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GHS Seniors Continue Street Painting Tradition



A large amount of seniors and parents turned out Saturday Sept. 13 to memorialize their senior year by painting their parking spaces. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The paint departments at local hardware stores know that during this time of year, they need to have extra staff on hand to mix a variety of colors and help outfit a host of seniors with the needed supplies to make their mark, and leave it for all to see, during their last year at Gridley High School.

A tradition that goes back so far that locals have trouble remembering how and when it exactly started, Senior Street Painting is a beloved part of senior culture at Gridley High School.

The event is usually held a few weekends into the school year and before homecoming celebrations. Seniors get the opportunity to paint their parking spaces on E. Spruce Street

in front of the school with important quotes, scenes and inside jokes with their peers.

Saturday, Sept. 14, Seniors brought paints and supplies to campus early, staking out their parking spot or the closest to it, to express their essence or something that was meaningful to them.

From shout-outs to their declared colleges or meaningful quotes, seniors took most of the morning and early afternoon to create something special in their parking spaces.

Senior Gemma Donati told the Herald that she hadn't put a lot of thought into her design but ended painting a meaningful family reminder.

"It's an inside joke with my family, 'sunset - reset', kind of like a calm-down thing." Says Donati. "I

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Isabella Bastiani smiles as she poses with Christopher Robin quote, "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think!" Photo by Hilary Bastiani

Gridley to Take Ownership of Transfer Station

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In a unanimous vote on Sept. 2, the Gridley City Council approved the acquisition of the Ord Ranch Road Transfer Station from Butte County, marking a pivotal shift in local waste management oversight.

The decision, recommended by City Administrator Elisa Arteaga, transitions the site from county ownership to full city control. For years, the facility has operated under a joint use agreement, which has now expired, with Waste Management staffing the site during designated hours and the city maintaining responsibility for safety and upkeep.

Butte County has indicated its readiness to release the property to Gridley, pending final approval.

"This is coming from the county," Arteaga explained during the meeting. "They reached out to us to see if we were interested in obtaining the property, versus another agreement."

Arteaga said the benefit of Gridley owning the property is that it will allow the city to make independent decisions regarding operations, including potential changes to hours of service. Waste Management has indicated flexibility in extending hours, such as opening on Friday and Saturday, versus Saturday and Sunday, which the council may consider based on community demand.

Arteaga said Waste Management currently staffs the facility on weekends to ensure proper sorting and compliance with waste regulations, while the city's public works department handles property upkeep, including responding to clear debris after a recent fire.

The council's decision to take ownership of the property would also eliminate the need for continued agreements with the county and grants the city greater control over future planning without relying on Butte County's approval for changes, Arteaga said.

A long-time Gridley resident suggested the council consider environmental considerations and conduct an environmental assessment before making further changes to property use. This precaution would identify any hazardous

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No Parking - For Now

Orchard Hospital Revives Medical Specialty Center Parking

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Medical Specialty Center (MSC) located at Spruce Street, home to Orchard hospitals clinical providers, specialty imaging services and physical therapy departments, has lost its parking lot - for now.

Deconstruction efforts began early the morning of Sept. 15, with crews busily removing the broken surface of existing asphalt.

Staff and patients are advised to locate the nearest and most secure available parking, making use of surrounding roadways or designated hospital parking



Gridley Medical Specialty Center parking lot was ripped out Monday as part of a resurfacing project.

facilities. CVS Pharmacy, located between the Medical Specialty Center and main Orchard Hospital campuses, has extremely limited parking spaces for

the volume of customers that they serve since absorbing a large portion of Rite Aid Pharmacy patrons. Rite Aid filed for bankruptcy in May of 2025, slowly closing its locations.

Gridley Rite Aid stopped services June 25, according to Riteaid.com.

Orchard Hospital Director of Regional Development Landon

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Like everyone else in the world, I was happy when news arrived that America had finally gotten an American Pope. The head of the Holy Roman Apostolic Church is a guy

named Leo from Chicago. The problem that has presented itself is that every Chicago team is now the Pope's team. The White Sox, the Cubs, the football Bears, the Blackhawks, and even the college teams now have a sort of Papal aura of protection. When you go to hate the Bears when they play a California team, it is kind of awkward.

Speaking of sports, which is one of the main reasons people buy this paper every week, our Butte College football team beat San Francisco City College

34 to 14 for the College Homecoming Day. This means the Roadrunners are 3-0 to start the season. The short list for the State Championship in the last few years consists of Riverside City College, College of San Mateo, American River College, Mt. San Antonio College, and Butte College. Butte will play American River on October 18. Good news is that American River has started out 0-3. The path forward to the National Championship is still open.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley. ★

Hatamiya Knocks One Out of the Park at Rotary

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's Rotary International Club had the pleasure of hearing from guest speaker, Lon Hatamiya, President and CEO of The Hatamiya Group and co-Owner of the Yuba-Sutter Highwheelers.

Hatamiya's boasts an extensive and highly impressive resume and laundry list of accomplishments, but his heart and soul remain loyal to baseball.

Hatamiya has roots in Gridley, growing up on the outskirts of town on a farm located off of Hwy 70. His son was even born here. He recounted for the Gridley Rotarians his experience using Bryant Park for his Eagle Scout project, rebuilding the wooden bleachers there. Later Hatamiya would play baseball on the diamond and coach his children there.

Although Hatamiya's journey led him far and wide, he has returned to the area bringing with him a baseball team with serious talent and energy.

The Highwheelers, originally from Davis, quickly made their mark in the Yuba-Sutter Area. Players on the roster have been signed with MLB teams and others are currently being scouted by organizations. And Hatamiya is excited!

"This is the best baseball that this area has ever seen. We've never seen this high level of minor league baseball, and we wanted to bring it to you," said the CEO.

Hatamiya touched on the renovations made to Bryant Park, home of the Highwheelers, since he has been involved.

Originally built in 1937, it has the distinction of being one of the oldest baseball stadiums in the state of California,



Lon Hatamiya, Co-Owner and CEO of the Highwheelers baseball team, playing out of Marysville's Bryant Park, speaks to rotary members. Photo by Seti Long

according to Hatamiya. Baseball greats such as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig have played in the area back in the 1920's, and legends such as Jackie Robinson and Joe Demaggio even played at Bryant Park in the 40's and 50's.

Not only has the stadium been retrofitted with new technology, such as pitching clocks, family friendly entertainment has been added between innings to keep the momentum going. Fireworks displays are held every Friday and Hatamiya says owners are looking at ways to shorten game times, so families aren't out so late during the evening games.

Hatamiya invites everyone to come out and see what is happening with the Highwheelers.

Although the 2025 season just ended, check them out online at highwheelers.com. ★

Butte County Buys New Public Works Yard in Gridley

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After nearly a century of operations at its original location on Cedar Street, Butte County Public Works yard will move to newly acquired property at 82 West Liberty Road in Gridley, the longtime home of Shadd Trucking.

The Department of Public Works has maintained and operated its road maintenance, staging, and storage area at the county-owned Gridley Yard located at 860 Cedar Street since its construction in approximately 1927. County officials said the department has now outgrown the available space and improvements at the existing site and identified the Liberty Road property as a suitable replacement that will enhance service capacity in the Gridley area and provide a more functional base for road operations moving forward.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 26 approved the acquisition of the 1.09-acre site from Michael A. Shadd for a purchase price



of \$799,999 plus title and escrow fees. The property includes a 4,000-square-foot metal shop, two office spaces, two restrooms and a flexible break room or parts room.

The board resolution, on the consent agenda, also authorized Director of General Services Michael Hodson to execute the documents necessary to complete the acquisition and close escrow, including executing the Certificate of Acceptance. ★

Colored Spaces



Ciara Robinson smiles as she starts on her Rapunzel themed design for GHS senior street painting. Photo by Seti Long

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figured it was a good thing to remind myself, like, it's going to be a crazy year, but I'll just stay calm."

