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## A Quest for Fun!

*Board Game Knights Celebrates Grand Opening*



Rubio's family and friends celebrate the Grand Opening of Board Game Knights in Downtown Gridley. Photo courtesy by Board Game Knights

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A new business has staked their claim in the downtown area, but they aren't all fun and games – wait, yes, they are.

Board Game Knights is one of five new locally owned businesses to join the Historic Downtown Gridley area in the last year.

Owner Miguel Rubio has been working on the concept for a few years, with Downtown Gridley as the location for the nostalgic-yet-fresh, board gaming establishment.

His wife Aidee and son Miguel Jr. have supported him on this adventure and together, the family made the establishment a reality.

"It started with a love



A variety of seating, tables and play areas greet those who enter Board Game Knights to facilitate play of one of the 500+ games available. Photo courtesy of Board Game Knights

for board games and a dream to build a space where people of all ages could connect, strategize and laugh together," said Rubio. "I saw how board games could bring people together in a way that's

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## Gridley Council Authorizes Follow-Up Utility Rate Study

**By Susan Meeker**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley City Council on Sept. 2 approved a proposal to re-engage Utility Financial Solutions for a follow-up cost-of-service study aimed at evaluating the financial health of the city's electric, water and sewer enterprise funds. The decision follows a scheduled review of the 2023 rate study conducted by Utility Financial Solutions, which previously informed council-approved rate increases for 2024 and 2025.

"It is time to look to see how close this study was in relation to the rates that were approved at that time by council," City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said, emphasizing the importance of third-party, data-driven analysis to validate whether the original projections and rate increases have aligned with actual operational costs.

Arteaga said the review is intended to ensure continued financial stability of all the city's enterprise funds, particularly as the city navigates rising utility expenses and infrastructure demands.

The study, conducted under an existing Northern California Power Agency contract, will cost \$52,000, allocated as \$22,000 to the electric department, \$16,000 to water, and \$12,000 to sewer.

Concerns were raised about the frequency and cost of such studies, and whether internal staff could provide similar updates using existing data.

Arteaga clarified that while staff can report fund balances, Utility Financial Solutions offers specialized expertise in rate modeling and reserve planning that is critical for transparent and defensible rate structures.

At the time of the rate increases proposed for 2024 and 2025, the city's intent had been to adopt a five-year rate plan, but the council opted for a more conservative two-year structure in 2023, prompting the need for earlier reassessment.

"The City of Gridley has had longstanding structural concerns with all the enterprise funds," said Arteaga, reminding the council they opted for more frequent monitoring to ensure rates

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## Poker Run Honors Gridley Sailor Killed at Pearl Harbor



Riders depart Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall on Saturday morning during the inaugural Warren McCutcheon Poker Run hosted by American Legion South Butte Post 210. Photo by Lloyd Green Jr

**By Lloyd Green Jr.**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - About 50 motorcyclists from across Northern California gathered Saturday, Aug. 6, for the inaugural Warren McCutcheon Poker Run hosted by South Butte Post 210 of the American Legion. The morning ride began under clear skies as veterans, families, and supporters honored a Gridley sailor killed at Pearl Harbor.

The event was named for Seaman Second Class Warren McCutcheon,

who was only 17 years old when he was killed in the first wave of the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. McCutcheon was serving aboard the USS Maryland when he responded to the call to General Quarters and manned a gun station. Within 30 seconds of the attack's start, he was struck by machine gun fire from a torpedo bomber headed toward the nearby USS Oklahoma. The bullet pierced his heart, killing him instantly.

McCutcheon had grown up in

Gridley and was in his first year of Navy service when he died. Though his time in uniform was brief, his memory endures in the community.

In 1996, friends, family, and fellow service members dedicated a 9-foot monument in his honor in Gridley.

The poker run brought in riders from Healdsburg, Porterville, Sacramento, Redding, McCloud, and other communities. The route included stops at Butte College, Sierra Steel Harley Davidson in

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Many readers who had become Thrifty Ice Cream fanatics, because it was the last place in town to get a flat-topped ice cream cone, can now rejoice. The brand was acquired for \$19.2 million by Hilrod Holdings, an investment group led by Monster Energy drinks executives (wonder if Rocky Road with Caffeine and vitamins is on the way), after Rite Aid's bankruptcy and store closures. Thrifty Ice Cream will relaunch with updated packaging, a few new flavors, and broader retail distribution while keeping its original recipes and iconic flat-topped scoops intact. The aim is to modernize the brand while maintaining its classic charm, ensuring availability in grocery stores and possibly new locations other than inside a pharmacy. Perhaps they

should do something revolutionary, like add ice cream service at Napa Auto Parts or Ace Hardware stores.

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As children, we were taught to shame people who smoked cigarettes. As I reflected on my food intake this last week, I have to confess - Chocolate is my Tobacco, and I wanted to apologize to people who have other bad habits - if I ever seemed judgmental and self-righteous. I think I have a Chocolate problem.

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Tesla is pivoting away from traditional vehicles to focus on robots and self-driving technology. Tesla began by crafting pricey electric vehicles, using the profits to create affordable models for the masses. This strategy paid off. This week, Tesla unveiled "Master Plan IV," which barely mentions new car models. Instead, it emphasizes developing human-like robots, creating self-driving cars (robotaxis), and building a future where robots handle repetitive tasks. The plan envisions robots simplifying life. Go back in your mind to the Jetsons cartoon but then understand the Tesla robots coming next

year will do the dishes, take out the garbage, mow the lawn, vacuum the house and move heavy things around the house. Elon Musk, Tesla's CEO, believes the future lies in robots and autonomous vehicles, not traditional cars. He sees people earning income by letting (or making) their self-driving cars offer rides and deliver packages while they sleep or work. Tesla's earlier plans focused heavily on cars, but each successive plan has leaned more toward robotics and automation. The future is soon to arrive.

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Butte College Football beat Lancy College 38-30 this week to remaining unbeaten. Next is homecoming at Cowan Stadium against San Francisco City College. When we elected Mike Boeger to the college board 40 years ago we said we wanted winners. He has been delivering. Now he needs Butte College to build a new swimming pool aquatic sports complex in Gridley. Go Roadrunners, Go Mike.

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*Josh F.W. Cook, M.S. is a local expert on the people and culture of Butte and Sutter Counties.* ★

# Poker Run Honors Gridley Sailor Killed at Pearl Harbor

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Chico, American Legion Post 673 in Durham, and finished back in Gridley.

Organizers said the event served two purposes: to remember McCutcheon and to bring local veterans and supporters together.

"We are here to give back to our community," said Josh Stiefel, a Navy veteran from Butte County. "People came from all over to help us raise money so we can give it back to our community and support veterans and their families."

Stiefel said the ride also allowed veterans who often live far apart to gather.

"We are all spread out in Northern California, and we don't get to get together a lot. So it's awesome for everyone to get together and have a good ride," he said.

Owen Stiles, commander of Post 210, said naming the ride for McCutcheon helps highlight both his sacrifice and the role of the Gridley American Legion. The post was established in 1923 and has worked for decades to support veterans and their families.

"We want to continue the legacy of the guys who started the American Legion in Gridley," Stiles said. "We want to make the community more aware of our long history."

That history includes the use of the Veterans Memorial Hall in downtown Gridley, a familiar landmark that was closed for five years and had limited access for more than a decade. The hall has recently reopened for public use, and Post 210 leaders say they are eager to once again make it a gathering place for the community.

"We are excited to host more community events," Stiles said.

Plans are underway to add more memorials at the hall, including a monument in front of the building honoring Gold Star Families — those who have lost loved ones in military service. Inside, an interior wall is being set aside for a memorial to local veterans who have passed away.



Seaman Second Class Warren McCutcheon of Gridley was killed at age 17 in the opening minutes of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor while serving aboard the USS Maryland. A monument in his honor was dedicated in his hometown in 1996, and the inaugural poker run held Aug. 6 was named in his memory. Photo courtesy of findagrave.com

"The centerpiece would be Warren McCutcheon," Stiles said.

For organizers, the poker run was not only a fundraiser but also a way to remind the community of McCutcheon's story. They said they hope to make the event an annual tradition that draws riders and supporters from across the region.

"Thanks to everyone who came," Stiefel said. "Thanks to all the chapters that traveled from far and near. It really shows how much people care about coming together for a good cause."

