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Tasting Success!



Cheers to a successful tasting event! Photo courtesy of Maggie Hepworth

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's historic Veterans Memorial Hall echoed with revelry last Saturday night, as the 21st Annual Quota Tasting Event got underway.

Doors opened early evening, and upon arrival guests were entered into a drawing for door prizes to be announced later in the evening.

Patrons were provided with personal tasting glasses sponsored by Jones Flying Service. To avoid confusion, guests printed their names on the glasses and set off to sample a multitude of wines from local vineyards, ales, ciders and home-brewed root beers.

The Quota Tasting Event is one of two major fundraisers the local

nonprofit club holds yearly. Proceeds from ticket sales, silent auctions and sponsorships go directly back into the club and to scholarship opportunities for local youth. These scholarships are awarded yearly and awarded to graduates from Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs High Schools with high GPAs.

Saturday evening, the center of the hall was filled with huge tables stocked with silent auction items ranging from gorgeous floral arrangements, shining leather saddles, gift cards and baskets, with items ranging from low to high value. Attendees had two hours to explore the offerings and bid, circling back throughout the evening to see if they had been outbid by another.

In addition to the silent auction,

a separate drawing was held for a grand prize eGO electric lawnmower, and another ticket drawing was held for a plethora of smaller baskets and gifts.

Meanwhile, tasting stations were set up along the peripheral aisle of the hall. Guests were invited to casually explore the venues offerings, either visiting each tasting station in succession or bouncing between them throughout the night. Grazing tables were spaced between every few tasting stations, allowing guests to clear their pallets with a variety of artisan cheeses, meats, crackers and spreads, along with fresh fruits.

One table was reserved for a buffet of desserts, chocolates and cookies.

As some spirits were poured,

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Gridley Eyes Changes to Sidewalk, Tree Ordinances

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Deputy City Clerk Carmen Santana presented proposed updates to Gridley's sidewalk and tree ordinances during a special City Council workshop on Oct. 21, outlining long-overdue changes aimed at aligning local policy with California law.

The sidewalk ordinance, still in draft form, would replace the city's legacy cost-sharing program with new rules assigning full responsibility for installation, upkeep and liability to adjacent property owners. The existing program, created when the city had more financial flexibility, covered the first \$200 of a repair and left the rest to be split equally between the city and the property owner.

"Most cities have moved away from that 50/50 program," Santana told the council.

Under the new ordinance, Public Works would be authorized to issue notices, grant extensions and oversee repairs. Property owners would be required to maintain sidewalks in safe condition and complete repairs upon notice.

Sidewalk installation would also be required when a property undergoes major improvements, such as new construction or accessibility upgrades. The ordinance includes options for deferral agreements or in-lieu fees, allowing flexibility in cases where immediate installation isn't feasible.

Gridley officials said the city is also considering hardship accommodations, including payment plans and application-based review. A public education campaign is planned to help residents understand the new requirements, and a frequently asked questions page will be added to the city's website.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said staff had begun surveying sidewalks throughout the city to identify tripping hazards and prioritize areas in need of urgent repair.

"Those are the ones we are going to address first," Arteaga said.

The proposed changes were recommended during recent staff and risk management meetings, where officials reviewed how other cities handle liability and enforcement of city sidewalks and trees.

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Mason's Pumpkin Palooza

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Somethings been growing behind Biggs High School Stadium and it is Mason Kaelin's doing.

The senior at Biggs High School decided early this year that he wanted to do something big for his senior project, something that gave back to the community, but with a fresh spin.

"I wanted to do something different," said Kaelin to the Gridley Herald, "something that hadn't been done before and I wanted to get it done early in the year."

Kaelin decided on planting a pumpkin patch and was able to procure a place to do it on Biggs Unified School District land that had been unused in quite some time.

A small 2-acre plot east of the stadium and just north of the district's bus and utility yard, part of Biggs High School School Farm, served as fertile ground for the senior's project.

Kaelin admits he knew little about growing large scale crops, so he rallied help from local resident and rice farmer, Kelby Sheppard. Sheppard assisted Kaelin in getting his ground prepared and helped the senior manage the acreage throughout the summer.

Kaelin tells the Gridley Herald that his family helped him plant the pumpkin seeds by hand and once in-ground, it was up to the senior to get his plants to produce.

And produce they did!

Kaelin says that he ended up growing over 300 pumpkins, of which most were large sized! Varieties



Mason Kaelin (left center) stands with his family who lent a hand in helping him plant his pumpkin patch. Photo by Seti Long

included standard orange carving pumpkins, yellow, green and a few fancy decorative varieties.

As the harvest and Halloween

season approached, Kaelin prepared his patch for visitors.

Students from Biggs Elementary

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

It has been well established multiple times in this esteemed and popular column that people from Gridley are strategically located all around the world. If you travel anywhere, even to a place as far away and exotic as Fort Bragg, you will find someone with some connection to Gridley. When you find one of our people, they will not be embarrassed to say I'm from Gridley. A few years ago, I started to keep track of what percentage of people who, when they introduce themselves, say they are from Elk Grove, and when you confront them and ask,

"Where are you really from?" they kind of sheepishly look down at their feet and mumble something about "well, really Galt". So far, 60% of the people identifying themselves as Galtians have somehow lost their civic pride. Oddly, the same seems to be true for Clovis; for some reason, they would rather be counted as part of Fresno. Again, almost 60% of these Clovis people willingly deny their true heritage and want to be associated with Fresno. (I must admit, though, that the Fresno Zoo is the best zoo in California, and maybe they want to be associated with that.) I have yet to find, after more than 47 years of life, a person who lies about being from Gridley by claiming they're from another nearby town.

Speaking of Zoos, the Sacramento Zoo is kind of like the Oakland, Las Vegas, and West Sacramento Major League Baseball Teams. The zoo announced that it was going to close, and it got

a spot. Elk Grove City Council even had three or four meetings to decide what to call the zoo. Then, the zoo backed out, is moving back to its old spot in Sacramento, and it's going to buy two more giant parcels of land to make a new, better giant zoo. For those of us in the professional grandparenting association, this is good news. So, like people, even organizations, can be schizophrenic when it comes to being loyal to where you're from.

