that excluded the dye in the popular candy. Meanwhile, cancer warnings that are required by a 1986 law known as Proposition 65 are often criticized for creating consumer confusion and spurious lawsuits.

But advocates say federal regulations don’t move as quickly as science, requiring state lawmakers to take initiative.

California’s environmental hazard research agency published a 300-page report assessing the risk of synthetic food dyes in 2021. The conclusion: The studies used by the FDA to develop safety standards did not assess neurological outcomes that have since been associated with food coloring. Those papers, which are between 35 to 70 years old, instead looked for physiological toxic effects, such as weight gain or decreased liver function in animals.

More recent research, including clinical trials, show links between eating dye and behavioral problems in children at much lower doses than the FDA’s current allowable limit.

“We all agreed that the weight of evidence supported

an association, and that the current acceptable daily intakes for some of the dyes set by FDA may not adequately protect against behavioral or neurobehavioral outcomes,” said Asa Bradman, a public health professor at UC Merced who worked on the state’s risk assessment. “And you know, that’s kind of a bombshell.”

Hewitt from the Consumer Brands Association said packaged food manufacturers stand by the FDA guidelines.

“It’s unfortunate the scientifically proven, safe ingredients have been demonized without a scientific basis,” Hewitt said.

But Bradman said the industry hasn’t been able to discredit any of the newer research — it has only pointed to the original studies, which are outdated and not appropriate for assessing behavioral changes.

Dyes in juice, soda and ice cream

Children are the most vulnerable to the adverse effects associated with food coloring, in part, because they’re more likely to eat foods and beverages that are dyed. Even medications for

children, such as cough syrup and vitamins, are manufactured with synthetic dyes. Kids are also more susceptible because their brains are still developing, and their body weight is smaller compared to the amount of dye consumed, research shows.

Juice, soda, icing and ice cream cones are major sources of exposure among kids.

Poverty and race also increase exposure risk, the state’s report found. Black children and women of childbearing age ingested significantly more food coloring than other ethnic groups.

The foods that contain the most dye are “poor quality junk food,” Bradman said. Most schools already have healthy food programs aimed at reducing them on campus. This legislation would help encourage schools to serve even healthier foods, he said.

Kristen Hwang is a health reporter for CalMatters covering health care access, abortion and reproductive health, workforce issues, drug costs and emerging public health matters. Her series on soaring rates of maternal and congenital syphilis won a first place award from the Association of Health Care Journalists. ★

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, via email to **csantana@gridley.ca.us** or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration. Remote attendance is available by Zoom.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, October 11, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

Reinstatement of SDP 1-22: Site Development Plan Review No. 1-22 for the development of a mixed-use commercial site consisting of a 5,200 square-foot convenience market with auto fuel pumps, a 4-pump fuel canopy for tractor/trucks/semis, a 1,344 square-foot carwash, and an 824 square-foot coffee kiosk with 2-drive-thru lanes located in the Commercial general Plan land use designation and zoned as General Commercial (C-2) at 1225 Hwy 99. (APN 021-270-043 & - 044)

SUMMARY:
In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at **planningdept@gridley.ca.us**.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, via email to **csantana@gridley.ca.us** or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration. Remote attendance is available by Zoom.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, October 11, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

Edler Estates Tentative Subdivision Map 1-22 Extension: Application to extend the Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 1-22 for an additional 2 years. The approved Tentative Subdivision Map proposes to subdivide an existing 8.49-acres into forty-six (46) parcels. The Subject site has a General Plan land use of Residential and is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1) for a proposed density of 5.41 du/ac located on the west side of Randolph Street. (APN 010-270-016)

SUMMARY:
In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at **planningdept@gridley.ca.us**.

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Gridley Police Report: September 14–30

Sept. 14
At 12:39 a.m. on the 100 block of E Spruce Street, Gridley, Michael Lee Hoadley, 52, was arrested for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Sept. 21
At 2:58 p.m. on the 100 block of Maine Street, Gridley, Tomas Perez, 36, was arrested on suspicion of Simple Battery of a Spouse/Ex Spouse/Date/Etc (243(E) (1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Sept. 26
At 12:24 a.m. on the 1300 block of Cedar Street, Gridley, Brandon John Crowder, 31, was arrested on suspicion of Probation violation: Rearrest/Revoke (F) (1203.2(A) PC), Inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant/

dating relationship - simple (Felony) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