As engines roared back into Gridley at the end of the ride, participants reflected on the memory of a young sailor whose life was cut short in service to his country and on the continuing mission of the American Legion to honor that sacrifice. ★

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# Gridley Council Authorizes Follow-Up Utility Rate Study

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cover the cost of providing services and sufficient reserves are maintained for emergencies and capital improvements.

Council member J Angel Calderon said he was concerned any further rate increases would negatively affect the community, giving attention to the effect another rate increase would have on senior citizens and low-income households.

"One of the reasons I agreed to run for office is because some of the people that asked me to run were having a real hard time with their electric bill; they

are limited or fixed income, Calderon said. "They are the same people that I am advocating for now."

Artega said she understood that power increases have been particularly burdensome on everyone, but as operational costs go up with any enterprise, the city must maintain the stability of its services.

"At the end of the day, it is a business," Artega said. "We are not for profit, but I want to remind (the council) you need to be sustaining it. Power is getting more expensive."

The council unanimously authorized

Artega to negotiate and sign a contract with Utility Financial Solutions, not to exceed \$52,500, and encouraged her to explore inclusion of future follow-up services.

Staff will also prepare a report detailing current fund balances, reserve levels, and the impact of the recent rate adjustments prior to finalizing the agreement. Utility Financial Solutions will collaborate with city staff and Northern California Power Agency engineering support to scope the study and present findings for future rate decisions. ★

# Deceased Man Found Update

Gridley Police Department News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, Aug. 7, at approximately 4:27 p.m., the Gridley Police Department received a report of a deceased man found in the abandoned warehouse located at the south end of Virginia Street, near Cedar Street. Officers responded and located a deceased man who appeared to have been deceased for several days.

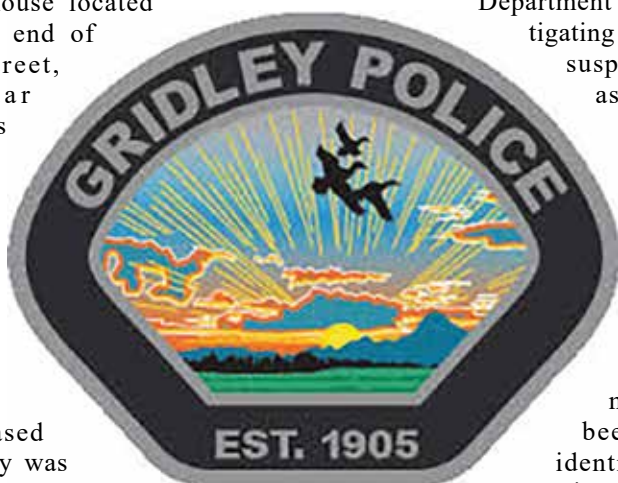
The deceased man's identity was unknown at the time he was found. The deceased man was believed to be Hispanic, between thirty and forty years of age. The Gridley Police Department determined there were suspicious circumstances surrounding the man's death.

An autopsy was later performed by the

Butte County Coroner's Office. The Butte County Coroner's Office will determine the official cause and manner of the decedent's death after receiving a report from a board-certified forensic pathologist. This process generally takes approximately 60 to 90 days. The Gridley Police Department is still investigating this case as a suspicious death,

as foul play is suspected.

With the assistance of the Butte County Coroner's Office, the deceased man has been positively identified as thirty-nine-year-old Edgar Carlos Garcia, a citizen of Mexico. Edgar is not known to the Gridley Police Department. The Gridley Police Department is asking for anyone with information on Edgar to contact Detective Jellison at the Gridley Police Department at 530-846-5670. ★



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# Gridley Tackling Sidewalk Obstructions

Story and photo by Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The City of Gridley is taking proactive steps to improve pedestrian safety and address infrastructure issues related to its sidewalks.

On Aug. 18, the City Council approved separate contracts related to two key initiatives: a comprehensive sidewalk inspection program and the relocation of three fire hydrants that currently obstruct new sidewalk pathways on Highway 99.

The council, during its regular session, approved a \$20,458 contract with Precision Concrete Cutting to inspect approximately 53 miles of sidewalks throughout Gridley. This inspection will identify trip hazards where elevation differences exceed a quarter inch, which pose risks to pedestrians, said Public Works Director Jerry Cox.

Each hazard will be documented with photographs and precise locations, and all data will be integrated into a Geographic Information System (GIS) database.

Cox said the system would allow the city to prioritize repairs based on severity, enabling the most damaged sidewalks to be fixed first.

"This is the first step of us addressing our current broken sidewalk issues," Cox said.

Cox said the inspection program is reimbursable through the Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund (NCCSIF), and the necessary funds have already been allocated in the city's Capital Improvement Program.

City Manager Elisa Arteaga highlighted the efficiency of this approach, which would provide transparent tracking of repairs through before-and-after documentation.

"Once we get the information, then we can send staff out and start evaluating the worst of it..." "Or in most cases, it might be cheaper for (Precision Concrete) to do it because they're out there already taking the before and after pictures and doing the repairs."

Cox said a system to tackle the worst first is designed to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce the city's liability.

In addition to the sidewalk inspection program, Gridley will also address an immediate issue related to the relocation of three fire hydrants discovered during Highway 99 construction that are in the



The City of Gridley will move fire hydrants in conflict with Caltrans' construction of a new sidewalk on the northbound side of State Highway 99 as one of two initiatives approved Aug. 18 to improve pedestrian safety.

middle of a soon-to-be poured eight-foot-wide sidewalk.

The City Council reluctantly authorized Arteaga to execute a contract with Martin Brothers Construction in the amount of \$65,538.06 to relocate the fire hydrants that conflict with Caltrans' construction project along the northbound side of State Route 99.

City officials said the hydrants are technically compliant with ADA standards, due to sufficient clearance, but leaving them at their current placement will be visually unappealing and create practical obstacles for pedestrians.

"If we leave it the way it is, Caltrans is just going to pour around them," Arteaga said.

Arteaga said she will meet with Caltrans about responsibility and potential reimbursement, but potential litigation with the state, should they refuse to pay for hydrant relocation, would be more costly.

Arteaga said relocating the hydrants from the middle of the sidewalk is not just about improving aesthetics or whether it will cost the city money.

"It's the safety of people who are walking on that sidewalk," Arteaga said.

The council, after lengthy discussion on how the hydrant conflicts were left out of the overall construction plans and who is financially responsible, voted 4-0, absent Councilmember Catalina Sanchez, to move forward. ★

# A Quest for Fun!

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creative, strategic and just plain joyful."

The medieval theme echoes Rubio's choice to use a play on words with his business name, Board Game Knights (BGK). The feeling of adventure permeates through snack bar bundles like the "wandering knight" and "royal rations" to the play packages and all day/adventure passes.

Board Game Knights celebrated a well-attended Grand Opening ribbon cutting, Aug. 16 with clever incentives for the community to come out and play. To celebrate the opening of his business, keeping gamers in mind, Rubio designed a special quest, much like a scavenger hunt, for players to win raffle tickets for his opening day raffle. Raffle prizes ranged from board games to free memberships, or items donated from local businesses such as Candelario ACE, Our Town Pizzeria and The Farmers Wives.

Rubio wanted to also thank Anthony's Balloons for the festive balloon arches that graced the entrance to his establishment opening day and Sweeties for their baked goodies.

Of opening day, Board Game Knights Team said, "We're excited for the adventures ahead, and we hope you'll keep questing with us. The realm of Board Game Knights is officially open, and it's better than we ever imagined, thanks to you."

Board Game Knights keeps an updated catalog of their games and puzzles online for guests to browse. A cozy kids' corner with



Owner, Miguel Rubio cuts the ribbon to Board Game Knights, surrounded by supporters. His wife Aidee and son Miguel Jr. stands off to the left of the scene, holding the other side of the ribbon as the business opens to the public. Photo courtesy by Board Game Knights

blocks, puzzles and books is available for young gamers while older players try their hand at classics such as "Monopoly," easy to learn games such as "Animal Upon Animal" or something more complicated like "Lost Ruins of Arnak."

Board Game Knights features specialty tables designed for gaming, slanted surface tables for puzzles and activities such as take-home crafting kits, including the crochet craze "The Woobles".

Open less than a month, Board Game Knights has already had phenomenal reviews from those that have suited up and stepped into the gaming kingdom.

"Oh my gosh, we had so much fun!" said Brand Macfarlane after visiting with her crew. "We were laughing so hard. You have

to check it out!"

Entry fees are designed to be budget-friendly, with one adult and one child bundles as low as \$20 for endless play. Adult passes are \$10 each, youth passes for ages 7-17 are available for \$5 each, children under 6 are free and Board Game Knights offers discounted senior passes for just \$5.

