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Homecoming Win!

GHS Bulldogs Homecoming Week Victories

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School homecoming week got off to a bang as the students celebrated their school spirit with a variety of activities.

Notable fixtures of traditional homecoming week were present – float building, football follies games with hysterical antics from the male cheerleaders, and dress-up spirit days to rack up points for an end-of-week win at the homecoming rally.

Friday's rally pumped up the volume when it came to energy. Classes were pitted against each other, participating in games to earn points with the winners getting out of school for lunch break a few extra minutes early – a huge head-start for students with an open-campus lunch break.

Representatives from each class participated in male cheer routines, hysterical bouts of bubble-bumping and vicious games of musical chairs, which kept everyone laughing as points racked up. Seniors would eventually claim victory.

But before the highly anticipated football games that concluded the week, one last homecoming item had to be checked off the list – the homecoming parade.

Friday afternoon, the public gathered just after 3 p.m. along portions of Spruce and Sycamore streets to watch as the Gridley Police Department and our local Cal Fire engines escorted sports teams and

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GHS 2025 Homecoming Queen Aubrey Quist and King Eli Punzo. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Supervisors' Pay Hike Set to Begin

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County supervisors will see their annual salaries more than double next week, following a contentious 3-2 vote earlier this summer to align their compensation with that of California state legislators.

The increase, approved on July 29 and finalized Aug. 12, raises base pay from \$62,827 to \$132,703 and shifts all future adjustments from Butte County by directly tying them to salaries set by the California Citizens Compensation Commission. The change takes effect on Oct. 13, the beginning of the next pay period.

Chief Administrative Officer Andy Pickett presented the proposal earlier this summer, describing the current compensation model as outdated and misaligned with the full-time demands of the role. He said the existing salary, set at 26 percent of a judge's pay, no longer reflects the workload supervisor's shoulder.

"This is not a part-time job anymore; every supervisor works full-time or more," Pickett said. "Yet, the compensation model is still based on part-time work, which excludes many qualified candidates who hold traditional 8 to 5 jobs."

Supervisors oversee policy and budget decisions for law enforcement, fire protection, libraries, infrastructure and water conservation. They also indirectly manage state-mandated programs in behavioral health, public health, social services and child support. Each supervisor serves dozens of boards, commissions, committees and exercises quasi-judicial authority in local disputes. Pickett emphasized that the role has evolved significantly, requiring sustained commitment beyond standard hours.

"It's no longer sustainable to expect individuals to commit 40 plus hours a week, often including nights and weekends, while being compensated as if they're working part-time," Pickett said.

Pickett also addressed public misconceptions about board raises, noting that over the past decade, supervisors received only one 3 percent increase. "Meanwhile, other county employees have seen cumulative raises between 29 percent and 44 percent," Pickett said. "The data shows that the board has been conservative in adjusting its own compensation."

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New Law Forces Behavioral Health Overhaul

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley hosted the first in a series of regional meetings as Butte County prepares for sweeping changes under California's new Behavioral Health Services Act, which takes effect July 1, 2026.

The law replaces the Mental Health Services Act, approved by voters in 2004 adding a 1% tax on the state's highest earners, to introduce new mandates for housing, documentation and expanded eligibility for individuals with substance use disorders even if they do not have a co-occurring mental illness, Butte County officials said.

Behavioral Health Director Scott Kennelly emphasized the importance of public input while making this shift during a recent presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Under the new rules, Butte County must split its \$8.4 million Behavioral Health Services Act funding into three fixed categories: 35% for services and support, 30% for housing and 35% for intensive care programs. The housing requirement marks a



Behavioral Health Director Scott Kennelly emphasized the importance of public input. Photo courtesy Butte County Department of Behavioral Health

major departure from past practice.

"Behavioral health departments have not historically paid for housing," Kennelly said, noting that Butte County currently spends only 2% of its behavioral health budget on housing.

To meet the new 30% mandate, Butte County will need to dramatically reallocate funds to include

rental subsidies or purchasing facilities for long-term use for homeless or high-risk individuals, which may result in reduced funding for other services.

"We could potentially purchase a motel, purchase a building and pay for someone to operate that facility," Kennelly said.

The third category, Full-Service Partnerships, described as "whatever it

takes" programs, includes intensive treatment teams such as Butte County's SEARCH teams and youth intensive teams, which serve severely mentally ill individuals and emotionally disturbed youth. The county currently spends about 37% of its budget on these services, requiring only minor adjustments to meet the new threshold, Kennelly said.

The most significant impact will fall under Behavioral Health Services and Supports. While Behavioral Health Services Act requires 35% of funding to be allocated, Butte County currently dedicates 61% of its Mental Health Services Act budget to these services. Kennelly stated that the county will need to adjust current programs to fit the new funding categories and noted that many local programs may experience budget reductions.

"The amount of funding that's going to be remaining for community-based programs after we satisfy all those requirements is extremely limited," Kennelly said.

Programs at risk include

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The NFL is again having a banner year in terms of viewership. It's the most-watched thing on TV. So a Pi-Line football edition comes to you today. The NFL is experiencing a historic decline in punting, with a record-low average of 3.65 punts per game in the 2025 season. This shift stems from teams increasingly opting for fourth-down attempts, more field goal tries and analytics showing punting often provides limited value. This marks a significant move from traditional defensive strategies to bolder offensive approaches.

For instance, the Indianapolis Colts punted just five times throughout the entire 2024 season. Notably, in a 2024 matchup between the Cincinnati Bengals and Washington Commanders, neither team punted. Analytics, based on 2020 data, show offenses average 5.6 yards per play, suggesting teams can reliably gain a yard or two on fourth down while avoiding the risk of handing the ball to an opponent capable of advancing 5.6 yards per play.

It might be better to talk about punting and the NFL because the Butte College Roadrunners lost 42 to 38 to College of Sequoia's, which will drop Butte College out of the number two position in the state — a big disappointment. So, to cheer us up, it's important to note that former Butte College quarterback Aaron Rodgers is having a winning season with the Pittsburgh

Steelers. They are at the top of the AFC East with a record of three wins and one loss.

Onto critical local developments. The Casa Lupe supermarket taco bar has received multiple five-star reviews in this column. It is also one of the few places in town where you can get a taco for less than \$3. It has come to this columnist's attention that you can now order food from this delightful and historic Gridley legend using the DoorDash app on your phone, and the food will be picked up and delivered to your home. One more step toward being hip, cool and modern. If during the football game this weekend, you order Casa de Lupe while you're watching the football game, it will mean that this column was truly impactful and got into your head.

Josh F.W. Cook writes weekly for the historic Gridley Herald. ★

Ballots Heading Out for High-Stakes Redistricting Vote

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Vote-by-mail ballots will begin arriving in Butte County mailboxes on Monday, Oct. 7, launching California's most costly and politically charged statewide special election.

If approved by voters, Proposition 50, the only measure on California's Nov. 5 ballot, would temporarily suspend the state's independent redistricting commission and authorize the California Legislature to draw new congressional district boundaries for the 2026, 2028 and 2030 elections.

The election is expected to cost \$282 million statewide, the most expensive special election in California history, according to estimates of the California Secretary of State.

Butte County Clerk-Recorder Keaton Denlay said the local general fund cost for this single-issue election is estimated to be around \$900,000, with the state agreeing to reimburse Butte County \$800,000.

"That's really good news for us," Denlay reported to the Board of Supervisors.

Eligible voters who are not yet registered have until Oct. 21 to do so. After that date, voters can register and cast a provisional ballot on Election Day at polling sites or the elections office.

Polls will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 5 and received by Nov. 12 to be counted. The final deadline for counties to certify election results is Dec. 5.

Proposition 50 was placed on the ballot by the California Legislature in response to redistricting actions taken in Texas. In

2021, Texas redrew its congressional maps following the 2020 U.S. Census, reflecting population growth among Latino and black communities.

Civil rights organizations, including the League of United Latin American Citizens, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, filed lawsuits challenging the maps, alleging violations of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause. They argued the maps diluted minority voting strength by splitting or consolidating communities of color.

In 2025, Texas conducted an atypical second round of redistricting using the same 2020 census data.

With the Texas redistricting efforts winding through the courts, Governor Gavin Newsom urged the Democratic legislature to design new maps as a strategic countermeasure by approving Assembly Bill 604. Critics, including former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, warn the move undermines California's commitment to nonpartisan redistricting.