Senior Ciara Robinson painted a golden flower on a purple background with the quote "Now my life begins" from Rapunzel next to her friend Asher Kimberling. He painted a black "chalk outline" on a white background and moody pickle with his gamer tag "grumpy pickle" next to it.

The public can view the artistic abilities and creativity of Gridley High School seniors simply by driving the East Hazel and Spruce Street loop in front of the school. ★



Gemma Donati paints the first layer of a sunset-themed piece, a nod to a family saying that she hopes will get her through the chaotic days of her senior year. Photo by Seti Long



Seniors Jenny Sallade and Hunter Dewsnup hug and hold a paintbrush as they paint joint parking spaces at Saturdays Senior Street Painting. Photo by Seti Long

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Here Comes Homecoming!!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In an unprecedented move, Gridley High School has bumped up their annual Homecoming celebrations from the month of October to the week of Sept. 22-26.

With only 3-weeks of classes under their belt, students are kicking off homecoming week, with float building Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2:30 to 9 p.m. in the animal barn at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

The Gridley High School Homecoming theme is "City of Stars" with themed floats representing famous cities throughout the United States. The freshman class have secured "London", sophomores "L.A.", juniors the city of "New York" and seniors have "Paris".

The week will of course feature spirit dress-up days, class activities and fun events during lunchtime.

The annual Football Follies girls' flag-football game will be held Thursday 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gridley High School Boneyard. The halftime show will be one you won't want to miss, with

the junior and senior boys performing a male cheer routine!

Royal candidates this year include Homecoming Queen hopefuls Aubrey Quist, Ciara Clipse, Gracie Leishman and Rhythme Kildare. Homecoming King candidates include Asher Kimberling, Eli Punzo, Ethyn Rickertsen and Raul Vazquez. Aaliyah Cedillo serves as freshman princess, with Lina Telly as sophomore princess and Jayla Alvarez as junior princess.

As always, seniors will parade through town, showcasing their floats publicly during the annual Homecoming Parade. The parade is set for Friday, Sept. 26 and starts shortly after the last bell at 3:06 p.m.

Residents and drivers should be aware of the convoy that will travel across Hwy 99, down Spruce St., turning south on Vermont St. to loop back on Sycamore St. in front of McKinley School. Often the public lines the streets to cheer on the seniors as they throw candy at the small crowds that gather.

Homecoming week will culminate with the Bulldogs taking on the Paradise Bobcats, Friday

Sept. 26. At the Gridley High School football field.

Saturday, couples will dance the night away under "A Night in Paris." The homecoming dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. with pre-sale ticket prices beginning at \$20 a ticket (with ASB card) and \$35 a couple (with ASB card). Ticket prices will increase during the week of Homecoming. Students planning to bring a non-Gridley High School student will need to contact the high school office for guest-pass accommodations. ★



Each year, clubs, teams and senior students band together to parade through town. Last year, leadership students joined Volleyball players to ride down their awesome team float for the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Seti Long



Sitting pretty with school spirit, the 2025 cheerleaders always bring a bit of sparkle and flash to last years Homecoming parade. Photo by Seti Long

CAL FIRE Training and Safety Bureau Conducts Multi-Company Training



On Friday, Sept. 12, CAL FIRE/Butte County Training and Safety Bureau, alongside several field Battalion Chiefs, hosted a multi-company drill at our Openshaw Training Center. Courtesy photo

CAL FIRE/Butte County News Release

BUTTE VALLEY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, Sept. 12, our Training and Safety Bureau, alongside several field Battalion Chiefs, hosted a multi-company drill at our Openshaw Training Center.

Crews from CAL FIRE,

Town of Paradise FD, Butte County FD and Oroville Fire Department sharpened their skills in forcible entry, VES (Vent, Enter, Search), ladder operations and fire attack scenarios.

Each engine company rotated through hands-on training stations and assisted with reoutfitting equipment after the fire

attack scenario.

These drills are essential to our operational success. With multiple equipment manufacturers and evolving engine designs, ensuring our personnel are familiar with every tool, engine and truck helps us respond safely and effectively when the tones drop and smoke fills the air. ★

Let's Party!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Recently, Studio J and the Spa at Studio J held a Hoco Glam Party to outfit all the local high school ladies with affordable, fashionable Homecoming dresses, hair & makeup services and more!

Sunday, Sept. 14, the salon and spa offered sparkling prom dresses for under \$50.00, jewelry and accessories along with raffle prizes of gel nail manicures, spray tans and lash sets.

Turn out was amazing and owner Jenny Benson says that it was a huge hit with customers.

"This will absolutely be the first of many (Glam Party). We will do Twirp next and finish with Prom."

She says the salon is currently booked up for hair appointments but is still offering discounted lash extension, facials and brow waxing for students. In addition, there are still dresses available for last-minute shoppers.

"We were able to donate a couple dresses to some sweet girls. Made



Four local senior girls acted as models for the Studio J HOCO Glam Party last weekend, as students prepare for Homecoming and the Homecoming Dance. Photo courtesy of Jenny Benson and makennab_photography

their day!" says Benson, "Dances can be very costly, the dress alone...

Not to mention the rest of the 'getting' ready part!"

Raffle prizes consisted of 12 different salon services. Studio J offers clients services from Chloe Cahoon (nails), Jaycee Ford (makeup/lashes), Zoey Stewart (brow waxing/makeup), Makenna Byrne (photography), Nichole Lumsden (florals), and

Natalie Ratliff (spray tanning – golden girl tan).

Benson says that they are still taking floral orders for Homecoming dance boutonnieres for, \$10 -\$14 dollars and corsages from \$16-\$20. Mini bouquets are also available from \$20-\$55.

Studio J and the Salon at Studio J are located next to each other at 1010 and 1030 Spruce Street in Gridley. ★

Biggs Transitions Accounting Services

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - In a move to enhance the city's financial management, the Biggs City Council on Sept. 9 approved the transition of accounting and financial services from Regional Government Services to JJACPA Inc.

This change follows a thorough review of service agreements and a strategic decision to better align the city's financial consulting needs with service providers, according to Interim City Administrator Rodney Harr.

The council approved extending its current contract with RGS through Nov. 30 to allow adequate time for year-end financial tasks and transition planning, increasing the

budget for RGS' service by \$10,000.

At the same meeting, the council also moved forward with approving a new professional services agreement with JJACPA Inc., a Bay Area firm, authorizing an annual contract amount not to exceed \$45,000.

The decision to transition to JJACPA Inc. was made with the goal of securing specialized accounting expertise tailored to the city's evolving financial requirements, Harr said.

The council authorized Harr to execute the agreement with JJACPA Inc., signaling the city's commitment to a smooth transition. The new contract will provide ongoing accounting and financial consulting services designed to improve financial oversight and

reporting accuracy. This change in service providers also coincides with the city's broader efforts to streamline procurement policies and improve administrative efficiencies.

A new procurement policy and procedure manual was adopted Sept. 9, aimed at establishing clear thresholds, formal procedures, and compliance with public contract laws. The manual includes extensive forms and training for staff to ensure consistent and transparent purchasing processes.

Harr cited shifting standards, regulations, and industry best practices as the reason behind the city's procurement overhaul.

"The City of Biggs' municipal purchasing policies and procedures haven't

been updated since 1997," Harr said.

Harr said the manual was developed in response to both internal audits and the Grand Jury's call for improved transparency and accountability. The manual now includes detailed procedures for general purchasing, public project bidding, contractor notifications, and oversight responsibilities. The manual establishes thresholds for competitive bidding, outlines procedures for informal and formal solicitations, and defines roles for city staff involved in procurement. According to the manual, the city administrator or designated purchasing officer is responsible for overseeing compliance and maintaining procurement records.