At 2:50 p.m. on the 600 block of Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA, Donald Lee Nuchols, 51, was arrested on suspicion of Battery with serious bodily injury (F) (243 (D) PC), Stalking (646.9(A) PC) and an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

At 11:03 p.m. on the 1600 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, Jose Guadalupe Carranza, 27, was arrested on suspicion of Misdemeanor DUI (23152(A) VC), DUI alcohol/0.08 percent (23152(B) VC), and Driving w/license suspended – DUI (146+01.2(A) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Sept. 28
At 2:03 p.m. on the 1400 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, Joshua Tyler Filippioni, 29, was arrested for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and an outside agency felony warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Sept. 29
At 8:45 p.m. on Hwy 99 and Cherry Street, Gridley, Gerald Buryl Guillory, 49, was arrested for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Sept. 30
At 8:33 a.m. on Spruce Street and Hwy 99, Gridley, Christian Douglas McClure, 30, was arrested for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

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GHS Varsity Volleyball on Fire this Season

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leading our section in kills.”

Currently leading the varsity girls in kills is middle-hitter senior Charlee Sormano #25, with an average of 3.6 kills per set. Sormano is joined by senior outside-hitter Charity Archer #10 and talented freshman Iris Counihan #5.

Defense is constantly a focus of the team as well, according to Ayon, there is always room to tighten up net and back-row defenses, in addition to keeping serves clean.

Sormano works both the offensive and defensive ends of the court, listed as the player with the highest hitting percentage and total blocks on MaxPreps with an impressive

67 blocks, in addition to the highest number of kills. Avery Mendenhall #24 follows as second leader in blocks with 19 total.

Junior Isabel Santillan #4 ranks first in serving aces with 48, followed by Tati Rivero #11 with 39 and Charlee Sormano with 34.

In order to make the playoffs, the team has to meet the required 500 overall record, or 500 overall record, in league play to proceed. Ayon shares that in past years, Gridley varsity volleyball has made it to third, and then last year, second-place in league and she is confident the playoffs are in this team’s future. This year, they are shooting for first-place and the section title but Ayon

regularly reminds her players of one thing.

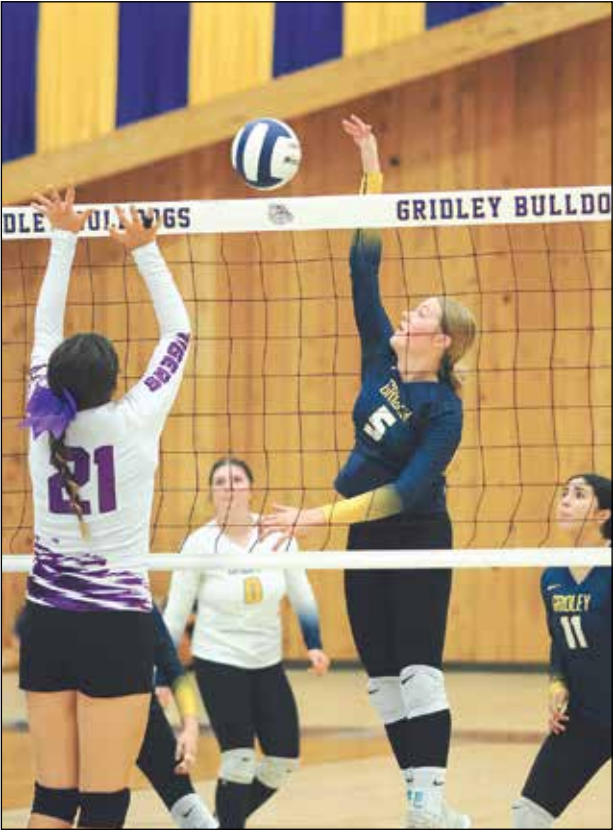
“A lot of times when you play a team that is considered your rival, it kind of gets in your head and you don’t play to your potential,” so Ayon pushes the players to focus on who they are playing for.

“We play for each other and focus on our side of the net...that’s what is going to make them the most successful,” she said, “...and have the most fun doing it.”