"Whether you're here for a full quest or just a quick visit, there's a bundle for your adventure."

Board Game Knights is located at 556 Kentucky Street, Gridley. The realm is open Wednesday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Give them a call at 530-448-8800 or go online at bgknights.com to view their 500+ game catalog and plan your visit. Www.bgknights.com. ★

# Families Line Broadway for Fall Festival Tradition



Miss Live Oak and Mr. Live Oak ride in a classic Chevrolet convertible during the Fall Festival Parade on Saturday in Live Oak.

Story and photos by Lloyd Green Jr.

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Residents lined Broadway Street on Saturday for the annual Fall Festival and Parade, organized by the City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation.

The day began with the parade at 11 a.m., featuring local organizations, businesses, and community groups. Many handed out candy to children along the route, while the Live Oak Fire Department cooled off spectators with a spray of water that drew groups of children into the street.

After the parade, the festival continued at Memorial Park, where activities ran from noon until 8 p.m. The park hosted a variety of food vendors, craft booths, and informational displays. Live music, games, and a free community swim were also offered throughout the day.

The annual car show brought a lineup of classic and custom vehicles, a feature that continues to draw both participants and spectators.



The Farmhouse Bakery offered cookies and other baked goods to visitors at Memorial Park during the Live Oak Fall Festival.



Children play in the spray from a Live Oak Fire Department truck as it rolled down Broadway during the Fall Festival Parade.

City officials said the event is intended to bring the community together, offering something for families, residents, and visitors alike.

The festival remains a centerpiece of the fall season in Live Oak, combining tradition with activities for all ages. ★

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## When investing, one of the best abilities is durability

You've probably heard about "genius" investors or those who got in on the "ground floor" of a company that grew to be a huge success. These stories may be interesting, but they are also rare — and sometimes not even true.

The truth is that successful investing isn't glamorous, and it isn't necessarily quick. Instead, a well-founded investing strategy is a durable one — one that can withstand the test of time.

Here are some actions that can help you build durability.

**Take your time:** Most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Despite stories about fortunes made on one or two trades, you're more likely to be successful making money over time. You'll want to own a well-diversified portfolio of quality investments — and plan to own those investments for the long term.

A long-term perspective can help you ignore the constant noise in the markets and stay invested. When you hear about the latest "hot" investment tip, especially if it's already performed well, the best advice is this: Ignore it. Although it may be tempting to buy a popular investment, it may not fit with the rest of your portfolio, it may have already peaked and it may be riskier than you expect. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

**Invest in quality:** When building your investment portfolio, quality should be a top priority. For stocks, quality is frequently measured by the steadiness of earnings and dividend growth over time. For bonds, one measure of quality is an investment-grade credit rating, which indicates that the borrower has a good track record of making its promised interest and principal payments and the bond has a relatively low risk of default.

Quality investments are more likely to overcome temporary challenges, which is why a good track record can be an indication of quality. Don't reach for yield by looking for investments offering the highest dividend or interest rate without considering the risk. Remember, there is no perfect investment — a higher rate generally means higher risk.

**Stick to your strategy:** Building a long-term strategy can anchor your decisions and provide a roadmap for your investment choices. Your strategy should consider your goals, tolerance for risk and the time needed to save toward each goal.

Within that strategy, you can be flexible. Buy and hold, for example, doesn't mean buy and forget. Over time, your goals may change, or you may choose to hold more conservative investments. But it's important to make changes for the right reasons, not simply because stocks or your other investments may have dropped in price.

Perhaps one of the biggest mistakes you can make is trying to time the markets, moving in and out in response to short-term declines or the latest prediction. This often results in getting into and out of the market at the wrong times, costing time and money — and resulting in lower returns over time.

Remember that investments don't all move up or down at the same time but portfolio diversification can help smooth the ups and downs of the market. A long-term perspective can help you see past short-term fluctuations in some investments.

Successful investing isn't about making dramatic moves or chasing the latest trends. It's about developing a durable strategy personalized for your life, then sticking with it through market ups and downs. In investing, as in life, slow and steady could help win the race.

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# Food & Farm NEWS

## Summer Strawberry Plantings Hit New Record in California

Increased demand for strawberries in the fall and winter has driven summer plantings, which have reached a record high of 11,503 acres this year, according to the California Strawberry Commission. This year's summer acreage represents about a quarter of the state's total strawberry acreage, which stands at 42,885, the commission said. This is an increase of 1.3% from last year. Second-year acres—strawberry plants kept alive for more than one growing season—have increased nearly every year since 2021 due to the rising cost of planting new berries. Since 2018, second-year acres have increased sixfold.

## Engineered Wheat Could Cut Costs for Farmers

Farmers could soon benefit from wheat engineered to stimulate the production of its own fertilizer, turning nitrogen from the air into a usable form and reducing the need for synthetic fertilizer. With about 500 million acres of U.S. farmland planted with cereal crops each year, researchers who made the breakthrough in wheat estimated it could generate significant savings for farmers. "Imagine, if you could save 10% of the amount of fertilizer being used on that land," said Eduardo Blumwald, professor of plant sciences at the University of California, Davis. "I'm calculating conservatively: That should be a savings of more than a billion dollars every year." In 2023, American farmers spent roughly \$36 billion on fertilizers, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## New Initiative Aims to Help California Farmers Confront Challenges

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources has been awarded \$15 million from the state of California to establish an innovation network—UC ANR Innovate—that aims to help farmers solve problems related to water scarcity, labor shortages and other challenges. "This award allows us to do something California has never done before: build a single, state-wide engine for agricultural innovation," said Gabriel Youtsey, chief innovation officer at UC ANR. Youtsey added that the initiative will ensure "that every farmer—from small specialty growers to large scale producers—benefits from the tools needed to stay competitive." The program will help farmers by expanding access to emerging tools and by providing tailored support and upskilling opportunities for employees.

## Mountain Lion Attacks Take Toll on Lake County Livestock

California farmers and ranchers continue to suffer losses due to apex predators, with mountain lion attacks in Lake County affecting some ranchers. "The mountain lion seems to be the biggest issue here right now, and they are killing a good number of animals in one night," Lake County Supervisor Helen Owen said in a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Owen said the county lost 16 sheep and 25 goats. "It's just really heart wrenching," she said. "The emotional factor is just horrible." ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The snails are still among the mostly missing. They are there. I've seen one slime trail. I've seen about five snails. I'm seeing more toad poops, yeah! I'm giving credit to the smaller snail population to the toads. May the toads live long and proper. Of course, I am bemoaning the snails a wee bit. I am happy

that they are not eating as many of my plants but I miss their antics. They are so amazing what they can do with one foot, slime, a shell and thousands of rasp teeth. I miss being surprised by their presence 6 ft up a tree. Still, I bid the majority of them a fond adieu.

Time to start cleaning up under your plants. If you are struggling with peach leaf curl, get those dead leaves raked up and away from the tree. It will help some. That goes for most virus and bacterial problems. I work with the IPM model as much as possible. Start with the less invasive process and go up if you need to. It takes more time and observation but that way

you are not using an atom bomb where a sling shot will do. Cleaning up your environment is #1 on that list of ways to take care of business with plants, bugs and other plagues.

I did find a massive mealy bug outbreak on two of the abutilons in the front yard. I've never seen bugs on them before. One wasn't getting watered properly for a while and may have weakened and thus those rascals took advantage of the down and out. I used horticultural soap to get rid of them and it is working. I did dig the pitiful one out and dispose of it. No more suffering for that plant. The days are getting shorter. The harvest is here. ★

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# Ask DR. UNIVERSE

## Why do dogs have pads on their feet?

- Izzy, 10, Louisiana

Dear Izzy,

My coworkers sometimes forget that I'm a cat—until I reach out a paw to shake their hand. At first glance, cat and dog paws seem very different from human hands and feet.

I talked about that with my friend Natasha Hottmann. She's a veterinarian at Washington State University.

She told me that a dog paw is actually super similar to a human foot. Dogs just walk on their toes—like they're wearing invisible high heels. That's called digitigrade locomotion.

"People think, 'Oh, their knee is backward' or something—but it's not their knee," Dr. Hottmann said. "It's the point of their heel, which is basically the same as ours. It's just up in the air because they're walking on their tippy toes."