Emergency purchases, sole-source acquisitions, and cooperative purchasing agreements are addressed

with specific criteria and documentation requirements. The manual also includes provisions for local vendor preference and environmentally responsible purchasing.

"I read over this several times," said Mayor Bo Sheppard. "I felt a little bit of frustration about what this will bring on, but it is what it is."

The purchasing officer or designee ensures that all items received by the city comply with the specifications, terms, and conditions in the purchase order or contract. The Purchasing Officer may, at their discretion, require inspection, testing, or certification to ensure compliance, including third-party testing or verification where appropriate or required by law. Inspection and acceptance procedures shall be outlined in the city's procurement policy and applied consistently across

departments.

Harr said the updated manual is intended to improve financial oversight, reduce risk, and ensure consistent application of procurement rules across all departments.

"I think this is the best way to do that," Harr said, noting that the city will also benefit from "open doors" when it comes to public work projects.

The council unanimously approved the manual and introduced an ordinance amending the city's municipal code establishing the updated purchasing procedures. ★



Food & Farm NEWS

Napa Vineyards Helped Douse Pickett Fire

Napa Valley winegrape growers are no strangers to wildfires, which have ruined crops in the region three times in the past decade. The Pickett Fire, which started Aug. 21 in Calistoga and burned about 6,800 acres, caused an estimated \$65 million in agricultural losses, including damage to about 3% of Napa Valley's vineyard acreage. For some growers, the losses were significant, but they said the outcome could have been far worse. The fire was contained in a corner of the valley thanks in part to a yearslong effort by the wine industry to better prepare for wildfires. During the past few years, groups representing vintners and grape growers donated money to build access roads and containment lines, and farmers coordinated with Cal Fire to map agricultural infrastructure such as reservoirs that could be used to fight wildfires. "It came into play on this fire," said JC Greenberg, deputy chief for Cal Fire and the Napa County Fire Department. "We were ahead of the game."

Some Forage Farmers not Subject to State Program Regulating Farm Runoff

Because farmers who grow forage and pasture in northeastern California rarely apply nitrogen fertilizers or pesticides, water-quality regulators for the region voted last month to exempt agricultural operations from a state program that regulates farm runoff. The decision by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board affects 75,000 acres in Northern California's Pit River subwatershed and comes after research from the University of California found that irrigated pasture and hay operations pose minimal risk to water quality. "This has been a long time coming," said Kari Fisher, senior counsel and director of legal advocacy for the California Farm Bureau. State law requires growers who irrigate land to produce crops and pasture to enroll in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which was established to prevent agricultural

runoff from negatively impacting surface and groundwater. Pasture and forage crops account for most of the irrigated land in the Pit River subwatershed.

Tomato Yields Up as Canneries Try to Reduce Inventory

Thanks to adequate water supplies and mild conditions throughout the growing season, California farmers may end up with a lot more tomatoes than canneries need. "It's a very excellent problem to have," Mike Montna, president and CEO of the California Tomato Growers Association, said of what's been described as a bountiful and quality tomato crop. The larger-than-expected crop means some of the fruit may go unpicked if the weather remains dry and harvest goes as planned. Colusa County grower Mitchell Yerxa said tomatoes aren't the only crops seeing upticks in yield. He noted his other row crops—including vine seed, cucumbers, watermelon and sunflowers—also have benefited from the weather this year. "We're all very pleasantly surprised at how good the yields have been," Yerxa said.

California Farm Bureau Working Group to Address Predator Issue

A surge of livestock kills, attacks and other conflicts caused by the state's growing predator population has prompted the state's largest agricultural organization to form a predator working group. The California Farm Bureau group will work in conjunction with law enforcement and other advocacy groups to examine the state's predator issue, with a current focus on wolves. It will also address conflicts caused by other predators, including mountain lions and bears. Since March, there have been more than 60 confirmed and probable cases of cattle killed by wolves in the Sierra Valley region of Plumas and Sierra counties. The apex predators remain fully protected as endangered under state and federal law, which means ranchers are prohibited from doing anything that could kill, harm or harass the species without facing criminal or civil penalties. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

is too late for you but if it's not, and other people would like to come at that time contact me at <beecott@gmail.com> for time and location.

So, as I was cutting two abutilons back and collecting their seed pods and discovering the huge herds of ant tended creatures; I too became a crawl space for ants. So far, they are not biting me. I could spray and do things to get rid of the ants. I don't because I love a habitat garden. Those ants are an important part of ridding the world of decay while being pesky to humans. A great discovery while I interacted with ants and cut the plants back, I found at least three rooted abutilon branches. They'll be ready to dig

up and potted up for the spring garden club plant sale. I am basically a lazy person so when the plants help by starting themselves, I love it.

I'm coming back from the coast on September 16th. That means I'll be dreaming in poetic thoughts and writing about my love of the ocean and its environment. I'll go to a Gridley Lions potluck, visit the cactus-succulent nursery, the botanical gardens and the Mendocino nursery. Finally, I will be able to do more hiking, probably no climbing. My back is doing well and I'm learning not to lift things up. As you read this I'll be remembering the wonderful smell of the seaside and the sea birds. ★

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What is the most poisonous thing in the world

- Macmillan, 16, India

Dear Macmillan,

There are some amazing deadly things out there. Like a frog that oozes poison from its skin. Or a jellyfish that uses itty bitty hooks to inject venom into its prey.

But it turns out the most poisonous thing on Earth is everywhere. It's in our soil. It's in our water. It might be in your kitchen.

It's a species of bacteria called *Clostridium botulinum*.

I talked about it with my friend Susie Craig. She studies food safety at Washington State University.

She told me that *C. botulinum* makes the toxin that causes botulism. People can get it by eating food that wasn't preserved the right way.

"I don't think people recognize how powerful the toxin from *Clostridium botulinum* really is," Craig said.

Botulinum toxin targets the place where nerves and muscles talk to each other. It blocks a chemical the muscles need to work. Without it, they get weak, droopy and paralyzed. It can be deadly if it affects the muscles we use to breathe.

Luckily, there's an antitoxin for botulism. It grabs the toxin still traveling in the blood. But it doesn't reverse any damage. So, people may need medical care to keep them breathing while they recover.

So, how does that bacteria get into preserved foods?

C. botulinum thrives in places with low oxygen—called anaerobic. When there's too much oxygen or other unfavorable conditions, it forms a spore. That's a hard, protective coating that encases the bacteria. It can stay safe inside that spore for years.

When conditions are just right, *C. botulinum* sheds its spore coat. It becomes active again. It starts making botulinum toxin.

Let's say we want to can green beans from our garden. But we don't bother to look up the food safety rules for

preserving them. We just drop our jars in boiling water to seal them.

Spoiler: this is a rotten plan.

Green beans are a low-acid veggie—which *C. botulinum* likes. The space inside our sealed jar is low oxygen—which *C. botulinum* loves. If our green beans have spores on them from the soil, boiling water won't get the jar hot enough to kill them.

C. botulinum can sense our jar is cozy. It can shed the spore and start cranking out toxin. When we pop open those green beans, they'll be poisonous.

We should have used a pressure canner. That raises the boiling point of water, so it gets hot enough to kill any spores. Or we could have frozen our green beans instead.

You don't have to worry about canned food you get at the store—unless it's super dented, puffy or leaking. We have strict food safety rules to make sure companies do it right.

Craig told me it's totally safe to preserve food at home as long as we follow the rules.

"You're at risk for botulism if you preserve food with an untested recipe, especially if the food has a relatively low acid content," she said. "You should use recipes from the National Center for Home Food Preservation."

There's one more food safety rule for avoiding botulism. Never feed honey to a baby.

Sometimes bees bring *C. botulinum* back to the colony. It winds up in their honey—which is no big deal for people with strong immune systems. But babies are still building theirs, so it can make them sick.

