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## Growing Giants!



Brian Werner poses with Scarface; an Atlantic Giant headed to Bishops Pumpkin Patch to compete in a weigh-in. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Local Brian Werner has been growing Atlantic Giant pumpkins for roughly 25 years and is once again hauling his behemoths to weigh-ins throughout the north state. The Gridley Herald caught up with Werner at one of his growing sites and was given an exclusive look at two of his promising gourds before they hit the road. Werners hopeful this year, named "Scarface" due to a small scar on the infant pumpkin, is currently measuring close to previous winners, but Werner won't know until it gets on a scale.

The giant pumpkin farmer starts his plants on the same date in April every year and says that one of the most difficult parts of the process is pollinating the pumpkins. The Atlantic Giants at Werners patches are hand-pollinated and he shares that it's a delicate process. He hand-strips the male flower from one plant and the female from another, carefully rubbing them together. Once pollen is shared between them, Werner ties the female bloom closed with a rubber band to prevent fertilization from a natural bee. Werner refers to the natural process of pollination as "open pollination." "Nobody is going to want the seed,

no matter if it was the best seed in the world." Says Werner of open pollination. Keeping a pure genetic line is imperative to growing the pumpkins. Growers of the massive gourds look at the genetics of the seeds and put an emphasis on growing pumpkins with a pure lineage. Growers pay close attention to the parental lineage of the seeds they choose to grow and save the seeds of heavy hitters for future years. Giant Pumpkins are "taped" or measured over the top, around the circumference and weighed, with the resulting measurements averaged for a "% heavy" number.

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## Gridley Urges Fix for Shopping Dips

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Motorists in Gridley have raised concerns regarding the ongoing Highway 99 sidewalk improvement project, specifically highlighting the deep and steep entrances to shopping centers along the route.

City Council member Catalina Sanchez brought the issue to the council during their regular meeting on Sept. 15, asking staff to address comments on social media by users who have described the entrances as challenging to navigate, likening the experience to "four-wheel driving" in small cars due to the notable pavement dips.

"It's a pretty deep pocket, almost like a pothole," said Sanchez, voicing a concern for claims filed against the city.

City officials said the concern lies in the safety and accessibility of these entrances, as well as the risk of vehicle damage or accidents.

The project, managed by Caltrans and executed by Martin Brothers Construction, is expected to conclude by 2026.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga acknowledged the concerns and confirmed that she has reached out to the city engineer and public works staff to actively monitor the site during construction. Arteaga has also reached out to the Caltrans project manager and the construction contractor to request remediation measures such as adding fill to smooth out the steep entrance areas.

While the city encourages residents to report any incidents related to the pavement issues, Arteaga emphasized that Caltrans will be held to related liabilities.

Meanwhile, Gridley officials said they remain committed to ensuring public safety and are pushing for timely resolution of these concerns. Council members also noted that once completed, the improved sidewalks and planned lighting enhancements are expected to beautify the area and improve safety for pedestrians and drivers alike. ★

## Gridley Council Honors Water Stalwart

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley City Council voted unanimously on Sept. 15 to adopt a resolution honoring the retirement of Mark Orme, longtime general manager of Butte Water District.

Orme, whose career in the water industry spans four decades, was recognized for his enduring leadership, public service, and deep commitment to the Gridley community.

Under the scope of his watch, the Butte Water District served more than 12,000 acres of surface water, with 6,000 acres dedicated to rice production.

"During his tenure as general manager, Mark has led Butte Water District with integrity, innovation, and a deep commitment to meeting the community's water needs, ensuring the long-term viability and success of the district," said Gridley Mayor Michael Farr, in reading a resolution commending Orme for his stewardship of the region's water resources and his dedication to public service.



Mark Orme was recognized for his enduring leadership, public service, and deep commitment to the Gridley community. Courtesy photo

Orme began his tenure at Butte Water District on June 9, 1986, as a general laborer. He later advanced to foreman and was appointed general manager in April 1995. Prior to joining the district, Orme worked for the Biggs-West Gridley Water District,

gaining experience that helped shape his leadership style, according to the resolution.

Farr also emphasized Orme's lifelong ties to the area.

"Mark has been a lifelong resident of the Gridley area, and his leadership and contributions have left a lasting impact. He is a valued member of both the Butte Water District and the Gridley community," Farr said.

Farr read the resolution aloud before presenting it to Orme's son, Drew Orme, who accepted the honor on behalf of his father, who was unable to attend due to health reasons.

The council's action served as formal recognition of Orme's career and a public thank-you for his decades of service.

Farr concluded by extending the city's congratulations and appreciation, wishing Orme a well-deserved, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

Orme's official retirement date is Sept. 30. Donnie Stinnett was appointed general manager in April to succeed him. ★



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

CA's poverty rate is 17.7%, meaning that nearly 7 million of its residents are impoverished, five percentage points higher than the national rate and tied with Louisiana. The lowest rate is 6.7% in Maine. Having a full-time legislature appears to be the primary indicator of poverty. States like Idaho, Nevada, and Utah, where people from California are moving to, will not become California-like unless they somehow decide to have a full-time, fully employed legislature. Dan Walters, the only sane person representing the First Amendment in Sacramento, called it our "civic embarrassment".

Butte College Roadrunners went into the football game in Modesto on Saturday ranked No. 4 in California Community College Football. They won again, so they are 4-0.

The free drink chit at the Gridley Moose Lodge went missing and has now been returned. The verdict is out on whether a Moose member stole the historic free drink marker (it is left around the lodge as part of a game), then felt guilty for stealing it and returned it, or whether a recipient of the free drink somehow forgot she had received it and took it home. Either way, there has been considerable conversation among the Moose over the past few weeks, as the free drink chit was not being redeemed at the bar.

My daughter Rikaela graduated from BYU-Hawaii. A film about the university is hitting theaters this week. "Sharing Aloha" is a warm and happy celebration of Polynesian culture and the university students who make the Polynesian

Cultural Center (it is the #1 paid attraction in Hawaii) so special. The movie showcases their stories, traditions, and spirit in a way that inspires and evokes emotions. The movie explores how young people share their culture through performance. The documentary takes you behind the scenes of the Polynesian Cultural Center in Hawaii. It follows students who perform there every night while also going to school at BYU-Hawaii. The kids dance 20 hours a week, and the money from the events covers their tuition. You'll see them on stage and also when they visit their home islands, like Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, and other places in the Pacific. This 95-minute documentary film offers a unique glimpse into a highly popular destination in Hawaii. It reveals what happens behind the scenes, focusing on young Pacific Islanders who work diligently to preserve their ancestors' traditions.

Josh F.W. Cook is a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School.

# Harvest Moon Festival to Shine on Downtown Gridley



The downtown festival is scheduled for Oct. 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Photo courtesy The Mercantile

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The streets of Downtown Gridley will be full of merriment Oct. 2 as the first Harvest Moon Festival commences.

The festival is new to Gridley and invites the public to join local merchants,

businesses and vendors as two blocks of Hazel Street between Vermont and Ohio Streets are closed for the evening of shopping and entertainment.

The event is scheduled for the first Thursday of Oct., from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will feature a variety of

jewelry, décor, clothing and treats.

Merchants include The Mercantile, Eight Six O, The Farmers Wives, Our Town Pizza, Ohana Hands on Training and more.

Come view the harvest bounty at the Harvest Moon Festival.

# Celebrating Decades at Biggs High School Homecoming

By MPG Staff

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - It's that time of year to celebrate! Homecoming is such an exciting time to show school pride and cheer on the Biggs Wolverines to victory. The theme this year is Decades.

Sept. 27 is the Biggs Homecoming Dance. Come dance under the Disco lights and groovy music. The Dance will be held at the Biggs High School Gym from 9 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples.

Sept. 29 is the Powderpuff game. Come cheer on the game and enjoy the hilarious performances. Oct. 3 is the Homecoming game against the Quincy Trojans. Come see who is crowned Queen, have some fun and show your school pride.

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## Life insurance: Protecting what matters most

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month and the perfect time to consider whether you have adequate coverage to protect your loved ones. While no one likes to think about what would happen if they weren't around, doing so is an act of love.

Life insurance is fundamentally about protecting your loved ones should something happen to you. If you pass away, your family will not only face the challenges of grief and loss but they could also find themselves financially strapped. Life insurance can help provide them with financial security in the event you no longer can.

**Who needs life insurance:** You're a good candidate if you have a spouse or partner who depends on your income or if there are children or other loved ones whom you support. Insurance protection can also be a solution if you have outstanding debts like a mortgage, credit cards or a car loan, or if you simply don't want to burden your loved ones with your final expenses.

**Insurance through work:** While many people have life insurance through their employers, this coverage may not be enough for you, depending on your situation. Among employers who offer group life insurance, only 2% offer more than two times the employee's annual salary — essentially just two years of income — according to the Guardian's 2023 Workplace Benefits Study. And remember that it's only good as long as you're employed there. With all this in mind, many people purchase individual insurance as a supplement to their workplace coverage.

**How much:** You might hear that you need life insurance equal to about seven to 10 times your pretax annual salary. That's not a bad "ballpark" figure, but not everyone is playing in the same ballpark. To get a true sense of how much of a death benefit is right for you, use the "L-I-F-E" guide to calculate your needs:

- Liabilities:** Will your family need to pay off a mortgage, credit cards, car loan or other debt?
- Income:** Will your family need to replace your income for a period of years?
- Final expenses:** Do you have the resources to cover funeral and burial expenses?
- Education needs:** Do you need to put children through a private school or college?