If you look at the underside of a dog's paw, you'll see four digital pads near the tip. There's a bigger metacarpal pad below those. Most dogs have a fifth digital pad just on the front paws. It sits to the side like your thumb does.

The digital and metacarpal pads cover a dog's toe bones. Those are the pads they walk on.

Most dogs have a furry space after the metacarpal pad on the front paws. Then they have carpal pads above that. They're on a dog's wrist. The bone under that pad is the same knobby bone you have in your wrist. You can feel it on the outside of your wrist. That bone is called the accessory carpal bone in dogs and cats.

Remember the dog's heel bone that gets mistaken for a backwards knee?

There's no paw pad there. It's the same bone you have in your heel—called the calcaneus. You can't feel yours because, unlike dogs, you have thick fat on top of it.

A dog's pads are objectively cute, but they're not there just to make us squeee. They do some big jobs.

Paw pads protect a dog's feet.

The pads are fat and connective tissue covered with thick, durable skin. So, when the dog's paws hit the ground, the pads absorb the shock. That keeps the bones safe.

If the ground is sharp, the tough pads protect the paws from damage. They also provide traction. They help dogs walk or run without slipping on wet, smooth or uneven surfaces.

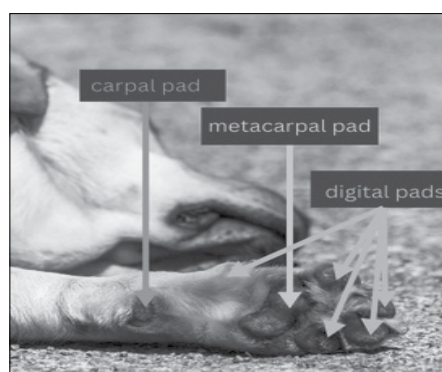
Paw pads also help keep dogs cool. Dogs don't sweat like you do. Sweating works because the liquid evaporates from skin, taking body heat with it. A dog's fur would just soak up that sweat. So, they mostly stay cool by panting.

But they do have sweat glands on their noses and paw pads. Those hairless spots ooze little bits of sweat that help keep them cool. Sometimes hot or nervous dogs leave wet footprints behind.

In case you're curious, cats like me have the same bones and pads that dogs have. But we sometimes call our pads "toe beans." Because they're paws-itively adorable.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



Here's a dog's front paw. The back paw has only four digital pads and no carpal pad. Courtesy photo

# SPARKY'S CORNER

## CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY

One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is keeping your child safe when riding in a vehicle. Each year, thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. Proper use of car seats helps keep children safe. But with so many different seats on the market, many parents find this overwhelming.

If you are expectant parents, give yourself enough time to learn how to properly install the car seat in your car before your baby is born to ensure a safe ride home from the hospital. The type of seat your child needs depends on several things, including your child's age and size and the type of vehicle you have. For more information, check the Butte County Department of Public Health website at [www.buttecounty.net/publichealth](http://www.buttecounty.net/publichealth) or call (530) 895-4035.

Here are some car seat safety tips:

### Rear Facing Seat (birth to two years)

- Best seat for child to use has a harness that moves with your child in an accident to cradle your child's head and neck
- All children must ride in rear facing seat until child reaches size or age requirements set by seat manufacturer.
- Switch to convertible rear-facing seat for larger infants when rear-facing infant seat is outgrown.

### Forward Facing Seat (Two years and older)

- Has harness and tether that limits forward movement during an accident
- Keep child in forward-facing seat with a harness until age and size limits set by manufacturer are exceeded.

### Booster Seat (Five years and older)

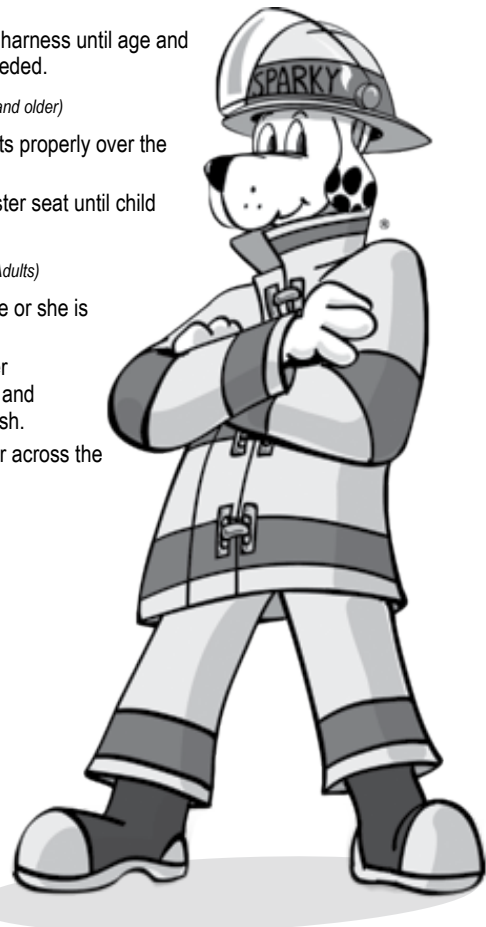
- A booster seat positions seat belt so it fits properly over the stronger parts of the child's body.
- Use forward-facing belt positioning booster seat until child reaches 4'9" tall, typically at age 12.

### Seat Belt (Older Children and Adults)

- Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly.
- The seat belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash.
- It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck or face.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog  
Gridley Fire Station 74



## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed September 2025 as Library Card Sign-Up Month, emphasizing the vital role libraries play in education, community engagement and lifelong learning.

Supervisor Doug Teeter read the resolution highlighting the many benefits libraries provide to the community.

"Libraries are foundational to education, imagination, and opportunity, offering everything from early literacy programs to digital tools that support lifelong learning and personal growth," resolution states.

The resolution goes on to recognize libraries as inclusive, accessible hubs that connect individuals across cultures and generations, curate diverse collections and ensure equitable access to information and technology. The resolution also acknowledges how libraries assist residents

in navigating life's challenges by offering trusted information, digital access, job search support and connections to essential services. It underscores the importance of libraries in contributing to thriving local economies by equipping job seekers, entrepreneurs, students and creators with tools and training to succeed.

In addition, libraries help households save money, reduce waste and make sustainable choices, through the shared public resources of a library card.

"In times of both crisis and calm, libraries and their staff remain steadfast in supporting and strengthening their communities," Teeter noted, concluding "a library card opens doors to endless possibilities from books and technology to lifelong learning and imagination."

Butte County Director of Libraries Misty Wright, addressed the board, encouraging residents to obtain their free library card.

"Every September,

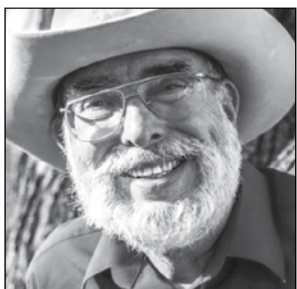
libraries across the county celebrate library card sign up month and encourage their community to get library cards," Wright said. "This year's theme, one card endless possibilities, reminds us that libraries are for everyone, no matter your age, background, goals."

Wright highlighted the many uses of a library card, including checking out books and e-resources, taking online courses or reading newspapers from around the country.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed and adopted the resolution, encouraging all Butte County residents to sign up for a library card and explore the endless possibilities it offers.

Teeter, who shared a personal reflection recounting his initial struggles in tenth-grade English that eventually facilitated an eventual love for reading and science fiction, presented Wright with the resolution during the board's regular session on Aug. 26. ★

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Janice Thomas came in the Mule Barn for breakfast the other day, and sat at the counter for the first time. She usually gets one of the tables, or a booth against the wall. We were kinda flattered that she'd come sit with us, but wondered why. After all, this high school art teacher never has been one to sit down and solve the world's problems, the way we do.

She didn't keep us waiting long, though.

"Boys," she said, "I have a deer pointer."

She let the silence pounce heavily on our sweet rolls while we pondered this.

"A what?" Doc said.

### "Boys, I have a deer pointer."

"A deer pointer. You want deer, you just let ol' Woof out and you'll find 'em."

"Woof, eh?"

"Yes. He's that new dog I got after that Lab of mine died. I've had Woof for about six months now. He's half bird dog and half heeler and he points deer."

We looked at each other and grinned. When it comes to telling stories at this particular lunch counter, the first liar doesn't stand a chance.

"Points 'em you say?"

"Locks right up. Steady to wing and shot."

"This I have to see," Dud said.

So after coffee we all went out to Janice's place while she turned this little dog out into the wood lot. He ran here and there and then froze into a perfect field-trial point. We walked

up quietly and sure enough, there was a doe standing about 40 yards away. We'd never seen anything like it.