On the topic of loyalty, Butte College Football defeated American River College in double overtime by 2 points. 31 to 29 the week before they beat Santa Rosa Junior College 27 to nothing. The mighty Roadrunners are now seven and one on this season and have already secured a postseason bowl game.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley and is the proud father of a daughter who, like her dad, graduated from Butte College.

Mason's Pumpkin Palooza

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Schools were able to take a walking-field trip to their fellow student's pumpkin patch, picking their favorite to carve for just \$5. Richvale Elementary School also visited the patch and Kaelin opened it to the public on a weekend.

The community came out to support the project and most of Kaelin's pumpkins were sold.

Proceeds from the project would go to a cause dear to Kaelin's heart, with 100% of proceeds donated to the Enloe Cancer Center.

Kaelin admits that he enjoyed growing the pumpkins and that his Pumpkin Palooza senior project was a success. ★



Students and teachers were able to pick their favorite gourd and haul it back to the school in carts. Mason Kaelin picture in his football jersey says that most of the pumpkin were large and heavy, which made the carts necessary for the younger students that visited the patch. Photo by Seti Long

Gridley Council Digs Deep to Keep Sports Lights Standing Tall

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Two weeks after city officials raised alarms over "quick-sand-like" soil conditions at Gridley's new sports complex, the City Council voted unanimously to authorize Bennett Engineering to conduct full geotechnical testing at all seven light post locations.

The \$65,037.20 contract amendment allows Bennett's subcontractor, Crawford & Associates, to bore next to each proposed light pole and provide site-specific soil data needed to finalize structural designs for stadium lighting, which includes 70-foot steel lighting poles.

The decision marks a shift from the Oct. 7 proposal to drill just three sample borings, which was tabled amid concerns about cost and testing scope.

The borings will reach depths of 40 to 50 feet, unless stable soil is found sooner, according to City Engineer Dave Harden, co-owner of Bennett Engineering.

Harden previously reported that a 16-foot test hole had sunk 11 inches within an hour, revealing about 22 feet of clean sand below the surface. The soil is subject to liquefaction, which could compromise the integrity of the lighting foundations without deeper analysis, he said.

While the expanded testing adds upfront costs, city officials said it could prevent more expensive fixes later by ensuring each foundation is tailored to actual soil conditions.

"Not being an engineer, but I think that's more logical for this problem," said Mayor Mike Farr, referring to the plan to bore beside each pole location rather than rely on generalized samples.

The lighting system is part of Phase 1 of the \$4 million Gridley Sports Complex project, which includes three multi-use fields funded in part by a \$3 million Proposition 68 grant. City officials say the borings will help ensure each foundation meets wind and seismic safety standards. ★

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Santana said the goal is to clarify responsibilities, reduce confusion, and reduce the city's liability.

The tree ordinance, also presented at the workshop, would clarify that property owners are responsible for maintaining street trees in front of their homes. The city would no longer remove healthy trees at a homeowner's request, and any hazardous conditions would trigger notice

and enforcement procedures.

The ordinance outlines approved plantings for park strips, prohibits unsafe landscaping, and establishes a process for trimming, removal and cost recovery. Permits and insurance would be required for tree removal, and city intervention would be limited to safety-related cases.

Both ordinances will come before the City Council for formal consideration at an upcoming regular meeting. ★



Building a Better B-Line

Butte County Association of Governments operates B-Line and is requesting comments from the community on unmet transit needs or "UTN". Members of the public are invited to submit comments via mail, email, phone, online, or in person at our public hearing.

For consideration in the 2026/27 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment, comments need to be received by:

5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025

All comments received are given equal consideration.

Please submit comments via the following:

Mail: 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150
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Phone: (530) 809-4616, ex. 1




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*Select UTN in the comment/topic line.

In Person: Public Hearing (at BCAG Board Meeting)
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Location: BCAG Board Room (326 Huss Dr., Bldg. E, Chico, CA)
Online: Go to www.bcag.org/About-BCAG/Board-of-Directors/
*Zoom link available after December 1, 2025.

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Para ser considerados en la Evaluación de Necesidades de Tránsito 2026/27, los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes del:

5:00 p.m., jueves, 11 de diciembre de 2025

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B-Line is your system! Where do you need to go?

Bob's Bones at ACE!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A spooky yearly tradition at Candelario ACE Hardware pits Gridley High School classes against each other to see who can do the best job dressing Bob's boney skeleton in the Gridley High School Halloween Costume Contest.

Each year freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors get to decorate a giant 12-foot-tall skeleton to a theme of their choosing in the attempts

to win a \$500 donation to their graduation class. Themes for the 2025 contest include the seniors "Mowing 'Em Over" depicting a Gridley High School football player mowing over a Live Oak High player, in a nod to the historic "Harvest Bowl" played last Friday.

The junior class paid respects to the departed with a "Dia de los Muertos" themed design, complete with offerendas and photos. Sophomores kept it

simple with their country styled "Gamblin' Man" and the freshman dug into the Halloween spirit with their "RIP Farmer" display.

Patrons visiting ACE are encouraged to vote for their favorite skeletal display, with the winning class receiving a check from the Candelario family towards celebrating their Sober Grad Party.

At the time of this article, voting had yet to be completed, and the winner announced. ★



Juniors got traditional with a Catrina dressed skeleton, and a solemn offerenda complete with fresh food and drink for the departed. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic



A 12-foot GHS football playing skeleton took out a Live Oak rival with a lawnmower in this display, a nod to the hoped outcome of Fridays Harvest Bowl played between the two rival high schools. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic



It's apparent the freshman class digs this contest, making sure their "farmer Bob" uncovers ad fun Halloween stash beneath his toe-bones. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic



Howdy partner! Something tells me this "Gamblin' Man" might not have won the last round... Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

Tasting Success!