**Which type:** You can choose between two basic types of life insurance: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance is designed to provide coverage for a designated period, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. In general, term insurance is quite affordable for most people, especially when they buy policies as young adults. On the other hand, permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, is usually considerably more expensive because in addition to providing a death benefit, your premiums build cash value. In choosing between term and permanent insurance, you'll want to evaluate several issues, such as how long you think you'll need coverage and how much annual premium you can afford to pay.

Life insurance needs can change over time, so it's important to review your coverage every three to five years or after major life events like marriage or birth of a child. Consider working with a financial advisor who can look at your complete financial situation and help you choose a policy that truly fits your family's needs. Taking action sooner rather than later could be one of the most important gifts you give your loved ones.

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.

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## Soccer Gets off on the Wrong Foot



Gridley Rebels players celebrate after tying their game with the Patriots. Pictured from left are Aubrey, Laurel, Bo, Brixton, Daphne and Joseph. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley Parks and Recreation (GPR) Soccer league started off on the wrong foot the first weekend of game-play Saturday, Sept. 13, but fell flat on its face last weekend as things seemingly fell apart.

The public's response has been swift and brutal.

Soccer teams have been waiting patiently for uniforms since practices began in late August, and with little communication from Gridley Parks and Recreation staff, coaches were left shrugging their shoulders when questioned about when jerseys would arrive for players.

The first game of the season was played wearing ill-fitting pinnie jerseys over players regular clothing.

The day before professional soccer photos were scheduled with Mark Thau Photography, parents and players were confronted with bad news and bad uniforms.

Coaches were provided with tank-top style jerseys made from reversible mesh, appearing to be basketball jerseys. There were no team names nor numbers on the jerseys. Some teams were shorted jerseys so not all players had them, or given jerseys that were grossly oversized, such as one 4U soccer team that received sizes medium, that they hung below their knees.

Question circulated Friday evening Sept. 19 as teams received their uniforms.

Parents and the public quickly began to comment, taking to social media with photos and statements that ranked from disbelief to deep anger as confirmation came down that the mesh reversible tanks were in fact, this season's soccer uniforms.

The City of Gridley promptly responded to public concerns with a statement on

social media saying, "Please know that we hear you, and we understand how important the issue is to both the players and their families. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work diligently to address the matter and find a timely solution."

It was not until Monday, Sept. 22 that Amanda Kaelin director of Gridley Parks and Recreation would put out a statement on social media providing some "context about the soccer jersey change this season."

Although an attempt to break down expenditures and cost for the soccer program was made, citing coach discounts, equipment costs, rentals including restrooms and facility charges, the public did not seem satisfied with the data Kaelin presented.

Kaelin claims that uniforms have been the departments most "variable expenses" and that the new jerseys save the program around \$4,000 a year.

"When I accepted this role, my commitment was and remains to act in the best interest of the community while also ensuring the long-term success and viability of our programs." Said Kaelin, continuing with "We know communication about the change could have been better, and we'll work to improve that going forward."

Responses were not kind, picking apart aspects of Kaelin's statement and further questioning department decisions.

Parents such as John Hutchison, father of an 8U player, commented Saturday that the whole situation felt "dishonest and deceitful," in part because no clear answers were given by department heads.

At the time of this article, the City of Gridley and the Gridley Parks and Recreation department have made no further public comment. ★

## Cadet Jason Storey, Golden Bear Division, Receives Regional Cadet of the Year Award

*Oroville Teen to Represent Butte County in Navy/Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Parade*



Cadet Jason Storey presented with the Theodore Roosevelt Medal, a prestigious honor awarded to outstanding Sea Cadets who exemplify leadership, character and dedication. The medal was awarded by Placer County Navy League member Captain Rebecca Dunavent, who commended Storey for his commitment to excellence and service. Photo courtesy of U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

### U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) Golden Bear Division proudly announces that Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Jason Storey of Oroville has been named Region 12-8 Cadet of the Year. Storey, a junior at Durham High School, will represent Northern California this October in Philadelphia as part of the Homecoming 250th Anniversary Parade honoring the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

As part of this historic, nationally televised event, Storey and fellow Sea Cadets from across the country will serve as official flag bearers, marching in the parade to honor the proud traditions of America's sea services.

"This is more than a parade," said INST Cameron Sweeney, Commanding Officer of the Golden Bear Division. "When we support our cadets, we are investing in the leadership, character and future of our young people. These experiences shape them into citizens who serve their communities and their country." ★

To make this opportunity possible and to ensure continued programming for all cadets the Golden Bear Division is seeking community support in the amount of \$10,000. Contributions will help cover travel expenses for the Philadelphia trip as well as ongoing costs for uniforms, training and activities that prepare cadets to become disciplined leaders.

Donations can be made by check, payable to Naval Sea Cadet Corps and mailed to P.O. Box 846, Oroville, CA 95965, or Zelle, send directly to co.128gol@seacadets.org.

All contributions are tax-deductible.

The Golden Bear Division is also actively recruiting new members. The program is open to youth ages 10-17 who are interested in military service, maritime careers, or simply building discipline, leadership and teamwork. The unit meets on the second Saturday of each month at VFW Post 1555 in Chico. There is no selection process; interested families may complete an online form at [www.chicoseacadets.org](http://www.chicoseacadets.org) to be contacted by unit staff. Financial aid through community support offsets rising fees for cadets. ★

## Last Stand

*Gridley Farm Stands to Hold Last Tour of the Season*

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - What started as an idea and a small group of enterprising women, the Farm Stand Tour has grown to nearly double its size in participating vendors and has developed a local fan base.

The tours began last summer as the season ended, affording the farm stands only a short window of time to hold their initial tour. The event saw an outpouring of community support and was a success, with goods selling out at multiple locations.

Since then, the entrepreneurs have been holding scheduled tours throughout the summer months. The last tour of the 2025 season will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Participating vendors include the Hasting Avenue Veggie Stand, Aldrich Farm Cart, Reis Ranch Produce, Wild Rye Farm, Social Hall Rd. Farm Stand, The Sheldon Stand, Two Sisters Farm Stand and new to the group, Canada Family Farms.

Maps will be available at the farm stands on the day of the tour.

An added feature to the tours this year is a chance



Fresh eggs and produce, such as these fresh herbs previously available at the Sheldon Stand, will be just some of the goods for sale at the upcoming Farm Stand Tour. Photo courtesy of Ashley Sillier

to win raffle prizes, often baskets of goodies from the farm stands participating. Tour goers can qualify for the raffle by visiting each

stand on the tour map.

Goods for sale include fresh flowers, produce, hand-made jewelry, baked goods and crafts. ★

## Growing Giants!

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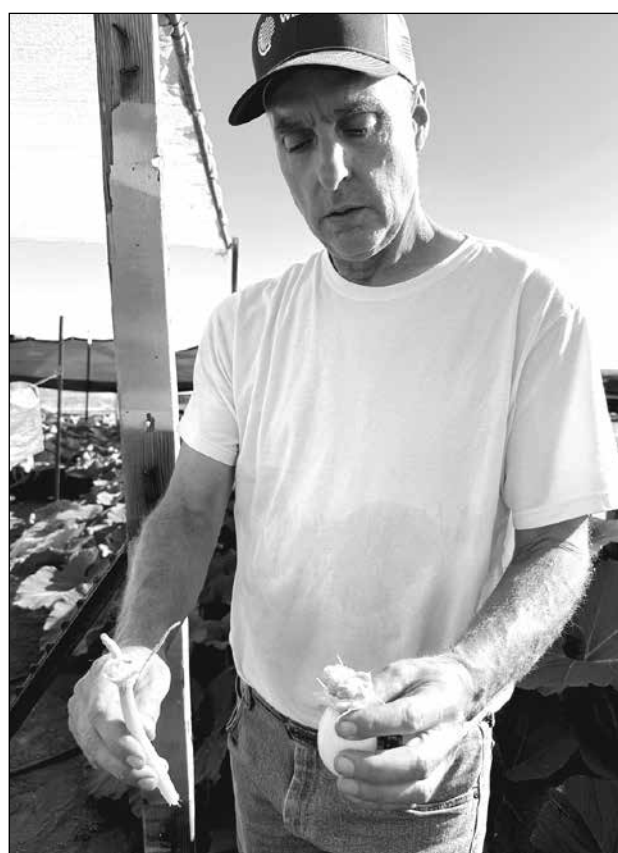
"In my mind, a really heavy pumpkin is what a lot of people like that's important," Werner says, because in his experience, one gourd may tape more than another, but its "% heavy" is where the additional weight comes from. It refers to the density of the gourd's meat and inside structure.

Werner is set to transport Scarface to the National Pumpkin Weigh-Off this coming Saturday, Sept. 27 at Bishops Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland.

Growers from all over the United States will gather to showcase their grows, with weigh-in beginning at 11 a.m. and the top 10-heaviest weighed at 2 p.m.

In the past Werners pumpkins have been among the top heaviest - he nearly took the championship in 2021, but lost by a mere 95-lbs.

Werners dreams of winning a sought-after Growers Jacket awarded to the growers of the world's



Werner holds the flowers of a male and female pumpkin, as he illustrates how hand-pollination occurs. Closed pollination is ideal for growing a Atlantic Giant pumpkin. Photo by Seti Long

largest pumpkin.

After Bishops, Werner will travel to the 53rd Annual Art & Pumpkin Festival in Half-Moon

Bay with his beauties for a chance at winning the coveted title of the World Champion Giant Pumpkin for the year of 2025. ★

## City Council Honors Live Oak Lions, Approves New Staff Positions



The Live Oak City Council presented a proclamation to the Live Oak Lions, the 2025 Northern California 10-12 Softball State Champions. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

By Shaunna Boyd

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - At the Sept. 17 meeting, the Live Oak City Council honored the Live Oak Lions as the 2025 Northern California 10-12 Softball State Champions. Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine read the proclamation, praising the team's "extraordinary athletic skill, determination and teamwork."