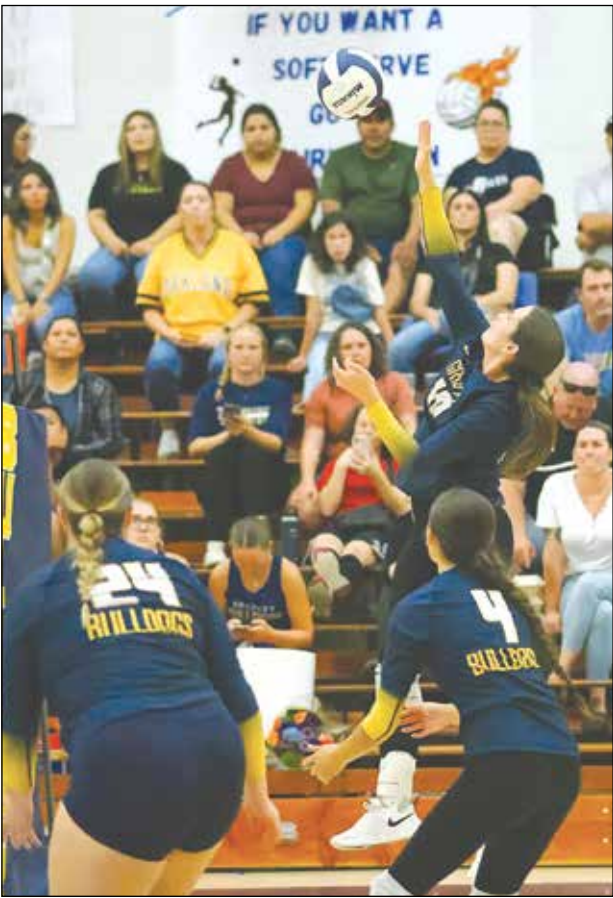
The Gridley High School varsity volleyball team looks to take another win from the Las Plumas Thunderbirds on Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. as they return home to play during Homecoming week after press time. ★



Powerhouse Charlee Sormano #25 with the block, sends the ball back over the net with her teammates poised at the ready to help. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo



Iris Counihan #5 guards the net with Tati Rivero #11 and Taylor Carey #0 covering her back. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo



Chastity Archer #10 flies high to complete the set up by Isabel Santillan #4, with Avery Mendenhall #24 ready to defend if the attack is returned. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo



The crowd went wild as the Gridley varsity volleyball team took the win over the Oroville Tigers, continuing their red-hot winning streak. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo

EV Chargers Require More Revenue to be Profitable

Sunstone Strategies News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

Just like gas stations, EV charging infrastructure requires additional sources of revenue to be profitable. Whether it’s a gas station or an EV charging station, co-located services and amenities are needed to improve return on investment, according to a new report and EV driver survey released today by Next 10 and authored by the Institute for Transportation Studies at UC Davis.

A survey from the same report finds that California EV drivers, whether or not they can charge at home, are willing to pay a premium for more accessible fast public charging, especially if one can charge near other services with little to no wait. Based on these insights, the report, Analyzing the Business Case & Consumer Preferences for Fast Chargers in California, includes recommendations on where to place EV charging stations to maximize use and revenue.

“We already know that the next generation of EV owners want more public chargers,” said Noel Perry, founder of the non-partisan, non-profit Next 10. “This report shows that building chargers where people are and where they want to be, especially for longer trips, is what’s best for both California drivers and charging station investors.”

This analysis shows public chargers are frequented more when located within 500 meters of both dining services (with an average increase of 2.7 times more charging events per month per nearby restaurant) and grocery stores (with an average increase of 5.2 times more charging events per month per nearby grocery store). Chargers could therefore bring more customers to businesses

(improving business revenue) or fast chargers could be located with amenities co-owned by charging providers to provide a viable alternative revenue source and help break even on EV charger costs.

The survey data reinforces the findings on charging behavior:

Rest stops (74%), malls (71%), parking garages (65%), and restaurants (59%) were the most commonly selected public charging locations, indicating that California EV drivers also prefer charging at destinations they frequently travel to or where they have opportunities to do other activities while they charge.

California EV drivers are 37% more likely to choose a charger with additional amenities (for example, restrooms and convenience stores).

Drivers are also more likely to choose chargers that are closer to travel routes, have shorter wait times, and have faster chargers.

“Our research shows us what electric vehicle drivers want: fueling infrastructure located with additional amenities that can also help stations become profitable,” said Dr. Scott Hardman, Associate Research Faculty for the Electric Vehicle Research Center at UC Davis. “Whether it’s a gas station or an EV charging station, co-located services and amenities are needed to improve ROI and are what people want.”

The survey found that EV drivers are willing to pay a premium for chargers with no wait time, and access to other services along with charging is especially attractive for California EV drivers. This added cost for convenience is offset by the savings of fueling with electricity instead of gasoline.

