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Local Family Rocked by Diagnosis Needs Your Help

By MPG Staff

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Recently Biggs local Clint Owen, and his devoted wife Adrienne Owen received devastating news.

At just 38 years old, Clint Owen is facing the fight of his life after being diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia, diagnosis that has upended their world. His treatment plan is expected to span an entire year, with the majority of his care taking place nearly ninety minutes from home. One critical phase, lasting two to three months, will require Clint and Adrienne Owen to remain within twenty minutes of the hospital due to the severity and risks involved — an arrangement that will inevitably bring significant financial strain.

Clint and Adrienne Owen are the proud parents of three children, ages 12, 14 and 16. They are the kind of people who quietly and consistently show up for others — humble, hardworking and generous with their time and energy. Now, they find themselves in the unimaginable



Clint and Adrienne Owen are the proud parents of three children, ages 12, 14 and 16. Courtesy photo

position of needing the kind of help they've so often given.

Clint Owen works everything from spring for a local almond and rice farmer, performing orchard and field

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Council Takes Steps Toward Cost Savings

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Live Oak City Council meeting on Oct. 15, resident Dale Carlson submitted a written public comment discussing his concerns about the city's precarious financial position due to what he called a pattern of "reckless spending."

City Manager Ben Moody requested council discussion about two purchases that already have funds allocated in the current budget: \$74,098 for a new tractor and \$30,738 for a new sewer pump. Moody said the sewer pump is a necessary expense to maintain the utility. However, he suggested delaying the tractor purchase to look at used options instead.

Councilmember Nancy Santana said all purchases should be deferred until the city finds a way to cover the cost of police and fire services.

The rest of the council said it was important to ensure sewer operations are maintained, so they agreed to delay the tractor purchase but move forward with the new pump purchase. The vote was 4-1, with Santana dissenting.

Next, the council considered establishing an ad hoc committee to review options for updated police and fire contracts through Sutter County. Due to the city's structural budget deficit, the council previously voted to send notices of contract cancellation in order to negotiate new terms that the city can sustainably afford.

The proposed ad hoc committee would be comprised of two councilmembers who would attend meetings with the city manager and police and fire representatives, report back to the full council, and make recommendations.

Councilmember Santana said she was "not a fan" of ad hoc committees.

"We had one before and I didn't feel like there was full transparency," Santana said.

She argued that two members would not be able to accurately recall details of the negotiations. Instead, she suggested the full council be involved in the meetings.

Vice Mayor Pamma said he would like to volunteer for the ad hoc committee.

"I want to take part in these conversations and do the best for our citizens," Pamma said.

He said currently the only city representative in the meetings is the city manager, so adding two councilmembers is "an advantage."

Councilmember Woten
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Gridley Files Second Receivership on Virginia Street

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The City of Gridley filed a court petition last week seeking oversight of the warehouse at 390 Virginia Street, one of two industrial properties owned by the same party that have long drawn complaints for blight, safety hazards and unauthorized encampments.

On Oct. 17, City Administrator Elisa Arteaga confirmed the filing, stating that code enforcement posted notices on the property that day. The action followed the owner's failure to meet the terms of a compliance agreement that expired Sept. 30 and to resolve violations listed in the city's notice to abate. No documentation of substantial compliance was received by the Oct. 10 deadline, Arteaga said.

"The city takes these health and safety violations seriously," Arteaga said. "The city council has expressed concern and does not want to prolong the abatement. Therefore, they have moved to continue with the receivership."

The warehouse at 390 Virginia Street, located near Cedar Street, has been the site of a long-neglected homeless encampment and a suspicious death in April, which remains under investigation. The property has been fenced, and demolition permits are active through March 2026, but city officials said those steps did not satisfy the full scope of violations.

"These properties have been a concern for a long time," Mayor Mike Farr said at the Oct. 6 council meeting. "We appreciate the steps taken



The warehouse at 390 Virginia Street, located near Cedar Street, has been the site of a long-neglected homeless encampment and a suspicious death in April. MPG file photo

so far, but we need to see results."

At that same meeting, City Attorney Tony Galyean said receivership would allow the court to appoint a neutral third party to take control of the property, correct violations and prepare it for sale. The city is working with Jones & Mayer, the city's contracted municipal law firm. Galyean said the industrial real estate market has shown signs of recovery and could attract interest once the property is stabilized.

Galyean also updated officials on the city's first receivership case

involving 110 Virginia Street, a fire-damaged industrial site owned by the same party. He said the receiver has fenced and partially cleaned the property but has not received any purchase offers. A broker price opinion suggested that demolition costs may exceed the site's market value. As of the latest update, the receiver may revisit pricing to help generate buyer interest.

Farr has directed staff to maintain pressure on the property owner and receiver as both cases move forward. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Walnuts topped the list of high-grossing agricultural products in 2024, bringing in more than \$150 million. Butte County has released its annual Crop and Livestock Report, which shows an overall increase in crop values from 2023. The total amount brought in was \$589,065,628, a leap of more than \$15 million from the previous year, though still lower than the recent 10-year average. Upon releasing the report, Agricultural Commissioner Katharine Quist (who is from Gridley by the way) issued a statement thanking those who produced the report at her direction. This has been Quist's first report since following the retirement of Louis Mendoza. She issued a preface to the report that included "I wish to extend my appreciation to the many producers,

processors and agencies, both private and governmental, who assist with this report by providing us with specific information pertaining to their business," Quist said. "I would also like to thank the staff of the Butte County Agriculture Department for compiling this report." For the record I am somehow related to the Quist woman but my positive coverage of her many professional successes is completely unbiased. From her report we read the top five crops in 2024, in terms of total revenue, consisted of the following: Walnuts: \$150,264,360, Almonds: \$122,569,200, Rice: \$118,218,390, Prunes: \$35,987,600, Nursery tree Stock: \$18,220,106 (Thank the late and great Bill Stuke). In terms of acreage, walnuts and almonds take up the most space with the former covering 51,390 acres of Butte County land and the latter covering 34,920 acres. The next highest number is prunes at merely 6,543. Walnuts saw the largest jump in value, almost doubling from 2023's \$85,451,960. This has not stopped the walnut farmers from complaining and/or going bankrupt and tearing out their orchards.

(I have a hard time figuring out walnuts). At the same time almonds saw an increase from \$90,768,000 to \$122,569,200. Rice, also saw a decline from \$163,411,650 in 2023 to \$118,218,390 in 2024, though it remained the top-grossing product among planted crops. I attribute the stability in the next category to former County Supervisor Steve Lambert for the trend of Livestock numbers with very little year over year change, with the total value rising from \$15,247,500 to \$15,570,000. Cattle and calves made up the majority of livestock sales at \$13,870,000 (of which Lambert probably covered \$8 million of - either directly or through his friends and family) followed by sheep at \$450,000. I cannot think of a single dairy other than the Langerwerfs in Durham - but report claims milk went down slightly from \$1,324,646 to \$1,258,414. Maybe they count goat milk? Is Gridley still the Kiwi Capital of the U.S.? Do we measure and report kiwi growth?

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

Honor Your Lost Loved Ones This Dia de los Muertos



On Nov. 2, an evening of color, remembrance and celebration will commence, augmented by music, dancing, food and activities. Courtesy photo

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley community welcomes back the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration for its fifth consecutive year.

On Nov. 2, an evening of color, remembrance and celebration will commence, augmented by music, dancing, food and activities.

On Dia de los Muertos, a traditional Mexican holiday, families gather to pay respects to their deceased loved ones, putting their image up on an offerenda, or small altar dedicated to the deceased, leaving

flowers, meaningful items and/or foods.

Many people dress in skeletal garb and paint their faces to look like skulls, which is referred to as "Catrina" style dressing, also done to honor the deceased and pay homage to them during the holiday.

The community is invited to come out and participate in this event. An offerenda will be set up at the Daddow Park Gazebo for those that would like to put up a photo of their loved one. In addition, dancers will entertain, including groups from Barefoot Dance Co.

in Gridley. Children and adults are encouraged to wear Catrina costume and participate in a Catrina Costume Contest that will be held at the event.

Angel Calderone, one of the original organizers that brought the festival to the community, says that all are invited and the Gridley Dia de los Muertos celebration hopes to bridge cultural divides within the community, while fostering support for those who have suffered loss.