And there's nothing sweet about that.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

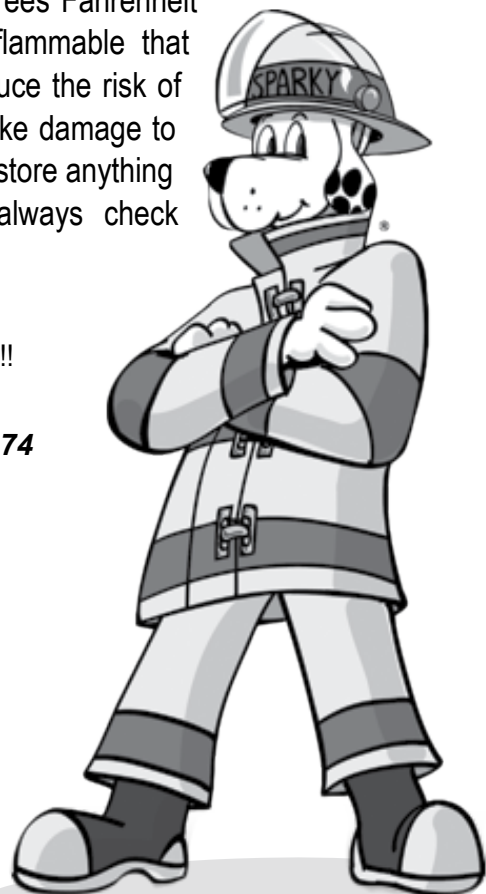
SPARKY'S CORNER

OVEN STORAGE HAZARD

With a recent surge in emergencies that are the result of residents storing pots and pans inside an oven, CAL FIRE / Gridley Fire Department wants to remind the citizens to never store anything inside your oven. The plastic handles and light metal pots and pans can melt onto the heating element and produce large amounts of toxic smoke and easily catch fire. Plastic and rubber handles can melt at temperatures as low as 200 Degrees Fahrenheit. On the self-cleaning setting, an oven can reach temperatures of 900 degrees Fahrenheit easily igniting anything flammable that may be inside. So to reduce the risk of a fire and significant smoke damage to your home, please never store anything inside your oven and always check inside before using.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Chico Man Charged with Hate Crime Against Local Reporter

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A homeless Chico man was in Butte County Superior Court on Sept. 8, and was arraigned on a hate crime charge.

Kiano Sen Saechao, 23, was arraigned on one felony count of damaging property based in part or in whole on the other person's race – commonly called a hate crime. At the request of the Butte County District Attorney's Office, he was held in custody with bail set at \$25,000.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charge stems from an incident that occurred on the morning of Sept. 4, when Action News Now reporter Nathan Espindula was finishing up a live on-air segment in the parking lot of the Elks Lodge in Chico at 6 a.m.

Espindula reported he could hear a man talking in the darkened parking lot and coming closer. Espindula initially ignored the man, later identified as Saechao, but soon realized Saechao was speaking to him. Saechao made racial slurs towards the reporter. Espindula immediately got into his car, leaving his tripod with camera equipment behind, and began to take a video on his cell phone, capturing Saechao repeating the comments through the car's closed windows. While on the phone with



the Chico Police Department, Espindula tried to leave but inadvertently ran over Saechao's scooter behind him.

Saechao, who was also recording the exchange on an iPad, continued to yell aggressively at Espindula and knocked over Espindula's camera equipment in the parking lot, causing over \$2500 worth of damage. Saechao then left the scene with his scooter. Chico Police officers located Saechao nearby and arrested him, seizing the iPad.

Saechao was due back in court on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. for the appearance of counsel and further arraignment. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Oklahoma City Thunder are the well-deserving champions of the NBA, and there is much to like about this team. Without question they play a high tempo, energetic defense, and that same energy resonates throughout the entire team.

Their starting five are a good group, but the Thunder would never have hoisted the Larry Obrien trophy had it not been for their amazing bench.

As we turn our attention to the hometown Kings, I'll stack up our starting five against anyone in the league, but the real question mark is the Sacramento Kings bench.

I'm still in shock that new G.M. Scott Perry did not value what he had in Jonas Valanciunas, who in my humble opinion represented the best backup center in the NBA. A more than capable starting center, Valanciunas publicly stated that he was content to do whatever the team asked of him, and that he would happily back up Domantas Sabonis and be proud to do so.

Great player with a team spirit, and yet the short-sighted Kings turned a blind eye and let him walk out the door. Mistake, oh yes it was a herculean mistake, so now the Kings will be rolling the dice with a combination of Drew Eubanks, Darion Saric, and rookie Maxime Raynaud. Only time will tell if Scott Perry made the right decision, but the question remains, who will comprise the primary players from the bench starting the season.

The Kings waived little used Terence Davis last week, making room for potentially Russell Westbrook, and if in fact that happens, I give it my hearty support.

Westbrook has been much traveled, but his on court presence could be a real difference maker for the Kings. Russell is in the twilight of his hall of fame career, but still has some gas in the tank. The NBA's all-time leader in triple doubles, Westbrook has an all-round game, and I believe is a player that would fit in with the Kings in a big way.

More importantly, Westbrook strengthens the Kings bench and can be counted on to play important minutes.

Unfortunately, like Jonas Valanciunas, Trey Lyles is no longer with the team, so the forward position for the Kings remains their weakest spot. A glaring week spot for the Kings since the days of Chris Webber,

Sacramento needs to consummate a trade and work with the youngsters that are already on the roster.

In my opinion that means it's time to pay some real attention to Issac Jones. This athletic big man needs to get his share of minutes every game and becomes a consistent player that can be counted on night in and night out.

Jones is a late bloomer, entering high school at 5'5" and graduating at 6'4". He played for Wenatchee Valley College for 3 years before transferring to Idaho, and eventually to division one Washington State, where he averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Going undrafted in the 2024 draft, the Kings offered Jones a 2-way contract which has since been converted to a standard NBA contract.

Isaac is signed only through the upcoming season and will become a free agent in 2026 if the Kings don't offer him an extension.

Jones had an opportunity to strut his stuff in the NBA summer league and acquitted himself admirably. At 6'9" and with an undeniable degree of athleticism Jones has a nice touch for a big man around the rim and is a capable shot blocker that looks to be a nice compliment to Domantas Sabonis.

Without question Jones can help Sabonis on the boards, and he loves to dunk the basketball. I can see a of offensive rebounds turning into two points for the Kings if Jones gets his hands on the ball.

The question of Isaac Jones and how good he can be, will be an ongoing debate until Doug Christie makes a commitment to playing him on a regular basis, and for Jones's sake and fans alike, I hope this season is when it happens!

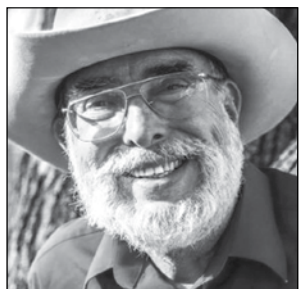
Yes, Kings fans, let's sign Russell Westbrook because there is no downside, and Westbrook needs a home. Likewise, don't give up on the possibility that Jonathan Kuminga may join the Kings family as well.

Blink, and the preseason will be here, so it's time to get excited Kings fans. Say your prayers and buy your tickets, because with just a little luck, this season could surprise you!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"I'm Sorry, Pal"

bird is that almost everything with teeth wants to eat you, and if you can't fly, there's not much you can do about it. We learned that picking the baby up and putting him back in the nest wouldn't work, so we were forced to just watch his timid movements around the yard and whisper to him, "I'm sorry, pal."

You might think that the older we get, the tougher our shells become to these little natural tragedies, but it doesn't seem to work that way. Maybe it's because we've now had children of our own, and grandchildren, too. Maybe that's why it actually hurts more to see a helpless baby bird today than when we were 11 and riding our bikes on the river trails. Back then we were bulletproof, flexible, and immortal. But we learned

things over the years. We saw people our age die. We saw younger people die. We accumulated our own little collection of personal tragedies.