In Northern California, the 1st Congressional District, which includes Butte, Colusa, Glenn, and other rural counties, will be among those most impacted by the proposed changes. Under the new map outlined in AB 604, the district would be dramatically reshaped, combining conservative rural areas with liberal coastal regions such as Marin County. The shift could alter the district's political makeup and representation in Congress.

Despite the potential statewide impact, Butte County's district boundaries are expected to remain largely intact. ★



Get the Junk Out of The Trunk!

Gridley to Host 14-Mile Yard Sale

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley and surrounding areas are doing a final summer clean-out in preparation for fall, and everyone is invited.

Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its fall 14-Mile yard sale

this coming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The event is famous in the area for promoting yard and garage sales, often with 15 or more featured on the chamber maps. More unmapped locations tend to pop-up around the community during the weekend

event, so shoppers keep a keen eye out.

Maps featuring the locations of participating yard-sales throughout the Manzanita, Gridley and Biggs area will be available the Friday, Oct. 3, at the chamber office located at 890 Hazel St. ★

Soccer League Takes Step in the Right Direction

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As the whistles blew and games started this last weekend, Gridley Parks & Recreations Soccer League took a step forward in the right direction after a rough start to the season.

Community feedback regarding the season's uniforms and dissatisfaction with department management, especially communication, made its way to the City of Gridley superiors, which were quick to respond.

On behalf of the City of Gridley, a public announcement was made by Martin Pineda, Finance Director, on social media Sept. 23.

"I want to sincerely apologize for the lack of communication and how this year's soccer league has started. We recognize the frustration this has caused and are committed to making things right," said Pineda.

Pineda further outlines the city's response to the circumstances, offering full refunds to all participants.

"Our Finance Department is currently determining the most efficient and convenient way to process these refunds," said Pineda.

In addition, the city ordered new jerseys the same day as the announcement and anticipates receiving them sometime

during the week of Oct. 6. These uniforms are expected to be the same style and material as past seasons jersey and be complete with Gridley logo, team names and numbers.

As an added bonus, the city is also working with photographer Mark Thau in attempts to book a second photo "re-take" day. Many parents and players opted out of individual and team photos due to the issues with the first uniforms provided by the recreation department.

"While we understand these steps don't undo the issues that have occurred, please know we are doing everything we can to make it right," said Pineda. ★

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seniors threw out loads of candy to on-lookers.

Students had three days of float-building before judging Wednesday, Sept. 24. Floats were constructed to the theme of "City of Stars" with

famous cities around the world selected.

The floats debuted to the public during the homecoming parade and later appeared at halftime during the varsity football game. Parade goers got to see the floats sparkling in

the light and take in details much closer than those that filled the stadium Friday night.

California love would win out, the sophomore class winning in an upset with their "Los Angeles" float. Seniors followed in second place with "Paris", juniors in third with "New York" and freshman last with "London".

Princesses, queens and king candidates took to the field, escorted around the track by various hot-rods and high-end vehicles. Royal candidates this year included Homecoming Queen hopefuls Aubrey Quist, Ciara Clipse, Gracie Leishman and Rhythme Kildare. Homecoming King candidates were Asher Kimberling, Eli Punzo, Ethyn Rickertsen and Raul Vazquez. Freshman princess Aaliyah Cedill, sophomore princess Lina Telly and junior princess Jayla Alvarez stood by as the queen/king



Senior boys show their spirit in cheer competition. Photo by Seti Long

candidates twisted poppers to reveal the winner.

In a shroud of blue smoke and golden confetti, Aubrey Quist and Eli Punzo were named Homecoming Queen and King. Previous Gridley High School homecoming king and queen, Gus Stogsdil and Karla Barajas, returned to crown the new generation of royalty.

The varsity bulldogs would get back to punishing the Bobcats on the field, retiring their homecoming week with a victory.



Senior boys show their spirit in cheer competition. Photo by Seti Long



Bulldog cheerleaders were all smiles at the Gridley high school homecoming. Photo by Seti Long



California love was the winning float. Photo by Seti Long



Returning GHS Homecoming royalty alumni, Gus Stogsdil and Karla Barajas arrive to crown the new homecoming king and queen. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Lions Attack Homecoming



Live Oak Lions Homecoming Queen and King Zachary Moody and Paulina Martinez Pureco were crowned Friday evening during homecoming festivities. Photo courtesy of Joshua Shifflet



Live Oak Lions varsity team burst onto the field, ready to take on the Central Valley Falcons. Photo courtesy of Joshua Shifflet

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The stealth approach that the Live Oak Lions had on homecoming, paid off big-time.

Getting the drop and celebrating homecoming earlier in the season, Live Oak High school kept to tradition with its typical schedule of revelry.

Spirit days and float building filled the week of Sept. 22 -26, with a theme of "To Hoco and Beyond: a Pixar Homecoming."

The freshman float featured a "Coco" theme, with sophomores' float based on the movie "Ratatouille" and the juniors building an "Up" themed piece. Seniors constructed their float based on a "Cars" theme. Students' creativity and hard work shined. Juniors took the overall win with first place: seniors pulled in second, freshman third string and sophomores placed fourth.

The Lions paraded through town before ending the week

with a killer football game against the Central Valley Falcons.

During the half-time Homecoming King and Queen, Zachary Moody and Paulina Martinez Pureco were crowned as 2025 royalty.

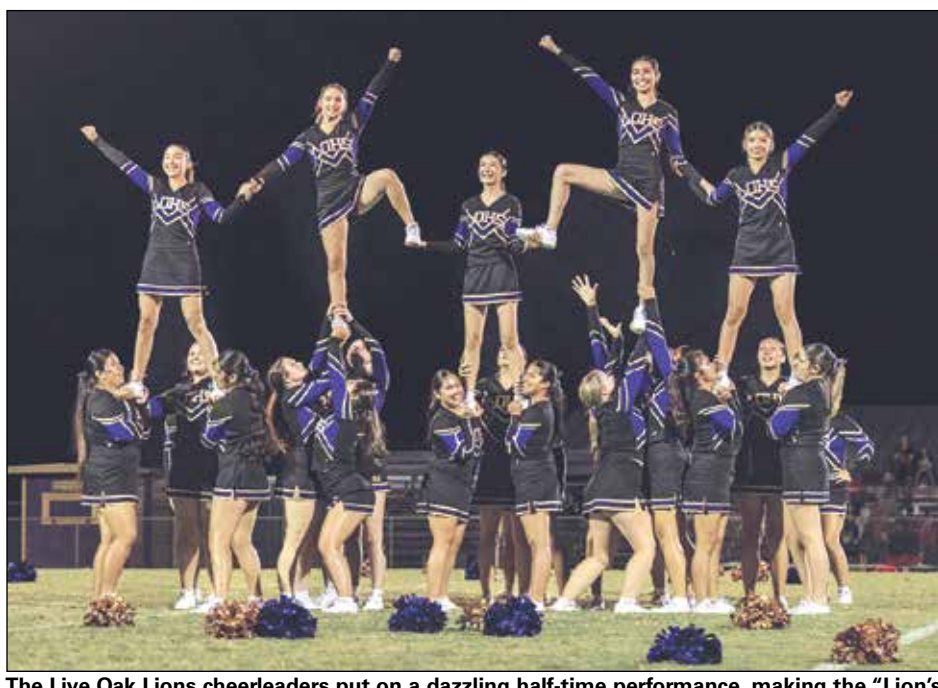
The Live Oak High School Cheerleaders performed a rousing half-time show, after which the varsity Lions took the field. Ultimately, Live Oak sent the Falcons packing with a win of 47-34 over Central Valley.



Lions drummed up some spirit during the game with serious beats, courtesy of the Live Oak High School drum line. Photo courtesy of Joshua Shifflet



Freshman Lions go loco for "Coco" with their homecoming float. Photo courtesy of Joshua Shifflet



The Live Oak Lions cheerleaders put on a dazzling half-time performance, making the "Lion's Den" of Arostegui Stadium roar with applause. Photo courtesy of Joshua Shifflet

Halloween Community Calendar

A Grand Re-Opening

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - A few years after striking out on her own with a realty business and opening a location in downtown Gridley, Kari Wheeler of Wheeler Ranch Realty powered by LPT, is headed home.

Wheeler is holding a grand re-opening of her business at a new Biggs location, in the heart of B Street.