The Live Oak Lions achieved an undefeated record of 13-0 during their regular season and went on to win the California District 2 Major Softball Tournament of Champions with a perfect 4-0 record.

"This team's accomplishments mark historic milestones for the City of Live Oak, as the first 10-12 Softball Team to win the Tournament of Champions, District, Section, and State titles," read Chapdelaine.

The City of Live Oak commended the athletes, Juliana Robles, Eveya Martinez, Mackenzie Bole, Athena Hough, Adelina Tapia, Sofia Rivera, Riley Perigo, Charlotte Dudek, Alleyah Palacio, Yuritzi Garcia and Delilah Smith, as well as the dedicated coaching staff, "for their historic season, their dedication to excellence, and their inspiration to our community."

Councilmember Bob Woten said, "You are a very special group of young ladies. We're very proud of you."

Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma said, "It's really amazing to see young girls compete at a high level and reach the stage that you did."

Councilmember Nancy Santana said, "You are really amazing skilled athletes, and it takes a whole tribe to make this happen."

Mayor Chapdelaine said, "We look forward to seeing what you do next year."

Then City Manager Ben Moody presented a recommendation for updating the job description and amending the salary schedule for a full-time in-house finance director.

Since 2014, the finance director position has been filled through consultant contracts. The current contract is expiring soon, and a recent Request for Proposals (RFP) resulted in several applications ranging from \$220,000-\$250,000 for approximately 1,000 hours of work annually. But Moody said hiring a staff member to fill this role instead would provide cost savings over time and would provide a higher value to the city.

He recommended an annual salary range of \$110,000 to \$150,000, with up to 40% additional to cover the benefits package. At the highest possible range, the total salary and benefits could be \$210,000 annually, with an average of 2,000 service hours. As department head, the finance director would oversee the finance team and report directly to the city manager.

Moody requested an amendment to the current budget and a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to fund the position this year, with that amount allocated across various city funds.

Councilmember Santana liked the idea of having a local employee, but she said, "My concern is, I'd like to know the salary range. It sounded like there were different numbers going on."

Moody re-explained the stated salary range, from \$110,000 to \$150,000, with an additional benefits package. The actual salary and benefits would be negotiated within that range depending on the candidate's level of experience.

"I'm looking at it as a long-term cost savings in addition to a cultural change for the city," said Moody.

Santana then said she was worried about the funding for the position coming from multiple funds, since water rates were just raised for residents. Moody explained that

the finance director is always paid across multiple funds, because the job involves overseeing all those funds: "We do an allocation based on that percentage of time."

Mayor Chapdelaine said he appreciated the possible cost savings in addition to the benefit of "having somebody in here every day, on the staff every day, working with everyone."

During public comment, one resident cautioned that the percentage necessary to cover a benefits package might be higher than estimated: "Those costs are skyrocketing."

Vice Mayor Pamma said hiring a full-time, in-house finance director "improves the quality of service. I think it's a huge value to add that position."

The council approved the recommendation 4-0, with Councilmember Ashley Hernandez absent.

Moody also recommended updating the salary schedule for an assistant planner, along with a \$25,000 funding transfer from permanent community development salaries to the extra help designation for this part-time position.

Recently the city's associate planner left the position, and Moody said the "planning function is needed." He didn't want to move it to an external consultant position, instead preferring a part-time position right now "as we work to reestablish the community development department."

The council voted 4-0 to approve the recommendation.

Finally, the council considered the creation of a part-time code enforcement officer position, with Moody proposing an hourly salary range of \$24.63-\$32.10 for classification I and \$27.37-\$35.67 for classification II, depending on the candidate's experience level. As a part-time position, the annual hours would not exceed 960, and no benefits package would be offered.

Moody requested approval to begin recruitment for this position, as well as a budget transfer of \$25,000 from the permanent community development salaries to the extra help section of the building department salaries to cover the initial cost.

Moody said, "We really need someone designated to that role and there's a need."

He said the city needs someone specifically focused on addressing blight and other code violations.

Councilmember Santana said, "I feel it's much needed in the city," but she thought the salary seemed low considering "it can be a dangerous job." She suggested they would get more applicants with a more competitive salary.

Moody said they have already received interest in a possible code enforcement position, mainly from retired police or code enforcement officers. With their experience level, Moody said they would come in at the top of the salary range, which is aligned with regional averages.

Santana asked if the officer would be licensed to carry a weapon, since the position carries the risk of confrontation. Moody said they could carry pepper spray or other non-lethal weapons, but not firearms: "The goal is for voluntary compliance, not to get into confrontation." He added that local law enforcement would provide support if there were any safety concerns.

Mayor Chapdelaine said the city is actively working to promote community development, and code violations "detract from those efforts," so having a dedicated code enforcement officer would be a great benefit.

The council voted 4-0 to approve the position.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Oct. 1. ★

## Butte to Explore Fire Council's Role in Marketing Campaign

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 9 voted to reject a proposed \$940,944 contract with Blue Flamingo, the Chico public relations firm Cal Fire selected to lead three more years of wildfire education efforts under the county's "Be Ready Butte" campaign.

The funding, awarded through a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant, was intended to expand outreach on defensible space, evacuation planning, and fire prevention resources countywide.

Cal Fire Butte County Chief Garret Sjolund presented the proposal, highlighting the campaign's success since its launch in 2023. "Be Ready Butte" is a wildfire preparedness initiative led by Cal Fire and the Butte County Fire Safe Council. It equips residents with tools, education, and defensible space strategies to reduce wildfire risk and plan safe evacuations across Butte County.

Sjolund, citing previous measurable outcomes - including a 74% survival rate of inspected home in the Park Fire - said the expanded campaign will involve a county-wide education and outreach campaign to engage property owners throughout Butte County in preventing the spread of fire by clearing defensible space on their property.

"This grant would build upon the work already done and expand it to the entire county," Sjolund said. "Hiring a professional PR firm aids in the campaign's execution and reduces our and our partner agencies' administrative tasks. While we are focused on wildfire preparedness, defensible space, and evacuations, we understand the need to provide education to residents and landowners on the available resources to get the work done."

While Sjolund emphasized the administrative relief the professional PR firm could offer, supervisors expressed concern about outsourcing the campaign's next phase.

Supervisor Doug Teeter voiced interest in reopening the Request for Proposals process to allow the Butte County Fire Safe Council, a long-standing local partner, to submit a proposal.

The Fire Safe Council has previously collaborated on "Be Ready Butte" efforts, including education on chipper programs, fire-safe landscaping, Firewise community development, and school-based fire safety outreach.

Reopening the RFP process would allow the Fire Safe Council to expand its role and potentially manage the campaign directly.

"I think this fits right in with the Fire Safe Council," said Teeter, who has been involved with the organization for over two decades. "They are already deeply ingrained in the community."

Sjolund acknowledged the board's shift in direction, noting that the department had already discussed additional collaboration with the Fire Safe Council.

After a motion to approve the Blue Flamingo contract failed to gain momentum, the board voted 4-1 to reopen their request for proposals, hoping the Fire Safe Council would consider taking on the fire protection and prevention project.

The scope includes producing educational materials such as videos, printed guides, and radio segments, tracking campaign performance through media impressions and compliance rates, and managing logistics to reduce administrative burden on county departments. This approach was intended to streamline execution while maintaining consistent public engagement across fire-prone communities, Sjolund said.

The revised RFP is expected to be released later this fall, with the goal of selecting a lead agency that can build on the campaign's momentum while deepening community engagement. ★

## American Legion Post 210 Proudly Serves Our Communities

By Owen Stiles

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** -The American Legion was founded in 1919 by World War One veterans in Paris, France, and chartered by Congress to support veterans and their families.

Our mission is built on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. Our key achievements include advocating for the creation of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), playing a role in the GI Bill of Rights for veterans, establishing Boys and Girls State and Boys Nation to promote leadership and advocating for Flag protection.

South Butte Post 210 was established in 1923, born in battle from World War One. Several prominent original veterans from

Gridley were Sam Hern, Charles Burlinson, WL Winston, Arthur Serene, WI Block, HG Seregin, JF Presley, Preston Williston, Archie Warson, WG Evans, LD Craig, Clyde Hamer, Sam Roth, CE Bullard, JA Justeson Jr, GL Chalmers and JM Carde. You may recognize some of these WW1 veterans. Simply put, the American Legion generally accepts Veterans of the US Military no matter where they served.

South Butte Post recently returned to Gridley Memorial Hall after a lengthy absence due to hall damage.

We have grown from our original group of veterans and Auxiliary to include the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and the American Legion Riders. Our roster includes four veterans from the Korea Conflict, twenty-five Vietnam veterans and

eleven veterans from the Global War on Terrorism.

Bill Bebensee a Korean War has been a member for over 70 plus years and was recently recognized by the National American Legion for his longevity as a member of Post 210.

For over 100 years we have contributed to local, State and Nation programs. Several of our current Children and Youth programs include an Oratorical Contest, High School scholarships and Boys and Girls State. We contribute to the Tunnel to Towers program and service dog programs, as well as contributing to veterans in need.

Our American Legion Riders group has established an annual Warren McCutchin Poker Run. This next year we are hoping to establish an American Little League bVCVaseball program. ★

## No Drones! A Cal Fire Reminder

By Seti Long

**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - Private drone activity can adversely affect our fire-fighting agency's abilities and their response efforts.

According to a social media post by Cal Fire, there was a moment during the Palisades Fire where a drone made contact with a fire-fighting aircraft. The resulting blow from the drone forced out the fire-fighter aircraft out of service during a critical moment.