California EV drivers would be willing to pay almost a dollar more per hundred miles of charge if no wait time is required.

The cost to go 100 miles in an EV falls between \$8 to \$13 while the average gasoline car costs approximately \$18.50 to go the same distance.

Wait times for chargers deter drivers. If a charger requires a wait, the odds that a driver will choose that charging station decrease by 13% (0.87).

Every minute of extra wait time reduces the willingness to use a charger by 6%.

A California EV driver is 37% more likely to choose a charging station within close proximity to other services (like a restaurant or playground) than one located in isolation.

Making fast chargers available at frequently visited public locations like grocery stores, green spaces and restaurants is likely to address the concerns of EV drivers while adding potential revenue to adjacent businesses.

“EV drivers are telling us that they want chargers co-located with amenities like cafes and restaurants, and they are willing to pay more to charge at locations with the amenities,” said Alan Jenn, Assistant Professor at the Electric

Vehicle group of the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis. “This symbiotic relationship between businesses and EV chargers may benefit both EV chargers and local businesses.”

Subsidies allow for faster recouping of costs regardless of whether services and amenities are co-located to drive additional revenue. Subsidies are important for creating greater access where co-locating with services isn’t possible or not profitable. Without subsidies, it would take more than 10 years to break even on charging infrastructure investments based on average use. Other options for reducing the payback period include leveraging symbiotic business relationships between convenience stores or restaurants and EV chargers, changes in the charging model, increases in electricity prices, or reductions in charging installation costs beyond subsidies.

Historically, new technology adoption requires subsidies to get infrastructure where it’s needed most. For example, this year’s federal budget set aside more than \$40 billion for

states to build broadband internet infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invested \$2.5 billion in the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program with a 10% set-aside from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. Globally, fossil fuel subsidies reached a record high of \$7 trillion in 2022.

“California is leading the nation in EV charging infrastructure investment,” continued Perry. “We hope our research will help fill a gap in understanding so we can continue to be strategic about where and how EV charging gets built to best serve drivers and our communities. For now, subsidies remain critical to meeting that goal.”

While the demand for public charging is strong, the report survey reiterates the importance of home charging, finding that, without access to home charging, 35% of EV owners would replace their EV with a traditional gas car, while 38% and 41% would replace their EV with a plug-in EV or a hybrid,

respectively.

84% of California EV drivers are worried about the lack of charging options outside their homes.

70% of California EV drivers surveyed reported having used public charging stations.

66% of California EV drivers said they were concerned about the cost of publicly available chargers.

84% of California EV drivers are worried that public chargers would take them too far out of their way.

“EV sales continue to rise so we must do what we can to speed the build-out of charging infrastructure to meet growing demand,” concluded Perry. “We can’t lose sight of where the market is headed and meet these challenges head-on.”

Many California utility providers and air districts offer rebates for home charging stations. Governor Newsom’s Executive Order requires the installation of 250,000 publicly available EV chargers by 2025. For every 1,000 EVs in the United States, there are approximately 20 publicly available fast chargers — half of those are in California.

Overall, the report recommends that California continue to support charging access at home and in the community while balancing subsidies with strategies for improving the profitability of charging stations. Key recommendations of the report include:

Increase the availability of public chargers at places where Californians do or want to visit, while upping the efficiency with DC fast chargers.

Increase public support for home charger installation while using consumer preferences as a guidepost.

Balance public subsidies with strategies for encouraging the profitability of EV charging stations independent of outside intervention. ★



EV drivers, whether or not they can charge at home, are willing to pay a premium for more accessible fast public charging, especially if one can charge near other services with little to no wait. Photo courtesy Kindelmedia

Butte County Resident Wins First Place for “Community Pride” Photo Contest

Plumas Bank
News Release

RENO, NV (MPG) - Plumas Bank is pleased to announce the winners of their “Community Pride” Photo Contest for 2024.

Participants, located in the 10 northern Nevada and California communities in which Plumas Bank serves, submitted photos over the summer from June to July 2024. The photo contest asked for pictures of scenic landscapes, local main streets, and countryside landmarks that capture the surrounding atmosphere of Plumas Bank’s locations. Winners were selected with input from a guest panel consisting of judges in the professional arts, accompanied by open voting for a “People’s Choice” award.