Wheeler invites all to come out and celebrate the event with free hot dogs for attendees, fun and prizes.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. at her newly refurbished offices at 476 B Street Biggs, Friday, Oct. 3.



Oroville

Oct. 23, 24, 25 Downtown Oroville Ghost Tours, Oroville State Theater, 1489 Myers St, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Uncover haunted history, hear chilling tales and explore mysterious sites. Tickets \$14 available on Eventbrite.

Oct. 23 Halloween Party at Currier Square, 2325 Myers St, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy festive activities including face painting, balloon twisting, a lively DJ dance party, professional pumpkin carving demos and Candy Lane—where little ones can collect sweet treats, plus a special surprise appearance. Costumes are highly encouraged. Admission is free but will be accepting donations to benefit the Butte County Food Bank.

Oct. 24 Oroville Auto Center Trunk or Treat, 1250 Oro Dam Blvd E, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kids can enjoy fun games, tons of treats and festive costumes, while local food vendors will be serving up delicious eats available for purchase. ★

Live Oak

Oct. 17 Harvest Festival, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 10421 Larkin Rd, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Food, games, hayrides, trunk or treat and more! Free

Oct. 18 Fall Festival, Hope Point Nazarene Church, 2727 Fir St, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bounce houses, free food, vendors, family fun, live music, free crafts. Free. Chili Cookoff \$5 ticket

Candy, face painting and games. Don't forget to wear your costume!

Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat, Gridley Christian Church, Corner of Hazel St & Washington Street, 5p.m. to 8 p.m. Free candy, popcorn, cotton candy.

Oct. 31 First Baptist Church, 100 Vermont St, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. games, candy, hot dogs and photo booth. Free.

Biggs

Oct. 25 Harvest Festival, Biggs Baptist Church, 2935 6th St, 5 p.m. come out in Halloween costumes, play games and win candy! Free

Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat in Downtown Biggs, B St between 6th and 7th Streets. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free

Gridley

Oct. 25 Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival, Christian Life Assembly, 1526 Humble Ave., 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Costume contest with prizes, family-friendly games, arts and crafts, free food and so much more.

Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat, Front of Gridley High School, 300 E Spruce St., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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, 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)

Monday, Oct. 6: Gridley book club, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (G) Gridley Friends of the Library meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Gridley Friends of the Library book sale, all day and continues through Saturday, Oct. 11 (G) Creative writing group, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) LEGO Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination to life by joining us for a hands-on afternoon of LEGO fun. All are welcome to attend, and kids under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

Wednesday, Oct. 8: 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. 9: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Journal decorating, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will provide the journals and decorations, just bring in your imagination. For tweens and teens. (G)

Friday, Oct. 10: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Friday, Oct. 3

Spooktacular Showdown

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 1489 Myers Street, Oroville. You be the judge as businesses compete for "Best Halloween Window". Whether you're looking for the spookiest scarecrow, an enchanted witch's broom, or overall eerie elegance, this is your chance to join the fun and win big. Your vote enters you to win a \$50 gift card to a downtown Oroville business of your choice. Every \$10 spent in a restaurant, wine bar, or shop earns you more raffle entries. In-person voting only at the Down Oroville Welcome booth at the corner of Bird and Myers Streets. More information at 530-922-2599.

Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5

Autumn Fest – Pumpkin Patch Grand Opening Weekend

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Enjoy tractors and brews, featuring the Farmer's Brewing "Bessie" truck with beer on tap. Vintage iron tractors will be on display, along with u-pick pumpkins and sunflowers, music, crafts and more.

Oktoberfest

4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. This two-day festival will transport you straight to Bavaria. It's not just about the beer from Farmers Brewing (though there will be plenty) – there will also be live entertainment, contests, and mouthwatering German food. This is an event for 21 and over. Tickets for each day include a full German-inspired meal, your first beer and one commemorative Kleen Kanteen pint cup with the official Oktoberfest logo.

Saturday, Oct. 4

14-Mile Yard Sale

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all through Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak. To sign up and be included on the map for \$15, call the Gridley Chamber of Commerce at

530-846-3142. This event helps organize all yard sale addresses and plots them on a map to help you find your way to the best deals. Maps can be picked up on Friday night or Saturday morning at a rack outside the Chamber Office, 890 Hazel Street.

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 9 through Saturday, Oct. 11

Butte County Veterans Stand Down

11 a.m. opening each day at Chico Elks Lodge #243 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico. This is an annual veteran service fair to connect veterans with a variety of community organizations and enjoy time together. For more information, or to volunteer, go to www.buttecountystanddown.org

Friday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Oct. 12

Butte County Wine Trail 2025

Spend a leisurely weekend at your own pace, touring the back roads and beautiful vineyards of Butte County, visiting ten boutique wineries along the way. With your passport in hand, you'll have the chance to taste wines and enjoy some pairings while you meet the winemakers and enjoy the fall scenery of our region. Start at whatever participating winery you wish – upon arrival, you'll receive a passport map to guide you and an event glass (while supplies last). Winery list and ticket purchase at www.butte365.com

Silver Dollar Fair Harvest Festival 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico. Enjoy carnival rides, food, entertainment, and a Great Pumpkin contest.

Friday, Oct. 10

Art & Wine Walk

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Downtown Chico. Plan the perfect Friday night and kick off the month-long art walk with an evening of wine, beer and cider tastings, art showcases, live music and more. More information and tickets available at www.downtownchico.com Ticket price includes a complimentary wineglass.

Wine and Paint Night

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 10200 O Street, Live Oak. This event, brought to you by the City of Live Oak and the Live Oak Women's Club, offers 50 painting seats available at \$45 each, which includes painting materials, canvas and a drink ticket good for wine or beer. There will be raffles and a silent auction. The bar will be open to the public, serving wine and beer for sale, so stop in even if you don't want to paint. For tickets, contact Jackie at 530-415-0593.

Downtown Oroville Farm to Table Dinner

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1445 Myers St., Oroville. Dine under the stars, surrounded by Downtown Oroville's historic gold rush era buildings for an exceptional culinary experience. The evening will include live music, raffle prizes and amazing food. This fundraising event supports ODBA beautification and revitalization initiatives and special events. Tickets available online at www.downtownoroville.com/events or in-person at Gallery Interiors, 1954 Bird St., Oroville. Event is limited to 100 people.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Walk Wool Wag

9 a.m. to noon at Lower Bidwell Park, Sycamore Field, 300 South Park Dr., Chico. This dog festival and walk is a fun day for dogs and their owners to enjoy games and treats together. Events usually include the "Simon Says Wool" group tricks game, booths with games and crafting stations for dogs and humans, a doggie costume contest, a photo booth, and more. This event raises money for the Chico Animal Shelter, providing critical care for abandoned, injured, and ill animals, helping them recover and find loving homes. Register at www.chicowalkwoolfwag.com

Bountiful Butte Harvest Festival

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Butte College Farm, Main Campus Orchard Field. This event is free and open to the public. You'll find activities, games and more, plus pumpkins, gourds, and corn for sale. Bring your own water bottle and closed-toe shoes are encouraged.

5th Annual Autoberfest Car Show

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Feather Falls Casino, 3 Alverda Drive, Oroville. We will be showcasing fantastic custom cars, trucks, and motorcycles. There will be live pinstriping, vendors, a family garden, food and drinks. Remember to purchase raffle tickets for a Traeger Grill with \$500 meat package from Wagon Wheel Market. More information at www.featherfallscasino.com

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 Oct. 14 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 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. 15. 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. 15.

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. ★

Community Calendar

Supervisors' Pay Hike Set to Begin

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Three salary adjustment options were presented. The highest, aligning with state legislators at \$132,703, was approved. A more modest \$127,580 motion by Supervisor Bill Connelly failed to receive a second. A third option based on the average of 14 comparable counties, approximately \$109,000, was not considered.

The final vote broke along familiar lines, with Supervisors Tod Kimmelshue, Connelly and Doug Teeter voting in favor, and Supervisors Tami Ritter and Peter Durfee voting against. Both dissenting supervisors expressed concern about the timing and scale of the increase. Ritter questioned whether doubling board compensation was appropriate given ongoing budget pressures and departmental challenges. Durfee also cited fiscal concerns and emphasized the need to prioritize county services.