The festival will be held in Daddow Park in downtown Gridley, Sunday Nov. 2, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. ★

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'Friends of the Poor Walk' Supports Local Families

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For the last nine years, the volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) food closet in Gridley have helped community members with food and financial assistance. Saturday, Oct. 18, volunteers and friends gathered for a walk through Gridley to bring awareness to families experiencing food insecurity.

Participants in the "Friends of the Poor Walk" gathered to register, enjoy refreshments and donate food and cash to the St. Vincent de Paul closet. Then, holding a banner and signs, they walked from the food closet at 1561 Hazel Street to downtown Gridley and back. The beautiful morning added to the good feeling in the group.

Sara Marquez, president of the local St. Vincent de Paul conference, explained

that the organization is affiliated with the Catholic Church, but functions autonomously. All donations help families in Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak.

Marquez said that the underlying message in the Bible is to help the poor, but that it can be difficult to know how to do that. Nine years ago, the local priest suggested interested members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church affiliate with St. Vincent de Paul in their efforts to reach out to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul is an international non-profit organization focused on assisting families with rent, utilities, food, clothing, medical needs, disaster assistance, budgeting and more.

The food closet is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am. The hotline for emergency needs is 530-588-9777. ★



Participants in St. Vincent de Paul's "Friends of the Poor Walk" encourage awareness of food insecurity in the community. Front row, from left, are Eliza, Amanda, and Emma Marquez, Dan Bozzo, Bernadette Valenzuela, Cathy Smith. Back row from left, Mike Dahl, Melva Mota, Robert Miller, Maria Sanchez, James Valenzuela, Donna Earley, Cathy Slota, Mary Ellen Hart, Sara Marquez, Geny Montero, and Mary Lou Fischer. Photo by Cindy Scott

Harvest Festival Brings Fall Fun to Christian Life Assembly

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival at Christian Life Assembly gathers community members to celebrate the fall season.

Activities will include a costume contest with prizes, family-friendly games, arts and crafts, free food and more. All are invited—bring the whole family, friends and neighbors.

The festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Christian Life Assembly. The church is located at 1526 Humble Avenue off East Gridley Road in Gridley. ★



Everyone is invited to Christian Life Assembly's annual Harvest Festival. Seen here at the 2024 festival are from left, Emma and Kayla Poole and Sue and Chris Davis. Photo by Debbie Melton

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A retiree's guide for National Retirement Security Month

If you're retired, it's easy to let your finances go on autopilot. Since October is National Retirement Security Month, it's a good time to revisit some areas that can impact your long-term financial security and help your money last a lifetime.

Consider these suggestions:

- Manage your withdrawal rate. You'll likely need to tap into your retirement accounts — your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But think carefully about how much income you withdraw every year. If you take out too much, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You have the option of withdrawing from these accounts at age 59½. Once you turn 73, you'll be required to take out at least a certain amount each year based on your age and account balance.
- Estimate health care costs. When you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan, both of which will require premium payments. You'll probably also incur a variety of other unreimbursed expenses for doctor visit copays or deductibles, prescription drugs and vision, hearing and dental care. Additionally, about 70% of adults ages 65 and older will need some form of long-term support, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. This may include a paid home health aide (average cost of \$77,792 per year), an assisted living residence (average cost of \$70,500 per year) or nursing home care (private room average cost of \$127,750 per year). (Cost estimates are from Genworth 2024 Cost of Care Survey.) Over the course of your retirement, these can add up, so be realistic when budgeting for health care

expenses in retirement.

- Consider when to take Social Security. You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks at age 62, but your payments will generally be larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age of 66 or 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) If you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may well be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.
- Avoid investing too conservatively. Once you're retired, you might think you should take as few chances with your investments as possible — after all, you have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to consider keeping a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.
- Keep your generosity in check. If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do what you can to assist them. However, the hard truth is that they have more time than you to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford — but try not to go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family as well.

Retirement is ideally an enjoyable time in your life, especially if you feel financially stable. So, take time to check in periodically to keep that stability on track.

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Live Oak Daycare Worker Arrested

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Live Oak resident following a report of sexual abuse involving a child at a licensed day care facility.

On Oct. 13, the Sheriff's Office received a report of suspected child sexual abuse at Kruse Oralia Family Child Care Home, a state-licensed facility located in Live Oak. Detectives from the Sutter County Sheriff's Investigations Unit immediately launched an investigation and conducted forensic interviews (MDIs).

During the investigation, detectives received reports alleging that Steven Kruse, an employee of the day care, sexually abused multiple children while they were in his care. After additional investigation, Kruse was arrested and booked on multiple felony charges, including oral copulation or sexual penetration with a child under 10, lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime.

The Sheriff's Office has notified the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, which has opened an administrative investigation into the facility.

The Sutter County District Attorney's Office has also been notified.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information related to this case or other potential victims is urged to contact Detective Rhiley Harrison or Sergeant Ernesto Chavez at the Sutter County Sheriff's Office by calling 530-822-7307.

63-year-old Kruse of Live Oak has been in Sutter County Sheriff's custody since Oct. 14. Kruse was officially booked into our system on Oct. 15. This is due to him being placed in a holding cell, prior to being officially booked into a housing unit. His booking information will not appear for public use until he is successfully booked into a housing unit. Kruse's information is now available on our website at suttersheriff.org under "Incarcerated Persons."

The City of Live Oak has issued a revocation of business license to Kruse's Playhouse Daycare business, effective immediately.

This action was taken in accordance with the city of Live Oak Municipal Code, Section 5.36.030 Suspension or Revocation, and Section 5.08.080 Other Agency Review, specifically related to relevant, active issues under police consideration and for the general safeguard of the public. ★

Sacred Heart Harvest Festival Returns!



The gentlemen of the Sacred Heart Parish and Knights of Columbus work together to pull items out of storage and get them ready for the Harvest Festival, like the "country store" table they stand in front of. These men spent hours repainting and re-numbering the squares for gamers at the Nov. 1 festival. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As November approaches and fall sets in heavily, the Gridley area is being treated to the return of many community events that were impacted by the year 2020 and the issues it brought with it. Saturday, Nov. 1 marks the return of the Sacred Heart Parish Harvest Festival, and the parish is making sure it will be one to remember.

Members of the parish, including the Knights of Columbus, have been putting in many volunteer hours pulling pieces of the festival from the storage vaults to freshen up, setting plans in motion and get the word out as the event approaches.

The returning festival will be held in the newly remolded and reopened Veterans Memorial Hall that stands proudly at 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. Entry to the festival is free and the community is invited to come out for an evening of family-friendly games, entertainment and food.

There will be a charge for guests planning to partake of the prime rib dinner

and Mexican food, but again, entry to the event is free of charge. Participation in some of the games, such as the "Hope Chest" drawing, "Country Store", and "Cake Walk" contests do require the purchase of tickets, but at a significantly lower cost than the meals.

Tickets for the prime rib dinner can be pre-purchased from the parish or at the door for \$30/adult and \$15/children under 10 years of age. In addition to the meal's, beer, wine and soda will be available for patrons' enjoyment.

Games and entertainment at the event should satisfy all ages. Guest can purchase inexpensive tickets for about \$1.00 to participate in the raffles and a chance to win either a bag of groceries from the "Country Store" or a delectable treat from the "Cake Walk". When it comes to the "Hope Chest" drawing, ticket prices may be higher due to higher-value items that people may "really-hope-to-win" will be.

Tickets are available for purchase after parish masses in Gridley and Live Oak, or at the Parish Office at 1560 Hazel St., Gridley. ★

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pointed out that in order for the full council to be part of these discussions, they would have to be held as public meetings.

Residents and other councilmembers can submit questions to be discussed in the ad hoc meetings, so Councilmember Hernandez said the committee acts as direct line for citizens. She agreed it would be too time-consuming for staff of the city, police and fire to hold public meetings for every discussion.

Woten nominated Pamma and Santana to serve on the ad hoc committee. Santana voted no and declined to serve, citing concerns about lack of transparency.

Pamma said, "What better way to ensure full transparency than to sit on the ad hoc committee?"

The initial motion was withdrawn, and a new motion nominated Pamma and Hernandez to the ad hoc committee, which was approved 4-1, with Santana dissenting.

In a further effort to address the budget issues, City Manager Moody brought back a recommendation to temporarily reduce the city's development impact fees by 50% to encourage development. Short term, the change would reduce the amount of fees collected, but new development brings new residents, which brings more long-term property tax and sales tax revenue to the city.