With the beginning of the Fall season, Cal Fire released statistics on some of the largest and more destructive wildfires in

California as a reminder that this time of year can spawn deadly infernos.

Northern California, and especially Butte County, has seen its share of devastating wildfires. At the top of the list for Cal Fires most destructive fall fires is none other than the Camp Fire, with a total of 18, 804 structures destroyed. The largest fall wildfire is currently attributed to the Creek Fire, with 379,895 acres burned in Fresno and Madera counties.

"Flying a drone near a wildfire isn't just illegal - it's reckless. According to the Los Angeles Daily News the case resulted in a 14-day federal prison

sentence, 30 days of home detention and more than \$156, 000 in restitution," Cal Fire states on social media.

Incidents like the Palisades drone are not isolated.

"Unauthorized drones and private aircraft are entering wildfire airspace more often. Every time the airspace isn't clear, firefighting aircraft cannot safely fly. That delays water drops, halts operations and puts firefighters and communities in danger."

During the event of a wildfire, remain mindful of firefighting efforts both on the ground and in the air. ★

# From Team Beale to Team USA

*Tech. Sgt. Goodwin Set to Compete in International Skydiving Competition*

## Beale Air Force Base News Release

**HOHENEMS, AUSTRIA (MPG)** - When U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Goodwin arrived in Austria, he did something he usually doesn't: he let the airplane land before getting out of it.

Goodwin, a 9th Physiological Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment (AFE) technician at Beale Air Force Base, spends much of his free time skydiving. Soon, he is set to compete for Team USA at the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale Skydiving World Cup and the International Speed Skydiving Association's 6th World Cup of Speed Skydiving, held simultaneously in Hohenems, Austria.

For many, skydiving is a once in a lifetime experience. But for Goodwin, he regularly completes multiple jumps a day in preparation for this upcoming speed skydiving competition.

The difference between a good run and a bad run can be subtle, and practice allows for the gradual refinement of positioning to make the human body slip through the air as smoothly (and as quickly) as possible. Jumps are scored by taking the average of the three fastest seconds of free fall, recorded by a GPS system.

"You pick up little things. If I move my arm this way, then my body will turn. If I tilt my head this way, then my angle will change," Goodwin said. "It's about how you fly your body."

"We're not dealing with falling straight to earth, we're dealing with something more," he said. Goodwin is meticulous in his preparation. He tracks his stats and analyzes video of his jumps to adjust his technique and fall even faster. "We have to control our body to make ourselves as aerodynamic as possible and



**U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Goodwin, 9th Physiological Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, skydives over the United Kingdom Aug. 7, 2021. Goodwin developed an interest in skydiving while stationed at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and in 2025, while stationed at Beale Air Force Base, California, he competed at Fédération Aéronautique Internationale Skydiving World Cup and the International Speed Skydiving Association's 6th World Cup of Speed Skydiving.** Courtesy photo

that's really the balance of this discipline," he said.

"The average skydiver will fall around 120 miles per hour, depending on their weight ratio, air resistance, and body position," said Goodwin. "Speed skydivers, we can reach up to 300, 305 miles per hour. That's the average we are hitting right now."

Speed skydiving is a relatively young sport and competitors are still finding limits for how fast they can fall. Goodwin was first exposed to skydiving early in his Air Force career when he started as a rigger at RAF Mildenhall, England. "I went to Mendenhall and was working with premeditated parachutes all the time. Turns out the majority of the AFE shop that I worked at, all of them were skydivers," he said.

Early in his skydiving career, Goodwin met the world-renown jumper, Tim Porter. Porter, no more than 120 pounds, would poke fun at the larger Goodwin. "He has to keep up with me, I fall a lot faster," Goodwin said. When Porter began coaching Goodwin, Goodwin had about 30 jumps

under his belt; Porter had over 25,000. Yet, when Porter suggested Goodwin look into speed skydiving, Goodwin initially thought he was still just joking about their size difference.

Eventually, Goodwin figured Porter was being serious.

"I realized that my entire time skydiving, every time I would jump with someone else, I would have to be restrictive on how I fly. I had to basically fall as slow as possible. And when you're falling as slow as possible, you're restricting your movements, so you can't really move around as you would like to," Goodwin said. "When I started speed skydiving, I realized that I have no restrictions."

With speed skydiving, Goodwin found freedom and success. In 2024, he competed in his first competition, scoring sixth and earning a place on Team USA for the competition this August.

"We're just representing something bigger than ourselves. It's one of those reasons why I joined the Air Force," said Goodwin. "I can not only represent the Air

Force, but I can now represent the United States as well."

For 9 PSD, Goodwin's fellow Airmen are excitedly waiting to hear back about his jumps in Austria.

Staff Sgt. Ysaak Hemenway, PSD launch and recovery supervisor, said, "I think we are all pretty excited for someone from our shop to represent the USA. It's like the Olympics for skydiving."

Hemenway remarked that the same detail-oriented mindset which has allowed Goodwin to make steady improvements in the sky serves him well at PSD and in AFE. "When he's working on a suit, he is very meticulous," Hemenway said, discussing the careful way Goodwin checks and repairs the critical suit components which allow Beale's U-2 Dragon Lady pilots to safely fly over 70,000 feet.

"He's a good guy and he always goes above and beyond," echoed Senior Airman Manuel Ortega, PSD technician.

"The squadron over here has been extremely vocal about their support. And not so much like 'hey we hope you do a good job'. But showing interest in what I do, why I do it and how I got into it. That's the type of support that really carries you on," said Goodwin.

In speed skydiving, each competitor is trying to individually go as fast as possible. Yet, for Goodwin, competing is about more than self. "They don't see the back of the shirt," Goodwin said, "They see the front, and the front says U-S-A." ★



**U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Goodwin, 9th Physiological Support Squadron (PSPTS) aircrew flight equipment technician, checks the integrity of one of the full pressure suits used by U-2 Dragon Lady pilots at Beale Air Force Base, California, July 29. Technicians like Goodwin take time to ensure the functionality of the suits are maintained and will test functionality of components to ensure pilot safety.** Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force photo by Charles Borsos

## 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. 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)

**Wednesday, Oct. 1:** 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, Oct. 2:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Kid Quest arts and crafts, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

**Friday, Oct. 3:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

**Saturday, Oct. 4:** Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B) Loteria family game night, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (B)

### 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](http://www.patrickranchmuseum.org)

### Saturday, Sept. 27 Chocolate Thunder Motorcycle Run

Check in 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Sierra Steel Harley Davidson, 1501 Mangrove Ave., Chico. This is a special event for Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation, benefiting youth organizations. Join us for this road rally and poker run that includes refreshments at each stop and lots of chocolate. Enjoy a barbecue, raffle prizes, live music and entertainment at the end. For more information or to register, contact Paradise Chocolate Fest office at 530-342-4896.

### 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](mailto:concourchico@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Thursday, Oct. 2

### Avalynn's Hope Foundation Childhood Cancer Awareness Dinner

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Union, 2053 Montgomery St., Oroville. Guests will enjoy a fun-filled night featuring live music and performances, incredible raffles, exciting auction items, and introductions to families who have bravely faced childhood cancer, including those supported by Avalynn's Hope through generous donations and community care. Tickets and more information at [www.visitoroville.com](http://www.visitoroville.com)

### Saturday, Oct. 4

### Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

8:30 a.m. at Harrison Stadium, 1920 Veatch St., Oroville. \$30, please make checks payable to our sponsor, Delta Upsilon. For more information or to

register, contact Linn Koch, 530-693-0861. Come early for the Pink Pancake breakfast at 8 a.m., includes sausage, fruit and coffee. \$5 adults and \$3 for children under 12.

### Preserving Food with Friends

10 a.m. to noon at the Garden at St. Timothy's, 410 Jackson St. This month, we'll be working on holiday gifts. For more information, contact [preservingfood-withfriends@gmail.com](mailto:preservingfood-withfriends@gmail.com)

### Pumpkin Splash

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the PV Rec Center Pool, 2320 North Ave., Chico. Join us at our unique floating pumpkin patch, where you can pick your perfect pumpkin to decorate. Warm up with hot cocoa, decorate a delicious sugar cookie with Fudge & Crumble, and enjoy one last swim before the cooler weather rolls in. DJ Tilda will be spinning monstrously good tunes, and a free photo booth will be on-site to capture all the festive fun. For more information and tickets, email [info@chicorec.gov](mailto:info@chicorec.gov)

### 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 Oct. 14 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.

**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](mailto: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, Oct. 8.

### 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. ★

# Suspect Arrested During Elder Abuse Investigation

## Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Sept. 05, deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported case of elder abuse at a local hospital. Upon contacting the elderly victim, deputies observed numerous injuries on his person.

An extensive investigation was conducted, during which deputies located evidence of ongoing physical elder abuse. Based on the investigation, deputies identified and confirmed Desiree Herrera, age 46, of Oroville, as the primary suspect. It was determined that the abuse had occurred at a residence in Oroville.

Deputies authored an arrest warrant for Desiree Herrera for the following felony charges: PC 245(a)(4): Assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, PC

368(b)(1): Elder Abuse, PC 243(d): Battery with serious bodily injury, PC 12022.7(a): Great bodily injury enhancement, PC 136.1(a)(1): Preventing or dissuading a victim or witness and PC 245(a)(1): Assault with a deadly weapon.

On the evening of Sept. 08, Butte County District Attorney Investigations located and detained Desiree Herrera in Oroville. Deputies responded promptly and placed Herrera under arrest.