Public responses were mixed. John Stonebraker, a longtime Butte County resident, voiced support for a raise but said doubling the salary seemed excessive.

"Public service should be driven by passion, not pay," Stonebraker said.

Stonebraker acknowledged the hours and commitment required but had urged the board to remain mindful of the reasons people choose to serve.

During deliberations, one supervisor questioned the use of state legislator pay as a benchmark given Butte County's lower cost of living. Despite dissent, the majority decided the legislator benchmark offered a depoliticized path forward. The approved adjustment will be implemented through a one-time reset with future increases occurring automatically without opportunity for public input.

Pickett defended the proposal as a necessary step to attract and retain qualified leaders capable of navigating the county's



complex challenges.

Critics said the move supports incumbency.

In addition to base salary, Butte County supervisors receive a \$620 monthly mileage allowance for in-county travel and are reimbursed at the IRS rate for out-of-county trips. They may opt for a county-issued cell phone or receive a \$70 monthly stipend for using a personal device for county business. Benefits include access to the County's Employee Assistance Program and long-term disability insurance covering 60 percent of monthly earnings, up to \$5,000 per month, with a 90-day waiting period.

Supervisors also participate in the county's retirement system, though reported wages do not include the county's payments toward unfunded pension liabilities. According to the latest CalPERS actuarial report for fiscal year 2025-26, Butte County's unfunded pension liability across all departments totals approximately \$174.6 million. While the supervisors' pay hike does not directly affect this debt, critics argued that any compensation increase should be weighed against long-term obligations like retirement funding, which continue to strain county budgets. ★

Enloe Medical Center Named Among Best Regional Hospitals

Enloe Health Media News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - U.S. News & World Report ranked Enloe Health Enloe Medical Center as a Northern Sierras Best Regional Hospital for the sixth consecutive year. The medical center placed No. 55 out of 413 hospitals evaluated in California. This year, only 504 hospitals in 49 states were recognized as Best Regional Hospitals. That's fewer than 11% of the 5,000 hospitals U.S. News & World Report analyzed nationwide.

Enloe Medical Center was also rated as high performing in 11 adult procedures and conditions — the top distinction U.S. News gives for Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings. These 11 procedures and conditions are in addition to the 2025 High Performing Hospital for Maternity Care distinction received in December 2024.

Enloe Medical Center earned recognition for: Heart failure, Colon cancer surgery, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Hip replacement, Hip fracture, Kidney failure, Knee replacement,



Lukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, Pneumonia, Stroke and Diabetes.

"These accomplishments are a reflection of the dedication and professionalism continuously demonstrated by our caregivers," said Mike Wiltermood, President and CEO of Enloe Health. "This recognition reinforces our organization's ongoing pursuit of excellence."

Year after year, Enloe Medical Center continues to increase its rating as high performing for several procedures and conditions, with seven in 2022, eight in 2023, nine in 2024 and 11 in 2025.

"Earning the distinction as a Best Regional Hospital once again is a significant honor that reflects the commitment of our physicians, nurses and staff to delivering exceptional care," said Chief Medical Officer Sean Maiorano, D.O. "We are particularly proud that an

increasing number of our service lines have received national recognition this year, showcasing our ongoing efforts to expand and elevate the quality of health care across our region."

The U.S. News & World Report recognition is one of several recent awards Enloe Health has garnered. Other awards include the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines – Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Receiving Center – Gold Plus with Target: Type 2 Diabetes Award and the Get With The Guidelines – Coronary Artery Disease NSTEMI Receiving Center Bronze Award. These distinctions highlight Enloe's continued implementation of quality treatment and care coordination for heart attack patients.

To learn more about Enloe Health's awards and recognitions, visit www.enloe.org/accomplishments. ★

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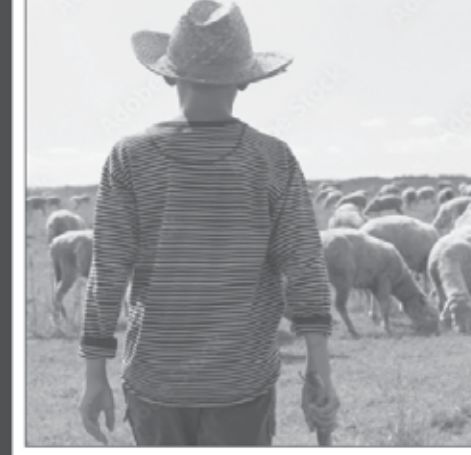
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New Law Forces Behavioral Health Overhaul

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both county-operated and contracted services. Internal teams that may be affected include mobile crisis units, triage and referral teams, vocational services (WORK program), wellness centers in Gridley, Paradise and Oroville, staffing and training programs and prevention initiatives such as Live Spot and Strengthening Families.

Contracted programs currently funded through Mental Health Services Act include vocational training (STEP), crisis residential care (Bellavita), youth drop-in centers, peer support shelters and cultural outreach programs such as Stonewall Alliance, Promotoras and the Hmong Cultural Center.

Kennelly said the county cannot continue funding all these programs and still meet Behavioral Health Services Act's categorical requirements.

The Aug. 21 meeting at the Gridley Community Center was the first in a series of regional forums hosted by Butte County Behavioral Health to gather public feedback ahead of the 2026 transition to the new funding model.

Additional meetings were held in Oroville, Paradise, Chico and online. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board meets monthly on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the county's training center at the Plaza, in Oroville, with in-person and virtual options available.



The timeline to transition to the new funding model includes public input this fall, followed by budget development, plan writing, state review and final approval in early summer 2026.

"The Department of Health Care Services looks at our plan, tells us what we can or cannot spend funding on, makes suggested changes, and then it comes to the (Board of Supervisors) for review and approval," Kennelly said.

Existing Mental Health Services Act contracts expire June 30, 2026, and providers must respond to new requests for proposals to continue receiving funding, Kennelly said.

More information and meeting schedules are available on the Butte County Behavioral Health website. ★



Farm Bureau President Urges Rural Voters to Reject Redistricting Measure

In a special Ag Alert® commentary, California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass this week called on the state's farmers, ranchers and rural residents to reject Proposition 50. If passed, the ballot measure, which goes before voters in a special election Nov. 4, would give partisan lawmakers permission to gerrymander California's congressional map. The new map would break up rural districts and dilute the voting power of their constituents by appending parts of those districts to urban-dominated constituencies. "Proposition 50 poses a threat to Farm Bureau members because it will undermine rural representation in Congress," Douglass said in the commentary. "California leads the nation in agricultural production thanks to the hard work our farmers and ranchers put in every day. Protecting the people who supply our food is critical to our state's future. With countless challenges facing agriculture, this is not the time to weaken our representation and our ability to enact policy solutions."

California Farm Bureau Leaders Seek Results in D.C.

With Congress facing end-of-fiscal-year funding deadlines and the expiration of the farm bill extension, a delegation of California Farm Bureau leaders traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to advocate on behalf of the state's farmers and ranchers. Farm Bureau officers, board members and policy advocates met with members

of Congress to discuss issues such as the farm bill, agricultural labor and international trade. California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass said the face-to-face meetings, during which farmers and ranchers share real-life experiences, play an important role in educating federal policymakers and informing their decisions. "Oftentimes, our elected representatives pass a bill, and they can be very well-meaning but don't realize the impact it would have on the ground," Douglass said. "They have to hear from us."

Negotiations Stall as Colorado River Crisis Looms Again

Time is running out for the seven states in the Colorado River Basin, as well as 30 tribes and Mexico, to reach a long-term deal for managing the overtapped river, which supplies water and hydropower to 40 million people in the West and irrigates more than 5 million acres of farmland. The current guidelines and drought contingency plans for the river expire at the end of next year, and negotiators have until Nov. 11 to reach a new agreement or risk intervention by the federal government. Meanwhile, after one of the region's driest years on record, reservoir levels on the river have again declined, prompting warnings from federal officials and hydrological experts. "The fundamental problem we're contending with is declining hydrology with no end in sight," said JB Hamby, president of the Colorado River Commission of California and the state's lead negotiator. "How do we adapt to live with less?" ★

Millions of Californians Getting Refunds on Their Electricity Bills in October

Up To \$60 Billion in Savings Starts Next Year

Governor Gavin Newsom's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced that more than 11.5 million California households will automatically see refunds on their October electric bill through the California Climate Credit. Thanks to historic legislation the Governor signed last week, those refunds are anticipated to increase starting next year with up to \$60 billion going to the electric Climate Credit through 2045.