Alongside gaining public appreciation, the contest’s top three winners and the “People’s Choice” winner also receive cash prizes. The following photos and winners for this year’s contest include:

First Place: Rainbow Road in Butte County by Jake Edwards

Second Place: Discing in the Field in Modoc County by Robin Juliana

Third Place: Sunset Over Whiskeytown Lake in Shasta County by John Walker

People’s Choice: Light in the Night Sky in Plumas County by Jake Edwards

“Northern Californians and Northern Nevadans



Jake Edwards of Butte County won first-place with this winning photograph, “Rainbow Road.” Photo courtesy of Plumas Bank

feel a deep connection to the scenic landscapes that surround us, and our photo contest brings that connection to life,” said Stacy Kendall, Plumas Bank’s Vice President of Marketing and Community Impact. “As a community bank, we’re proud to showcase the uniqueness of the regions we serve and give visibility to their beauty through the eyes of our clients.”

“I entered this contest because I had about two dozen people send me information to enter and I also grew up using Plumas Bank,” said Jake Edwards, first-place and People’s Choice winner. “I am very passionate about capturing Plumas County and beyond, especially with being a photographer for Lassen Park. I can’t thank everyone enough for voting for

and choosing me for this year’s winner in the photography contest.”

The panel of guest judges consisted of professional artists and art leaders in the community including Pat Macias, Museum of Northern California Arts; Tony Manfredi, Nevada Arts Council; Christopher Rouse Islas Hernandez, Plumas Arts; Tracey Oliver, Sierra Arts

Foundation; Erik Burke, Artist based in Reno, NV and Dylan Tellesen, Artist based in Chico, CA.

“Visual art is very important as it allows us to share special moments in time with others who may not be present,” said Patricia Macias, monca Executive Director. “Our panel was impressed by the submissions as each photo truly captured a distinctive experience


through the lens of that photographer.”

The winning photos and additional selections from all the submissions will be on digital display at Plumas Bank’s branches, ATMs, website and social media.

To view the “Community Pride” Photo Contest’s winning photographs, please visit <https://www.plumasbank.com/community-pride-photo-contest>.

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SPARKY'S CORNER Halloween Safety

Vehicle verse pedestrian fatalities double on Halloween, and Halloween is one of the top three nights of the year for accidents, injuries, and deaths. Since CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Department would like everyone to have a fun Halloween weekend, we wanted to hit on a few more points this week for kids, parents, and drivers.

For Kids:

- Walk, don't run
- Avoid loose, hanging costumes that can make you trip
- Take a flashlight or wear glow-sticks to help drivers see you
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross the street
- Stay on the sidewalk when available, if not, walk facing traffic as far to the edge as possible
- Never assume drivers see you
- Don't go into any houses unless you are with your parent or guardian
- Don't get into any cars with strangers
- Keep your costume away from open fire and candles
- Remember Stop-Drop-Cover and Roll if your costume catches on fire

For Parents:

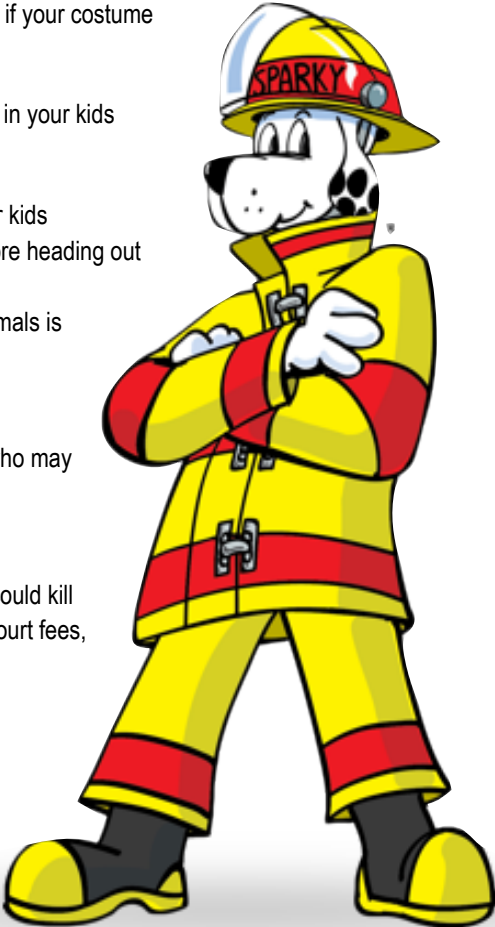
- Be aware of possible tripping hazards in your kids costumes
- Plan a safe route for trick-or-treating
- Never assume drivers see you or your kids
- Check the Megan's Law web site before heading out
- Check your kids treats for tampering
- Keep pets inside (sadly, cruelty to animals is common on Halloween)
- Don't leave lit candles unattended