Then the baby found the drain spout. Yep, that little rascal hopped into the drain spout coming off the roof and had sense enough to stay in there, coming to the edge of his "cave" only for meals from his anxious mother. A week later, I thought I recognized him sitting on a tree branch, looking smug. He wasn't in the drain spout and I didn't see any feathers around on the ground.

We live in an age of small miracles.

If you find an injured bird, you can always call or email the experts here at injuredbird@nycbirdalliance.org. NYC birds tend to fly into glass windows, I'm told. ★

Californians Don't Know Full Impact of \$20 Fast Food Wage



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As the California Legislature churns toward the end of its 2025 session this week, processing the remnants of thousands of bills introduced during the year, several measures encompass the Capitol's most enduring conflict: Labor unions vs. employers over working conditions.

Unions seek higher wages and benefits, citing the welfare and financial needs of workers and their families. Employers counter that the cost of providing what unions want adversely affects their competitiveness in other states and nations and forces them to raise prices, reduce employment or even leave California to remain solvent.

In the main, unions fare better than employers in California's political arena — not surprising given that union-friendly Democrats from the governor down dominate the Capitol.

One of the most intense union-employer battles arose in 2022 over legislation that would have raised the minimum wage for fast food workers to \$22 an hour. It also declared that fast food franchises are merely subsidiaries of their parent chains, rather than independently owned businesses.

Fast food companies and franchisees saw it as a double whammy that not only

would increase their costs but it would undermine the franchise system itself. The industry also disliked the bill's creation of an appointed council with the power to regulate fast food working conditions, especially wages.

The measure passed both legislative houses with party-line votes, and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it. The industry responded with a campaign to put the issue on the ballot, pledging that affected corporations would spend any amount of money to overturn the law due to its effects on the franchise system.

Which faction would win such a battle will never be known, however, because a year after the bill was signed and after lengthy negotiations, a compromise was worked out and quickly enacted. It raised the minimum wage to an initial \$20 an hour and left the oversight council intact, albeit with some changes. More importantly to the industry, it did not interfere with the franchise system.

The new wage went into effect in April 2024, and since then the industry and the unions have sparred over its impact not only on wages but on overall employment and fast food prices.

The factions are marking the second anniversary of the 2023 compromise by issuing reports that could not be more different.

Labor acted first with the September 5 release of an analysis by UC-Berkeley's Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics. It's a research organization whose reports uniformly support the union side of issues.

Researchers Michael Reich and Denis Sosinskiy declared that the \$20 wage did not

reduce fast food employment, didn't change the number of hours worked and "only led to minimal menu price increases (about 8 cents on a \$4 burger)." They said their study included price data from more than 2,000 restaurants in California and other states.

Five days later the Virginia-based Employment Policies Institute — which was created by Berman and Company, a lobbyist for restaurant, hotel beverage, tobacco and fossil fuel interests — issued its study based on data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It concluded that California's fast-food industry has lost 19,102 jobs since Newsom signed the law in September 2023, including 15,988 since the law went into effect last year, more than double the rate of loss seen in fast food outlets nationally. It did not delve into fast food prices.

The two competing studies from less-than-objective sources leave us still wondering what the true impact might have been. It's a knowledge gap that should be filled by someone or something with impeccable credentials because other business sectors might be the next targets.

In fact, there's already a battle in Los Angeles over the \$30 wage for workers at hotels and other hospitality businesses imposed by the city council.

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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The following person(s) are doing business as: Shelter Cove Studios, 187 Greenbank Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
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The following person(s) are doing business as: EastMTN, 3179 Sawyers Bar Lane, Chico, CA 94973
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The following person(s) are doing business as: APS Education and County Constitutions, 1040 Buschmann Road Apt 59, Paradise, CA 95969
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The following person(s) are doing business as: HB Guide Service, 520 Jericho Court, Gridley, CA 95948
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Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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The following person(s) are doing business as: EC Drywall, 622 Richards Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Eladio Carrillo Renteria, 622 Richards Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: August 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 14, 2025

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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 #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

Filed on August 14, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV03025

Petitioner Shakeena Cordelia Waheed filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zylon Prince Pankhi Malcolm to Zylon Prince Pankhi Waheed.

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 06 TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on August 21, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV03185

Petitioner Regina Louise Storey filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jason Robert Storey Jr. to Jason Robert Ritzer.

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 22, 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

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FILE: PFI-252199 TITLE ORDER NUMBER: 2617014CAD LOAN: PRICE A.P.N.: 116-335-002-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/4/2022. 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. NOTICE is hereby given that CAL-SIERRA TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: PHAROT THAVY AND LINNA TEP, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP Recorded 1/11/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0000255 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 4/1/2025 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 2025-0001558 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 10/14/2025 At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971 at 11:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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 hereinafter described: PARCEL 2, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "PARCEL MAP FOR HAROLD AND DIANA TWEEDLE, JR., FILED AUGUST 02, 1977 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF PLUMAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 6 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGE 6. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1690 EAST MAIN ST, QUINCY, CA 95971 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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: \$277,495.67 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings

and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-252199. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: 8/29/2025 CAL-SIERRA TITLE COMPANY, as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0478314 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 09/19/2025 GRIDLEY HERALD 9-19-25

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The street addresses and other common designation, if any, of the mobile home described above is purported to be: 1690 E MAIN ST, QUINCY, CA 95971 Such sale is being made by reason of your default as of 1/11/2025, under that certain Security Agreement and Installment Note described herein above, and pursuant to the rights of the Secured Party under the Security Agreement. At any time before the sale, the registered owner or any other secured party may redeem said collateral under Section 9623 of the California Uniform Commercial Code, and Section 18037.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, by tendering \$10,047.12 in fulfillment of the installment obligations secured by the Collateral to be sold, including expenses reasonably incurred by the Secured Party in retaking, holding and preparing the collateral for disposition, in arranging for the sale, and for reasonable attorney/agent fees and expenses incurred in the foreclosure. Such tender may be made to Placer Foreclosure, Inc. at the address set forth herein above. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. If not redeemed, said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, or possession, to pay the remaining sum of the Security Agreement and installment note secured by said mobile home. The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation if any, shown herein. The Secured Party under said Security Agreement heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and demand for Sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Notice of Sale to be mailed to all parties as required by Section 18037.5 of the Health and Safety Code. 09/09/2025 PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. as agent for the secured party 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9, Auburn CA 95603 (530) 888-8411 FOR SALES INFORMATION CALL: 916-939-0772 By: STELLA SHAO, AS AGENT FOR LAWRENCE A. PRICE AND KATHLEEN L. PRICE, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE LAWRENCE AND KATHLEEN PRICE FAMILY TRUST DATED MAY 15, 2012 NPP0478541 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 09/19/2025 GRIDLEY HERALD 9-19-25

T.S. No.: 25-13898 Loan No.: *****1612 APN: 009-062-007-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/30/2005. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: ROBERT TULL AND ROYLYNN TULL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/13/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0062183 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 10/15/2025 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: Main entrance Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$95,270.49 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 935 VERMONT STREET GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA 95948 A.P.N.: 009-062-007-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Notice is given that the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District will sell the following item(s) of personal property:

Vehicle #171, 2011 Chevrolet Equinox, LT Sport Utility 4 Door, 4-Cyl. 2.4 liter engine, automatic with 100,520 miles – minimum bid \$500.00

The surplus property may be viewed at 5117 Larkin Road Oroville, CA. 95965. The property will be sold to the highest bidder submitting a bid in excess of the minimum bid amount listed above. The property will be sold "as is," "where is," without warranty as to condition or of any other kind.