The state will provide total payments in October exceeding \$700 million for electric residential customers and \$60 million for qualifying small business customers. The average bill credit will be \$61 per customer on electricity bills. Customers already received an identical electric credit earlier this year in April. With the April and October credits combined, most Californians are receiving an average of \$198 in utility bill refunds this year.

"Millions of California families will see money back on their electricity bills in October – and that refund will be even bigger next year thanks to new laws I signed last week. Up to \$60 billion will go back in your pockets, cutting your electric bills while we keep our historic momentum transitioning away from polluting fossil fuels," said Governor Gavin Newsom.

Since 2014, the state's Cap-and-Invest program has delivered \$14.6 billion in bill refunds back to residential utility customers. This year, California will provide a total of \$2.4 billion in residential credits – \$1.4 billion for electric customers, \$1 billion for natural gas customers, and an additional \$122 million for small businesses.

The refunds range from \$35 to \$259 on

electric bills – with most households set to receive between \$56 to \$81 in October. Californians can check how much their refund will be by accessing <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit>.

Californians do not need to do anything to get the refund. The California Climate Credit comes from the State's Cap-and-Invest Program managed by the California Air Resources Board. The refund on electric bills represents the consumer's share of payments from the State's program.

In addition to electric bill refunds, California's Cap-and-Invest program has funded \$33 billion in climate investments creating more than 120,000 jobs and cutting millions of tons of carbon emissions. The investments include a wide range of solutions such as putting affordable housing near job centers, building the nation's first high-speed rail, and adding zero-emission transportation options in underserved communities.

California's climate leadership Pollution is down and the economy is up. Greenhouse gas emissions in California are down 20% since 2000 – even as the state's GDP increased 78% in that same time period all while becoming the world's fourth largest economy.

The state also continues to set clean energy records. California was powered by two-thirds clean energy in 2023, the latest year for which data is available – the largest economy in the world to achieve this level of clean energy. The state has run on 100% clean electricity for some part of the day almost every day this year.

Since the beginning of the Newsom Administration, battery storage is up to over 15,000 megawatts – a 1,900%+ increase, and over 25,000 megawatts of new resources have been added to the electric grid. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

It is time to clean up under the grapevines and fruit trees. Give your blueberries a little acid boost before they go dormant. My blueberries don't usually go completely dormant so I think of this little boost as something to tide them over and help them produce a great crop in the spring. Hopefully you've started planting your winter Cole crops so you have

broccoli and cauliflower for Thanksgiving. October is a great time to plant onion plants and Mac's market usually had them available. My husband plants 300 every year. We still have some that have survived in the depths of our orange tree without rotting. We shaded them as well because we have lost them before when the sun drops in the sky and sneaks under the leaf canopy. I'm doing the last pruning on my short fruit trees before they are dormant and I really whack them.

Planting seeds for columbine, love in a mist and other flowers can happen now and they will be ready for spring bloom. Of course, if you are a bulb lover, it is time to

either move them around or put in new ones. Other than the cyclamen I talked about the last time I ordered tiny little daffodils to add to my mix. I also am moving around the tete a tetes miniature daffodils because the mass multiply and I get many more blooming plants from them. I also move some of the narcissus before they start developing too much. By doing this I am slowly getting a great mass of blooms come December and January. All for free. The earth is so generous. Now is the time to thin out your naked lady amaryllis and other amaryllis. It is a great time to divide things like chrysanthemums once they bloom out. Free plants are always a good thing. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



For the diehard basketball fan, Sept. 29 is highlighted on the calendar. Training camp marks the beginning of a new season and brings bright eyes and hope to fans that love the home team.

This season will be no exception, despite the lack of moves on the part of the Kings brain trust.

New G.M. Scott Perry has proven to be a patient man, even if the Sacramento fans are not.

Many teams view the Kings as desperate, after what can only be called one of the biggest gaffes in franchise history, when Sacramento let DeAaron Fox bolt the team in midseason in favor of the San Antonio spurs.

True, Scott Perry was not the G.M. at the time, but Sacramento has a history of poor trades. It will be up to Perry to change that tenor with the league and hopefully regain some respect.

As training camp begins, the name of Jonathan Kuminga continues to resonate, and how Kuminga comports himself at training camp will play a role in the likelihood of a forthcoming trade.

The Warriors are in no mood for anything disruptive as camp begins, so how Kuminga responds to coaches and teammates could be a catalyst for a sudden move. Something to keep an eye on, as Steve Kerr has demonstrated little patience with Jonathan, and perhaps this week will be a springboard for the Kings.

Other names have surfaced, among them 5'8" guard Yuki Kawamura, who impressed the Memphis Grizzlies so much during the summer Olympics, that they gave him a contract and introduced Kawamura to the NBA. Currently on a two-way contract with the Chicago Bulls, Kawamura in lightning quick, handles the ball deftly and is a steal monster on the defensive side of the ball.

Whether the Kings would have room for another guard is questionable, but it comes down to what area of the court needs the most attention.

I remain in shock that Scott Perry could even begin to think that letting big man Jonas Valanciunas walk out the back door was a good idea, and most basketball minds were of the belief that Valanciunas could have easily been the best back-up center in the entire league.

What this has created is a vacuum where

once the Kings were in the catbird seat. Now, they are forced to either play an unproven rookie or bring in Dario Sarik from the bench. Neither of these options will likely produce much in the way of points or a defensive presence, so Kings fans are left to wonder who can capably backup Donantas Sabonis.

It appears to be backup the number 5 by committee, and this is something the Kings have tried many times before without success.

Coach Christie is more likely to play small ball when Domantas is off the floor, and I for one think that is much more likely the result.

Wings, wings, wings, and Sacramento simply does not have enough of them!

We didn't have to watch the NBA finals to know that the long forwards of today's NBA are what makes the train run, and there are far too few of these diamonds in the rough to go around.

I believe that the Kings possess three players that could pass the length test in Keon Ellis, Keegan Murray, and Isaac Jones. What remains to be seen is how Doug Christie will use them, will they log regular minutes every game and know their role?

For certain, Keegan Murray will get all the playing time he can handle, but Jones and Ellis are a question mark.

The Kings signed Doug McDermott to another year, and this guy shoots 3's like most players shoot free throws, so once again, can coach Christie find minutes that are not just garbage time for this talented long-range specialist?

Devin Carter has great length for a guard and is my candidate to back-up Dennis Schroeder at the point. Carter acquitted himself well last season, albeit in limited action, and came out firing in the recent NBA summer league.

Question marks, there are more than a few, and from such quandaries great coaches are born.

If anyone thinks there is not already a bevy of talent on this team, you need to get your eyes checked. They are here, and it matters now, in what way they come together as a team.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because it's heating up right now, and real basketball is right around the corner!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vghar-riskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Why Can We Sometimes See the Moon During the Day?

- Eli, 7, Texas

Dear Eli,
I love to go for a walk with my dog roommate. Sometimes we see the moon in the sky—even though it's daytime.

I asked my friend Michael Allen why that happens. He's an astronomer at Washington State University.

He told me that we have to ask "what is a day" to answer your question.

"The sun lights up the earth," Allen said. "Since the earth is a round ball, only half of the ball can ever be lit up at any one time."

The side of the earth that the sun shines on experiences day. The side that faces away from the sun experiences night.

The earth spins on its axis over the 24 hours that make one day.

So, let's imagine I'm stuck to the Earth in one spot. Allen calls me a "prisoner of gravity." At midnight, my spot faces away from the sun. Its light can't reach me. So, it's dark. I'm probably sleeping.

As the Earth rotates, my spot moves toward the sun. Morning comes. More and more of the sun's light reaches my spot. By noon, my spot faces the sun, and it's super bright.

While all that's happening, the moon orbits around the earth.

The moon doesn't make its own light. It reflects the light of the sun shining on it. So, if the sun's light can't reach part of the moon, that part will be dark. We can only see the lit-up part of the moon that faces us.

So, the whole moon is always there. Whether we can see it or not depends on where it is in its orbit and where we are on Earth. We can only see some or all the moon when it's in the right part of the sky and

reflecting enough light.

That's true at night and during the day.

The shape of the lit-up part of the moon depends on the moon's phase. The moon goes through eight phases over its 28-day trip around the Earth.