"When I got him," Janice explained, "he thought he'd herd deer, with that sheep dog blood he has in him. Well, the first time he tried that, some doe just kicked the puddin' out of him. His tail didn't work right for a week.

"So now he's switched over to the other half of his heritage and points 'em. He's found that works out a lot better for him."

She grinned. "And no ... you can't borrow him this fall."

*If you can spare some time, and need some love, go to your local animal shelter and tell them to find something for you to do. You'll always be glad you did.* ★

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



How important is it to have a capable if not notable point guard on an NBA team?

Ask Magic Johnson, John Stockton, Steve Nash, Jason Kidd, Stephen Curry, Oscar Robertson or Isaiah Thomas and you will get an overwhelming consensus.

Even though hall of famers, John Stockton and Steve Nash have never won a championship, having a top caliber point guard does not come with any guarantees.

Nonetheless, having a court general that can distribute the basketball, all the while controlling the tempo and avoiding needless turnovers, is a recipe for winning a lot of NBA games, and that is what every one of these stalwarts were good at.

The Sacramento Kings find themselves in an uneasy position as the regular season looms just weeks away, as for the past 7 years the point guard position was the one area that provided great optimism and not concern.

Drafting DeAaron Fox will be remembered as one of the more erudite maneuvers that the organization has ever made, and as the 2025/2026 season approaches, fans and pundits alike are watching to see how the next floor general will compete and lead the Sacramento Kings.

By reaching into the trade market and acquiring journeyman Dennis Schroder, the Kings are providing the team with a proven point guard that can not only be counted on night in, and night out but also provides young players like Devin Carter and Nique Clifford, a player that can mentor their young careers.

Dennis Schroder deserves no criticism, and it's my hope that not only will he find a team that can provide him with a long-term home, but that he will flourish in his new city.

It has been difficult for fans to let go of DeAaron Fox, and I completely understand. The situation was badly handled last season, and it left a bad taste. But as the new season begins, it's critical that the fan base gives the new floor leader a vote of confidence, and I believe that is just what we can expect to see from the Sacramento base.

So, just who is Dennis Schroder? Born in Braunschweig Germany, Dennis Schroder found basketball at the age of 11, and by the age of 19 was playing professionally in Germany. Showing an entrepreneurial spirit at an early age, Schroder became the owner of the Loewen Braunschweig, a professional

team in Germany.

By 2013 Schroder had gained the attention of the NBA and was drafted 17th overall by the Atlanta Hawks, where he would carve out his young career for the next 5 years. In his last season with the Hawks Schroder scored a career-high 19.4 points per game while contributing 6.3 assists.

Over the next 7 seasons Dennis would go on the play for the Thunder, Lakers, Celtics, Raptors, Nets, Warriors, and Pistons, finally arriving in Sacramento to start the 2025/2026 campaign.

This much movement begs the question, is there something wrong, or is he just an immensely intriguing player with a wealth of experience?

I don't have the definitive answer, but I would say to those who ask, buy a ticket and come see this guy. For me he represents a complete ball player, expert at handling the basketball, able to score when needed, and an excellent passer with an unselfish spirit.

Do I think he can fit in with the Kings and provide the leadership needed to be the starting point guard. I absolutely do, and I think where other teams moved on, the Kings struck gold!

There remain many question marks as the upcoming season nears, but for me Dennis Schroder is not one of them. I believe in short order he will win over the naysayers in the cheap seats and may very well find a destination spot in Sacramento.

Defense has long been a thorn in the side of Sacramento, and Schroder has a reputation for playing tough defense. Not known for being a lock-down defender, Dennis has quick lateral ability, and his long wingspan helps make him a deflection specialist.

Keegan Murray made noticeable improvements in his defense last season, and Keon Ellis has developed into a tenacious defender. Adding a point guard that can complement these two will undoubtedly make a positive impact.

The preseason is almost upon us Kings fans, and I can't wait to see what this point guard in the prime of his career can give the Sacramento Kings.

Stay positive, because I feel that more moves are coming soon!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

## New California Law to Make Housing Projects Easier, Cost More



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Two months ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators from both parties celebrated enacting landmark legislation to remove the California Environmental Quality Act as an impediment to new housing construction.

Lopsided votes in the Legislature for Assembly Bill 130 and Newsom's immediate signature seemingly ended decades of debate over how the environmental law, signed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan more than 50 years ago, was being used to delay or kill residential developments.

"Saying 'no' to housing in my community will no longer be state sanctioned," said Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat who has long advocated for CEQA reform. "This isn't going to solve all of our housing problems in the state, but it is going to remove the single biggest impediment to building environmentally friendly housing."

Newsom took obvious pleasure in achieving what had eluded other governors, including predecessor Jerry Brown, who once described overhauling CEQA as "the lord's work."

As Newsom signed the measure into law he thanked legislators and housing, labor and environmental leaders "who heeded my call and

came together around a common goal — to build more housing faster and create strong, affordable pathways for every Californian.

"Today's bill is a game changer which will be felt for generations to come," he said.

While AB130 does remove CEQA as a weapon for labor unions and opponents of high-density projects to stall construction, there's a provision buried in the lengthy bill that could create a new impediment.

Two sections, 137 pages in, declare that if a residential project has "significant transportation impact," local governments or regional agencies can impose fees to "mitigate the transportation impact to a less than significant level by helping to fund or otherwise facilitating vehicle miles traveled-efficient affordable housing or related infrastructure projects...."

The so-called vehicle miles traveled, or VMT, fees are "a new housing tax families simply cannot afford," the California Building Industry Association publicly complained, adding that impact fees are already major factors in housing costs.

Local traffic impact fees are not new. In fact, a dispute over a \$23,420 traffic mitigation fee imposed nine years ago for a factory-built house in El Dorado County is still pending after going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

However, AB 130 appears to broaden the potential use of these fees not only for roadway improvements, but also to pay for low-income housing projects throughout the state by contributing to the state's Transit-Oriented Development

Implementation Fund.

Drafting AB 130's CEQA language was a complex process involving multiple stakeholders, not only housing advocates but environmental groups that often employ CEQA to slow or kill major public and private developments and labor unions, which have used the threat of CEQA lawsuits to compel developers to use union workers. The latter issue was a major hang-up that required last-minute amendments to the measure.

The language about traffic fees was never mentioned in analyses of the bill nor in the debates that preceded legislative passage. It's another example of how such budget trailer bills are used by governors and legislators to enact major legislation on the sly, with little or no public airing of the issues.

Trailer bills often contain language that has little or nothing to do with the budget and are often fleshed out just hours before enactment. Under the guise of being budget-related, the bills can be passed with simple majority floor votes, take effect immediately upon being signed by the governor and cannot be taken to voters via referendum.

Those factors make trailer bills convenient vehicles for legislation that might not survive close scrutiny. Newsom has been especially willing to utilize them for his legislative priorities.

Dan Walters is one of the 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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# Community Calendar

## Butte County Libraries

Butte County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (G) Gridley branch, 299 Spruce St. and (B) Biggs branch, 464A B St. Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

**Friday, Sept. 12:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

**Tuesday, Sept. 16:** Creative writing group for adults, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (G) LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination to life by joining us for a hands-on afternoon of LEGO fun. All are welcome to attend, and kids under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

**Wednesday, Sept. 17:** Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

**Thursday, Sept. 18:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Movie night, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

**Friday, Sept. 19:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies' Night Out movie, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Men and teens invited. (G)

**Saturday, Sept. 20:** Batman Day at the Library, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (G) and noon to 4 p.m. (B) Join us at both locations for crafts and fun activities honoring Gotham's iconic heroes. All ages are welcome – come dressed as your favorite character and enjoy a day dedicated to the Dark Knight.

**Tuesday, Sept. 23:** LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination to life by joining us for a hands-on afternoon of LEGO fun. All are welcome to attend, and kids under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

**Wednesday, Sept. 24:** Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

**Thursday, Sept. 25:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Loteria family game night, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open to all ages. (G)

**Friday, Sept. 26:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

## Friday, Sept. 12 Movies in the Park: Inside Out 2

Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and favorite people for an unforgettable evening under the stars at Veterans Memorial Park, 100 Wildwood Ave., Chico. Arrive early to enjoy fun activities, games, crafts, and face painting before the movie begins. Local food trucks will be onsite with tasty treats and drinks for purchase, plus we'll be serving up free movie theater popcorn. Our wonderful community partners will be there with hands-on fun for all ages. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. – movie starts just after sundown.