Attendees enjoy the 21st Annual Tasting Event! Photo by Seti Long

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others rose. The hall echoed with chatter, laughter and cheers, both from the Quota members that busily worked and the community that turned out to support the event.

At one point a loud clatter and clank rang through the air, as a lucky guest won a \$200 bottle of wine at the "ring toss" station. Much like at a carnival, a pyramid of wine bottles was created and a \$20 buy-in gave guests 7 rings to toss over the neck of the bottle they'd like to take home.

This years tasting event saw a change in the traditional date, being held on a Saturday evening instead of a Thursday night as in the past. Feedback from guests at the event was positive about the date change, favoring Saturday due to ease of

finding childcare for those with families, or simply not having work commitments the following morning.

Veterans Memorial Hall was packed.

Quota presided Maggie Hepworth agreed that the event had a strong turnout.

"The 21st Quota Tasting Event was a huge success. Our local business and community members were generous in their support of this event," said a thankful Hepworth. "Quota members worked unitedly for long hours under the direction of Cindy Davis and Jan Meyer. I feel honored and blessed to work alongside this group of dedicated women."

The night concluded with the ladies of Quota busily determining the winners of countless auction items and raffles, sending guests home with more than just smiles. ★

Mother and Father Held to Answer for Death of Two-Year-Old Child

Butte County Superior Court News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville couple, accused of permitting their two-year-old son access to fentanyl, which led to his death, appeared in Butte County Superior Court today for their preliminary hearing and were held to answer on charges of child abuse causing great bodily injury.

The charges arise from March 9, when the child was rushed to Oroville Hospital after the parents, Chelsea Whitfield, 29, and Anthony Solansky, 28, woke up from sleeping most of the day and realized he was unresponsive. He was pronounced dead shortly afterward, and the manner of death was determined to be acute fentanyl intoxication.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Judge Kristen Lucena heard evidence of Whitfield's addiction to fentanyl and how she would consume drugs at her Pine Oaks Road home in east Oroville. The judge learned how Whitfield would obtain drugs from a dealer who would deliver them to her and sometimes show up without her asking.

Prosecutor Adam Insul presented evidence to the judge that not only was Whitfield aware of the dangers that fentanyl posed to herself, other adults and her child, but also that Narcan was kept in the home to prevent overdoses. Insul also presented evidence that Solansky was well aware of Whitfield's addiction at the time.

Evidence showed that on March 9 of this year, Whitfield, Solansky and the child were asleep in a bedroom at home the entire day. That afternoon, Solansky woke up to use the restroom and gave his son a phone to watch YouTube videos

while he went back to sleep. Shortly afterward, Whitfield's drug dealer entered the room unannounced, and Solansky, upon recognizing who it was, woke Whitfield, who was sleeping off a drug binge.

The prosecution claimed that this dealer gave fentanyl to Whitfield during that time. Hours after that individual left the residence, Solansky and Whitfield woke up to find their child lying on Whitfield, blue and unresponsive. The judge did hear about Solansky's efforts to save his child's life by performing CPR and administering Narcan, but to no avail.

Ramsey said there was no evidence that the parents intended to kill their son, but their actions were similar to manslaughter, leading his office to charge them with child abuse and related enhancements that carry harsher penalties than manslaughter.

Whitfield and Solansky each face up to 12 years in state prison for child abuse resulting in great bodily injury – the maximum sentence allowed by law. Both are held without bail pending their arraignment on the charges on Oct. 30, when their jury trial date will be set. ★





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Dinner for the Owens Family

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - After a devastating diagnosis of T-Cell Leukemia, the Biggs community is rallying to help local Clint Owen and family during his treatment.

A fundraiser tri-tip dinner is being planned for Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Gridley Moose Lodge. Doors are set to open at 5 p.m., with a dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 a person.

Members of the family are preparing to hold a silent auction and multiple drawings; two custom-made fishing rods and a gun will be raffled off. With the exception of the silent auction, guests do not need to be present to win.

The public is urged to reach out to Cody Owen at 530-37-5377 or Melanie Owen at 530-693-5839 for questions and how to purchase tickets. ★



Local resident Clint Owen was recently diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia. Courtesy photo

Fashion for Vets

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Museum is planning a unique fundraiser that blends iconic fashion from various decades and music, while paying respects to veterans that served our nation during the years of 1958 and 1975.

On Nov. 8, beginning at 6 p.m., the Museum will hold its "A Fashion Show, Skits and Music" evening at the Gridley Moose Lodge in an effort to raise money to purchase recording equipment.

"The Gridley Museum hopes to record the stories of Gridley Vietnam Veterans before their history is lost," said the promotional flyer. "Sound and AV (audio/visual) recording equipment will enable us to save those stories 'in their own words'." The Moose Lodge social quarter will be open selling

alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Members of the museum plan to provide water, lemonade and appetizers for guests, along with opportunities to participate in a silent auction.

Tickets are available for a \$25 donation, if possible, or the museum will kindly accept any monetary donations for those wanting to attend.

Volunteer ladies plan to don fashions and strut the runway to period music, simulating what American styles were like during war time. Local Ron Eggers will be reading voice overs from their "men serving in foreign countries", a nod to the letters that would pass between couples split due to service.

Tickets will be available at the door or at the Gridley Museum. The community is invited to come out to support our veterans and local history. ★

South Butte Post Honors Veterans

By Owen Stiles

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Veterans Day is just around the corner and American Legion South Butte Post desires to honor all of the fallen Gridley area veterans who have given the ultimate "Sacrifice."

We are in the process of creating an "Honor Wall" in the Gridley Memorial Hall, listing those veterans who are no longer with us. The hallmark veteran will be Warren McCutcheon. As we discover others who have made the sacrifice they will be added to the Wall of Honor beginning with World War One.