Bids must be in writing, signed by the person offering to purchase the surplus property and must include the bidder's mailing address and a telephone number. Bids must be sealed and received at the Oroville District office (5117 Larkin Road, Oroville) no later than October 7, 2025, by 4:25 PM. Bids to be considered must be accompanied by a check in the amount of 10% of the bid amount, made payable to Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District (BCMVC), as security for the completion of the purchase and sale. All bids will remain sealed until the Board Meeting of October 8, 2025. The highest bidder will be notified the morning of October 9, 2025, and will be required to make arrangements with the District to complete the transaction and deliver full cash payment within 24 hours of notification. If the highest bidder fails to complete the transaction by tendering full cash payment of the bid amount within 24 hours of notification, the bid security shall be forfeited to the District. If a transaction with a higher bidder is not completed, the District may sell the property to the next highest bidder until the sale is completed. The bid security shall be returned to bidders who are not designated once the transaction is completed.

The District reserves the right to reject all bids and withdraw the property from sale. Surplus Property sales are in accordance to District Policy No. 3060, Disposal of Surplus Property.

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. 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)

Tuesday, Sept. 30: 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)

Friday, Sept. 19

Oro Dam Cruisers 30th Anniversary and Reunion. Thirty years ago on September 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

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 that opens at 9 a.m., 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

Friday, Sept. 26

Silent Disco. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Black Noise presents three DJs, three channels and three types of music in a Silent Disco at the Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Patrick Ranch Museum's mission is the preservation and interpretation of the agricultural history of the Sacramento Valley, including social, cultural, and economic aspects. \$15 tickets at the door, or \$10 online at www.patrickranchmuseum.org

Saturday, Sept. 27

Chico Concours 2025. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the North State's premier annual car show and features a full day of music, friendship, entertainment, and gorgeous cars at the historic Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico. Free and open to everyone. For more information, email concourchico@gmail.com

Saturday, Sept. 27

Oroville Salmon Festival. Each year this festival celebrates the return of the Chinook Salmon to the Feather River. Come on down to beautiful Historic Downtown Oroville and the Feather River Fish Hatchery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a variety of activities. This is a family-friendly event where there will be informational booths, music and fun for all. Explore a variety of local vendors and savor delicious food while enjoying guided tours of the hatchery. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with nature. More information at 530-538-2542.

Sunday, Sept. 28

Blossom Pop-Up Market. Get ready for an unforgettable day at Blossom, a vibrant pop-up market event hosted by Your Local Marketplace. Join us from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lassen Traditional Cidery, 643 Entler Ave., Suite 52, Chico, for a fun-filled day celebrating the talented small businesses that make Butte County so special. You'll find more than 20 local vendors selling everything from handmade jewelry, unique clothing, and baked goods to farm-fresh produce, medicinal products, beauty items, and delicious food. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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, 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 September 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@buttecounty.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, Oct. 6.

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, Oct. 1. 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 Oct. 1.

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.

Gridley Senior Food Distribution, 801 Washington Street, Room B. Once a month, call ahead for details: 530-846-4233.

North State Food Bank, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly 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. 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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From This Tragedy, More Voices Must Rise

Silencing one voice cannot end the conversation. It must awaken a chorus of many

By Hector Barajas, California Globe

Charlie Kirk's death on September 10 was more than a personal tragedy; it struck at the very heart of free speech in America. For years, he had become a modern symbol of debate culture, a figure willing to put himself in front of hostile audiences and say, "Let's talk."

In a time when disagreement often leads to shouting, shaming, or silencing, Kirk chose dialogue — once so common it wasn't even considered special in America, but now it seems like a lost art.

Kirk built his career not by hiding from critics but by meeting them head-on. In person, not from the safety of an online echo chamber. On college campuses across the country, he welcomed tough questions from students who often opposed everything he represented. He listened, he argued, and he stood his ground with facts, critical thinking, and a depth of knowledge rare for any citizen, especially someone his age.

It was not about demanding agreement but about proving that open dialogue matters more than uniformity of thought. He even sat with California Governor Gavin Newsom; while the two disagreed on most issues, they still managed to show millions of viewers what respectful debate



Charlie Kirk and his wife, Erika, speak together at an event in Texas in 2025. Photo courtesy of CA Globe

could look like.

That choice to engage with opponents was no small act. In today's culture, it is easier to cancel, shame, or attack than to have a real conversation. Too many people treat disagreement as something to shut down and silence. Kirk refused to play that game. He believed the only way to sharpen your own argument was to test it against the strongest case from the other side. In that way, he upheld the older American tradition of free speech, where ideas meet head-on and the best argument stands.

His assassination is therefore not only the silencing of one

man, but also an assault on the heart and soul of America. When violence is used to end debate, free speech itself becomes the casualty. We cannot accept a future where the price of speaking out is fear for your life.

There is also a broader warning in this tragedy. Political violence doesn't stop with one person. Once it becomes acceptable to kill or threaten a voice because you disagree with it, the door opens to silence anyone.

Today it was Charlie Kirk. Tomorrow it could be an elected official, a professor, a journalist, a union organizer, or a student. Free speech is not a partisan value. It is the foundation of

democracy, and without it, every other right grows weaker.

Charlie Kirk forced people to think, respond, and defend their beliefs. He showed that disagreement doesn't have to lead to dehumanization. He showed that you can argue passionately and still see the humanity in the person you're debating.

Perhaps even more troubling than the cancer consuming the art of civil discourse is that Charlie Kirk's underlying message was essentially one of love and respect for our country, our fellow citizens, our values, our history, and our future generations.

There is a poignant video clip

circulating online of George Carlin, the sardonic comedian and social critic, who framed assassination this way:

"It's interesting to notice who it is we assassinate. You know who it is — it's always people who told us to live together in harmony and try to love one another. Jesus. Gandhi. Lincoln. John Kennedy. Bobby Kennedy. Martin Luther King. Medgar Evers. Malcolm X. John Lennon. They all said try to live together peacefully . . ."

Sadly, we've experienced too many of these tragic moments in American life. Kirk's assassination is yet another.

But like other moments in history, this tragedy can be a turning point. The best way to honor Kirk's legacy is to refuse silence. We must keep speaking, listening, and debating, even when it is uncomfortable. Fear cannot be allowed to dictate our voices. The future of free speech, and the restoration of respect and love for this nation and for our fellow countrymen, depends on it.

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Please, Conversation Not Assassination

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Charlie Kirk was a man who had opinions and vocalized them. He believed in free speech. He also believed in the right of free speech for those who disagreed with him. In his Turning Point rallies, he gave untold numbers of people the opportunity to express their opinions and to debate him. He respectfully gave each person the time to state their case on whatever the subject. Charlie was adamant, profound and articulated strong convictions.

Sadly, a deranged 22-year-old man from Utah took Charlie's life. It has been reported that the gunman had previously stated at a family dinner that he thought Kirk was filled with hate. When Kirk spoke at a university rally in Utah, the gunman plotted and positioned himself to shoot a single long-range rifle shot that took Kirk's life. The man ran back to his home where he later had no choice but to confess to his father that he was indeed the man who had been videotaped at the rally who took Charlie Kirk's life. The lone assassin is an evil coward who silenced one of America's star voices. At least he thought he did. Charlie Kirk has become more known, and his sound clips have been heard more in the last few days than in his entire ministry/career. Kirk has been propelled by the assassin to a status in American culture that will never be forgotten. Instead of silencing Kirk he magnified Kirk's voice and message a hundred or more times. Kirk is now being remembered around the world.

Charlie Kirk used his voice. Every American is entitled to this freedom. His voice cost him his life.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life

reuniting our country and abolishing slavery. A cowardly assassin took Lincoln's life as he leisurely watched a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy used his voice to excite the American people and to bring about a positive attitude in the country but was gunned down by an assassin from a hidden window in downtown Dallas, Texas. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with a great voice who stirred the hearts of millions of Americans and brought about liberating change for black Americans. An assassin who disagreed with King cowardly hid and took King's life with a bullet. Malcom X and Bobby Kennedy were orators for positive change in America but someone who disagreed with their views killed them.