## Saturday, Sept. 13 The Gilded Garden 114th Anniversary Gala

Join the Butte Humane Society to celebrate 114 years of happy endings. Event starts at 5 p.m. in the Big Room at Sierra Nevada Brewery, 1075 East 20th Street, Chico. This black-tie optional gala supports the life-saving work of one of Butte County's oldest non-profits. Guests will enjoy fine dining, captivating entertainment, and spirited auctions. Tickets are available at [www.buttehumane.org/events](http://www.buttehumane.org/events) For more information, call 530-343-7917.

## Thursday, Sept. 18 Pasta on the Plaza

Mark your calendars to create endless pasta-bilities for local youth by supporting our 16th annual "Pasta on the Plaza" spaghetti dinner, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chico Rotary Plaza and Nettleton Gym, 601 Wall Street, Chico. Your support goes directly to the Chico campus of Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley, impacting the lives of over 500 youth ages 5 to 18 each year. More information at <https://business.chicochamber.com/>

## Friday, Sept. 19 Oro Dam Cruisers 30th Anniversary and Reunion

Thirty years ago on Sept. 19, four guys got together for the very first Cruisers meeting. Fast forward to today, the club

has over 100 members – that's something to celebrate. If you or someone you know is or was a Cruisers member, we hope to see you here in Downtown Oroville. Car show parking will be on Myers Street. Live music, store and restaurant specials, food and drink vendors and so much more from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Tracy at 530-828-2688 or Joyce at 530-403-3504.

## Saturday, Sept. 20 3rd Annual Food & Water Festival of the Yuba Foothills

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House. Join us for a vibrant celebration of our local food and water resources. This festival is a feast for the senses, bringing together the community to learn, taste, and play. Expect a bustling marketplace of local farmers, artisans, and non-profits dedicated to sustainable living. You'll enjoy gourmet tastings, hands-on workshops, skills and tips on fire and water conservation, live music and family fun. Bring your friends and family, \$5 parking fee per vehicle. More information at [www.foodandwaterfestival.com](http://www.foodandwaterfestival.com)

## Sunday, Sept. 21 Harvest Festival and Car Show & Shine

Join the Rotary Club of Durham for their 46th Annual event in Durham Community Park, 1847 Durham-Dayton Highway, Durham. There will be a pancake breakfast, cooked and served by Rotary members from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., or until sold out. Following that is a barbecue lunch with hot dogs, tri tip sandwiches, and beverages from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out. There will be live music, a craft and vendor fair, children's activities, and displays of antique engines and tractors. Car show begins at 9 a.m. and a \$25 entrance fee will be collected on site, space limited to the first 200 cars. Funds raised from the event go back into the Durham community for scholarships and local projects. For more information, call 530-864-0795.

## Monday, Sept. 22 Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Helicopter Ball Drop 2025

Join us for this free event after the sold-out Search and Rescue Golf Tournament at Canyon Oaks Country Club, 999 Yosemite

Drive, Chico. Golf balls will be dropped from the Butte County Sheriff's Office helicopter after the tournament. The owners of balls closest to the flag will win one of several fabulous prizes. Bring your kids to watch our helicopter demonstration, meet the techs and pilots, take pictures with the helicopters and witness the balls being dropped. Win or lose, your funds will help support our team. Contact your favorite Search and Rescue team member to purchase, or online at [www.buttesar.org](http://www.buttesar.org)

## Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

**American Legion Bingo**, Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Hall, 267 Sycamore St.

**Biggs City Council** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23, and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

**Butte County Board of Supervisors** generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 30, and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

**Downtown Chico Night Market** every Thursday night through Sept. 25, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Broadway. The market offers a vibrant blend of farm-fresh produce, unique artisan crafts, and live entertainment, all set in a lively community atmosphere. Presented by the Downtown Chico Business Association. Call 530-345-6500 for more information.

**ESL Let's Talk** meets Mondays through the end of October, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gridley Farm Labor Housing, 850 E. Gridley Road. Practice speaking English in this friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact [literacy@butte-county.net](mailto:literacy@butte-county.net) for more information.

**Gridley City Council** meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> The next meeting will be Monday Sept. 15.

**Gridley Senior Group**

**Breakfast** every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. includes Bingo at 9:30 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

**Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board** meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 17. Call 530-846-4721 for more information.

**Live Oak City Council** meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17.

**Rotary Club of Gridley** meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** meets the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

## Community Resources – Find Food

**First 5 Family Center at Esperanza House**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, at 630 Washington St., Gridley. Caregivers are welcome to drop in for help with resources for their families, access to our food pantry, diapers, and assistance with applications or translations. Call to schedule an appointment: 530-782-0293.

**First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry**, 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. Next distribution will be Sunday, Sept. 28. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

**North State Food Bank**, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly on the second Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Next distribution will be Tuesday, Oct. 7. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

**North State Food Bank**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution will be Tuesday, Oct. 7. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

**Sacred Heart Parish**, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1561 Hazel St., Gridley on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Call 530-846-2140 for more information. ★

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV02661  
Petitioner Ilda Zamora Carrillo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ilda Zamora Carrillo to Hilda Zamora Carrillo.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing October 1, 2025, 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 July 29, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025 CARRILLO 9-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV02565  
Petitioner Shawnta Powers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Davontae Jaeshaun Powers-Simmons to Davontae Wayne Crosby.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV02943  
Petitioner Melissa Anne Bryant filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Melissa Anne Bryant to Melissa Anne McGowen.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing September 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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CASE #25CV03025  
Petitioner Shakeena Cordelia Waheed filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zylon Prince Pankhi Malcolom to Zylon Prince Pankhi Waheed.  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
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# COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



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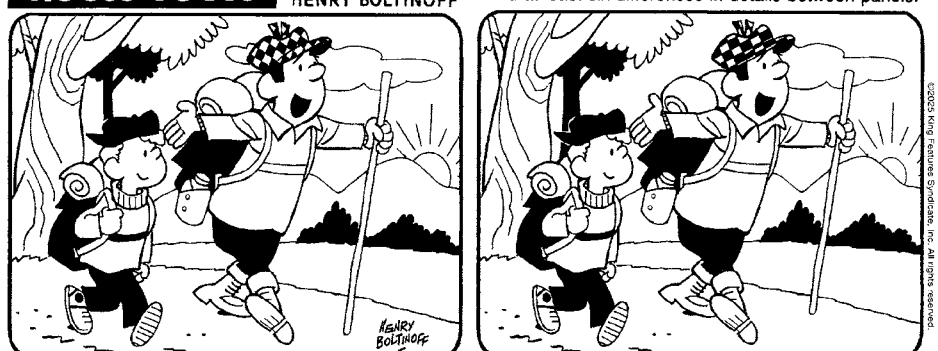
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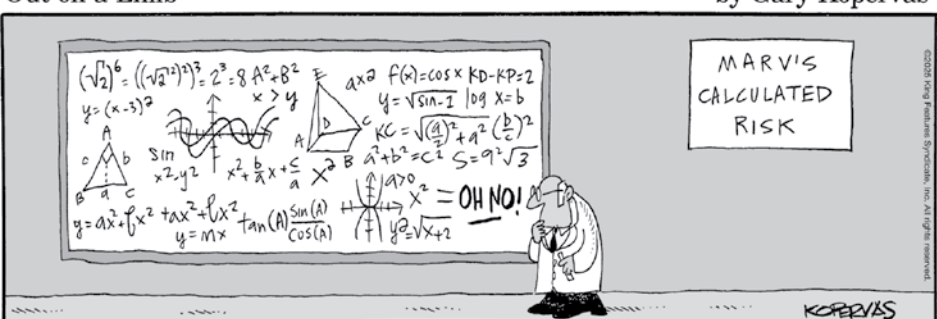
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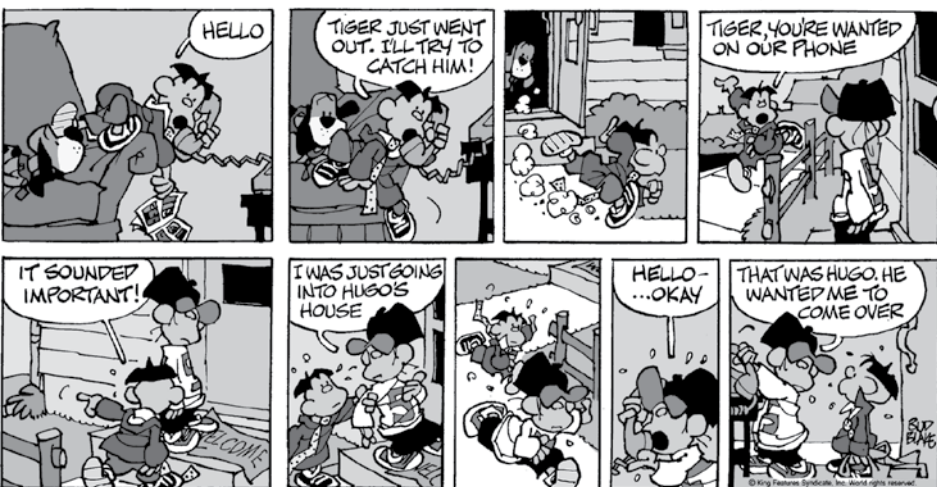
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by Gary Kopervas