Detectives subsequently conducted a search at a residence frequented by Herrera on the evening of Sept. 08. During the search, additional evidence related to the investigation was located.

Butte County Sheriff's Office requests that anyone with information related to this investigation contact the Felony Investigations Unit at 530-538-7671 or submit information via email at infosherriff@buttecounty.net. ★



### Value of California Agriculture Hit Record High Last Year

The value of California's agricultural production hit a record high last year, according to data published last week by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. In 2024, farmers and ranchers in the Golden State produced \$61.2 billion worth of agricultural commodities, an increase of 3.6% from 2023. California led the nation in overall production value as well as in dairy and many types of fresh produce. The state's top agricultural commodities, ranked by economic value, were dairy products followed by almonds, grapes, cattle and calves, lettuce, strawberries, pistachios, tomatoes, carrots and broilers.

### Harvest Begins for "Exceptional" California Walnut Crop

As California's walnut harvest begins, market conditions remain strong after improving last year following multiple years when growers struggled with low crop prices. With inventory from last year's crop nearly sold out, "the industry is well positioned to start shipping new harvest California walnuts immediately," said Robert Verloop, executive director and CEO of the California Walnut Board and Commission. This year's walnut crop is projected at 710,000 tons, an 18% increase from last year, even as the state's bearing acreage declined from 370,000 last year to 365,000 this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Favorable weather conditions helped produce a large crop of "exceptional" quality, Verloop said. "I think international markets will be very pleased."

### California Table Olive Growers Expect a Light Crop

California table olive growers are expected to harvest a smaller crop this year. The 2025 forecast is 44,000 tons, down 10% from last year's crop of 48,634 tons, according to a survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Manzanillo olives make up the vast majority of California's table olives, with Sevillano olives comprising less than 6% of the state's crop. Some farmers grow other varieties in small quantities. The USDA report, which surveyed 242 growers, found that the sector struggles with many of the same challenges plaguing farmers of other crops: insufficient labor, increased input costs and weak markets.

### California Sheep Ranchers Help Solar Projects Reduce Fire Risks

Large-scale solar projects face an ongoing challenge in managing vegetation to reduce fire risks. In California, they're getting help from a humble farm animal. "We're the most environmentally friendly vegetation management tool out there," Ryan Indart, a Fresno County farmer and sheep rancher, told Ag Alert® in a field report. This month, Indart's sheep were wrapping up a busy season grazing utility-scale solar projects across the state before returning to their home ranch in Kerman. When they graze solar projects, "The sheep are sequestering carbon, reducing wildfire risk and making the soil ecology a lot more healthy," he said. "They're Mother Nature's best firefighters." ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Lots of birds returning to the backyard. The sparrow, pine siskins and finches tend to spend the night in my neighbor's large maple tree. They make a big racket in the evening. I love hearing them.

I've decided to start a cyclamen garden in the front under the big tree. I had a giant hosta there but the snails destroyed

it. So, I've raked the soil away. I already had people come and get the rock border. So, I amended the flatter area with good soil with an acid level that cyclamen like. I ordered hardy cyclamen. I already had a few. I also have the bigger garden cyclamen plants. I'll but some from pots into that garden. I saved two big black lava rocks and I've gotten them into that area to help warm the ground in the winter and to add some interest. I'll plant brighter colored plants near them so the contrast of black and color with be striking. I love making new gardens. I've also been changing an area in the back. There was a big mosquito geranium that

was unwieldy and rooting everywhere to the point that I could not get in to dig out a large privet that had grown inside the area. I dug up that geranium and planted a beautiful lavender colored salvia that I got when the Plant Barn in Chico came to a garden club meeting with plants for us to buy. They did a great program as well.

At the coast I found plants in the nurseries there that I've ordered from online. Many colors of Arctosis which is a groundcover blooming plant. A beautiful Digiplexis which is a perennial foxglove that is spectacular. I got one of each. The Arctosis was so large I divided it into two plants. Too fun. ★



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# Gridley Police Report



## September 1, 2025 - September 12, 2025

- Sept 1:** At 2:14 a.m. on the 1400 block of SR99, Gridley, Kirby Del Mcelhane, 69, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 1:** At 4:01 p.m. on the 3100 block of Fourth Street, Apt A, Biggs, Edward Raymond V Lewisshumlai, 23, was arrested on suspicion of Battery: spouse/ex Spouse/date/etc – Simple (M) (243)(e)(1) PC), Petty Theft – All Other Larceny (M) (484(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 3:** At 1:39 a.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, Jacob David Gaston, 32, was arrested on suspicion of DUI Alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC) and DUI Alcohol/0.08 Percent (M) (23152(b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 3:** At 2:37 on the 600 block of Vermont Street, Gridley, Johnny Ram Singh Janda, 39, was arrested on suspicion of Contempt of Court: disobey Court Order/ etc (M) (166(a)(4) PC), and Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 4:** At 1:43 a.m. on the 100 block of Sycamore Street, Gridley, Jeremy Shaun Blankenship, 37, was arrested on suspicion of DUI W/prior Specific Convictions (F) (23550(a) VC), DUI Alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC), DUI Alcohol/0.08 Percent (M) (23152(b) VC), Restricted Driver Operate Vehicle W/O interlock Device (M) (23247(e) VC), and Drive W/license Suspended – DUI (14601.2(a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 4:** At 6:49 p.m. on the 300 block of Virginia Street, Gridley, Christopher Wayne Fizer Jr, 31, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 4:** At 8:10 p.m. on the 0 block of E Gridley Road, Gridley, Damien Michael Cooper, 36, was arrested on suspicion of Smuggle Control Substance Jail/prison – Drug/narcotics Violations (F) (4573(a) PC), Possessing Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and an Outside Agency – Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 8:** At 1:39 a.m. on the 200 block of Spruce Street, Gridley, Glenda Louise Kennedy, 58, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept 10:** At 10:00 p.m. on the 600 block of Virginia Street, Gridley, Trentin Nicolas Mckenzie, 22, was arrested on suspicion of DUI Alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC) and DUI Alcohol/0.08 Percent (M) (23152(b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 11:** At 11:15 a.m. on the 1500 block of SR99 Safeway, Gridley, Jaymee Green Avina, 27, was arrested on suspicion of Child Abuse W/possession GBI/dth – Family Offenses, Non-violent (F) (273(a) PC) and Parking in a Disabled Space (22507.8(a) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 12:** At 12:51 a.m. on SR99/E Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, Steven Michael Hibbs Sr, 37, was arrested on suspicion of Drive W/license suspended – DUI (14601.2(a) VC), No Proof of Insurance (16028(a) VC), Restricted Driver Operate Vehicle W/O Interlock Device (M) (23247(e) VC) and Expired Registration (4000(a)(1) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept 12:** At 9:04 p.m. on Bonnell Avenue and Archer Avenue, Gridley, Lisa Marie Gorton, 38, was arrested on an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 12:** At 10:01 p.m. on the 1400 block of SR99, Kara Jeanette Nickles, 36, was arrested on suspicion of Possessing Narcotic Controlled Substance (M) (11350(a) HS), Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and Possessing Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Can it be that the NBA preseason is upon us, and less than two weeks away? Yes, Kings fans, it's nearly time to don those jerseys and break out the rally towels once again.

Much has been said about the lack of moves the Kings have made during the offseason, and the numbers don't lie.

Aside from shoring up the point guard position with the acquisition of veteran Dennis Schroder, Sacramento has only the draft to look back on as it relates to adding talent to this year's squad.

Much discussion about adding Russell Westbrook to the team, and a constant dialogue about acquiring Jonathan Kuminga from the Golden State Warriors, but as of today, neither of those transactions has been consummated.

Do the Sacramento Kings really need those two players to be successful this year? You bet they do, and Scott Perry is on the hot seat before he literally has a chance to sit down. This is the life of an NBA general manager, and it's what he signed up for.

Obviously, there are other players besides Westbrook and Kuminga that could add talent to the current squad, but for now if we can believe what we hear and read, the focus remains on these two veterans to boost our winning chances.

Fans and Pundits are looking askance at the Kings in general, so what are the glaring needs that can silence the critics and get the Sacramento Kings out of the gate on a winning note?

Front court help remains the most pressing need, and athletic big men are a tough commodity to come by, particularly this late in the off season.

Watching 6'9" Trey Lyles quietly walk out the back door after four plus years with the Kings made no sense, and losing a proven veteran was a gut punch to those of us that appreciated what Lyles brought to the court every night. Mistake, yes, I believe it was a definite mistake, but the Kings will have to move on and try to find someone to replace those missing minutes going forward.

Isaac Jones has been waiting for an opportunity to log more minutes, and this may be the chance he has been

looking for. But even if Isaac steps up and plays well, the Sacramento Kings are still in need of front-court help.

Apparently, the pressing issue that has stalled trade talks with Jonathan Kuminga, has been the Kings reluctance to giving the Warriors a 1st round unrestricted free agent in the package.

The Kings have been willing to offer up a first round draft pick, but it comes with restrictions.

I believe the time has come to acquiesce and give the Warriors the unrestricted 1st round pick they're looking for. Kuminga is worth it, and his upside is huge.

On paper this just doesn't seem to be a difficult decision, so I'm baffled that the Kings don't see the obvious upside to pulling the switch.

The energy that the Kuminga trade would bring to Sacramento is incalculable, but rest assured it wouldn't hurt ticket sales!

As fans we can only go by what's reported and what we read, but for this writers money, do what is necessary to put the name of Jonathan Kuminga on the roster, and let's start the 2025/2026 season of a high note.

I also support adding aging veteran Russell Westbrook, largely because he has a reputation for being an excellent team player and would add a presence in the locker room that is hard to measure. In addition, Westbrook looks and plays like he did ten years ago, and whether occasionally starting or coming off the bench, there is no doubt in my mind that Westbrook will be a welcome addition that will bring with it wins.