Seaman Second Class Warren McCutcheon, the first American casualty of Pearl Harbor Attack by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941

Warren McCutcheon was among the youngest servicemen caught up in the devastating attack. According to witnesses, McCutcheon was hit by strafing machine gun fire from a Japanese torpedo bomber in the first wave of the attack. The bomber was heading toward "USS Oklahoma" (BB-37), which was moored outboard of "USS Maryland."

McCutcheon had responded to the call to General Quarters and was stationed at a machine gun when he was struck by Japanese fire. The young sailor was hit and killed within 30 seconds of the start of the attack.

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For his service, Warren McCutcheon was awarded a Purple Heart, a Combat Action Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, a Distinguished Unit Citation, a Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

Join the American Legion South Butte Post 210 this Veterans Day and take a moment to honor those who have fallen in the defense of the United States of America. ★



This first loss of life happened at approximately 0755, just seconds after Japanese pilots started firing on the unsuspecting Naval Base. According to researchers, 17-year-old Warren McCutcheon, serving aboard "USS Maryland" (BB-46), was shot by an enemy gunner. The bullet pierced his heart, killing him instantly.

Never Say Moo

By Del DeMeyer

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Oroville's oldest theater group, Hocks Unlimited Melodrama, will bring lively old western comedy to the Oroville Monday Club with their 54th year production, "Here Come the Cows. . . Or Never Say Moo in Mesa."

The three acts by Tim Kelly include a very bad villain and sassy sidekick, a brave hero and lovely heroine, and other characters fit for a wild western adventure, complete with cattle stampeding, songs to make you smile and lots of over-acting as is required in a "meller-dramer"!

Cast members include Loren Ott, Christine Williams, Sarah Pierce, David Glover, Sharyl Bachues, Brandon Stokes, Mike Fisher, Ruby Thomas, Denise Wright-Tice, Barbara Rocchi, Don Green and Janet Mann. Matthew Mitchell will accompany at the piano and Dell DeMeyer, along with Diane Wilkerson, are directing and producing the production with beer, sodas and popcorn served at the intermissions. Tickets are \$20 and available at Marcozzi Jewelers and online at Eventbrite through Thursday, Nov. 6.

The drama in this crazy plot involves the villains being stranded in the dusty town of Mesa back in 1890, with the sun so hot the cows are producing evaporated milk. The trading post and soup shack owner and her daughter need money to keep their business open

or it will be sold. A wallet full of money is found on a dead man, which they split with the villains, but trouble soon starts when a cattle buyer with lots of dough comes to town and plans on buying the manly hero's cows.

The plot thickens as the scheming villains try to rip him off by stealing the money from the safe in the trading post, then matters really get out of hand when a feisty cattle herd stampedes across the stage. There is an uproarious ending to this drama you don't want to miss. Mooing and booing allowed and lots of cheers for the good guys.

Beer provided from Feather River Brewery will be served and your choice of soda drinks or water along with popcorn.

This is an event for the whole family or a group who just want to get together for some old-time fun and seating is at tables for 4 and 8, no reservations. Intermissions include sing-a-longs, local vocalists and dancers.

Doors open on Thursday, Nov. 6, Friday Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m., with curtain time at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee will show at 2 p.m. with doors opening at 1:30 p.m.

Parking is available across Montgomery Street in the Veteran's Park lot or in back of the Monday Club. Handicap/wheelchair admission can be arranged through the patio entrance with permission from the box office in advance. Contact Diane at 530-308-1431 for information. ★

City of Live Oak Welcomes New Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Taylor

City of Live Oak News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The City of Live Oak is excited to welcome Bruce Taylor as our new Code Enforcement Officer. With over two decades of experience in law enforcement and code enforcement compliance, Bruce brings valuable expertise and a strong commitment to community engagement.

In his role, Bruce will work with residents and businesses to keep Live Oak clean, safe and welcoming. He's looking forward to building positive relationships and helping the community understand and follow local codes through education and collaboration.

For code enforcement questions or concerns, contact Taylor at 530-695-2112. ★



The City of Live Oak is excited to welcome Bruce Taylor as our new Code Enforcement Officer. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

PACIFIC WEST BUILDERS | REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: All minority owned, women owned and section three businesses are encouraged to bid on Orchard View Apartments II in Gridley, CA. The project consists of (2) 2-story buildings and (1) 3-story building consisting of 36, 3-bedroom units with a stand-alone laundry building. Buildings are stick built and have breezeways with metal stairs, patios, and reveal siding along with B&B. Please call (208) 461-0022 for more information or email ZacharyM@tpchousing.com.

• Estimated Start Date: November 2025 • Estimated Duration: 15 months

This project IS subject to Davis Bacon wages, current wage decision and project related labor requirements available upon request.

ATTENTION!

Voter Assistance Center Location Change!

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Dave Ramsey Says

Big Inheritance Coming . . . Is a Prenup a Good Idea?

the crazies. Let's say you marry a great guy, then his deadbeat cousin, a guy you're suddenly related to by marriage, shows up asking for \$10,000 to open a pizza place. Never mind that he can't even boil water. Your guy says, "Don't look at me. We've got a prenup." He looks at you, and you smile, offer him a glass of water and send Cousin Eddie on his way.

Believe it or not, that kind of stuff actually happens. Sometimes it's the parents asking for a hand-out, sometimes it's the kids — it doesn't really matter. But it can drive a wedge between you and your spouse. Making and maintaining a good marriage is difficult. It's hard work. You don't need that kind of stuff creeping in and making things even harder.

Do you see what I'm saying? In my mind, the prenup is not to protect you from the guy you married. He's probably okay. Especially if you two are mature adults who took plenty of time getting to know each other before you walked down the aisle. And if you've been through a divorce, you probably feel that side of things a whole lot deeper than most folks.

Now, I still don't rec-

ommend prenups where small amounts of money are concerned. I remember one couple who each had normal finances and average net worths. The boyfriend wanted a prenup based on the fact he had a 1967 Ford Mustang. I flat out told her not to marry the guy because he loved a car more than he loved her. That's practically planning a divorce.