Moody said the city's current development impact fee for a single-family home is \$32,000, which was set in 2011 and has not increased over time to keep up with inflation. The rate is about 54% below the typical cost in the region of around \$50,000 per home. Decreasing the fee to \$16,174 per home could spur immediate development in the city, but then planned increases of 10% over the next six years would gradually bring the fee in line with the rate of inflation.

The change would also include a variable timing for fee collection, from permit issuance to certification of occupancy. If approved, the changes would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2026.

During public comments, a local developer said cutting fees incentivizes development in rural areas where margins are tighter. He said, "I think it will work here," and he looks forward to doing business in the city.



Another resident worried that if the city locks in a low fee level, the state could enact new regulations restricting how much they can increase fees. But Moody said there will be review of the fees over the next few years anyway, and legally the fees just need to match the actual impact on the city for infrastructure and services.

Councilmember Santana wondered if the reduction would actually increase development, or if it would put the city at risk of losing money.

Vice Mayor Pamma said the city has already seen this work, when the Garden Glen developers requested similar fee levels back in 2019. Pamma said the city needs the sustainability of new residents and new revenue. He added that the wastewater treatment plant has the capacity for many more homes than it currently serves.

"We have room to grow," Pamma said. "Let's try to spur something here to help our local economy."

Hernandez said, "If we do nothing, we're going to get nothing."

Mayor Chapdelaine said, "These struggles, we knew they were coming," and addressing them is "going to take a multipronged approach."

The council voted unanimously to approve the updates to the development impact fees.

Finally, City Manager Moody recommended establishing a job classification for a Community and Economic Development Director and requested approval of \$125,000 for this permanent full-time position.

Moody said this role is critical but is currently filled through a consultant contract that costs the city \$264,000 annually. Shifting this work to an in-house staff position will increase efficiency, provide focused advocacy, and save the city money. With this position and the part-time assistant planner and code enforcement officers previously

approved, Moody said the city can terminate their consultant contract, for a total savings of \$55,000 per year through this restructuring.

Councilmember Santana said she didn't understand why the city would spend \$125,000 to hire a new position when they can't afford their police and fire contracts. She suggested a hiring freeze until after the police and fire contracts have been settled.

Moody said, "The city is multimillion dollar business. We have obligations and services that have to be provided. It's not all or nothing."

Santana continued to express confusion and objected to the new position. Moody explained again that the city already pays a consultant, so shifting to in-house staff provides a cost savings.

Hernandez said it would be a huge benefit to move away from contract costs — and the new position would provide a focus on economic development, which has been a council priority.

Mayor Chapdelaine said, "These consultant contracts have been draining the city for years now," and hiring actual city employees "will be a cost savings."

Woten said, "We're not shutting down the city. So, we've still got to maintain and do all the things we're responsible for doing."

Pamma said, "We're getting rid of consultants who charge an arm and a leg, to bring someone in-house who's 100% devoted to this town." He asked staff to create a chart for public release to ensure residents understand the benefit of this position and the associated cost savings.

The council voted 4-1 to approve the new position, with Santana dissenting.

Mayor Chapdelaine added that the city is dedicated to working with their county partners to continue fire and police services.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Oct. 29. ★

Oroville Announces Funding for New Public Mural and Mural Restorations

City of Oroville News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Oroville is inviting local artists to help shape the city's visual landscape through new funding available for public art projects. The Oroville Arts Commission has released a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) through the Arts in Public Places Oroville Beautification Program, providing up to \$40,000 per project for the creation, installation and restoration of murals within city limits.

As part of this initiative, the city is seeking proposals for a new public mural at Hewitt Park, designed to celebrate Oroville's natural environment and rich history. The goal is that the new three-panel mural will highlight themes of trains and mining, recognizing the industries that helped shape the community. Artists are invited to apply for this mural opportunity, designed to offer residents and visitors an engaging public art experience and a new destination for photo opportunities.

In addition to the new installation at Hewitt Park, the program also supports mural restoration projects for already-existing works around the city. This may include plaster repair, as well as hiring a contracted mural restoration specialist.

The Arts in Public Places Oroville Beautification Program was established in 2013 to support public art projects that enhance Oroville's cultural identity and community spaces.

"The Arts Commission's beautification program is about more than art — it's about community pride," said Patrick Piatt, community development director. "Public art connects people to place, celebrates our shared history, and helps ensure Oroville's story continues to be told in vibrant color."

Applications for funding are open through 12 p.m. on Nov. 28 and are available on the city's website at orovilleca.gov. Artists and restoration professionals with a passion for storytelling through art are encouraged to apply. ★

Gridley Police Report



September 27, 2025 - October 10, 2025

- Sept. 27:** At 2:25 a.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, Andrea Saucedopio, 20 was arrested on suspicion of Driving w/license suspended – DUI (14601.2(a) VC) and Minor w/bac .01 or More (23136(a) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Sept. 30:** At 10:54 p.m. on Norman Street and Washington Street, Gridley, Paul Michael Branch, Jr, 57, was arrested for suspicion of Obstruct/resist/etc. Public/peace officer/emergency Med Tech – All Other Offenses (M) (148(a)(1) PC), Possessing a Controlled Substance (M) (11377(a) HS), Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a)), an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Oct. 2:** At 10:35 p.m. on Randolph Avenue and Sycamore Street, Gridley, Christina Mae Powell, 51, was arrested on suspicion of Possessing a controlled Substance for sale (F) (11378 HS), Possessing Cntl Sub W/2 or More Priors (11395(b)(1) HS) Give False ID to Police Officer – All Other Offenses (M) (148.9(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Oct. 6:** At 7:26 p.m. on Spruce Street and Vermont Street, Gridley, Joseph Jacob Martinez III, 34, was arrested on suspicion of Probation violation: rearrest/revoke (M) (1203.2(a) PC), Restricted driver operate vehicle w/o interlock device (M) (23247(e) VC), Drive w/license suspended – DUI (14601.2(a) VC), Possess narcotic controlled substance (M) (11350(a) HS), Possess unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and Expired registration (4000(a)(1) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Oct. 9:** At 6:11 p.m. on the 10 block of East Gridley Road, Gridley, Kameko Gabrielle Mejia Jr, 32, was arrested on suspicion of Battery on person – simple (M) (242 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Oct 10:** At 12:47 a.m. on the 4100 block of Fourth Street, Biggs, Jeffery Dale Stone II, 23, was arrested on suspicion of Battery: Spouse/ex Spouse/date/etc – Aggravated (M) (243(e)(1) PC) and Disorderly Conduct: alcohol (M) (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Organic Seal Helps Boost 'Phenomenal' date Market

Fresh California dates hit grocery store shelves last month after harvest for Medjool dates, the state's top variety, began in the Coachella Valley in early September. Growers and marketers say demand is high for the fruit, especially among health-conscious consumers. "Dates are on fire," said Amanda Sains, vice president of marketing at Joolies, a date company based in the Coachella Valley. "They are doing phenomenal right now." An added selling point for many California dates is that they're grown using organic farming methods. About 78% of dates grown in Riverside County, which dominates U.S. date production, are certified organic. Growers say multiple factors, including market forces and the nature of date production, encouraged them to grow the fruit organically. "It's not a fad," Riverside County farmer Albert Keck said. "It's a major part of the industry now."

Almond Prices Rise as Crop Yields Lag Behind Forecast

California almond growers were largely skeptical when the U.S. Department of Agriculture in July forecast a 3-billion-pound crop in its "objective measurement" report. The high crop forecast caused almond prices to drop nearly 20% overnight, erasing roughly a billion dollars from the total crop value and eliminating the profit margin for many farmers. Now, well into harvest, prices have recovered as growers and handlers report smaller crop yields. "Now that we're processing, prices have already

returned to pre-estimate levels because the crop is nowhere near 3 billion pounds," Stanislaus County almond grower and huller Paul Vermeulen told Ag Alert® in a field report. Ryan Indart, who grows almonds in Fresno County, gave a similar assessment in a recent field report. "Now that harvest started, everybody has realized, including the buyer market, that the objective estimate was woefully inaccurate," Indart said. "Prices are coming back up, which is good."