Is there a surprise in store that no ones heard or read about? Probably, and let's hope that Scott Perry has done his homework and has just such a surprise in store for the Kings faithful.

Don't lose heart, Kings fans because it's always darkest before the dawn.

Stay tuned and get ready, because NBA basketball is right around the corner!

All the best!

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

## Sky-High Living Costs Afford It the Nation's Highest Poverty Label - Again



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year's presidential election underscored, particularly to Democrats, that the costs of living were a major factor in the outcome.

Inflation had increased sharply during Joe Biden's presidency, and voters' angst about rising prices worked against Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign to succeed him in the White House.

Not surprisingly, therefore, when the California Legislature opened its 2025 session, its dominant Democrats declared that they would focus on taming the state's notoriously high costs for housing, fuel, utilities and other necessities of modern life.

The session ended last week and as it did, by happenstance, the Census Bureau reported that California once again has the nation's highest "supplemental" rate of poverty when its living costs are included in calculations over a three-year period.

California's rate, 17.7%, means that nearly 7 million of its residents are impoverished, 5 percentage points higher than the national rate and tied with Louisiana. The lowest rate is 6.7% in Maine.

California's rate is also 2.3 percentage points higher than it was in the Census Bureau's previous three-year calculation, implying that its living costs vis-à-vis incomes had

increased markedly.

The situation is even gloomier in a report last month from the Public Policy Institute of California and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality.

Using methodology similar to that of the Census Bureau, they calculate that 16.9% of Californians were poverty-stricken in 2023 and another 17.9% were near-poor. That translates into 13.2 million Californians struggling to put roofs over their heads, food on the tables, fuel in their cars and electric power in their appliances and light fixtures.

Los Angeles County, which has about 25% of the state's population, has the highest poverty rate of any county, 19.9%. Poverty in the Central Coast region is nearly as high at 19.3%, while Sacramento has the state's lowest rate, 13%.

Another data point about poverty in California is found in the newly enacted state budget. It declares that 14.9 million Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for the poor.

So, one might wonder, did the Legislature's 2025 session deliver on promises to reduce the costs of living?

Legislative leaders claim some success.

"We went big," Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, said in a summary of the session's work. "We produced results. We delivered historic progress — on housing, on energy, on climate, on health care, and on human rights. And that progress is something every one of us can be proud of."

"And while our work is not finished fixing California's housing system,

this year marked a turning point in California's housing story," Rivas continued. "And today, we also advanced the most significant energy package in years. We passed measures that will deliver real relief for families on their electricity bills. We took action to stabilize gas supplies, to prevent price shocks — while keeping health and environmental protections in place."

By easing what had been a crackdown on gasoline refiners and sanctioning more oil production, legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom say they are avoiding a gasoline supply crisis that could send costs soaring as the state shifts to a zero-emission economy. Two refineries have already announced closure plans, and Chevron has dropped hints that it could abandon its Richmond refinery.

By integrating California's electric power grid with those of other Western states, the elected officials say, shortages of electric power will be mitigated.

By reducing impediments to housing development, they say, higher levels of construction will moderate increases in rents and home prices.

Whether any of these legislative efforts actually lower or at least stabilize Californians' living costs won't be known for months, or even years. Meanwhile, California's high poverty rate will continue to be a civic embarrassment.

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. ★

## Ask DR. UNIVERSE

### What is the life cycle of a ladybug?

- Rachel, 6, Virginia



Above left: Here are ladybug eggs on tree bark. We always write "ladybug" as one word because they're not part of the true bug family. They're beetles. You can also call them "lady beetles." Photo courtesy Bjorn S/Wiki Commons Above right: Inside the pupal case, the ladybug doesn't move or eat. It's busy transforming. An adult ladybug will eventually emerge. It will have soft membranous wings tucked under a pair of hard wing coverings called elytra—like all beetles do. Photo courtesy of Andy Reago & Chrissy McClarren/Wiki Commons

Dear Rachel,

Every spring, I see spiny bugs that look like tiny alligators. They spend all day chomping up other insects outside my window.

I asked my friend Rich Zack about them. He's an insect scientist at Washington State University.

He told me those spiky gobblers are immature ladybugs.

The ladybug life cycle includes complete metamorphosis. They undergo big body changes to become adults. An insect that does that is holometabolous.

"Millions of years ago, holometabolous insects split up their duties between the immatures and the adults," Zack said. "An immature's job is to feed. An adult's job is to mate."

There are four stages in this life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult.

A ladybug starts out as an egg. They're yellow or orange. They look like fat grains of rice. You might find them on the underside of leaves.

After a few days, the eggs hatch. A spiny larva comes out. Its job is to eat and grow.

First, it chows down on extra eggs its mother left behind. A particularly peckish larva might also eat its siblings—especially the small or slow ones. Then it starts snacking on nearby soft-bodied insects.

As it grows, its tough outer skin, or cuticle, gets too tight. The larva pops the skin open and climbs out. It has a new, bigger cuticle ready to expand and harden to fit its body.

The larva will molt like this a few times. The time between molts is called an instar.

After a few weeks, a ladybug larva is ready to transform into an adult. It sheds its cuticle one last time. But this time it stays inside. That's now a pupal case.

The pupal case is hard. It sticks firmly to a leaf or other surface. Inside, the larva's

body breaks down. It reorganizes into an adult body.

After about a week, an adult ladybug comes out.

Zack told me that most insects go through a big change like that. About a third of insects go through a partial metamorphosis instead. Those insects are hemimetabolous.

They have three stages: egg, nymph and adult.

Since they don't undergo a big change, the immature nymphs look a lot like the adults. They're just missing wings and working reproductive parts. They'll get those at their final molt.

The least common life cycle has no metamorphosis at all. Those insects are ametabolous. The juveniles look exactly like the adult, just smaller. They never get wings.

Ametabolous insects are so well-adapted that they haven't changed much for millions of years. The ancestors of all insects were ametabolous.

Complete metamorphosis—like ladybugs undergo—is the newest insect life cycle.

It's possible it evolved so the juveniles and adults don't compete. Or maybe it happened that way to make better wings. But it's still a mystery. It's wild that so many insects break down and reorganize their bodies just to grow up.

"It's so complicated and so vulnerable," Zack said. "We see changes in other animals but nothing like this. It's just amazing."

You really can't beetle an awesome adaptation like that.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

## SPARKY'S CORNER

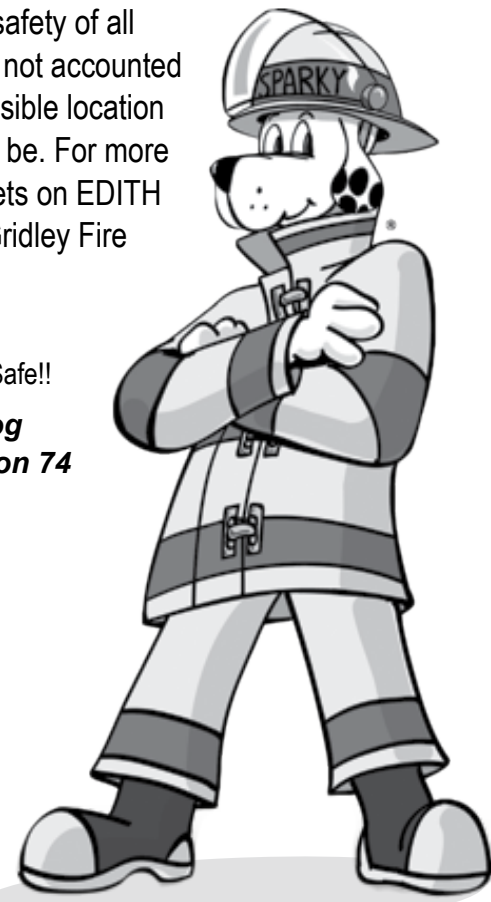


### Exit Drills in the Home

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Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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Jesse A. C. Parker, PO Box 224, Berry Creek, CA 95916  
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NEROS 9-26-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000602**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: One Little Oven Bakery, 2010 Renz Road, Durham, CA 95938  
Lucy Tibbetts, 2010 Renz Road, Durham, CA 95938  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000606**  
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David Richard Barbara, 187 Greenbank Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

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SHELTER 9-26-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000645**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Scribner's Construction, 1002 Lattin, Biggs, CA 95917  
Rick L. Scribner, PO Box 613, Biggs, CA 95917.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000654**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: North State Signs, 2031 Honey Run Road, Chico, CA 95928  
Jessica L Vega, 2483 Notre Dame Boulevard, Suite 370 PMB #507, Chico, CA 95928  
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The following person(s) are doing business as: EastMTN, 3179 Sawyers Bar Lane, Chico, CA 94973  
Ostberg, Leif Karl, 3179 Sawyers Bar Lane, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: August 28, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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EASTMTN 10-10-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000552**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: APS Education and County Constitutions, 1040 Buschmann Road Apt 59, Paradise, CA 95969  
Randall E White, 1040 Buschmann Road, Apt 59, Paradise, CA 95969  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000665**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Two Geeks, 225 Main Street Suite P, Chico, CA 95928  
Leyda M Grande Rodriguez and Juan F Medina Cartagena, 711 W East Avenue Apt 3, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: September 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 9, 2025  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000620**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: HB Guide Service, 520 Jericho Court, Gridley, CA 95948  
Graves, Hunter William, 520 Jericho Court, Gridley, CA 95948  
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HB 10-10-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000603**  
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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000644**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Horn-Owen Construction, 494 E Street, Biggs, CA 91917  
Hom, Trevor Lee, PO Box 914, Biggs, CA 95917  
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HORN 10-17-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000671**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Party Rentals By HC, 35 Nelsier Place, Oroville, CA 95966  
Castaneda, Hailey Ray, 35 Nelsier Place, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: September 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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PARTY 10-17-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000678**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Auto Doctor, 2144 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928  
Trevor Stone Enterprises Inc,