And Sarah, remember this: Wealth magnifies everything. The good and the bad. If someone who has a temper becomes wealthy, they become a bully. If they're compassionate and generous to start with, they become what we call philanthropists. Kindness and generosity become their personal brand. That's the kind of person you want to marry.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Water Year Starts Strong in Butte County

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The new water year began Oct. 1 with encouraging signs of above-average precipitation, snowpack and reservoir storage, according to a presentation by Water Resources Scientist Kelly Peterson to the Butte County Water and Resource Conservation Commission.

Butte County's water year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2026, aligning with the state's seasonal hydrology. This period captures the full cycle of fall and winter precipitation, spring snowmelt and summer irrigation demand.

According to Peterson, the region is experiencing a rare window of hydrologic opportunity.

"So, it's a really good time for us in terms of getting a lot of water on the ground ... and good conditions to hopefully benefit our groundwater conditions as well," Peterson told the Water Commission earlier this month.

From snowpack to reservoir levels, the data supports Peterson's optimism. Northern Sierra precipitation totaled approximately 57 inches as of Sept. 22, about 8 inches more than the previous year and slightly above the historic average. Durham recorded 23 inches of rainfall through July, or 114 percent of its long-term average, while Biggs saw 19 inches, reaching 120 percent of its site average.

The Northern Sierra snowpack measured 31 inches of snow water equivalent on April 1, representing 118 percent of the average for that date. Lake Oroville stood at 63 percent of capacity and 111

percent of the historical average as of Sept. 21, with a storage volume of 2.16 million acre-feet. Oroville's total capacity is 3.42 million acre-feet, making it the largest reservoir in the State Water Project.

Runoff in the Sacramento River region totaled nearly 20 million acre-feet through August, or 115 percent of the seasonal average. This figure reflects unimpaired flow from upstream rivers, including the Yuba River, and is a key indicator of regional water availability, Peterson said. The Sacramento River basin captures runoff from most rivers upstream of the Delta and plays a critical role in statewide water supply.

Based on runoff indices from four regional rivers — the Sacramento, Feather, Yuba, and American — Peterson reported that the 2025 water year was classified as "Above Normal." Water year types range from "Wet" to "Critically Dry" and are determined by hydrologic indices that measure total runoff volume. Peterson said the "Above Normal" designation reflects strong surface water conditions but does not guarantee groundwater recovery or drought resilience.

Peterson also reviewed groundwater quality monitoring results from 18 sites across the Butte, Vina, and Wyandotte Creek subbasins. Specific conductivity measurements, used to assess salinity, ranged from below measurable objectives to well above minimum thresholds, particularly in the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin, where some readings exceeded 6,000 microsiemens per centimeter.

Peterson emphasized that elevated salinity levels are linked to ancient marine deposits and fault zone movement near the Sutter Buttes, not coastal seawater intrusion. Monitoring is conducted annually in August during peak irrigation season using probes that measure conductivity and temperature. Wells without pumps are sampled directly, while pumped wells are tested post-extraction.

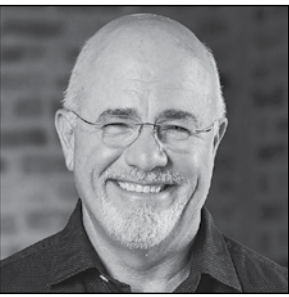
While Butte County enters the new water year with above-average precipitation, strong reservoir storage, and stable groundwater in most subbasins, the statewide picture remains more uncertain.

The California Department of Water Resources, in its report, warned of increased climate volatility, with a 71 percent chance of La Niña conditions this fall and a growing risk of flood-after-fire events in Southern California.

State Climatologist Michael Anderson noted that California should "expect extremes, dry periods interrupted by large or long-lasting atmospheric river conditions."

Compared to the driest water year on record, 1923-24, which saw just 17.1 inches of precipitation, the 2025 totals reflect a significantly wetter period. With climate variability increasing, local agencies are focused on capturing and conserving water during these favorable conditions to support long-term groundwater recharge and water quality management.

Sources: California Department of Water Resources, NOAA Climate Prediction Center. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

What are your thoughts on prenuptial agreements? I'm a divorced single mom with two boys, and I'm their primary caregiver. I'd like to get married again one day if the right man comes along. The reason I ask about prenups is I'm expecting to receive an inheritance of about \$5 million sometime in the future. Would it be a good idea for someone in my situation?

— Sarah

Dear Sarah,

In a situation like yours, I'd recommend a prenup. Full disclosure: Years ago, I used to be completely against them. I'd tell folks not to get married if they loved money and material stuff more than they loved the person they planned to marry. But after doing decades of financial coaching and even crisis counseling, I changed my tune. The reason I changed my mind is that I started to realize just how many weirdos are out there.

When a dramatic amount of money is involved, a prenup can actually help the married couple by adding an extra level of protection between you and



Farmworkers Set Fear Aside to Pick California Bounty

Going into the year, farmers warned that the Trump administration's mass deportation agenda could leave crops rotting in the field. Nowhere was there more at risk than in California, which relies on more than half a million farmworkers—many of them undocumented—to harvest much of the nation's fruits, nuts and vegetables. High-profile raids in Kern and Ventura counties earlier this year briefly disrupted farm operations, but farmers, workers and researchers said farmworkers largely showed up and harvested this year's crops. Daniel Hartwig, president of the California Fresh Fruit Association, said that while immigration enforcement remained a concern and a real threat to food production, he was not aware of any crops perishing this year due to a lack of labor. In terms of production, Hartwig said, "we haven't seen a significant impact."