When the moon is full, its whole face is lit up. At midnight, I can see it in the sky. Or I may see a nearly full moon.

But I can't see the other phases at midnight because they're below the horizon. The Earth blocks them from my view. I might be able to see them at other times.

I can't see any of the moon during the new moon—no matter

what time it is. The lit side faces away from the Earth.

But I may be able to see the moon during the day just before or after the new moon.

"This all assumes clear skies," Allen said. "But, otherwise, all the moon phasing and visibility is due to one word: geometry."

If you want to see the moon during the day, follow the moon's phases on a calendar. Or start at the new moon and count. Look for the first quarter moon in the afternoon about one week after the new moon. Or the third quarter moon in the morning about one week after the full moon.

Hopefully you'll find it illuminating.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



Here are the eight phases of the moon. We say the moon's orbit takes about 28 days, but it really takes the moon 27.3 days to travel around the Earth. And, because of the angle of the sun's light, there are 29.5 days between new moons. Remember: The moon's shape stays the same. But the amount of the moon we can see changes. Photo courtesy of NASA/Bill Dunford

Insurance Commissioner Targets Consumer Watchdog Fees



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The horrific string of wildfires that has plagued California in recent years, taking dozens of lives and destroying many billions of dollars in property, also created a crisis in property insurance.

Some insurers have abandoned California altogether, some have refused to take more clients, many have sought premium increases and the state's insurer-of-last-resort, the FAIR plan, has seen so much new business that its long-term solvency is in doubt. Meanwhile, fire victims often complain that insurers and their adjusters are low-balling settlement offers.

Obviously California's property insurance market needs reform of some kind to improve its viability, but it's an infinitely complex mélange of financial risks and rewards, truly understood by only a few experts.

Ricardo Lara, a former state legislator, happened to be California's elected insurance commissioner when the crisis hit home, so by default he had to develop a response while simultaneously fielding complaints from victims and dealing with insurers' demand for premium increases to cover mounting losses.

Lara has proposed a major overhaul in how insurers calculate their potential losses, seeking premium adjustments and a shift from using only past experience to projecting future losses, which is called "catastrophe modeling."

It is necessary, he said, to persuade insurers to keep writing policies in California and stave off a collapse of the market.

The proposal has heightened Lara's feud with Consumer Watchdog which began even before his 2018 election.

The organization had sponsored the 1988 ballot measure that converted the insurance commissioner's position from an appointed job to an elected post and laid down a new set of rules for regulating premiums.

Thereafter, Consumer Watchdog enjoyed close relationships with elected commissioners and was awarded many millions of dollars in "intervenor fees" for participating in premium-setting cases in the Department of Insurance. The nonprofit organization contends that its participation has saved consumers many more dollars than it has collected in fees.

From the onset of Lara's bid for the office, Consumer Watchdog was critical of him, alleging he was too friendly with insurers. When Lara unveiled his overhaul of the premium setting process, adopting an approach insurers supported, the feud escalated.

Nevertheless, throughout Lara's tenure, Consumer Watchdog has continued to receive large intervenor fees paid by insurers. However, that may not be true in the future.

Last week Lara proposed another procedural overhaul, this time changing how intervenor fees are calculated and awarded, saying "these reforms will, for the first time, protect consumers from hidden fees, establish clear guidelines for intervenor participation and strengthen oversight of the administrative hearing system to prevent unnecessary delays."

Lara's proposal includes redefining the "substantial contribution" standard for awarding

intervenor fees, requiring more public reportage of intervenor activities and compensation, requiring officials who preside over rate cases to file regular reports on pending cases and requiring the Department of Insurance to post rate case documents online.

The proposal's "substantial contribution" element is the one that could affect Consumer Watchdog's finances. Lara left no doubt it is aimed at the organization.

Lara described the current process, created by the first elected commissioner, John Garamendi, in the early 1990s as lacking transparency and "dominated by a small number of recurring participants."

To punctuate that characterization, Lara released a list of 28 rate cases this year, 26 of which resulted in nearly \$1.4 million in intervenor fees for Consumer Watchdog.

Consumer Watchdog, not surprisingly, opposes Lara's new rules.

"If the goal of Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's new intervenor compensation regulations is to bring in new intervenors into the process, his regulations will do the opposite," Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, said in a statement. "By making it harder for intervenors to be paid, he will discourage intervenors from participating."

Thus the feud, already 6 years old, will continue, at least until term limits end Lara's tenure and another commissioner is elected next year.

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. ★

SPARKY'S CORNER

Halloween Safety

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

For Kids:

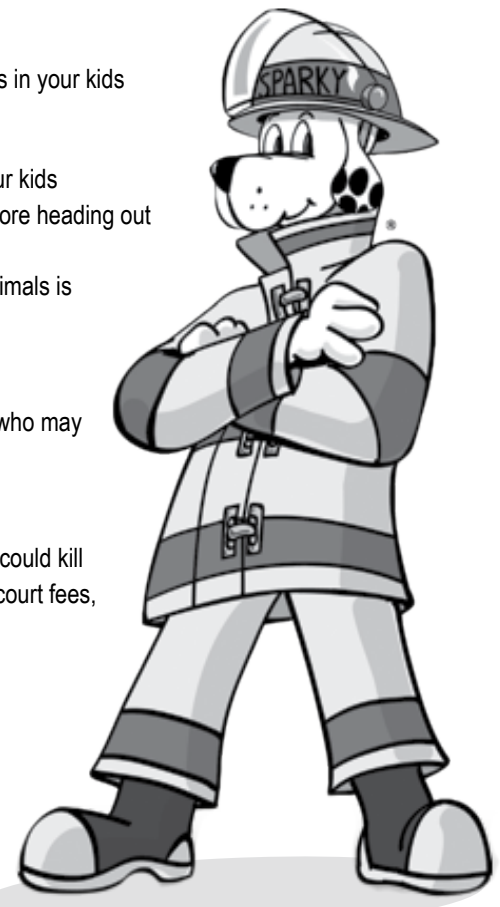
- Walk, don't run
- Avoid loose, hanging costumes that can make you trip
- Take a flashlight or wear glow-sticks to help drivers see you
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross the street
- Stay on the sidewalk when available, if not, walk facing traffic as far to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

For Parents:

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

For Drivers:

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



Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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.
Date filed in Butte County: 9/2/2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
SCRIBNERS 10-3-25

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
Date filed in Butte County: September 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
NORTH 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000637
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
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
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
Date filed in Butte County: July 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
APS 10-10-25

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
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under

federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
TWO 10-10-25

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
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
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
Date filed in Butte County: August 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 14, 2025
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
EC 10-10-25

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
Horn, Trevor Lee, PO Box 914, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: September 2, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
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
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
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, 2144 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: September 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 12, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under

federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
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AUTO 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000688
The following person(s) are doing business as: McCarts Hill 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
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
MCCARTS 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000667
The following person(s) are doing business as: Everyday Vietnamese Cuisine, 951 Nord Avenue #1, Chico, CA 95926
Shuk Ching Lo, 1001 W Sacramento Avenue #18, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: September 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 27, 2019
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
EVERYDAY 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000616
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gridley 1 Stop, 1675 CA-99, Gridley, CA 95948
Angad V&S Corp, 2211 Able Court, Sacramento, CA 95835
Date filed in Butte County: August 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
GRIDLEY 10-24-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
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
Filed on September 8, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
HERPERA 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV03417
Petitioner Marisa Wilson-James filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Licette Valetine Montgomery to Licette Sunflower Marisa Hayes.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing November 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on September 18, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
JAMES 10-24-25

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 not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-252199. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: 8/29/2025 CAL-SIERRA TITLE COMPANY , as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0478314 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 09/19/2025, 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, 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website 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



Chico Resident Arrested for Murder

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 22, at approximately 4:54 p.m., the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received a 911 call from the 2600 block of West Sacramento Avenue, Chico. During the call, the caller, later identified as the victim, Lenny Doe, age 54, of Chico, was overheard stating, "Don't shoot me."

Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies were immediately dispatched and arrived on scene. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the suspect, identified as Matthew Theobald, age 35, of Chico. Deputies also located a deceased victim at the scene, identified as Doe, who had sustained gunshot wounds. Deputies determined that Doe was Theobald's father.