California Researchers Work to Breed Better Beans

At the annual Dry Bean Field Day in August, University of California, Davis, researchers described advancements in breeding and upcoming consumer testing to determine preferences for lima, black-eyed and garbanzo beans. "This event is a chance to get the growers' thoughts on some of the next varietal candidates likely to come out of the breeding programs," said Christine Diepenbrock, a UC Davis assistant professor of plant sciences and an organizer of the field day. Colusa County farmer Jim Wallace said the university's bean breeding program has created "every important variety that we're producing in California today." Wallace added that newer varieties have not only improved flavor but have also increased yields. "But when you go all the way back to my father's farm, he'd get 15 to 18 bags of limas, and that was acceptable," he said. "Today, we're producing high 20s and low 30s." ★

Local Family Rocked by Diagnosis Needs Your Help

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preparation and tractor operation, to harvest logistics and off-season equipment maintenance. Adrienne Owen co-owns a tax services business and neither Clint nor Adrienne Owen are no strangers to long hours and seasonal demands. They are resilient, industrious and deeply rooted in their community — but this is a season no amount of grit could have prepared them for.

Clint Owen needs to heal so he can once again hunt with his sons and be the strong, steady father every daughter deserves. Adrienne needs to return to her work and the

community service she's known for — whether it's leading the Boosters Club, organizing team dinners for her son's football team or volunteering at the Little League snack bar. Above all, they both want to be present, engaged parents for their children that they have always been.

While they are surrounded by a large and loving family ready to offer emotional support, the financial resources required for the year ahead are simply beyond reach.

According to the family, Clint Owen has begun his first treatment cycle, with Chemo every 12 hours until doctors are satisfied.

He is set to undergo eight cycles of chemotherapy before undergoing a bone marrow transplant.

The community and their friends have rallied, starting small fundraising opportunities after receiving the news.

A Go-Fund-Me account has been set up to support these young parents and their family during this time. To donate, visit Gofundme.com and "Help Clint and Adrienne Through This Battle of Lukemia". Other ways to donate directly include Venmo: @AdrienneOwen-4 and Zelle: adrienne_owen16@yahoo.com. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the preseason is behind us, and there is one difference between last year's results and this year. Thanks to a stirring 117-116 win over the Los Angeles Lakers Friday night the Kings will enter the regular season on a winning note.

Fans will remember that one year ago with Mike Brown at the helm, the Kings ran through the preseason without a single win and finished the first 20 games of the regular season with a sorry win/loss record. That tepid beginning would be a catalyst that would eventually lead to the dismissal of coach Brown and bring on Doug Christie as the interim head coach.

Now one win certainly doesn't portend a definite turnaround, but winning never hurts, and what came out of the win over L.A. was very telling.

After a less than stellar beginning for newly acquired point guard Dennis Schroder, the much-traveled guard broke out of a scoring slump with a rousing 25 points to lead all scorers on the Kings team. Moreover, Schroder looked like the veteran NBA point guard he is, and was impressive the way he managed the game and distributed the ball.

Certainly, it's a huge relief for Doug Christie in light of losing forward Keegan Murray for probably the next 6 weeks, and Domantas Sabonis pulling a hamstring that will limit his action entering the upcoming season.

Fortunately, the injury to Sabonis does not appear to be severe, so there is optimism that he will be back sooner rather than later.

The prevailing question going into the Laker game was who will fill the vacated minutes of Keegan Murray, and can the Kings find any kind of a flow as it relates to their offensive schemes? Although the Kings competed from start to finish, that question wasn't completely answered in the one-point win over the hometown Lakers, but we at least got a glimpse of what might be going through the coaches mind.

Isaac Jones finally got some quality minutes logging 23, and played solidly with 10 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists off the bench.

Dario Saric added 10 points of his own and 6 rebounds. Dario played 25 minutes

and while not sterling, was solid on both ends of the floor.

Keon Ellis returned to form with a stirring 20 points in 26 minutes of action, and it appears likely that these 3 players will be called upon to fill in for the largest portion of minutes replacing Keegan Murray.

The key question is whether Doug Christie can turn the injury to Keegan Murray into something positive, and that would be using these minutes wisely to bring on players that have the most to give.

I continue to be an advocate of Isaac Jones, largely because he has never been given enough court time to see his full repertoire, and given his size and length, Isaac is difficult for opposing teams to guard around the rim. He is particularly adept at finishing lobs and has a soft touch in the low post.

Dario Saric has been around longer, and I think the Kings know what they can expect from him, but let's use this time wisely to find out who else we have that can be a key contributor.

Another bright spot was the play of 2nd round draft choice Max Raynaud, who added 9 points and 2 boards in only 16 minutes, and is appearing to be more and more comfortable with every game.

Not be overlooked is the stellar play of Nique Clifford who has become the bastion of consistency. Nique played 33 minutes giving the Kings a much needed 13 points, 5 boards, and 7 big assists. Clifford has played the preseason as a standout on both ends of the floor and is giving everyone notice that this rookie is NBA ready.

Can Kings fans get excited with only one win to show for their preseason endeavors? You bet they can!

Friday night's game was a win over a quality team led by svelte Luca Doncic, and it was accomplished with Sabonis, Murray, and Malik Monk on the sidelines!

Don't underestimate the contribution that this future hall-of-famer, Russell Westbrook, has to offer, and if he can fit in with his new teammates, Westbrook could be the unforeseen x-factor that the Kings so badly need.

All the best!

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

Still No Progress After Newsom's Housing Pledge



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Eight years ago, as he began his campaign for governor, Gavin Newsom described fixing the state's chronic housing shortage as a moral imperative.

"This is a question of who we are," Newsom wrote in 2017. "Housing is a fundamental human need — let's not forget the human face behind the dire statistics.

"Housing instability can cause genuine mental and physical adversity," he added, "and lead to insufferable decisions: no one should have to choose between paying rent or buying groceries. Knowing that too many Californians face this kind of anxiety breaks my heart."

Newsom pledged that as governor he would lead the effort to develop 3.5 million new housing units by 2025, "because our solutions must be as bold as the problem is big.

"I realize building 3.5 million new housing units is an audacious goal," Newsom continued, "but it's achievable. There is no silver bullet to solve this crisis. We need to attack the problem on multiple fronts by generating more funding for affordable housing, implementing regulatory reform and creating new financial incentives for local jurisdictions that produce housing while penalizing those that fall short."

The 3.5 million-unit goal

was never anywhere near realistic. It would have required increasing construction from about 100,000 units a year when he made the pledge to more than 400,000, doubling peak production in this century.

That said, Newsom has over the almost seven years of his governorship, pretty much, done what he said he'd do to increase housing. He has signed multiple bills meant to speed up housing permits by eliminating state and local legal impediments, capped by two major measures this year.

Newsom signed Assembly Bill 130, which makes it more difficult to use the California Environmental Quality Act as a tool to block housing projects, and Senate Bill 79, which overrides local government land use authority to authorize multi-family, multi-story housing projects near transit stops.

Meanwhile Newsom's Department of Housing and Community Development has set statewide goals of 180,000 new units a year and 2.5 million units over eight years. It also imposed ambitious quotas on local governments to designate land for residential development and cracked down on communities that impede multi-family projects for low- and moderate-income families.

The latter effort responds to the most acute aspect of California's shortage — housing the nearly 35% of Californians who are living in poverty or near-poverty, mostly due to housing costs that are among the nation's highest.

With the enactment of AB 130 and SB 79, the looming conclusion of Newsom's governorship and the

likelihood that he will run for president, it's time to appraise results.

Has the production of housing in California substantially increased? Unfortunately, no.

At the time Newsom made his pledge, about 100,000 units were being built each year, with the net increase substantially lower due to losses by fire or destruction. Eight years later, it's virtually unchanged, no matter which authority one consults.

The Census Bureau reports that between 2019, when Newsom took office, and 2024 new housing permits in California ranged from a high of 120,780 units in 2022 to a low of 101,546 last year. Newsom's own budget agrees with the Census Bureau's data for the same period and projects future construction through 2028 at 100,000 to 104,000 units a year.

Clearly, even though systemic barriers to housing construction have been eased, many developers have been unable to see housing in California as a good investment. The COVID-19 pandemic, which had massive economic impacts, and increases in interest rates to battle inflation also have had an effect.

Housing is far more complicated than Newsom depicted it when he made his promises. He gets a 'B' for effort — and an 'F' for results.

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. ★

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: October 24, 2025
To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: Butte County General Services
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

This is to advise that pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), §§ 15070 and 15071, Butte County, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared this Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project described below.