Pumpkin Patches Fill Agritourism Niche

With Halloween season in full swing, Californians are once again headed to pumpkin patches—not just to pick pumpkins but to also experience a variety of seasonal activities that local farms provide. California farms continue to embrace agritourism to diversify their income and engage with consumers. "Overall, I've seen increasing interest from farmers in offering agritourism, not specifically pumpkin patches but all types of opportunities for the public to

come onto the farm," said Rachael Callahan, University of California statewide agritourism coordinator. San Joaquin County farmer James Chinchiole has run a U-pick cherry orchard since 2019. This year, he expanded his agritourism offerings with a pumpkin patch, corn maze and farm tours. "I'm very happy with the experiences that we've created for people," he said. "In my judgment, those people are going to go back and communicate how much joy they had, and this will only grow."

Food Trends Boost Pistachio Market as Production Rises

Pistachio harvest is wrapping up this month, and California growers expect a potential record crop that surpasses their 1.5-billion-pound production in 2023. From 2018 to 2022, the Central Valley saw a boom in new pistachio orchards. As the wave of recent plantings begins coming into production, growers say they hope the global market can absorb more of the state's pistachios. The sector has seen strong demand, helped in part by the use of pistachios as a confectionary ingredient. This year, global supplies of pistachio kernels reportedly ran short after Dubai chocolate, which contains a pistachio-tahini paste filling, became a viral trend on TikTok. "That high demand is there, and it seems like it's there to stay," said Ali Amin, owner of the Los Angeles-based export company Primex International Trading. "It's not a fad." ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The NBA season is in full swing, and the Sacramento Kings have had a shaky start getting out of the gate.

The good news is that after 3 games the Kings could easily find themselves 3-0 instead of the anemic 1-2 that they currently find themselves.

Sunday night's loss to the visiting Los Angeles Lakers was a winnable game, just as the opener against the Phoenix Suns was a winnable game. What both games had in common were two distinct threads, that I believe capsulize the direct cause of coming out on the losing end. These two reasons are not an anomaly and are a hold-over from the results of last season.

Reason #1. Terrible free throw shooting! The Kings after 3 games are shooting an atrocious 64% from the charity stripe and this is the #1 contributor to both losses sustained in the early going.

How does that rank with other NBA teams you ask? Would you believe dead last. That's right, last place among all other teams.

Reason #2. To add insult to injury the Kings are the worst team in the NBA guarding the 3-point line. For all of last season, the Kings finished once again, dead last in the NBA, allowing opposing teams to shoot a league high 38% against them.

Opinions matter, but statistics don't lie. The Kings, and in particular the coaching staff that have been talking defense since before the start of training camp, have access to the same statistics that I do. When every other team in the NBA guards the 3-point line better than you do, the question is what are you going to do about it?

I've heard coach Christie go on and on about team defense, being active, deflecting passes, and many other defensive factors, but I'm not hearing about the glaring problem that is purely losing them games. With the number of coaches that NBA teams carry today, you would think someone would be focused on the best practices for guarding effectively the 3-point line.

In Sunday night's game against the Lakers, poor perimeter defense allowed a shorthanded team to take a game away that for all intents and purposes should

have been the Kings. Yes, once again it came down to terrible free throw shooting by the Kings, and the fact that no one could stop the point guard for the opposing team. Austin Reeves went off with a career night scoring 51 points and torching the Sacramento Kings from beyond the arc, going 6 for 10 from 3-point land. Reeves was a one-man wrecking crew gathering 11 rebounds and handing out 9 assists in what was certainly his best game as an NBA player.

While I give credit to Austin Reeves for his incredible performance, at what point do the Kings shut down some of his offensive. Mid-range jumpers are one thing, but wide-open looks from beyond the arc constitute a recipe for a losing night.

Add to that 41 made free throws by the Lakers on 89% shooting compared to the Kings 12 made free throws at 66%, and this close game simply wasn't one that the Kings could win.

Simply stated, get out of the NBA cellar now, and put a renewed emphasis on free throw shooting! Every player on an individual basis must take accountability and begin the process of improving his free throw shooting. Two games that the Kings could not afford to lose are in the loss column, and it is largely if not directly because of their inability to make an uncontested shot from 15 feet away, over and over again.

When a team is losing and it's a mystery why, everyone should be worried, but when the nemesis is known, get busy and fix the problem!

The Kings are about to embark on a nasty road trip beginning in Oklahoma City Tuesday night, and facing the defending NBA champs will be no easy task. So, let's control what we can, and not allow the Thunder to beat us from the free throw line. It's a tall order to best the Thunder on their home floor, but I've seen this team do it before, so I refuse to count them out.

Take to heart the two areas I've cited and let the rest play itself out.

Welcome back Domantas Sabonis and may he stay healthy!

All the best Kings fans!

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

Bay Area Transit Measure Tests Voters' Taste for Higher Sales Taxes



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The three largest sources of revenue for California governments are taxes on personal income, real estate and retail sales — and increasing them ranges from difficult to bordering on impossible.

Raising income tax rates requires legislative approval by two-thirds voting majorities or voter approval via ballot measure. After winning a second stint as governor in 2010, Jerry Brown persuaded voters to temporarily increase taxes on high-income Californians (and a token increase in the sales tax) to close a budget deficit.

A ballot measure in 2016 extended that income surtax to 2030. It's likely public employee unions and their allies will seek another extension via ballot measure in 2028.

Property tax rates are frozen by the state constitution, thanks to passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, and efforts to repeal or modify property tax limits have failed at the polls.

That leaves sales taxes, divvied up among state and local governments, as the state's most flexible levy.

The current basic rate is 7.25% on taxable goods, and that's what it is in some rural counties. State law limits any additional tax on sales to 2 percentage points,

so theoretically the highest legal rate including local, voter-approved increases, is 9.25%.

However, actual sales tax rates range as high as 10.75% because local officials routinely ask the Legislature to exceed the 2% cap, and the requests are virtually certain to be granted.

This month Gov. Gavin Newsom signed bills granting three jurisdictions permission to exceed the cap, including a 1% increase in San Luis Obispo County and a 0.25% boost for the Monterey-Salinas Bay Area.