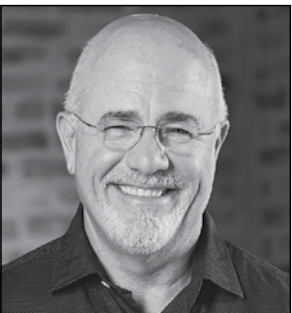
For Drivers:

- There will be lots of excited kids out who may run into the road unexpectedly
- Don't text or phone and drive
- Don't drive distracted
- Don't drive impaired, even one drink could kill
- A DUI can cost well over \$36,000 in court fees, bail, impound, and insurance.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74





Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Rewarding Success and Planning Ahead

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are trying hard to get out of debt and start controlling our finances. We've always given our kids allowances in the past, but we've been considering putting their allowances on hold until we pay off our debt and get in better shape financially. What do you think about this idea?

— Cody

Dear Cody,

I'm glad you two are making smart changes in your lives, but I wouldn't stop what you've been doing where your kids are concerned. It can be a series of great teachable moments for them. I would, however, stop calling it an allowance. In my mind, there's a victim mentality attached to word "allowance," and that's not something you want taking root in their minds.

Kids should learn at an early age that money is connected to work. Even a kid who's in kindergarten is old enough to begin doing some age-appropriate chores around the

house. So, let's start calling it a "commission" instead of an allowance. Why? Because in situations like these shouldn't be viewed as "allowing" them something. It should be looked at—by you and by them—as rewarding success.

My wife and I did this very thing with our kids as they were growing up. Each of them had a list of chores that were expected of them each day. If they did their jobs, they got paid at the end of the week. If they didn't, they didn't get any money.

Some people may look at this method and call it "tough love." But it's really not. It's just love. It's something you do when you're trying to teach your children, and guide them toward becoming independent, responsible adults.

— Dave

Planning Ahead

Dear Dave,

I was wondering if you recommend including future purchases, especially major purchases, into your monthly budget. If so, how far in advance should you do this?

— Andie

Dear Cody,

When you wait until things go wrong or something breaks down, you'll find yourself in a mess and the victim of your own poor planning. That's why I'd start putting money aside in my budget as soon as I saw signs there would be a need for whatever item it may be.

Let's say you're pretty sure you'll need a newer vehicle in a couple of years. Go ahead and start putting the money aside now. Decide on a reasonable, affordable ballpark price, then do the math to see how much you'll have to save every month to make it happen. And if you can make it happen faster than two years? Great!

And remember, this kind of stuff is a whole lot easier when you don't have things like car loans and credit card payments hanging around your neck!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The leaves are starting to show signs of abscission. Their color is starting to change very gradually. Soon we will have the joy of falling leaves. Last weekend we went to the coast. I cannot tell you coastal tales because at the time I'm writing this I have not left yet. I know it is odd but when one writes a week and a half ahead of

time, time gets skewed. It's a great practice in thinking about time and how it influences our lives. Seasonal time is so important. In our farm town we are aware of seasonal and crop changes. This is what "real" time is, the cycles of the sun and the changes in the warmth of the earth. All other time is an imitation, made by man. I was at a rice farm recently and it was amazing being surrounded by flat spaces filled with ripening rice. It is a beautiful sight, green gold, getting ready for harvesting soon. My allergies tell me the walnuts have been being worked. Our garden shows the signs of slowing down and cooler weather ahead. The dead

artichoke leaves now have green neighbors as the plants regenerate. We have another crop of grapes, thanks to all the weird extra heat. I'd trade no more grapes for cooler weather.

I'm going to cut my Crepe Myrtle way back this year. The sad part of this is whether or not I end up losing Praying Mantis cases. I always find them in that tree on small branches. Maybe they are also somewhere else. I hope so, I will miss them if that is their only egg case place. That tree is getting too tall for our yard, so it has to be done. It takes so little to disrupt the ecology of a habitat yard. Looking forward to stomping in dry leaves! ★



Brutal' Wine Market Leaves Farms in Peril

A downturn in wine sales worldwide has shaken California's winegrape sector. After years of growth, U.S. sales have declined for three straight years. The shrinking market has left wineries oversupplied and California's vineyard acreage out of step with demand. This year, many growers could see their entire crop rot on the vines. "It's leaving some guys in some very precarious positions," said Jeff Bitter, president of Allied Grape Growers, a grower-owned marketing group that sells winegrapes for 400 growers across California.