Project Name: Gridley Behavioral Health Services Facility Project

Lead Agency Name and Address:

Shawn Rohrbacker, Project Manager
 Butte County General Services
 County of Butte
 2081 Second Street
 Oroville, CA 95965

Project Location: The project is located at 185 Sycamore Street, in the City of Gridley (City), California. The project area totals approximately 2.62 acres on 4 parcels (APNs 010-170-001, 010-170-019, 010-170-003, and 010-170-020).

Project Description: The project proposes to combine 4 existing parcels into 2 and construct a one-story, 10,100 square foot Behavioral Health Center (BHC) in an open space turf area. The BHC would provide a range of behavioral health services to low-to-moderate income individuals and families in the area, providing facility space for individual counseling offices, and large meeting rooms for group therapy and staff training. The project would also renovate the existing parking areas on the west and south sides of the existing buildings, upgrade landscaping, and construct a solid 6-foot wall along the property lines where parking abuts residential uses.

Based upon the conclusions set forth in the Initial Study, Butte County proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project site is located adjacent to a National Register Eligible resource and therefore does not qualify for a categorical exemption from CEQA.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence on October 24, 2025, for interested parties and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments must be mailed, submitted in person or via email to the contact person below no later than November 24, 2025.

No public hearing will be held for the proposed project.

CEQA Project Status: An Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The IS/MND determined that the proposed project would have no significant impact and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed. The Draft IS/MND and all related analyses are available on the County's website at: <https://buttevotes.net/259/Public-Notices-CEQA-Filings>

A physical copy of the Draft IS/MND will also be available for in person review at the address shown below.

Contact Person: Shawn Rohrbacker, Project Manager
Address: Butte County General Services, 2081 Second Street, Oroville, CA 95965
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The Gridley Herald 10-24-2025



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Why does my tummy rumble when I'm hungry?

- Jules 5, Maine

Dear Jules,

Sometimes my stomach growls so loudly that other people can hear it. It's pretty awkward in meetings.

I asked my friend Ed Johnson why that happens. He teaches classes about the human body in the School of Biological Sciences at Washington State University.

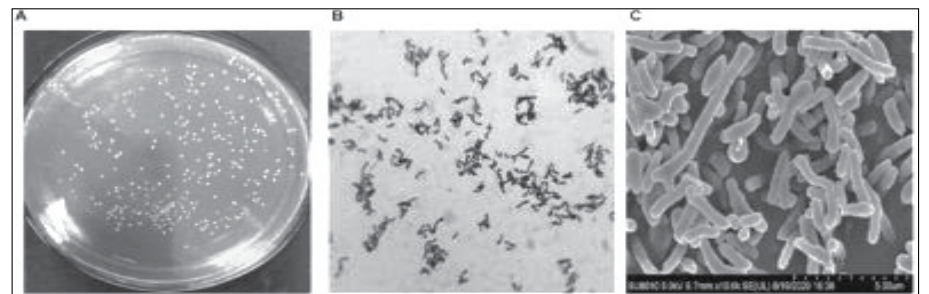
He told me the rumbling noise happens because of what's going on inside your gut.

"The sounds you hear are the fluid and gas

Your digestive tract moves so much that you have a whole section of your nervous system dedicated to controlling that movement. Johnson told me there are about half a million nerve cells doing that job—about the same number you have in your spinal cord.

As the fluid and gas move around, they make a grumbling noise. But why does it happen when you're peckish?

When your stomach is empty, your body releases the hormone ghrelin. It's a chemical



This is bacteria called *Bifidobacterium longum*. It lives in the digestive tract and helps digest sugars from plants and human milk. It's the most abundant bacteria in the guts of babies. Photo: Li Zhao et al. CC BY 4.0

that's in your digestive tract moving around," Johnson said.

The digestive system cycles through a lot of fluid—about 9 liters every single day. That's the same as four-and-a-half 2-liter soda bottles.

Some of that liquid comes from the water you drink. Some is gastric juice made by specialized cells in your stomach's lining.

There's a lot of gas in there, too. It's made by friendly bacteria that live in your gut. They help you break down food and make vitamins. As they do that work, they release gas—up to 1.5 liters each day.

All that fluid and gas doesn't just sit there. There's a thick layer of smooth muscle in your digestive tract that moves them along and stirs them around.

"The muscle squeezes down on the contents to push it along," Johnson said. "It's an action like you're milking a cow, squeezing and pushing the food through. And it also makes a mixing motion to move digested nutrients around so they can reach the lining and be absorbed."

messenger. It signals your brain to give you the hungry feeling. It also tells your digestive tract to get ready for food.

Your digestive system responds by cranking up the squeezing, pushing, mixing motions—because it expects food to show up soon.

When all that liquidy-, gas-y movement happens to an empty stomach, the rumbling sounds are louder. There's nothing in there to muffle the noise. So, you—and maybe the people around you—can hear a big, resounding growl from your guts.

Scientists call that sound "borborygmus." The term comes from an ancient Greek word made to mimic the sound.

I guess people have been wondering about that rumbling sound for a long time. They had no idea it involves a whole ecosystem inside your tummy—and a complex messaging network that links your brain to your gut.

It's honestly a lot to digest.

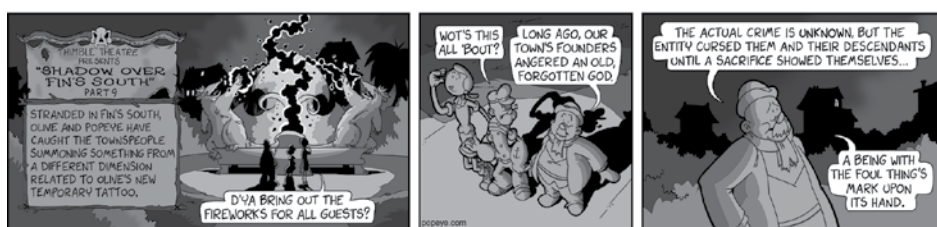
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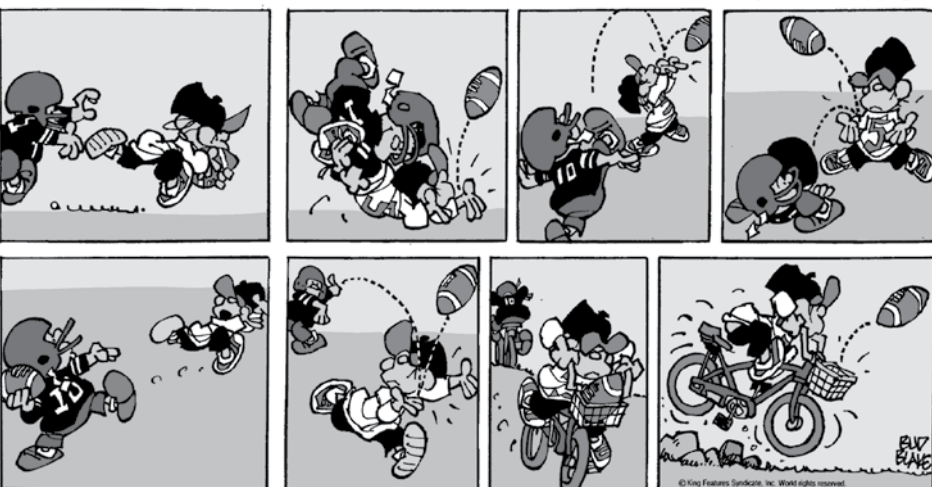
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000642
The following person(s) are doing business as: Small Town Auto Repair, 822 Washington Street, Gridley, CA 95948 Isidro Gonzalez, 822 Washington Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: August 29, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000727
The following person(s) are doing business as: Back Roads Bee, 1549 Hemlock Street, Chico, CA 95928 Nall, Kristy Lynn, 1549 Hemlock Street, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: October 6, 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: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025 BACK 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000709
The following person(s) are doing business as: Treat Your Shelf Bookshop, 7057 Hewitt Avenue, Palermo, CA 95968 Starlene K Pessnell, 7057 Hewitt Avenue, Palermo, CA 95968

Date filed in Butte County:

September 26, 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: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025 TREAT 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000650
The following person(s) are doing business as: Pacific Business Solutions, 3028 Esplanade, Suite J, Chico, CA 95973 Sajadi Inc., PO Box 1606, Chico, CA 95927

Date filed in Butte County: September 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 2, 2018

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: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025 PACIFIC 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000750
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Bathroom Cleaning, 2019 Forest Avenue Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928

Cha Lee, 1590 High Street Apt A, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: October 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: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025 OROVILLE 11-14-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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: Liccette Valetine Montgomery to Liccette 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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV03515

Petitioner Citally Silvas Esquivel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brian Cruz-Esquivel to Brian Cruz-Silvas.