The third and most important would be a 0.5% hike in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, plus 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, all to prop up Bay Area Rapid Transit and other transit services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Bay Area measure, Senate Bill 63, would maintain the new levies — estimated to raise just over \$1 billion a year — for 14 years if approved by voters. It results from several years of effort by the region's political and civic leaders to shore up transit systems, which saw ridership and farebox revenues plunge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How the issue will be presented to Bay Area voters is uncertain. Under current law, were the newly formed Transportation Revenue Measure District to place the tax hike on next year's ballot, it would require approval by two-thirds of those voting, which could be difficult to muster.

However the state Supreme Court has declared, albeit indirectly, that tax increases placed on the ballot via initiative petition require only a simple majority for approval, and many of the local surtaxes in recent years have been enacted via initiative to take advantage of that dictum.

Last year, the court invalidated a ballot measure that would have reversed the policy on tax votes. Anti-tax groups such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are planning another such measure for 2026.

Backers of the Bay Area transit tax hike are apparently prepared to use the initiative process if polling indicates it's the only pathway to enactment. Were it to pass, sales taxes would top 11% in some cities and counties, close to the nation's highest retail sales levies.

The Tax Foundation, a Washington, DC-based organization that tracks tax policy, says that Louisiana, at 10.11%, has the highest average sales tax of any state. It calculates California's average to be 8.98%, the nation's seventh highest.

So, one might wonder, at what point does a high sales tax rate become a factor in consumer decisions? Some Bay Area cities and counties will be testing that out if the proposed transit tax is imposed.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

SPARKY'S CORNER



Generator Safety

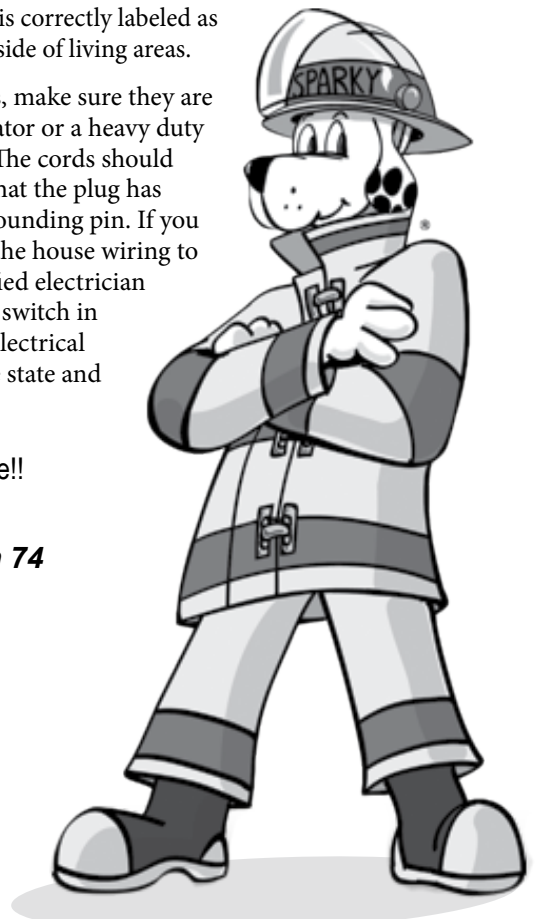
Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

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Why do glow-in-the-dark things light up when it's dark?

- Haygarth, 5, United Kingdom

Dear Haygarth,

I love glow-in-the-dark stickers. I leave them next to a sunny window for a little while. Then turn off the lights and watch them glow.

I asked my friend Hergen Eilers how those stickers work. He's a physicist at Washington State University.

He told me that glow-in-the-dark things use a type of phosphorescence. That means they absorb energy—like light—and then glow. A material that can do that is called a phosphor.

Glowing in the dark works because of electrons.

Everything in the universe is made of atoms. That includes you, me, whatever you're reading this note on—and glow-in-the-dark stickers.

All those atoms are made of protons, neutrons and electrons. Protons and neutrons stick together in the middle of the atom. Electrons make a cloud around them.

Sometimes we say electrons are in orbitals. That's a way to describe where an electron could be and how much energy it has.

Electrons with lots of energy are farther away from the middle of the atom. They're in a higher orbital. Electrons with less energy are closer to the middle. They're in a lower orbital.

Things glow-in-the-dark because electrons can move to different orbitals.

"Light of relatively high energy comes in," Eilers said. "One of the electrons absorbs it

and is kicked into a higher orbit. Typically, it then falls back pretty rapidly and emits some light."

So, light hits a phosphor—a glow-in-the-dark thing. The electrons in the phosphor suck in the light's energy. All that extra energy makes those electrons zoom to higher orbitals.

Then, the electrons burp out the extra energy as light. They fall back down to their usual orbital.

If it happened just like that, the glow of the burped-out light wouldn't be very exciting. It would happen too fast. But phosphors aren't perfect. Nothing in nature is perfect.

The tiny flaws in a phosphor—like missing atoms—make little nooks or holes. When electrons zoom up to higher orbitals, they can get trapped in those holes.

"Sooner or later—sometimes minutes, sometimes hours or even days—the trapped electrons come back down," Eilers said. "That's what you're seeing in the dark."

My glow-in-the-dark stickers glow because electrons in the sticker have gotten stuck in itty bitty flaws that act like traps. Then the electrons let out the extra energy and fall back through the traps to their normal places.