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# Expert Advises Council on Potential Youth Care Facility

# Biggs Expands County Contract to Include Code Enforcement

By Shaunna Boyd

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - At the Sept. 3 meeting of the Live Oak City Council, City Manager Ben Moody introduced Ken Berrick of Rising Social Strategies (RSS) Consulting, which advises on children's behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice and education programs.

Moody said Berrick's insight would be helpful to the city as it considers a potential project proposal by the Church of Glad Tidings to rehabilitate the vacant Leo Chesney Correctional Facility into a youth care facility.

While a formal application has not yet been submitted, Glad Tidings' goal is to create "Peace of Heaven," a sanctuary for youth rescued from human trafficking. They hope to establish the sanctuary as the largest care facility in the nation, perhaps housing more than 200 at-risk youth.

"As we work through this project, I'm going to be looking for services like this to represent the city, so we can help analyze and work through a project that might have a lot of different complexities," said Moody. The city is in the process of drafting a contract with Rising Social Strategies Consulting, not to exceed \$5,000, for evaluation of the Peace of Heaven project.

Berrick is an expert in this field, serving as the founder and CEO of Seneca Family of Agencies, a nonprofit providing unconditional care to at-risk youth. He was appointed to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the California Child Welfare Council and served twice as president of California Alliance of Child and Family Services.

"I understand both the imperative for the work and the complexity of the work," said Berrick. "I think you're faced with a challenging situation. You're faced with a group of people who...by any measure, have the right idea and a mission to try to support some of the kids that are most vulnerable. And at the same time there's been a tremendous amount of research and work in trying to figure out what's the best way to serve those kids and families."

Berrick said it would be a challenge to get approval for a large facility from the state regulatory agency, Community Care Licensing. The current trend is to move away from large congregate care facilities, because youth who have experienced high levels of trauma need high levels of care and support, so they are better served in smaller, family-like settings. Berrick said foster families that are trained to provide appropriate support are among the best practices, along with smaller group facilities with a high staff



ratio for those with more intensive needs.

Youth who have experienced trauma and abuse often exhibit "runaway behavior," said Berrick, and maintaining enough staff for full supervision is more difficult in larger facilities. And legally, these facilities cannot be locked, and you cannot stop the residents from leaving — so when the youth inevitably run away, it becomes a police enforcement issue within the community.

Councilmember Bob Woten asked whether the existing system is sufficient to care for the children recovered from trafficking situations. Berrick said five years ago the care system was overwhelmed but, since then, increased resources and an expanded network of supportive services have built more capacity into the system.

Berrick added that care facilities work best when they are kept local, serving youth from within the community.

"The number of young people who would come to Live Oak from across the country voluntarily to be in placement is, frankly, close to zero—even if you said, 'Here's a sanctuary, here's a safe place.'" Berrick said the idea "doesn't seem realistic to me."

Woten said it seems like a "multifaceted situation." He agreed that having many youth runaways in town could cause problems.

"You want to do something to help, but it just seems there's a lot of obstacles in the way," said Woten.

He said he appreciated Berrick's expertise and wondered whether the group proposing the project might have "oversimplified the process, and really doesn't know, kind of, what they're getting into."

Berrick agreed that having such a large number of youth in one facility "has the potential of being quite problematic," and perhaps in their desire to provide help and support, they hadn't thought through all the nuances.

"When that bridges over to saying we're going to have care

custody and control, you're just in a whole different realm of both responsibility and legal technicalities," said Berrick.

Woten said, "These are valuable people in our community. We see their heart, we know how strongly and deeply invested they are in this."

He asked if Berrick would meet with them to advise how to best move forward.

City Manager Moody said he will facilitate that introduction to Glad Tidings, who he said have asked for help to navigate the complexities of this project.

This was an informational item only, so no action was taken by council.

Finance Director James Ramsey submitted an annual report on the AB 1600 Fund, which holds Development Impact Fees collected through new development. The funds are restricted and can only be used for new construction or equipment purchases, for the specific function for which they were collected — including parks and recreation, the community center, public works, general government, police, fire, roads and signals and flood control.

Funds are held for five years, at which time if they have not yet been used, they must be returned unless the council declares them to be necessary for future projects. Typically, the fees are held until enough funding has accumulated to cover the cost of the planned projects.

This year, the funds that were at the five-year mark included \$206,854 for the Community Center, \$11,186 for public works, \$327,149 for general government, \$53,680 for police and \$2,058 for flood control.

These funds are already earmarked for specific projects, as identified in the city's Nexus Study, but at this time, "there's just not enough accumulated in that particular account to do those projects," said Ramsey.

The council received and filed the report.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Sept. 17. ★

By Susan Meeker

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The Biggs City Council on Aug. 26 approved an amendment to its existing contract with Butte County, formally expanding the county's role to include code enforcement services within city limits.

The 4-0 decision, absent Vice Mayor Doug Arnold, marks a significant shift in how the city will manage local ordinance compliance, said Interim City Administrator Rodney Harr.

Harr said Butte County already provides building and planning services to Biggs, including building permit applications, building permit fee collection, plan review and inspections for building permits based upon the county's current adopted fee schedule. Under the new contract, Butte County will assist Biggs in code enforcement, particularly the identification of sub-standard or uninhabitable buildings and structures at a rate of \$140 per hour, billed in 15-minute increments.

The agreement extends existing services through 2030, continuing the partnership that began after the city's in-house building and planning services were eliminated. The City of Gridley has a similar agreement with Butte County.

Harr, who stepped into the interim role in July following the departure of Cliff Wagner, emphasized the importance of streamlining enforcement under a single agency with established infrastructure and expertise, which saves the city money on salaries and benefits for full-time building and code enforcement staff.

"Butte County has the necessary staff and resources to deliver these services," Harr said.

While Butte County will assume code enforcement duties, the city will still try to resolve code violations internally, first by sending letters and encouraging voluntary compliance.

Harr said the annual cost to the city will be contingent on code enforcement services demand.

"The whole purpose of the municipal code is to make people comply with the code," Harr

said. "It has a punitive nature, but the ultimate goal is to make people comply."

Harr said upon receiving notices, Biggs property owners or tenants typically have time to comply or at least indicate to the city that they are attempting to take care of a problem.

"I'm willing to work with them on the city's behalf to reach a common goal," Harr said.

Harr said only unresolved code violations will be escalated to Butte County, which then takes formal enforcement actions. The amended contract is effective immediately, with Butte County staff expected to begin enforcement duties this month.

Harr confirmed that city staff will work closely with county officials to ensure a smooth transition and maintain transparency in enforcement actions.

In other matters, the Biggs City Council on Aug. 26 extended its contract with Bennett Engineering Service, which has provided the city with service since 2016. The contract was previously extended in August 2024 for a 1-year term, which ended Sept. 1.

City officials said Bennett has served the city well for a wide variety of municipal work, including but not limited to improvement projects, compliance reporting, funding procurement, and being the City's advocate with other local, regional, state, and federal agencies.

At the same meeting, the Biggs City Council agreed to part ways with Regional Governmental Services (RGS), citing concerns over performance and billing practices. Harr informed the city council in August that Regional Governmental Services exceeded the contract's not-to-exceed amount and failed to meet the city's expectations for service delivery. In response, Regional Governmental Services formally withdrew its renewal proposal, allowing the contract to expire without extension.