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000688**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: McCarts Dill Pickles, 15588 Meridian Road, Chico, CA 95973  
Michelle A Maxfield, 15588 Meridian Road, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: September 16, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 16, 2025  
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MCCARTS 10-17-25

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**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  
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
WAHEED 9-26-25

**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 Ritzert.  
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  
Filed on September 4, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
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STOREY 10-3-25

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE #25CV03227  
Petitioner Judit Alexandra Solano and Christian Alejandro Cardenas Herrera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Eliana Jade Cardenas-Solano to Eliana Jade Cardenas.  
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 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
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HERRERA 10-17-25

## TRUSTEE SALE

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

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 440

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING CHAPTER 3.25 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH UPDATED PURCHASING PROCEDURES AND IMPLEMENT THE UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT

First read by title only at its Regular City Council Meeting held on September 9, 2025. The City Council will consider the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 440 at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 14, 2025, Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street in Biggs at 6 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall, 465 C Street, Biggs. Citizens with concerns or questions are invited to attend the meeting or contact city council members or city staff in advance; contact information is available at the city website ([www.biggs-ca.gov](http://www.biggs-ca.gov)) and at city hall.

Roben Benish, City Clerk

The Gridley Herald 9-26-25

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF SEALED BID SALE: CITY OF BIGGS – SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Biggs is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of surplus City-owned vehicles that have been declared surplus by City Council action on September 9, 2025 (Resolution No. 2025-31), pursuant to Biggs Municipal Code §3.25.130 and applicable state law.

The following vehicles will be sold in as-is condition with no warranty:

Lot	Year	Make/Model	License Plate #	VIN	Minimum Bid
1	1998	Ford Ranger	1000051	1FTYR10C3WUB11023	\$1,000.00
2	2002	Ford Ranger	1095156	1FTYR10D92TA41942	\$1,100.00
3	2005	Ford Ranger	1187943	1FTYR10D95PA95108	\$1,200.00
4	2010	Ford F-150	1329819	1FTMF1CW7AKE38669	\$2,500.00

**VEHICLE VIEWING DATES & LOCATION:** The public may inspect the vehicles on: **September 29, 30, 2025 and October 1, 2, 6 and 7, 2025. Viewing Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**\*\*All prospective bidders must call (530) 868-1396 to schedule an appointment during the above listed dates and times.\*\***

Location: City of Biggs Public Works Yard, Address: 2865 W. Biggs Gridley Road, Biggs, CA 95917

**BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** All sealed bids must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than: **Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

Envelopes must be clearly marked: "SEALED BID – SURPLUS VEHICLES"

**Submit to:** City of Biggs – City Clerk, 465 C Street / P.O. Box 307, Biggs, CA 95917

**BID OPENING:** Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on: **Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.** Location: Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received, and to accept the bid(s) deemed in the best interest of the City.

Bid forms, instructions, and terms and conditions may be obtained from City Hall or downloaded at [www.biggs-ca.gov](http://www.biggs-ca.gov).

For questions, contact the City of Biggs at (530) 868-5493.

Published / Posted: September 26, 2025,

City of Biggs, Rodney Harr, Interim City Administrator

The Gridley Herald 9-26-2025

## 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.

The Gridley Herald 9-19, 9-26-2025

# Oroville Woman Sentenced to 35 Years to Life for Murder of Husband

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville woman appeared in Butte County Superior Court on Sept. 9 for sentencing after admitting in August that she executed her husband in their Oroville residence in 2020.

On Aug. 7, Jessica Rose Nichols, 27, of Oroville, pleaded no contest to

first-degree murder and admitted to using a firearm to commit a crime. Nichols was sentenced to serve 25 years to life plus 10 years by a Butte County Superior Court Judge.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that in the early morning of Nov. 6, 2020, Nichols shot her husband, Mateo Lange, 22, three times with a handgun while he slept on the living room floor of the

residence they shared on Grand Avenue in Oroville.

During the sentencing hearing, before Judge Virginia Gingery, family and friends of the victim described him as a gentle giant with a huge smile and a bigger heart, in contradiction to the defense claim that Lange had been physically and emotionally abusive to Nichols and that she had shot him in self-defense.

Supervising Deputy District Attorney Marc Noel also reviewed the evidence that would have been presented at trial that contradicted the defendant's claims of battered woman's syndrome.

Noel explained to the judge that text messages and selfie videos by Nichols showed she, not the husband, was the physically abusive one in the marriage. Specifically, Noel

referenced electronic messages in the months preceding the murder in which Nichols claimed to have thrown items at the husband, destroyed his electronics and clothing and admitted to previously trying to kill him by poisoning his pillow with household cleaner.

Noel also laid out for the judge the forensic evidence that established beyond a doubt that the husband was lying on his back, sleeping

at the time he was shot. Specifically, Noel walked the court through the forensic evidence collected at the scene and the audio recording of the shooting.

Noel then showed the judge a video clip from the couple's security camera of Lange playing with his toddler son the day before Lange to rebut Nichol's claim that he was abusive to her and ignored their 18-month-old boy. ★

## Two Suspects Arrested During Shooting Investigation

### Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Aug. 30, at approximately 2020 hours, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Deputies responded to a residence on Hoover Street, Oroville, regarding a report of a shooting into an inhabited dwelling. No injuries were reported. Upon arrival, deputies observed multiple small-caliber bullet holes in the siding of the residence and several spent shell casings in the roadway. The rounds had penetrated the southeast side of the home and entered a bedroom.

Deputies and detectives immediately initiated an investigation. During the investigation,

evidence indicated that a black BMW sedan was involved in the shooting. Detectives coordinated with the Oroville Police Department (OPD) on a related incident involving a black BMW sedan that evaded Oroville Police Department units on the evening of Aug. 30 and was later stopped near Harrison Stadium. The occupants of the vehicle were identified as Tristen Pribyl, age 21, of Oroville and Timothy Rose, age 18, of Oroville.

Detectives subsequently took possession of the BMW and obtained a search warrant. Upon executing the warrant, detectives located evidence inside the BMW related to the shooting. Over the course of several

days, detectives conducted an extensive investigation and gathered additional evidence linking Tristen Pribyl and Timothy Rose to the shooting.

As a result, detectives obtained felony arrest warrants for Tristen Pribyl and Timothy Rose for violation of California Penal Code Section 246 (shooting at an inhabited dwelling). On Sept. 4, detectives arrested Timothy Rose in Oroville. On Sept. 7, Tristen Pribyl turned himself in at the Butte County Jail.

Butte County Sheriff's Office requests that anyone with information related to this investigation contact the Felony Investigations Unit at 530-538-7671 or submit information via email at info@sheriff@buttecounty.net. ★

### Yuba City Police Department News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday Sept. 10, at 12:55 p.m. the Yuba City Police Department responded to a domestic violence call in the 1100 block of Rickey Drive in Yuba City. When officers arrived on scene they learned the suspect, 32-year-old Marco Hernandez-Mora, had already left in a vehicle.

Officers requested local agencies to be on the lookout for the suspect and his vehicle. At approximately 1:30 p.m. a Sutter County Deputy was in the area of Franklin Road and Harding Avenue and saw Hernandez-Mora driving his vehicle eastbound on

Franklin Road. Prior to the Sutter County Deputy attempting any type of contact with Hernandez-Mora, he began driving erratically and drove eastbound in the westbound lanes of Franklin Road. Hernandez-Mora collided with another vehicle on Franklin Road, which caused Hernandez-Mora to lose control of his vehicle, ultimately crashing into a tree. Hernandez-Mora fled the scene on foot and a short time later was taken into custody in the 1900 block of Hunji Drive by Yuba City Police Officers with the assistance of Sutter County Deputies.

The Yuba City Police Traffic Division, Fire Department and Sutter County Sheriff's Department responded

to the collision and discovered an unresponsive adult male in the backseat of the vehicle Hernandez-Mora was driving. Despite lifesaving attempts, the adult male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identity of the male is not being released at this time pending positive identification and notification of next of kin.