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 12, 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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV03596

Petitioner Megan Leslie Diemart filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Megan Leslie Diemart to Meg Leslie Porter.

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 12, 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 23, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31 Nov 7, 2025 DIEMART 11-7-25

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1017171-CL Order No.: FIN-25007093 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/10/2004. 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 state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Nicole M Riddles Recorded: 6/21/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0037355 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of BUTTE County, California; Date of Sale: 11/12/2025 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance of the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$112,944.59 The purported property address is: 905 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, GRIDLEY, CA 95948-2206 Assessor's Parcel No.: 010-221-014 Legal Description: Please be advised that the legal description set forth on the Deed of Trust is in error. The legal description of the property secured by the Deed of Trust is more properly set forth and made part of Exhibit "A" as attached hereto. The Easterly 110 feet, with lines parallel to lot lines, of the North half of Block 2, as shown on that certain map entitled, "Map of Serviss Subdivision No. 1, adjoining the City of Gridley, Butte County, California being a portion of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 31, TWP 18 N., R. 3 E., M.D.B. & M.", which map was recorded in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Butte, State of California, on April 8, 1924,

in Book 9 of Maps, at Page(s) 32. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1017171-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 619-645-7711, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1017171-CL 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. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS: For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1017171-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged

through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1017171-CL IDSPub #0250469 10/10/2025 10/17/2025 10/24/2025 GRIDLEY HERALD 10-24-25

T.S. No.: 25-14339-100 File # LTTSG2500051 Loan No.: ***7661 Notice of Trustee's sale Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (hereinafter referred to as "Deed of Trust") You are in default under a deed of trust dated 5/14/2018. 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. Original Trustor(s): Retail Site Specialists, LLC, a California limited liability company and Celtic Properties, a California general partnership Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 6/8/2018, as Instrument No. 2018-0019553 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California Date of Sale: 11/3/2025 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: On the steps of the County Courthouse, Number 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$2,721,579.92 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1583 State Highway 99, Gridley, Ca Legal Description: The land referred to herein below is situated in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California and is described as follows: All that certain real property described as a portion of lots 23 and 24, as shown on that certain map entitled, "Norman Tract", which map was recorded in the office of the recorder of the county of Butte, State of California, on April 11, 1908, in book 6 of maps, at page(s) 20, lying in the northeast quarter of section 1, township 17 north, range 2 east, M.D.B. & M., being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said lot 23, said corner being located on the south right-of-way line of Magnolia Street, 33.00 feet southerly of centerline, according to said map, said corner being the true point of beginning for the herein described parcel of land; thence south 00 deg. 17' 49" east, along the west line of said lot 23, 255.00 feet, to a one-half inch rebar tagged L.S. 4208; thence north 89 deg. 24' 35" east, 223.14 feet, to a point on the west line of that certain lot 23, 255.00 feet, to a one-half inch rebar tagged L.S. 4208; thence north 00 deg. 17' 49" west, along the west line of said strip, 250.67 feet, to a point on the south-westerly boundary of that parcel of land described in deed to the State of California, recorded August 17, 1973, in book 1856, page 607, official records, said point being on a non-tangent curve concave to the southwest, having a radius of 19.00 feet, a central angle of 39 deg. 27' 36", and a radial line that bears south 38 deg. 52' 11" west; thence northwesterly along said curve an arc distance of 13.09 feet, to a point on the south right of way line of Magnolia Street, from which point the northeast corner of said lot 24 bears north 89 deg. 24' 35" east, 19.10 feet; thence south 89 deg. 24' 35" west, along

the north line of lots 24 and 23, 211.04 feet, to the point of beginning. The above described parcel is pursuant to a boundary line modification approved by the County of Butte, City of Gridley, by deed recorded July 31, 2003, serial No. 2003-50846. Except therefrom that portion of said land conveyed to the State of California, Department of Transportation, as set forth and described in that certain document recorded October 2, 2023 as instrument no. 2023-0026644 of official records. A.P.N.: 010-190-033 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. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. 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. 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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 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14339-100. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, 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. 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Community Calendar

Butte County Libraries

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

Friday, Oct. 24: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, Oct. 25: Teen lock-in: Five nights at the library, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We'll be showing "Five Nights at Freddy's" and serving nachos. Ages 13 to 18 only, register in advance. (G)

Tuesday, Oct. 28: 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. 29: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G) Pumpkin painting, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Available for all ages while supplies last. (G)

Thursday, Oct. 30: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Movie night, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us to see "Poltergeist" and enjoy snacks. Ages 17 and under must be with an adult. (G)

Friday, Oct. 31: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

Saturday, Nov. 1: Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B) Dia de los Muertos Celebration, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us to see the movie "Coco" and paint sugar skull marshmallows. (G)

Continuing through Oct. 31

Book Family Farm Old-Fashioned Pumpkin Patch

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 153 Heavy Horse Lane, Durham. Play on the farm playground, take time just to hang out, enjoy our scarecrow displays, farm animals, hay maze, and of course, pumpkins! Call 530-342-4375 for more information.

Johnson Farm

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays only, at 113 Higgins Ave., Gridley. Enjoy produce grown on our small family farm using sustainable farming methods. Please bring your own take home bags for your produce. For more information, contact johnsonupickfarm@yahoo.com

Harvest Festival at Max's Miracle Ranch

3476 Smith Avenue, Biggs. Max's Miracle Ranch is a working California farmstead, orchard, and entertainment enterprise. Our Foundation has been formed to provide hope and direction to families with special children dealing with heart defects, cancer, and other life-threatening illnesses. Our Pumpkin Patch is one of our fundraising events throughout the year. Stop in and pick your own pumpkins or choose from ones we've already picked for you. Take home some fresh apple cider, ride the train through the orchards and pumpkin patch, go on a hayride, or just enjoy the people and animals at the Ranch. Call 530-354-7168 for hours and more information.

Weekends in October

Autumn Fest – Pumpkin Patch

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Enjoy u-pick pumpkins and sunflowers, tractor rides, music, crafts and more. More information at 530-342-4359.

Friday, Oct. 17 through Sunday, Oct. 19 and Friday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Oct. 26

Haunted House

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Our Midway Café will be open with food, snacks, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Tickets \$12 available online at www.patrick-ranchmuseum.org/events or at the door.

Friday, Oct. 24

Movies in the Park: The Nightmare Before Christmas

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at DeGarmo Park Pavilion, 3428 Esplanade, Chico. Celebrate the season with this spooky-fun movie screening. Wear your costumes and enjoy this Halloween-meets-Christmas classic. Come early to enjoy a costume contest, scavenger hunt, face painting, games, and more. Local food trucks will be serving up tasty eats and drinks, and there will be free movie theater popcorn when the movie starts at dusk. Presented by Chico Area Recreation & Park District (CARD).

Quota of Gridley's 21st Annual Tasting Event

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Memorial Building, 267 Sycamore St. Featuring local wines and beer tastings, homemade root beer and cider, and grazing tables. You'll also enjoy auctions, games, and raffles. \$30 per person, tickets available from any Quotarian or online with the link on Quota's Facebook page.

Saturday, Oct. 25

CLA Trunk or Treat

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christian Life Assembly, 1526 Humble Ave. Want to join the fun? Decorate your car and hand out candy while we all enjoy free food, games, a costume contest and lots of family fun.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat Night for Furry Friends

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northern Star Mills, 510 Esplanade, Chico. Bring the whole family for treats. Remember to dress your pets in their Halloween costumes for our contest. We will take photos of each pet and post the winner on our social media – they'll get a bag of treats and a \$20 off coupon.

Friday, Oct. 31

Trunk or Treat

9 a.m. to noon at the Biggs Elementary School parking lot, 300 B Street, Biggs. Join us for candy, costumes and community fun. Presented by the Biggs Elementary School PAWS. Don't want to bring a trunk, but still want to help? The school is accepting donations of unopened Halloween candy – contact the school directly to donate.

Treat Street

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Chico. Join us for our annual Halloween tradition, bringing families together for a safe and festive celebration. Kids can trick-or-treat at participating businesses, enjoy live music, and take part in fun seasonal activities. Highlights include a costume contest and special photo opportunities with Chico Police and Fire. For more information, call 530-345-6500.