Certifiers Among Those Affected by New Organic Rules

New federal rules meant to prevent organic fraud have been praised by organic farmers for helping to protect the integrity of the national organic label. But the rules have also brought unintended consequences as smaller operations struggle to keep up with the new requirements. Those struggling include government agencies that inspect and certify farms to ensure they comply with standards of the National Organic Program.

State Water Board Agrees on Probation for Tule Subbasin

Last week, the California State Water Resources Control Board placed the Tule Subbasin in Tulare and Kern counties in probation under the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The board said state intervention was warranted because plans submitted by most of the subbasin's groundwater sustainability agencies failed to adequately address problems such as land subsidence. Under probation, some farmers who rely on groundwater in parts of the subbasin will be required to monitor their water use and pay extra fees.

Wolves and Mountain Lions Prey on Livestock

The Voice of California Agriculture podcast, produced by the California Farm Bureau, discusses wolf and mountain lion attacks on livestock. The episode also covers a Sonoma County ballot measure, sponsored by animal activists, that would bar certain poultry and livestock farms from operating in the county, phasing them out within three years. Poultry and livestock farmers say the measure, if passed, would threaten their businesses and the region's farm economy. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"You hear 'bout Andy's barn?" asked Dud. We nodded and had another sip of morning coffee.

"You s'pose it was all globally warmed up?"

"Beats me, Windy. Could be."

"Buncha that," Windy said. "On the news and all over the place. Fires and rivers goin' over the bank and killin' cows. Some places, they say, got so hot it caused a earthquake and shook

One of Those Kinds of Heavy Thinking Mornings

people's houses down."

And all of this, we knew, was going on faster than the paper could print the news. Hey, you turn on the tee-vee, somebody else just lost everything they had.

"Oughta be a list a guy could prescribe to, ya know?"

Doc looked up from his eggs and toast. "What kinda list, Windy?"

"Oh, you know, Doc. If we're gonna have these here destructions, oughta be able to add Miller's old milkin' barn to the victim's list. That thing ain't been safe for years, and the kids play in it

all day."

"Request destruction?"

"Well, kinda."

"We understand your point, Windy," Doc said, "but I think maybe all we can do is be helpful until we can figure out all this craziness. Thought I'd go help Andy clean up the ashes at his old barn."

"Ya s'pose it's 'bout like a friend test? Ya know, see how much of a friend we can be when ever-thin's cavin' in?"

We nodded and sipped. One of those kinds of heavy thinking mornings.

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Gridley Titans Football

Titans 8U

By Randall Huff, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 28 the 8U Titans faced off against the Yreka Jr Miners. Unfortunately, the Titans were not able to come out with the victory. The kids played hard, but as a team they just made too many mistakes. The captains for the week were Jax Terrell, Xander Beum, Emmitt Burn, and Jace Tuma. The one bright spot from the 28 - 7 loss to the Miners was when #87 Adrian Thao (aka BIG THAO) intercepted the ball and returned it for 45-yard touchdown. The 8U Titans are looking forward to getting back in the win column this week versus the West Valley Jr. Eagles. ★



Adrian Thao with a touchdown run. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 10U

By Yolie Davis

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 28 the 10U Titans traveled 3 hours north to the town of Yreka to take on the Jr Miners. It was a battle from the start, with both teams scoring on their first two drives. With the score tied at 13 with about a minute left in the

first half, Titan quarterback Boss Davis threw a screen pass out to Deandre Carothers, who took it 45 yards for a touchdown. After the half, the Titans got the ball and went on a 64-yard drive capped off by a 6-yard touchdown run by Tyler Smith. In the end the Titans were too much for the Jr. Miners. Jase

Lowry, Francisco Guillen III and Sebastian Kneeland had a stand-out day on the line for Gridley. The final score was 40-26 keeping the 10U Titans undefeated on the season with a 6-0 record. Touchdowns on the day were scored by Israel Hernandez (1), Deandre Carothers (3), Boss Davis (1) and Tyler Smith (1). The 10U Titans travel to Cottonwood on Saturday, Oct. 5 to take on the undefeated West Valley Jr Eagles in a battle of the unbeaten. ★



10U line had a strong day on the field. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 12U