The greatest voice of hope, love, change and forgiveness, who ever lived, was Jesus Christ. A cowardly crowd yelled for him to be executed.

These mentioned voices were not silenced by hideous crowds or hidden gunmen. Each of their voices have rung loudly and clearly. Their legacies have only grown bolder and stronger.

It is sad that Charlie Kirk's assassin did not go down to the rally, stand up like a man and challenge Kirk in a debate. He could have told Kirk what he thought about him and given Kirk a chance to respond. But no, he was a weak, spineless man filled with more hate than probably anyone in America at that given moment. It's one thing to have a hateful, negative thought, but it's another to allow hate to act itself out in such a way.

Violence is never the answer. Let's keep America free. Free to speak, free to debate, free to practice and express our religion. Let's have peaceful and strong conversation, not assassination. ★

never backed down from his beliefs, his faith, or his love of this country.

Charlie brought light into dark places. On campuses where free speech is under attack, he stood strong and gave others the courage to speak up. As the founder of Turning Point USA, he organized a movement that will shape generations.

He was bold in his faith, clear in his convictions, and fully embraced his conservative values.

Charlie is now with the Lord — but the work he started isn't finished." ★

America's Sports Teams Pay Tribute to Charlie Kirk

The White House News Release

WASHINGTON, CHRISTIAN NEWswire (MPG) - The White House releases the following:

From coast to coast, sports teams and organizations paused this week to commemorate the legacy of Charlie Kirk. The White House recognizes these profound tributes that celebrate Kirk's enduring legacy as a champion for faith and patriotism and honor the remarkable impact he had on millions of Americans.

NFL franchises, including the Green Bay Packers, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Titans, and Arizona Cardinals

all held moments of silence or special recognitions.

In baseball, the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees paid tribute. College football teams, such as the South Carolina Gamecocks, LSU Tigers, and the Wyoming Cowboys, joined in — as did the UFC and NASCAR, showcasing the broad reach of Kirk's influence.

These tributes reflect the widespread admiration for Kirk's dedication to inspiring the next generation of American Patriots. We commend these organizations for honoring a figure who championed the values that unite us all, and we join the nation in celebrating his legacy. ★

Liberty Counsel: Message From Mat Staver Regarding Charlie Kirk

Liberty Counsel News Release

We are heartbroken to learn that Charlie Kirk has been shot while speaking at Utah Valley University.

Our prayers go out to Charlie, his wife and two young children, and all those affected by this tragic and senseless

act of violence.

We ask everyone to join us in praying for Charlie and his family, for peace, and for strength during this incredibly difficult time.

And we pray against this senseless hatred and disdain for human life that elevate violence over dialogue. ★

Bera Condemns the Killing of Charlie Kirk

Office of U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) released a statement after conservative activist Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at an event at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10:

"This is a dark day for America. The killing of Charlie Kirk is a horrific and deeply disturbing act of political violence. I condemn it in the strongest possible terms.

"Political violence is a cancer on our nation. We

don't have to agree with one another's beliefs — in fact, we may find some views deeply offensive or wrong — but we must reject violence as a means of resolving disputes. It corrodes the very foundation of our democracy and threatens the freedoms we all cherish. Democracy demands that we resolve our differences peacefully through debate, civic engagement, and at the ballot box.

"I urge law enforcement to use every available resource to bring the perpetrator of this act to justice. There must be

accountability. We cannot allow violence to take root as a tool of political expression in America.

"In moments like these, we must rise above partisanship and reaffirm a simple truth: violence against anyone — Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative — has no place in our society. No person or political party is immune to this disturbing and growing trend. Above all else, we are Americans.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kirk's family, loved ones, and all those impacted by this heinous act of violence." ★

Republican Leaders Issue Joint Statement on Assassination of Charlie Kirk

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) and Leader-Elect Heath Flora (R-Ripon) issued the following statement on the assassination of conservative leader and Turning Point USA founder, Charlie Kirk:

"In the 21st century, no one did more to lead the conservative youth movement than Charlie Kirk. He spoke the truth, welcomed respectful debate, and



Gridley Titans Football

Titans 8U Bury Cubs in Boneyard



Titan 8U captains ready to take the field.



Titans push hard against the Anderson Cubs at the Gridley High School Boneyard.

By Dustin Terrel and photos by Nicle Vaughn

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 8u Gridley Titans welcomed their home crowd to the Boneyard for the first time this season by handing the Anderson Jr Cubs their first defeat of the season 30 to 6.

Emmett Burns and Kanon Buzzard provided two touchdowns a piece, while

QB Jax Terrell added a touchdown of his own. Valentino Guillen forced two fumbles; one recovered by Benten Waller and the other recovered by Buzzard.

Captains for the game were No. 6 Benten Waller, No. 50 Leeland Warfield, No. 7 Cashten Waller, and No. 22 Cason Gutierrez. The Titans make the long trip to Weed this Saturday to take on the Siskiyou County Trojans. ★

Titans 10U Steamrolls Cubs

By Head Coach Jason Davis Sr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 10u Gridley Titans took on the Anderson Cubs this past Saturday at home in Gridley.

The Titans got on the board early when Boss Davis tackled the Quarterback causing a fumble in his own end zone, resulting in a safety for Gridley.

The Titans steamrolled the Cubs with touchdowns by Kobe Neal (2), Boss Davis (1) and Tyler Smith (1).

The big story of the day

belonged to a pair of Titans, Truett Crislip and Rhett Moffitt. Truett scored his first touchdown of his career and Rhett score the extra point which was his first time in the end zone as well.

The Titan's defense was lights out with plays from many but one that stood out was made by Jayceon Ervin. Ervin had a huge tackle for a loss that shut down Anderson's drive.

The Titans travel to Weed next week to take on the Siskiyou Trojans. ★



Titans on the line, getting ready to score. Courtesy photo

Titans 12U Blow Out Anderson Cubs

By Aaron Lumsden

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 13, the 12U Gridley Titans defeated the Anderson Cubs in a blowout victory 33 - 0.

The Titans defense harassed the Cubs the entire game and allowed negative yards in the contest, repeatedly forcing the

Cubs to turn the ball over on downs.

The Titans offense moved the ball at ease, scoring 5 offensive touchdowns. The entire roster contributed to the victory, helping the Titans to a 3 - 1 record on the season.

The Titans travel to face Weed next week for their first divisional game of the season. ★



10U Titans players No. 5 and No. 16 get ready to face off against the Anderson Cubs. Courtesy photo

Win Tastes Good for 14U

By Randall Huff and photos by Libby Tolman

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Titans 14u had their first home game last Saturday vs the Anderson Jr Cubs. Our 14u got their first win of the season with a 36 to 6 final score.

It was a good game for the 14u. Adrian

Fuentes had 2 touchdowns, Nick Kent had 1 touchdown, Canon Sanner had 1 touchdown and Paul Pino had 1 touchdown. Yoshi Martinez accounted for 3 extra points.

The 14u Gridley Titans look forward to starting league play this week. It will be an away game vs the Weed Jr Trojans. ★



The 14U Titans run onto the field carrying their colors.



Titans quarterback No. 2 fires one off to one of his receivers.

Gridley to Take Ownership of Transfer Station

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materials present due to the site's long history of waste disposal, including materials such as lead pipes, oils, asbestos, and acids, he said. Arteaga noted that assuming ownership of the Ord Ranch Transfer Station parcel would have no significant financial impact on the city, other than the cost

of adding the property to the city's insurance coverage and upgrades, if any.

"If any upgrades are planned, we will bring it back to council for consideration," Arteaga said.