Glow-in-the-Dark Halloween Carnival

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Durham Memorial Hall, 9319 Midway, Durham. This free event is brought to you by the Durham Recreation and Park District. Start your Halloween night with our carnival games, candy, haunted house, face painting, and more. Pizza, drinks and specialty glow sticks will be for sale. For more information, contact recreationcoordinator@durhamrec.com

Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday, Nov. 2

Butte County Kennel Club Dog Show

6 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days, at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. This event is licensed by the American Kennel Club and part of the AKC national owner-handled series. Terriers, Toys, and non-sporting breeds except Dalmatians and Standard Poodles will be judged inside, all others will be judged outside. Humans only; please leave your pets at home. More information available at www.bckennelclub.org

Saturday, Nov. 1

Visit the SMUD Museum of Science & Curiosity

All-day trip, hosted by the City of Gridley Outdoor Equity Program. Enjoy a day filled with fun and creativity while learning about science through fun activities. Free admission, transportation and lunch. Open to all ages – no unaccompanied minors. Spots are limited; sign up at Gridley Recreation's Online Services link at www.gridley.ca.us

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 preserving olives. For more information, contact preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com

Chico Day of the Dead Festival

Noon to 6 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico. Join us for this free all-ages celebration of culture, remembrance, and community. There will be live music and dance performances, plus a community altar, an Impala car show, face painting and more. More information at www.divinesundays.com

Festival Dia de Muertos

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Chico Cemetery, 881 Mangrove Ave., Chico. Let's come together to honor and celebrate this vibrant tradition. This special free community event is open to the entire community and promises to be a day filled with cultural richness, joy, and remembrance. Hosted by Chico Cemetery Association.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Las Catrinas Dia de los Muertos in Gridley

3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nick Daddow Plaza, at Hazel and Virginia Streets, Gridley. On behalf of El Grupo Tradicional Las Catrinas, we invite you to join this free community event that honors our loved ones and is made possible through the generosity of sponsors, partners, and volunteers.

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. 28 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. 28 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, Nov. 3.

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, Nov. 5. 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 Nov. 5.

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, Nov. 12.

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, Oct. 26. 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 Monday, Nov. 10. 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 Monday, Nov. 10. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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

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Gridley Stays in Hunt for Westside League Title After Sweeping Oroville

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs girls volleyball team defeated the Oroville Tigers in straight sets (25-14, 25-8, 25-20) on Oct. 14.

Gridley secured a second-place finish in Westside League play with the victory over Oroville on Tuesday as they are three games ahead of Corning, who has four league losses currently.

The opening set was primarily back-and-forth until the Bulldogs built a margin of seven points and later took the set by double-digits.

Gridley will be playing the remainder of their season with a teammate down due to injury as the roster has shrunk to eight players. Bulldogs head coach Elizabeth Ayon expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it's going to be a challenge moving forward down a player, but has full confidence in her team of accomplishing their season's goal.

Gridley has had great senior leadership over the years and that tradition continues as 2026 setter Isabel Santillan told



Gridley senior middle hitter Yalany Romo (2) high-fives senior opposite hitter Avery Mendenhall (24) after a point on Oct. 14 in the Bulldogs' win over Oroville. Photo by Steven Bryla

YSBC that the Bulldogs will need to continue having the trust in one another on the court like they have throughout the season.

Santillan recorded her 2000th career assist on Oct. 8 in a sweep against Enterprise. Santillan is the only Gridley volleyball player in school history to reach the milestone.

Santillan said the milestone proved her dedication for the sport and the love she has for it, but she couldn't have accomplished it without her

girls. Santillan had 34 assists in the win against the Tigers.

Gridley senior opposite hitter Avery Mendenhall led the Bulldogs with 10 kills, sophomore middle hitter Kambelle Tolman had nine kills and three blocks and sophomore outside hitter Abby Boyan had 12 digs in the win.

Gridley controlled the second set with great energy and both squads competed hard in the final set as it was within a few points until the Bulldogs

pulled away for the sweep.

Santillan expressed to YSBC that for the remaining games in league play, she wants her and her teammates to continue being aggressive on the court and giving it their all on a nightly basis.

Gridley finished up league play this week with Las Plumas and Live Oak as playoffs are scheduled to begin next week.

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Gridley senior setter Isabel Santillan (4) sets a pass in the Bulldogs' sweep against Oroville on Oct. 14. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley senior opposite hitter Avery Mendenhall (24) tips the ball over the net on Oct. 14 in the Bulldogs' victory against Oroville. Photo by Steven Bryla

Butte College Awarded \$5.4 Million in TRIO Student Support Grants

Butte College News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte-Glenn Community College District has received four federal TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grants totaling \$5.4 million to enhance services for students through the 2029-2030 academic year.

The funding from the U.S. Department of Education will support approximately 500 students each year who are low-income, first-generation college students, or have a documented disability.

Two continuing TRIO Student Support Services grants will continue Butte College's longstanding TRIO Student Support Services programs, while two new grants will expand services to students majoring in STEM fields and those attending the Chico and Glenn County centers.

"TRIO changes lives, and these grants allow us to reach even more students with the resources



and guidance they need," said Butte College Superintendent/President Virginia Guleff. "By expanding services to our STEM majors and students at the Chico and Glenn centers, we are ensuring that every student—no matter where they are—has a clear path to success."

Yolanda Salazar-Garcia, grant manager for TRIO Student Support Services, echoed President Guleff's sentiment.

"These grants affirm our commitment to helping every student succeed," Salazar-Garcia said. "By expanding TRIO programs, we're ensuring more students across our district have the support they need to achieve their academic

and career goals."

Current Butte College student and TRIO Student Support Services participant, Darian S., shared, "Being a TRIO student has allowed me to find friends, tour colleges, and find local resources. It's nice having a retention specialist for direction and advice as well as simple reassurance that I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing!"

The TRIO Student Support Services programs provide students with academic coaching, goal setting and progress monitoring, assistance with financial aid applications, scholarships and transfer planning and career preparation.

Of the 500 students served each year, 140 will participate in the Classic SSS program, 100 in the Student Support Services program for students with disabilities, 140 at Butte's Chico and Glenn centers and 120 STEM majors will receive specialized services. ★

Supervisors Greenlight Bi-County Ambulance Contract Negotiations

By Susan Meeker

YUBA-SUTTER CA (MPG) - The Boards of Supervisors for Yuba and Sutter counties have authorized the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency to begin negotiating new contracts with Bi-County Ambulance, the region's exclusive emergency transport provider.

John Poland, executive director of S-SV EMS, appeared at both board meetings on Oct. 14 to present performance data and request formal approval to begin the renewal process. The current exclusive operating area agreements expire Dec. 31, 2026. The proposed contracts would extend services through 2032, preserving Bi-County's role as the sole emergency ambulance provider in both counties.

"There's 58 counties in the state of California; there's only 34 local EMS agencies," Poland said. "Twenty-seven of those are single county and the remaining are multi-county EMS agencies such as ourselves."

S-SV EMS oversees emergency medical services across a 10-county region in Northern California, including Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama.

Bi-County has operated continuously since 1976 and qualifies for non-competitive renewal under the California Health and Safety Code, Poland said. Its exclusive status is based on uninterrupted service and compliance with state EMS

protocols.

Performance data presented by Poland showed Bi-County exceeded minimum ALS deployment requirements by 45 percent on average in 2025. The company currently staffs 25 full-time and 15 part-time paramedics across both counties, maintaining round-the-clock coverage without public subsidies.

Poland reported that Bi-County's EMS personnel wages and benefits are "at or above" industry standards. The company has implemented sign-on and retention bonuses to attract and retain high-quality paramedics and EMTs in the local area.

Despite a base rate of \$3,296 per ALS transport, Bi-County collects only 16 cents on the dollar due to low reimbursement rates from Medicare and Medi-Cal. Combined net income for Yuba and Sutter counties last year was approximately \$300,000.

"It's expensive to provide emergency ambulance services," Poland told supervisors. "A new ambulance costs anywhere between \$250,000 and \$300,000 and lasts three to five years, maybe as a primary unit has to be replaced. And a new cardiac monitor is around \$50,000 to \$60,000."

Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS plans to use the renewal process to strengthen performance metrics, update contract language and gather input from hospitals, fire districts and law enforcement. Draft agreements are expected in 2026, with public hearings scheduled before final approval. ★

Biggs Lights Fuse on New Fireworks Ordinance

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs City Council on Oct. 14 unanimously approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 441, introducing long-overdue updates to the city's fireworks and weapons regulations, the first major revision in decades.