By Brandon Oakley, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 28 the Gridley Titans 12U football team took on the Yreka Jr. Miners. In the first half both teams played hard. Titans' #2 Knox Buzzard scored the first touchdown for the Titans. In the second half Buzzard and #42 Adrian Fuentes scored two additional touchdowns for the Titans. The Titans' defense had multiple sacks and shutdown the Jr. Miners' offense for most of the game. Fuentes returned a punt for a touchdown for one of the Titans' second half touchdowns. #22 Yoshimar Martinez was successful on all three point after touchdown kicks, which helped give the Titans their victory over the Jr. Miners 24-14. This brings the Titans' record to 4 wins and 2 losses. ★



12U Titans offensive line approaches the line of scrimmage. Photo by Rhonda Andoe



12U Yoshimar Martinez with an impressive run against Yreka. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 14U

By Tony Luquin, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley 14U Titans took the long trip up to Yreka on Saturday, Sept. 28 to take on the 14U Miners. The game was started by the Titans defense setting the tone for the game. They got a quick three and out, forcing the Miners to punt and allowing the Titans offense to get going. The running game was a big factor for the Gridley Titans getting the win. The Titans rushed for a total of 248 yards with Benny Zumwalt leading the charge with 94 yards and Hudson Oakley trailing with 76 yards and two touchdowns. Talan Sannar and Chandler Dixon were also able to score a touchdown each. With the run game working well the pass game opened up for Alec Luquin, allowing him to throw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Jaiden Bandy. The final score of the game was 38-0.



14U Chandler Dixon with a run against Yreka. Photo by Rhonda Andoe



14U Carson Cornell with a touchdown against Yreka. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

The Titans defense has been on a roll the last four weeks not allowing a touchdown. The secondary has been on fire averaging two interceptions a game. Next the 14U Titans will be on the road one last time to face West Valley the current first place team. ★

Gallagher Applauds Request for Major Disaster Declaration for the Park Fire

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) applauded California's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to assist with the recovery from this summer's Park Fire. If granted, the Major Disaster Declaration would unlock access to federal assistance including FEMA Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation programs, U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loans and U.S. Department of Agriculture Emergency Loans for residents and businesses in Butte and Tehama Counties that were impacted by the fire. "I'm glad to see the state recognize the challenges facing Butte and Tehama Counties as they work to recover from the Park Fire," said Gallagher. "Everyone impacted by this fire has shown remarkable

resilience, but they can't do it alone. No more delays - all levels of government need to step up and get these folks the help they've been asking for." The Park Fire was started on July 24, when a violent sex offender pushed his burning car into a ravine in Chico. The fire exploded in the following days, eventually becoming the fourth largest wildfire in California history, burning 429,603 acres and destroying more than 700 structures. Residents and businesses who have been impacted by the fire can find additional information and recovery resources at <https://www.buttecounty.net/2021/Park-Fire> and <https://www.tehama.gov/park-fire-recovery-information/> or by calling 211. Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties. ★

Statement from Rep. LaMalfa on Passage of the Fix Our Forests Act

Office of Rep. LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - This week, the House passed H.R. 8790, the Fix Our Forests Act, a strongly bipartisan piece of legislation focused on improving forest management and reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfires. The act promotes enhanced cooperation among federal, state, and tribal land managers while strengthening local restoration efforts. Rep. LaMalfa (R-CA), released the following statement: "The Fix Our Forests Act is a hard-fought bipartisan compromise that will begin getting in the work we need done in our forests to reduce fuels and risk of major wildfire. This bill starts to peel back the bureaucracy and limit some of the lawsuits

that have hampered so many good forestry projects. I was happy to see my bill to increase the use of grazing on federal lands to reduce fire fuels, as well as my bill to provide greater setbacks near powerlines to prevent trees from falling into them and starting fires, were included. Fix Our Forests combined with the reforms in the bipartisan Farm Bill we are hoping to pass this fall will make a huge difference in finally addressing our forest management crisis," said Rep. LaMalfa. The Fix Our Forests Act streamlines the consultation process for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, preventing environmental groups from stalling projects or forcing unnecessary revisions to management plans. Additionally, the act

mandates clearer reporting on hazardous fuels reduction efforts, addressing prior misrepresentation by federal agencies regarding the number of acres treated. It also explores the establishment of a Western headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service. The bill also incorporates Rep. LaMalfa's language to expand the clearance zone for hazardous trees around electric power lines, and his bill, H.R. 7666, was included as an amendment that directs the U.S. Forest Service to expand the use of livestock grazing in fuels management programs. Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★



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