The council, in its vote to accept ownership of the property, authorized Arteaga to oversee the execution of necessary

documents to complete the property transfer and guide the city through the next steps in managing the public facility.

Under California Government Code, the Butte County Board of Supervisors must declare the property is no longer needed before releasing it to Gridley, officials said. ★

No Parking - For Now

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Stark tells the Herald that the project at the Medical Specialty Center campus follows the completion of the same at the hospital.

"This project is underway to enhance safety and reduce fall risks for our community. Our main hospital parking lot has been fully refurbished, and the clinic's lot is receiving special attention with a complete replacement," said Stark.

The previous surface of the lot was

uneven, cracked in places and marred with patched potholes.

Entry and exit routes to the Medical Specialty Center building are clearly marked in bright pink, with areas like the one-off Haskell Street cordoned off.

"Our in-house teams are working closely with the asphalt crew to ensure patient care is not impacted during the project. We anticipate the parking lot will be fully completed by the end of the week!" said Stark. ★

The "Boneyard" Houses a New Set of Dogs

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The "Boneyard" was packed, loud and witnessed history on Monday, Sept. 8 as the Gridley Bulldogs Girls Flag Football team celebrated their first win for the program against the Center Cougars 26-6.

Flag football is in the third season competitively in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) of high school sports and Gridley is the only Northern Section school with a girls flag football team.

Bulldogs head coach John Coopridier told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he has been around the game of football for as long as he can remember and when the opportunity arose to coach flag football, he thought it was a no brainer.

The Bulldogs currently have 18 athletes on their roster and he hopes the interest continues to grow throughout the years for flag football.

Gridley lit up the scoreboard first with eight minutes left in the first as sophomore linebacker Delanie Cloyd intercepted a pass and ran it back 32-yards to the end zone on the opening drive of the game for a touchdown.

Cloyd had two interceptions in the win and was making plays all over the field defensively. Cloyd told YSBC that playing flag football is a great opportunity to bond with teammates from other sports.

"We're all competitive and know how to get one another hyped, so it makes it easier to be calm before we play," Cloyd said.

She added that her and her teammates were nervous, but the coaching staff kept them locked in the game and they were able to loosen up.

The defense for the Bulldogs shined again on their next defensive possession as Sophia Moran had her own defensive touchdown as she returned an

interception to the end zone from the 32 and extended the Gridley lead 13-0.

The Bulldogs forced their third and final turnover of the night as Cloyd picked off her second pass of the night.

Gridley junior running back Natalie Mariscal scored on a four-yard rushing touchdown within three minutes of the first half and made it a 20-point lead after she caught a pass from Cloyd in the back corner of the end zone for the extra point.

Mariscal expressed to YSBC that they have been building the bond as a team for the last month and a half as they began practice in late July/early August.

"We've done team dinners and we had a lot of fun of going out to other flag football games in the area," Mariscal said.

Center put a quick drive downfield and cut the Bulldogs deficit to 14 after they scored a touchdown in the final minute of the opening half.

Mariscal scored the final Gridley touchdown in the final seconds of the third quarter after she rushed the ball in from 15-yards out.

Coopridier said that he was proud of the girls for their performance in the win and said that he expected mistakes and told the Bulldogs it was ok, they are going to happen.

"We're growing every day to get better," Coopridier said.

He added that one of the main points he is continuously going to keep reiterating to them is that this is also "the girls" field too and they get to have their special moments on it instead of only on Friday nights.

Gridley will hit the road on Monday, Sept 22 as they will play at Colfax with a scheduled start time of 6 p.m.

For more updated sports content on all local volleyball, flag football and football action, go to ysbcsports.com. ★



The Gridley Bulldogs Girls Flag Football team won their first game on Sept. 8 26-6 against the Center Cougars. Gridley is the lone Northern Section team with flag football. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley sophomore quarterback Delanie Cloyd (6) attempts to split defenders and rushes towards the end zone in the Bulldogs' 26-6 win on Sept. 8 against Center. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley junior running back Natalie Marshal (8) evades a flag pull on her way to the end zone in the Bulldogs' 26-6 victory against Center on Sept. 8. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley's Nayelli Romo (3) goes for a tackle in the Bulldogs' 26-6 win over Center on Sept. 8. Photo by Steven Bryla

Gridley and Biggs with Big Wins as Live Oak Loses Nail Biter

By YSBC

SUTTER & BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - After four weeks of football competition in California completed this past weekend, this was the first time that Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak all played the same week.

Biggs

The Biggs Wolverines got back to their winning ways as they shutout the Highlands Scots of the Sac-Joaquin Section with a 27-0 win on Friday, Sept. 12.

Biggs head coach Brian Harrison expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the Wolverines that things seem to be back on track after they suffered a 26-6 at the hands of the Redding Christian Lions on Sept. 5.

Harrison added that multiple players produced for Biggs against Highlands. Wolverines senior quarterback Skyler Long completed 12 passes for 187 yards on the air and tossed two touchdowns. Long also had a rushing touchdown along with 53 yards on the ground.

Biggs had nearly 400 yards of offense and the balanced attack included 105 yards on the ground by junior Cashten Acosta. Acosta also led the



Biggs senior defensive end Skyler Long (16) and junior defensive back Cashten Acosta (1) combined for a tackle in the Wolverines' 52-0 win over Weed on August 29. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Wolverines with four receptions for 73 yards and one of the touchdown passes from Long.

Harrison told YSBC that the defense is back to its old tricks of flustering opposing offenses. Biggs junior linebacker Cameron Kroupa terrorized the Highlands offense with 11 tackles and Long had 10 tackles with two for a loss.

Wolverines junior

linebacker Ayden Owen and senior Jordan Zamora had nine tackles each, including a tackle for loss.

Biggs is scheduled to play at Durham on Friday, Sept. 19 with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Harrison said the matchup with Durham is bigger than the Super Bowl for him.

Gridley

The Gridley Bulldogs arguably had the biggest

win of Northern Section teams on Friday, Sept. 12 as they took down the Winters Warriors in a 21-20 victory.

Gridley was down 20-6 at the end of the first half and roared back in the second with multiple stops defensively in the second half.

Bulldogs head coach Daniel Zumwalt told YSBC that he was proud of the way the boys battled back and overcame the early adversity.

He added that it was a whole team effort and excited to keep the early momentum going. Gridley junior running back Manny Sandoval led the way with 87 yards on the ground.

Bulldogs junior running back Marcus Duncan had 57 yards rushing and senior quarterback Eli Punzo rushed for 63 yards. Duncan and Punzo each had a rushing touchdown in the win.

The Gridley defense chopped the ball away from Winters as they forced four turnovers, including a fumble recovery and three interceptions.

Duncan had 10 tackles and Punzo had an interception. Senior defensive end Jason Davis Jr. had 10 total tackles, six for a loss and sack while junior linebackers Saulo Ramirez and Benny Dewsnup had 14

tackles each.

The Bulldogs look to make it three in a row as they travel to Colusa on Friday, Sept. 19 at Colusa with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Live Oak

The Live Oak Lions came up just short for their first victory of 2025 as they fell to the Paradise Bobcats 33-27 on Friday, Sept. 12.

Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton told YSBC once they were successful with running the ball, they were vibing well. Lions senior quarterback Bradley Perigo completed nine passes for 115 yards in the air and nearly had 100 rushing yards on the ground. ★

Live Oak senior running back Ian Miranda had 118 yards of rushing and led the Lions in the loss.

Tilton expressed that there was a big improvement from the first game against Anderson on Sept. 5 and the goal continues to be getting better each week.

Live Oak is scheduled to host an angry and tough Winters team, who suffered their first regular season loss since the 2023 season.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.

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Biggs junior linebacker Cameron Kroupa (2) raises the ball after recovering a fumble on August 29 after the Wolverines 52-0 win against Weed. Photo by Chris Pedigo