The council directed Harr to initiate contact with the two remaining firms that had submitted proposals during the city's February RFP process. ★

## CORRECTION

By MPG Staff

On the Sept. 5 edition of The Gridley Herald, it is believed that we printed incorrect information sourced from Gridley Police Department Booking Logs in regards to Edward Everett Elliot. Gridley PD booking logs show Elliot arrested on Aug 21 at 7:43 p.m. for "Display on Vehicle/

resent To Officer Unlawful Registration (M) (4462.5 VC), and Expired Registration (4000(a)(1) CVC)" and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Butte County Booking Logs confirm that Elliot was not booked for those charges during that time frame.

The Gridley Herald like to formally apologize to Elliot for the mistake. ★

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# Gridley Titans Football

## Titans 8U Fall in Corning



8U Titan team captains, Branston Crislip #33, Jeremiah Enriquez #5, Jake Ryan #90 and Matias Corona #92. Photo provided by Dustin Terrell.



Gridley Titans 8U get ready to go against the Corning Lions but fall short. Photo provided by Dustin Terrell

**By Head Coach Dustin Terrell**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The 8u Gridley Titans faced off against the Corning Lions this past Saturday Sept. 6. Despite great effort and heart, the 8u Titans fell short 16-6 against Lions.

Emmett Burns scored the Titans only touchdown on offense and on defense

outside of two plays the Titans had shut down Corning's offense all game.

The captains for the game were No. 33 Branston Crislip, No. 5 Jeremiah Enriquez, No. 90 Jake Ryan and No. 92 Matias Corona.

The 8u Titans return to action this Saturday, Sept. 13 at home against Anderson, kickoff is at 10 a.m. ★

## 10U Titans Level Lions

**By Jason Davies**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The 10u Titans were in Corning this past Saturday, to take on the Corning Lions.

Gridley wasted no time getting started. Boss Davis threw a screen pass to Kobe Neal, who took it 38-yards for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Francisco Guillen III had another great day kicking, with two on-side kicks recovered by Tyler Smith and Casen Gruber.

Things got out of hand quickly, with the Titans scoring 25 points in the first half. By the end of regulation, it was 37-0 Gridley.

Touchdowns were scored by Boss Davis (1), Tyler Smith (1) and Kobe Neal (4). Kobe Neal was on fire Saturday, running up and down the field.

It was a total team effort for the Titans. Offensive line played great, and the defense was lights-out with big plays from Quinton Ontiveros and others.

Gridley will be home this Saturday, taking on the Anderson Cubs for their first home game of the season. ★



A 10U player bursts up the field, carrying the ball for a gain of yards. Courtesy Photo



Gridley's 10U Titans get ready to push up the field. Courtesy Photo

## Titans 12U Lose in Defensive Battle

**By Aaron Lumsden**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - This past Saturday, the 12U Gridley Titans traveled to Corning to face the Lions. It was a defensive battle in which neither defense allowed a point to be scored in the first half.

The Titan's defense swarmed the Lions, stopping them on multiple fourth down attempts to give the Titan's a chance to score.

However, the Lion's defense was just as effective at stopping the Titan's offense throughout the game.

Ultimately, the Corning Lions were able to make a few more plays than the Titans and defeated the Titans 16-0.

The Titan's record currently stands at 2-1 and they will face Anderson in their home opener this Saturday. ★

## Gridley Titans 14U Improve, Look to Future

**By Randall Huff**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The 14u Gridley Titans had another away game against the 14U Corning Jr. Cardinals. It was a much better game for the 14u Titans.

Unfortunately, they still came up short in a loss to the Corning Jr Cardinals. The 14u Titans look to get better this week as we have our first home game against Anderson Jr. Cubs on Saturday at 4 p.m. ★

## Gridley Busts Out the Brooms Against Lincoln

**By YSBC**

**GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC)** - The Gridley Bulldogs girls volleyball team swept the Lincoln Fighting Zebras in straight sets (25-18, 25-15, 25-22) during cross-section play during their home opener on Sept. 2.

The victory over Lincoln was Gridley's third consecutive match where they swept their opponents in straight sets. The Bulldogs moved to 7-2 on the season with the win and brought a powerful punch to the Fighting Zebras on Tuesday night.

Gridley controlled the first set but had to fight back from early deficits in the second and the third to grind out the victory. Bulldogs' sophomore outside hitter Iris Counihan led the way with nine kills on the night for Gridley.

The Bulldogs have a balanced group of athletes that chip in on all parts of the court as fellow sophomores Kambelle Tolman, Abby Boyan and senior Avery Mendenhall all had five kills in the win.



The Gridley Bulldogs celebrate their three-set sweep over Lincoln on Sept. 2. Photo by Steven Bryla

Gridley head coach Elizabeth Ayon told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the Bulldogs are young, but there is a ton of fire and potential.

Ayon added that her nine athletes bring great energy to the court. Gridley has four sophomores; four seniors and junior outside hitter/defensive specialist

Rebecca Solis is the lone junior. Ayon told YSBC that the Bulldogs goals to accomplish and it starts with consistency.

Gridley senior setter Isabel Santillan had 25 assists and led the Bulldogs with nine digs on Tuesday. Tolman led Gridley with four-monstrous blocked shots in the victory. Ayon

said that Tolman will be crucial in the blocks department as size as a middle hitter will cause problems for opponents.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host the Pierce Bears on Monday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.

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Gridley sophomore middle hitter Kambelle Tolman (15) smacks a ball over the net on Sept. 2 in the Bulldogs' victory against Lincoln. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley sophomore outside hitter Iris Counihan (5) sends a ball over the net in the Bulldogs' victory against Lincoln on Sept. 2. Photo by Steven Bryla

# Team Beale Recognizes Janie Nall

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Team Beale proudly recognizes Janie Nall, recipient of the Distinguished Public Service Award. Photo courtesy of Beale Air Force

### Beale Air Force News Release

**NORHTERN CALIFORNIA, CA (MPG)** - Team Beale proudly recognizes Janie Nall, recipient of the Distinguished Public Service Award, for her lasting impact on Beale Airmen, Guardians and their families.

From 2016–2024, Nall served in the Air & Space Forces Civic Leader Program, appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force, where she forged strong partnerships that strengthened community support for Beale and advanced the installation's global ISR mission.

Her advocacy for Airmen, Guardians, and their families, through quality-of-life initiatives and steadfast support, directly enhanced operational readiness. She also played a key role in the success of the 2025 Beale Air & Space Expo, further strengthening ties with the surrounding community.

Team Beale is grateful for Nall's years of service and proud to call her a valued partner. ★



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To the readers of the Gridley Herald,

In the August 29, 2025 edition of this paper, a rude and insulting letter was printed by a person identified only as Kelly Fredericks in which she declared that the county Board of Supervisors, and Tod Kimmelshue specifically, were greedy and self-serving for passing Butte County Ordinance #4206 regarding Annual Salary Adjustments. Regardless of the merits of the ordinance, let me plainly state that her personal attack on Tod and the other supervisors is an outright lie. I've known Tod and many other members of the Kimmelshue family all my life and while I don't necessarily agree with him on any number of positions he has taken, it is ridiculous to assert that he serves as a county supervisor to enrich himself. He spent many years working in the private sector and only became a public employee after retiring from a career in ag lending. It's especially ironic when you learn that this statement of concern about a public employee seeking higher than deserved compensation comes from a very liberal, Butte College English and Journalism professor.

Since the Herald printed her hateful nonsense with providing any background information, readers don't have the context needed to weigh her accusations fairly. They are unable to determine her qualifications to draw the conclusions she reached, any ideological bias she might have or even the community in Butte County in which she

resides. I feel it very unfair to those she maligns to not provide some information about the identity of an accuser beyond just her name. Your readers deserve to know something about who it is that is urging voters to consider recalling an elected official. The paper failed its readers and the communities it serves by publishing personal attacks very nearly anonymously. That a community college employee is accusing county supervisors of voting themselves undeserved public funds is especially ironic to me based on what I've seen of college professors of late. It would seem that if you want to know what an indignant liberal is really up to, you can be assured that it's whatever it is they are accusing you of.

Are we entitled to see Kelly's compensation package and compare it to the median household income of rural working-class families trying to make a living in a state run by Gavin Newsom? Is this someone who should be instructing students at Butte College? Can we look at the merits of issues like this without personally attacking the people we elect to represent? It's not really that much fun to serve as a County Supervisor in my opinion and I haven't seen any leave office with unexplainable personal fortunes amassed while in office like some of our elected state and national representatives seem to do. We can do without the condescending personal insults from professors living in glass houses.

Terrel Storm  
Farmer from east of Biggs



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