Interim City Administrator Rodney Harr presented the ordinance, which amends Chapter 7.25 of the Biggs Municipal Code, repealing outdated provisions and establishing a structured permitting framework for the retail sale of "Safe and Sane Certified Fireworks."

It also outlines liability requirements, enforcement protocols and penalties for unauthorized use or sales.

was brought forward with the city council sometime back," Harr said. "The last time this code was updated was 1977. At that time, no fireworks were allowed with the exception of the big, staged ones that were presented."

Harr said the ordinance brings the sale of legal fireworks by non-profit organizations into compliance.

Under California law, "Safe and Sane" fireworks are those approved by the State Fire Marshal for consumer use. They typically include items like fountains, sparklers and smoke balls; fireworks that do not explode, fly, or move unprofitably. More hazardous types, such as firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles, remain illegal statewide.



Under the proposed rules, only nonprofit organizations with a "principal meeting place" in Biggs may apply for a fireworks sales permit. A maximum of three permits may be issued annually, and sales are limited to the period

between June 28 and July 6. Stands must be located on private property with written permission from the owner and staffed by members or volunteers of the sponsoring nonprofit, officials said.

Organizations may

choose their own fireworks provider, including companies like TNT or Phantom, as long as the vendor is certified under California law.

Jason Hood, area manager for TNT Fireworks, attended the meeting and voiced support for the ordinance and the time city staff put into updating it.

"I'm in total full support of what's been proposed," Hood said.

The ordinance also includes cost recovery provisions in compliance with AB 43, capping permit fees at 7% of gross sales. Administrative fees are intended to offset expenses related to inspections, enforcement, fire suppression and cleanup, Harr said.

To ensure public safety,

the ordinance prohibits the sale or furnishing of fireworks to anyone under 18. Violations may result in administrative fines, permit revocation or misdemeanor charges under California Health and Safety Code. Fines for illegal sales or use can reach up to \$1,000, with increased penalties for repeat offenses or distribution of dangerous fireworks to minors.

Council members raised no objections, and no amendments were proposed during the first reading.

The ordinance will return for a second reading and final adoption at an upcoming meeting. If approved, it will take effect 30 days after passage and apply to the 2026 Fourth of July season. ★



Gridley Titans Football

Titans 8U Dominate



Titans 8U captains pictured from left are No. 99 Valentino Guillen, No. 4 Jax Terrell, No. 9 Kanon Buzzard and No. 21 Mateo Thao. Courtesy photo

By Dustin Terrel

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 8U Gridley Titans closed the regular season on Saturday Oct. 18 with a dominating 34-0 victory over the Central Valley Jr. Falcons at the Boneyard.

Bob Waller, Jeremiah Enriquez, Xander Beum, Mateo Thao and Kanon

Buzzard all scored touchdowns for the Titans, while Tucker Schnepel and Conor Mell both ran in extra points. Emmett Burns recovered 2 onside kicks, and David Sanchez added a recovery of his own. Branston Crispil forced a safety on defense to round out the scoring.

Captains for the game

were No. 99 Valentino Guillen, No. 4 Jax Terrell, No. 9 Kanon Buzzard and No. 21 Mateo Thao. The 8U Titans begin their championship quest this coming weekend, Saturday Oct. 25, with a playoff matchup against the Paradise Jr Bobcats in Weed. ★

Victory for Titans 10U



Gridley 10U Titans charge onto the field, ready to trample the Central Valley Jr. Falcons. Courtesy photo

By Coach Jason Davis Sr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 7-0 10u Gridley Titans hosted the 7-0 Central Valley Jr Falcons, in the final 2025 regular season game on Saturday. With the number one seed on the line for the upcoming playoffs, both teams came ready to play.

Gridley came out on their first drive and marched the ball down the field with a dominate 13-play, eight-and-a-half-minute drive. The drive was capped off by a touchdown run from Jesse Delgado. After the extra point was run in by Boss Davis, the Titans led 7-0.

The Titans recovered the onside kick and drove down for another 7 points, with a touchdown run by Kobe Neal and extra point by Boss Davis, taking a 14-0 lead. Francisco Guillen III had a great day of kicking off - he had two successful on-side kicks recovered by Bladen Thomas and Kobe Neal. The Titans defense held the Jr Falcons on their



Titans get serious on the sidelines before the game. Courtesy photo

next possession, with a big 4th down tackle for loss by Boss Davis. Kobe Neal would rip off a 64-yard touchdown run the very next play, extending the Titans lead to 21-0.

The Titans ended were too much for the Jr. Falcons - they added two more scores, one by Boss Davis and the other by Morgan Ruggirello. On defense,

Jacob Ceballos had a strip sack recovered by Francisco Guillen III, Jesse Delgado had a big interception, and Donte Vaovasa had a big tackle for loss.

The final score was 34-6 for Titans. With that, they sealed the number 1 seed and will play next Sunday in Paradise against either Las Plumas or Paradise. ★

12U Titans Handle Central Valley Falcons

By Aaron Lumsden

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 12U Gridley Titans defeated the Central Valley Falcons this past weekend, 27-0.

From the onset of the game, the Titans dominated the Falcons. On defense, the Titans applied a ton of pressure

to the Falcon's offense and didn't allow them to get anything going. The Titan's defense also recorded (2) interceptions during the game; one by Weston Pequette and the other by Brady Rogers.

On offense, the Titans moved the ball down the field consistently and made big chunk plays

throughout the game.

With the win, the Titans finished the regular season with a 6-2 record and have secured the second seed going into the playoffs.

The 12U Titans will now travel to face the Weed Trojans in Weed for the first round of the playoffs. ★

Titans 14U Destroy Jr. Falcons

By Randall Huff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - This past Saturday our 14u Gridley Titans played their final home game of their Titan career.

The Titans went out with a bang against the

Central Valley Jr. Falcons while playing under the lights, with a final score of 36 to 0.

The Titans had multiple players who scored on the day. The Titans dominated on both sides of the ball in the Victory.

The Titans season continues next week as they have an away playoff game against the Las Plumas Jr. Thunderbirds. The game will be in Weed, CA at 4 p.m. Come out and support the Titans. ★



Titans take a knee as the coaching staff prepares them for the big game ahead. Courtesy photo

Gridley Reflects on First-Year of Flag Football

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs girls flag football team concluded the first regular season of the program when they played at Oakmont on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Gridley was the only Northern Section that had a girls flag football team this year, so they competed against schools for the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section and were a part of the Pioneer Valley League.

The Bulldogs played 12 games total and they were all Pioneer Valley League contests. Gridley went .500 at worst pending the result of Wednesday's contest against Oakmont.

Bulldogs head coach John Coopridier expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he is proud of everything the squad has accomplished this season.

Coopridier said that starting a first-year program there was going to



Gridley's Natalie Mariscal (8) rushes the ball against Colfax on Oct. 15 in the Bulldogs' loss. Photo by Chris Pedigo

be challenges along the way, but one thing that was never going to be questioned was the amount of support the girls gained game-by-game.

When the Bulldogs hosted their first game on Sept. 8, the "Boneyard" stands were packed and

Gridley won their first game in a dominant 26-6 victory over Center.

Coopridier said that the support that the team has gotten from the community has been amazing and it's special to be the only Northern Section team with a flag football team.

After multiple conversations between YSBC and Coopridier, there are multiple other NS schools hoping to implement a flag football team as it's also grown in the Yuba-Sutter area as four of the six regional SJS schools have flag football teams.

Coopridier expressed that some of his favorite memories on the field included close victories as they have had a third of their games within a single possession.

There isn't a clear definition if the Bulldogs will compete in the SJS playoffs that begin on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Gridley has not been ranked in any of the SJS rankings on MaxPreps, but based on the most up to date rankings on Monday, Oct. 20, the Bulldogs were ranked 69th in the Sacramento area.

Coopridier told YSBC that it would be a great experience for the Bulldogs and would still compete.



Gridley's Angelina Bandilla Tinoco (15) attempts to make a tackle on Oct. 15 in the Bulldogs' loss to Colfax. Photo by Chris Pedigo

If Wednesday was the final game of the season for Gridley, Coopridier said that it's been a blast coaching the girls this year and is excited to see how the program grows and the sport grows overtime in the NS.

The CIF SJS flag football brackets are scheduled to be announced this weekend.

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