Hernandez-Mora was transported to Adventist Rideout Hospital where he is currently in custody for domestic violence and receiving medical treatment. Hernandez-Mora will later be booked into the Sutter County Jail. This investigation is currently ongoing and additional charges are forthcoming. ★

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### TRUSTEE SALE

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](http://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, 09/26/2025, 10/03/2025 GRIDLEY HERALD 10-03-25

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 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this Internet Website [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case 25-13898. 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. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property

if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case 25-13898 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 9/5/2025 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Nida Taylor, Foreclosure Coordinator PPP #25-006223 Published 9/19/2025, 9/26/2025, 10/03/2025 THE GRIDLEY HERALD 10-03-25



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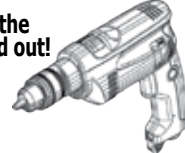
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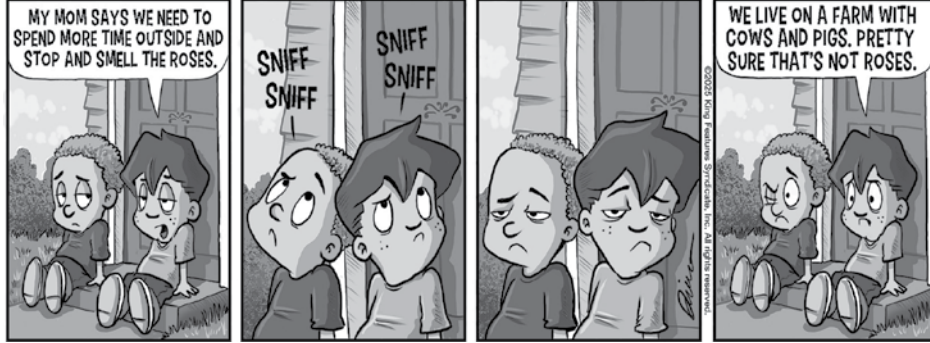
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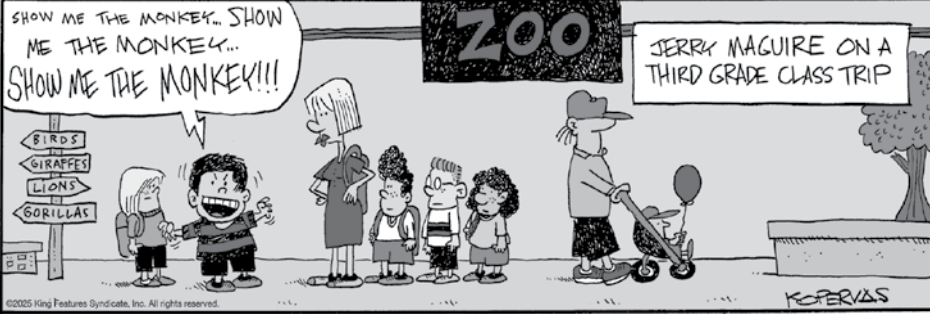
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  24. Move like parasailor
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  28. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
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  50. Indira Gandhi's dress
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# Gridley Titans Football



Titans 8U powerhouse Matteo Thao runs the ball for a touchdown. Photo courtesy of Dustin Terrell

## Gridley Titans 8U Dominate

By Dustin Terrell

**WEED, CA (MPG)** - The 8U Gridley Titans made the long trip to Weed to play the Siskiyou County Trojans, leaving with a dominate 36-0 victory.

Every player contributed to this victory whether it was great

blocking on offense or swarming tackling on defense. Mateo Thao, Kanon Buzzard, Emmett Burns, Benten Waller and Jax Terrell all scored touchdowns. Valentino Guillen added three PAT kicks and Burns also recovered an onside kick.

Captains for this game were No. 20 Tucker Schnepel, No. 77 Adrian Reyes, No. 15 Adrian Reyes and No. 80 Hudson Teesdale.

The 8u Titans travel to Paradise, Saturday Sept. 27, to play the Jr Bobcats at 10 a.m. ★



These 8U Titans survey the field as they are ready for play. Photo courtesy of Dustin Terrell

## Titans 10U Trample Trojans

By Jason Davis

**WEED, CA (MPG)** - The 10u Titans took their show on the road last Saturday. They made the three-hour trip north, to take on the Siskiyou Trojans in Weed.

The Titans continued their dominate defense, holding the Trojans scoreless.

On offense, the Titans had three players score their first touchdowns of their careers. First was Christian Velasquez, who scored from one yard out. On the next drive, Jayceon Ervin ran one into the end zone for the first time from one yard out as well. The third TD was made by Ashton Hospers, who had a 20-yard run for his first touchdown.

Other touchdowns were scored by Kobe Neal (1) and Morgan Ruggirello (1).

The final score was 33-0 Titans. Up next, the Gridley Titans travel to Paradise next Saturday to take on the Jr. Bobcats. ★



The Titans 10U team takes a knee to listen to coaches as they prepare to take on the Weed Trojans. Photo courtesy of Jason Davis



The 10U Titans defense gets ready to put a stop to the Trojans drive. Photo courtesy of Jason Davis

## 12U Titans Edge Out Victory in Weed

By Aaron Lumbsden

**WEED, CA (MPG)** - The 12U Titans travelled to Weed this past weekend and defeated the Jr. Trojans 25-19.

It was a defensive battle in the first half, but the Titans were able to go into halftime with

a 6-0 lead thanks to a 50-yard touchdown run by Deandre Carothers.

In the second half, the game got explosive as the two teams went on multiple scoring drives and lead changes.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Jr. Trojans held a 19-18 lead.

After a turnover-on-downs, the Titans marched the ball down the field and scored the final touchdown to win the game. This improves the 12U Titans record to 4-1 on the season. They travel to Paradise to face the Jr. Bobcats this upcoming weekend. ★

## Victory for 14U Titans

By Randall Huff

**WEED, CA (MPG)** - Last weekend our 14u Gridley Titans traveled to play the Weed Jr Trojans for the first league game of the season.

The 14U Titans played well and earned a

hard-fought victory with a final score of 22-6.

Titans were led by a strong running game and running back Nick Kent. Kent had over 100 yards rushing and 1 touchdown. Adrian Fuentes also had a receiving touchdown.

Canon Sanner also added a rushing touchdown.

The Titans defense played a great game. Titans look forward to this weekend as they travel to Paradise to play the Jr Bobcats. Please come out and support our 14u Titans. ★



# Gridley Off to Best Start Since 2006

By YSBC

**COLUSA, CA (YSBC)** - The Gridley Bulldogs stayed perfect on the 2025 season as they went on the road and beat the Colusa RedHawks 27-7 on Friday, Sept. 19.

This was Gridley's first 3-0 start since the 2006 season and head coach Daniel Zumwalt said he was happy to get the win.

The Bulldogs put points on the scoreboard late in the second quarter when senior running back Isaac Punzo scored on a 12-yard rushing touchdown for a 6-0 lead. Punzo rushed the ball eight times for 94 yards in the win.

Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo added to the Bulldogs as she rushed the ball in the end zone for the first of two touchdowns of the night for a 13-point advantage.

Colusa answered back before the end of the first half as sophomore running back rushed in the only touchdown of the night for the RedHawks.

Colusa head coach Mason Niccum told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that there were opportunities to make plays and the RedHawks didn't execute enough.

Niccum added that the result isn't what they wanted, but the effort is clearly there and is looking forward to a good week of practice.

The Bulldogs opened with



Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo (5) rushes towards the end zone on Friday, Sept. 19 for a touchdown in the Bulldogs' 27-7 win over Colusa. Photo by Max Tolman



The Gridley defense has given up single-digits twice in their three games this year. Photo by Max Tolman

the ball in the second half and extended their lead back to 13 after Eli ran the ball for a nine-yard rushing touchdown.

Eli ran the ball for nearly half of the 455 rushing yards that Gridley rushed for as a squad. Eli ran the ball 23 times for 211 total yards.

Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt expressed to YSBC that the Bulldogs made a lot of penalties that he wasn't happy with and

wants to clean up before their next game.

Gridley junior running back Marcus Duncan added 83 yards on the ground as he had eight rush attempts in the victory.

Senior running back Saulo Ramirez added the final score of the game later in the third for his first touchdown of the season.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Paradise on Friday, Sept. 26

with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Colusa is scheduled to enter league play this upcoming Friday as they open Sacramento Valley League play against Pierce. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., but Niccum added that he is excited for another week and having a chance at a win.

Niccum expressed to YSBC that this is the second of three parts of the gauntlet of home

games and the goal is to still get a victory for the faithful.

Niccum said the RedHawks have to play a clean game and execute. Pierce is coming into the game without key pieces, but for both sides affected by injury, it will be a battle.

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# Biggs and Live Oak Suffer Blowouts to SVL Squads



Biggs sophomore running back Hudson Brewer (21) rushes the ball on Aug. 29 in the Wolverines' win over Weed. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Biggs sophomore running back Hudson Brewer (21) tries to turn the corner against Weed on Aug. 29 in the Wolverines' victory. Photo by Chris Pedigo

By YSBC

**LIVE OAK, CA (YSBC)** - The Live Oak Lions football team suffered their third straight loss to open the 2025 season as they were blown out by the Winters Warriors 42-7 on Friday, Sept. 19.

This was the first game of the year where Live Oak was beaten by more than one possession and there were bright spots that head coach Robert Tilton expressed to Yuba

Sutter Butte Colusa Sports.

Lions senior running back Ian Miranda found the end zone in the second quarter from three yards out for the only time that Live Oak lit up the scoreboard in the loss.

Miranda rushed the ball 21 times for 150 yards on the ground. Live Oak senior quarterback Bradley Perigo completed three passes for 25 yards and added 39 yards on the ground.

Tilton expressed to YSBC that Perigo has embraced the role and is getting better with the transition of focusing on the position.

The Lions defense struggled against the powerful offense of Winters as they had 419 total yards of offense. The assumption of a lot of people is the Warriors graduated a lot of talent and they won't be as good as they were, but they continue to prove those individuals wrong.

Tilton told YSBC that Live Oak is ready to continue fighting for a postseason berth and it starts this week as they are scheduled to host Central Valley with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

**DURHAM, CA (YSBC)** - The Biggs Wolverines endured their biggest loss of the season as they were beaten 38-6 by the Durham Trojans on Friday, Sept. 19.

Biggs head coach Brian Harrison told YSBC that

the game against Durham was like his Super Bowl and he expressed that it was an old-fashioned but whooping as Durham was simply ready and the Wolverines weren't.

Biggs acquired multiple injuries to their roster and only 102 yards of total offense in the defeat. Harrison expressed that sophomore Hudson Brewer scored the lone touchdown and had a great game on both sides of the ball.

Brewer led the Wolverines in receiving yards (77), kick return yards (144) and led the team in tackles (9).

Biggs has to recover quickly as they begin Mid-Valley League play this week as they are scheduled to play at Maxwell tonight with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.

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