Based on evidence located at the scene,

deputies established probable cause that Theobald had shot Doe. A records check revealed that Theobald is on active California State Parole. During a search of Theobald's person, deputies found shotgun shells in his pocket. Theobald was placed under arrest for being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition.

Subsequently, detectives obtained a search warrant for the property and conducted an extensive investigation. During the search, detectives located a shotgun on the property. Additional evidence indicated that Theobald had used the shotgun to shoot Doe.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Theobald was placed under arrest for one count of murder. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Butte County Sheriff's Office detectives at 530-538-7671. ★

Live Oak Man Arrested for Domestic Violence, Weapons and Drug Charges

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 12, deputies from the Sutter County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of domestic violence in the 9800 block of K Street in Live Oak. Upon arrival, deputies located a female victim who reported she had been severely beaten the night before. The investigation revealed that she had been held against her will, had

a firearm pointed at her and had her phone taken to prevent her from calling for help. The suspect was identified as Erick Trejo, 20 years of age of Live Oak.

On Sept. 18, Sutter County Sheriff's detectives conducted an operation which resulted in the arrest of Trejo. Detectives also served a search warrant at his residence. During the search, investigators recovered two firearms, one of which was confirmed to

have been reported stolen out of Sacramento County. In addition to the weapons, detectives discovered a quantity of cocaine and evidence indicating fraudulent activity.

Trejo was booked into the Sutter County Jail on multiple felony charges related to domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, brandishing a firearm and possession of a concealed, loaded and stolen firearm. ★

PG&E Corporation Foundation and California Fire Foundation Award Wildfire Safety Grants

PG&E News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Despite the coolest summer in Northern and Central California in more than a decade, wildfire risk remains constant. That's why The California Fire Foundation (CFF), with support from the PG&E Corporation Foundation (PG&E Foundation), is helping communities prevent and prepare to respond to the ongoing wildfire threat. Together, they have awarded \$950,000 in wildfire safety grants to 63 local fire departments, fire agencies and non-profit groups primarily in Northern and Central California.

The grants will be used to purchase personal protective and specialized equipment for firefighters, complete defensible space and vegetation management work, reduce fuels and hazards and conduct fire safety public education and outreach. See the list of grant recipients.

In the North Valley, eight groups received a total of \$91,200. In Butte County, Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue received \$20,000 and North Valley Animal Disaster Group received \$10,000.

This is the eighth year California Fire Foundation and the PG&E Foundation have partnered to award grants to help communities bolster their disaster preparedness and response programs. This year, the PG&E Foundation committed an additional \$200,000 to enhance the grant program and provide more community funding.

California Fire Foundation reviewed over 190 submissions during a month-long application window and distributed the annual wildfire safety grants to agencies in high wildfire-risk areas. The grant awards come during National Preparedness Month, observed each September to raise awareness of preparing for disasters and emergencies.

The PG&E Foundation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) support California Fire Foundation's broader 2025 Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program (WSPP) with \$1.65 million in charitable funding. The program works to raise awareness about wildfire safety throughout California and deliver resources to underserved communities in high fire-risk areas. The grants to local organizations are a core component of the WSPP, funding also supports CFF's public safety education and outreach multimedia



California Fire Foundation and PG&E Corporation Foundation Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program grant announcement. Photo courtesy of PG&E

campaign in a variety of languages.

"This time of year is critical for the California Fire Foundation as we review WSPP grant applications from fire departments, agencies, and nonprofits. Each application reinforces the urgent need for resources to help mitigate wildfire risk," said Brian K. Rice, Chair of the California Fire Foundation. "The WSPP program is a lifeline for many of our firefighters, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of PG&E. With drought conditions, warmer temperatures, and drier months ahead, the threat of wildfire remains real. These grants allow us to equip local agencies with funding for vegetation management, fuel reduction, specialized equipment, community outreach, and essential protective gear."

Since 2018, 431 grantees that include fire departments and fire agencies statewide have received \$5.5 million in direct funding through the grant program as part of Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program, and each year the program receives more applications than the prior year. Funding targets specific communities identified as having extreme or elevated fire risk by the California Public Utilities Commission High Fire-Threat District map.

"PG&E has the privilege of serving 16 million people every day who live in 48 counties and 246 cities and towns in Northern and Central California," said Sumeet Singh, EVP, Operations and Chief Operating Officer. "As the risk of wildfire continues to grow, partnerships like the one with the California Fire Foundation

are critical for protecting the hometowns where our friends, families and neighbors live and work. By making homes and businesses fire-safe, by providing firefighters with the tools and equipment they need, by raising awareness of how we all can prevent wildfires — we are truly making everyone and everything safer."

The Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program focuses on two key areas to help keep communities safe. One of these is a wildfire safety campaign that features fire safety education, developed by California Fire Foundation, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Hmong to promote early evacuation during fires. The Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program has worked diligently to overcome language barriers by developing and distributing in-language fire-safety messaging. This campaign includes advertising on radio, television and digital ads, as well as outdoor billboards in high fire-threat areas.

Another key area is a grant program administered by the California Fire Foundation through an application process. The California Fire Foundation awards grants to recipient fire departments, agencies and community groups in support of projects and programs focusing on wildfire/disaster prevention, preparedness and/or relief and recovery assistance.

Grant funding this year supports projects anticipated to have the following impact. Over 1,000 pieces of personal protection equipment such as helmets, boots, gloves, goggles and fire shelters, fuel reductions/vegetation management,

multiple acres of hazardous tree and brush removal, millions of pounds of tree limbs, branches and other combustibles chipping and hauling and multiple prescribed fires or pile burns.

The Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program also helps communities with fire safety education provided across 12 counties potentially benefiting over 1.4 million residents. Over 1,000 pieces of specialized equipment including water storage tanks, portable radios, headlamps, hoses/clamps/nozzles, chainsaws and gear packs

There were 196 applications and \$4.29M in funding requests submitted from agencies in California during the 2025 wildfire safety grant application period.

PG&E and the PG&E Foundation have provided \$10.45 million in total support for fire safety awareness through the Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program since the partnership began, with more than half the funding supporting community-based grants. The charitable contribution is shareholder-funded, not paid for by PG&E customers.

The California Fire Foundation's Firefighters on Your Side program, also supported by PG&E, provides multilingual, culturally relevant fire safety messaging in both digital and print form, to assist the public in staying safe.

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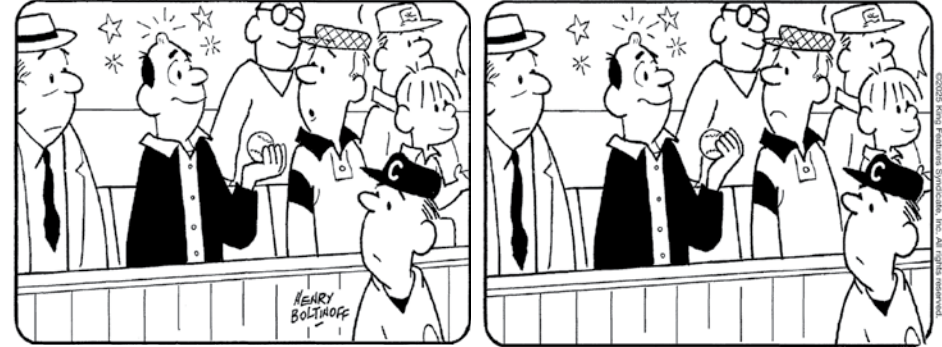
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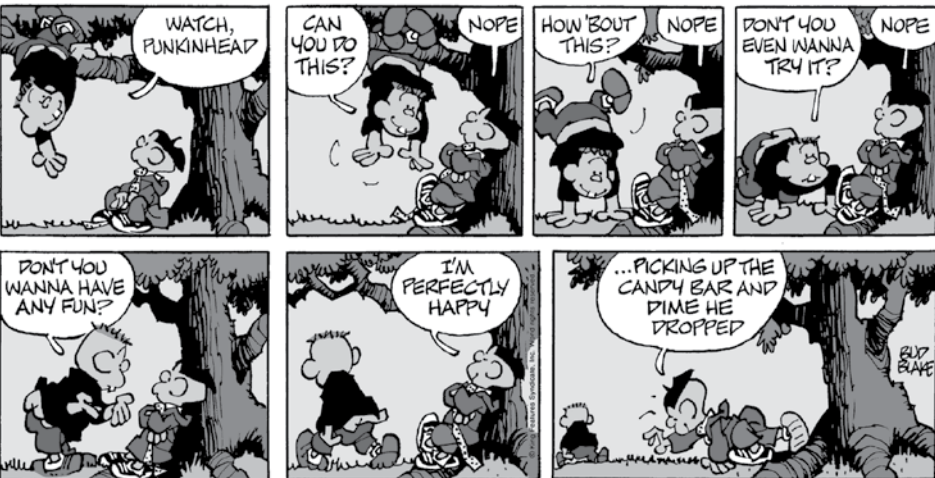
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Gridley Titans Football

Titans 10U Trample Jr. Bobcats

Outstanding Win by the 8U Gridley Titans



The 10U Titans take the field Saturday, Sept. 27 to take on the Paradise Jr. Bobcats. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

By Jason Davis

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans travelled up the hill to Paradise on Saturday, to take on the Jr. Bobcats.

The 10u Titans took control from the first snap and scored at will all day. The first score of the game was an interception returned for a touchdown by Morgan Ruggirello. The first offensive touchdown was a pass from Boss Davis to Jacob Ceballos from ten yards out. It was Jacob's first touchdown of his career. The extra point was run by Weston Parker.

Two other Titans scored their first touchdowns ever Saturday and they were Donte Reeder and Lucas Schooler both from one yard out. Ryker Huff ran in an extra point. Kobe Neal and Jesse Delgado both had a touchdown on the day as well. The Titans defensive only allowed one first down and had two fumble recoveries by Donte Reeder and Julian Camargo. In the end it was 39-0 Titans.

The Titans are on a bye this weekend and will be hosting Las Plumas next Sunday Oct. 12 at home.

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Titans No. 85, Jacob Ceballos, with the reception touchdown from Boss Davis. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

12U Titans Crush Jr. Bobcats



No. 82 Brady Rogers from 12U on a run. Photo by Rhonda Andoe



12U offensive line. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

By Yolie Davis

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 12U Gridley Titans traveled to Paradise this past weekend and defeated the Jr. Bobcats 31 - 6.

The Titans had three

scoring drives in the first half and possessed the ball for all but 50 seconds of the first half thanks to two nicely executed onside kicks by Israel Hernandez.

The Titans had

touchdowns scored by Victor Guillen, Deandre Carothers, Lane Mowles and Maddux Castillo; with two of the touchdowns being passed by Cal Lumsden and Victor Guillen.

With the win, the Titans record has improved to 5-1 on the season.

The Titans have a bye this weekend and will next face Las Plumas at home.

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Titans 14U Fall to Paradise Jr Bobcats

By Randall Huff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - This past weekend our 14u Gridley Titans had another away game against the Paradise Jr Bobcats.

Unfortunately, it was not the Titans day, as they fell to the Paradise Jr Bobcats

36 to 0. The Titans are looking forward to this weekend's bye and getting healthy.

The Titans' next game will be at home against the Las Plumas Jr Thunderbirds on Sunday Oct. 12.

Come out and support our Gridley Titans.

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Titans Andrew Orme, No. 5 runs the ball up the field, leaving the Jr. Bobcats in the dust. Photo by Libby Tillman



Gridley and Live Oak Holds on for Victories as Biggs Drops Second-Straight Game

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs football team won their fourth-consecutive game to open the 2025 season on Friday, Sept. 26 as they won a nail biter 7-3 over the Paradise Bobcats.

As the lights shined bright on the "Boneyard" like Gridley's "City of Stars" homecoming theme, it was a battle on the gridiron.

Going into the game, Bulldogs head coach Daniel Zumwalt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it was going to be a tough game and Paradise wouldn't be taken lightly.

Gridley scored the only touchdown of the game when junior running back Manny Sandoval was the only player to break into the end zone in the second quarter.

Sandoval rushed for 91 yards in the win off of 22 carries.

Zumwalt added that he was



Gridley junior running back Marcus Duncan (6) rushes the ball during the Bulldogs' 7-3 victory over Paradise on Friday, Sept. 26. Photo by Chris Pedigo

happy they were able to complete a couple of passes throughout the game and it is a possibility of opening more options down the road.

Bulldogs junior running back Marcus Duncan added 70 rushing

yards in the win of the three-headed monster of a backfield.

Defensively, Gridley shut down the Bobcats offense and only allowed the field goal in the third quarter.



Gridley junior defensive end Jace Griggs (88) makes a tackle during the Bulldogs' 7-3 victory on Friday, Sept. 26 over Paradise. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Bulldogs junior Jace Griggs led the defensive effort with 11 total tackles and senior defensive end Jason Davis Jr. picked up three more tackles for loss, which currently has him at second

overall in the Northern Section with 16.0.

Gridley is scheduled to host Willows on Friday, Oct. 3 for their final non-league game. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ★

LIVE OAK, CA (YSBC)- The Live Oak Lions grabbed first victory of 2025 after they outlasted a 47-34 shootout with the Central Valley Falcons on Friday, Sept. 26.

Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton expressed to YSBC that this was a big step for the program as their progression each week paid off in the victory.

Lions senior quarterback Bradley Perigo rushed the ball 20 times for 112 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

Live Oak senior running back Ian Miranda was the motor behind the Lions as he found the end zone five times and rushed for 264 yards in the win.

Defensively, Live Oak had 12 total tackles for loss and junior



GX1A2952: Logan Schuster, No. 4, drives up-field for the Lions, with Falcons hot on his tail. Photo by Joshua Shifflett

defensive tackle Chase Ehrke led the charge with 10 total tackles and three for loss.

Tilton told YSBC that he was happy to get the win, but told the Lions there is still a lot of work

to do. Live Oak will travel down Highway 99 and play at River Valley in Yuba City with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3. ★



Senior Ian Miranda, No. 1 powers up for Live Oak Lions, breaking away from the pack. Photo by Joshua Shifflett

MAXWELL, CA (YSBC)-The Biggs Wolverines opened Mid-Valley League play with a 49-34 defeat on Friday, Sept. 26 to the Maxwell Panthers.

Scoring wasn't an issue in this game, but it was another

impressive week from sophomore Hudson Brewer.

Biggs head coach Brian Harrison expressed to YSBC that Brewer is a coach's dream and he continues to get better on a daily basis.

Brewer accounted for 250 yards of offense (174 rushing and 84 receiving yards).

Wolverines senior quarterback and Butte commit, Skyler Long completed nine passes for 140 yards. Turnovers haunted

Biggs in the game that resulted in another loss.

Harrison told YSBC that the Wolverines are getting better and should be back on track this week as they are scheduled to host their only home game of

October on Friday night as the Quincy Trojans come to Biggs.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 pm. For more updated sports news on local football, volleyball and flag football, visit and subscribe at ysbcsports.com. ★

Gridley's Grit Leads to Great Start in League

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs girls volleyball team started Westside League play with great momentum as they conquered straight-set victories over Corning and Oroville from Sept. 23-25.

Gridley head coach Elizabeth Ayon expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the goal was to get off to a good start and build off of it match by match.

She added that the Bulldogs have a lot of grit and fight in them. Those attributes of this

Gridley squad were displayed in the 41st Annual Carmichael Invitational Volleyball Tournament (CIVT) on Sept. 20 in Sacramento.

Ayon told YSBC that the CIVT small school was the largest tournament her team has ever participated in as it had 39 teams in the field.

The Bulldogs went 3-2 in the tournament and opened with a tough draw first with Salesian Preparatory from Richmond in the first match.

Gridley took them to three sets but lost. The Bulldogs tallied three-straight wins over El

Dorado, Middletown and Durham and reached the semifinals of the championship bracket before they fell to Linden in straight sets.

Ayon expressed to YSBC the grit and drive they showed in the tournament is what they will need to transfer into Westside League play for the rest of the season.

She added that all nine of her players on the team have a specific role on the court and that is what makes this a special team.

The Bulldogs have a big test tonight as they are scheduled to host the Orland Trojans, who were the No. 3 ranked team in

the Northern Section as of Sept. 28.

The two have been on top of the former Butte Valley League for the past few seasons and battled back-and-forth with one another.

Prior to the match at Farmers Hall in Gridley, Orland has won six of the last eight meetings since 2022.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Live Oak on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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Gridley sophomore Iris Counihan (5) smacks the ball during the Bulldogs' loss to Colusa on Monday, Sept. 29. Photo by Chris Pedigo

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