Without those flaws, glow-in-the-dark stuff wouldn't work. I guess cool things happen because nature is an imperfect glow-getter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



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by Jeff Pickering



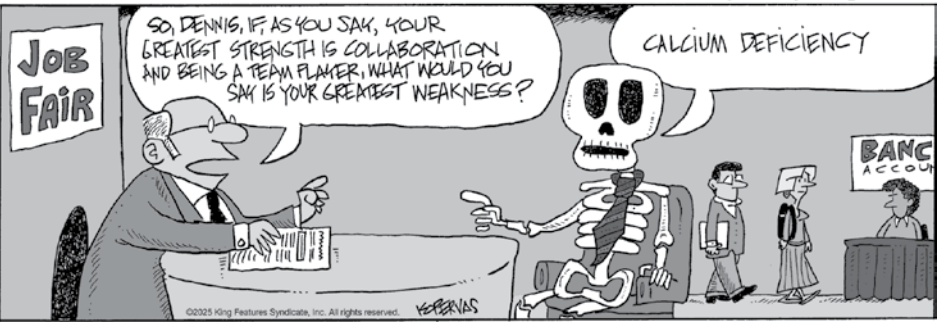
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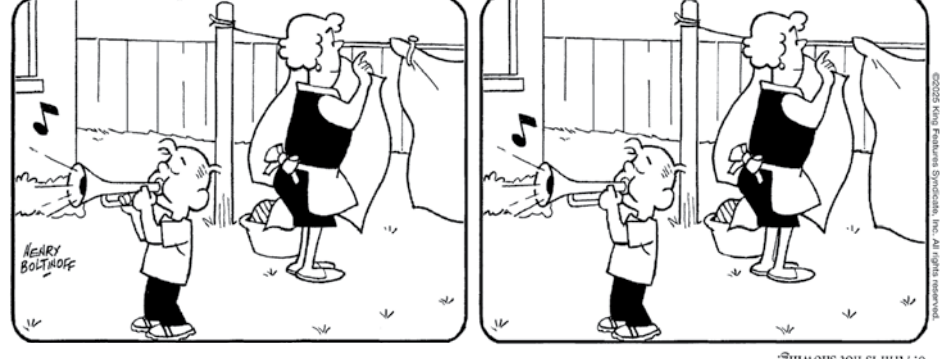


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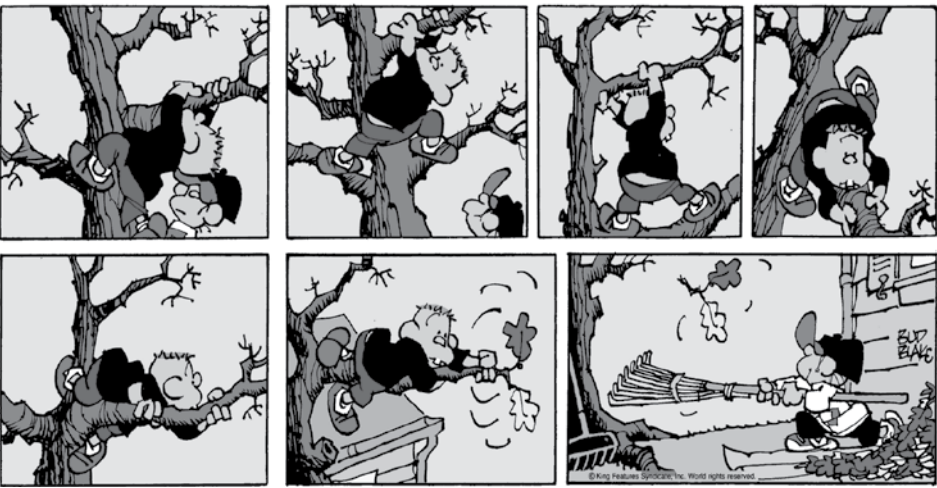
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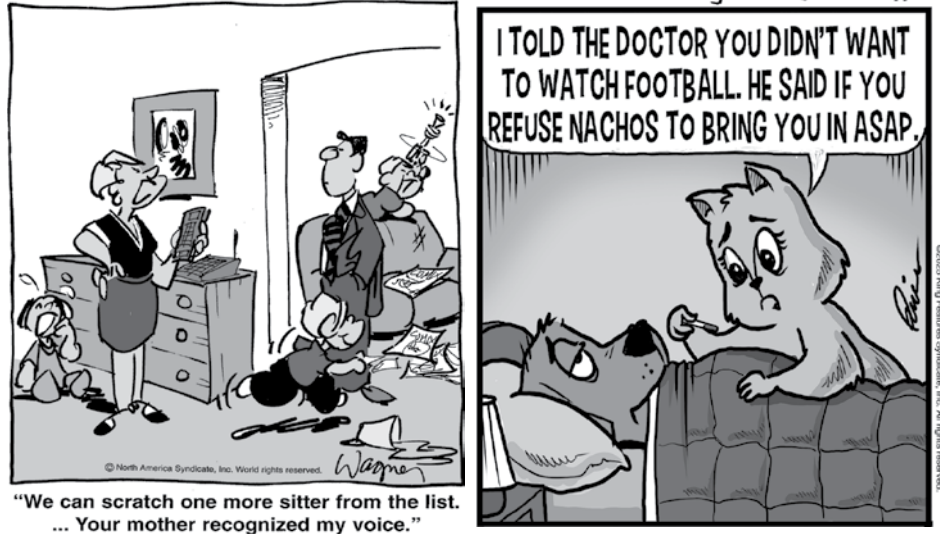
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Woman Sentenced for Abuse Against Animals and Children

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 16, Felicia Louise Whitrock-Wyatt, 37, of Chico, was sentenced to six years and eight months in state prison for abuse of children and animals under her care.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Lucena sentenced Whitrock-Wyatt to a term of six years and eight months in state prison for allowing her two young non-verbal children, ages 8 and 10, and dozens of animals to live in deplorable and uninhabitable conditions.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the assigned prosecutor urged the court to sentence the defendant to eight years and eight months in state prison – the maximum term allowed by

law. The prosecutor argued that Whitrock-Wyatt had been provided an opportunity and resources on a previous court diversion program and through Butte County Children's Services Division.

Instead of availing herself of those resources, Whitrock-Wyatt blamed David Allen Petterson, her husband and co-defendant, for not helping around the house, and she blamed her doctor for not sending her medications to the right pharmacy. The District Attorney's Office pointed out that Whitrock-Wyatt failed to take responsibility for her role in the crimes, despite being charged for the exact same crimes in 2023 and despite acknowledging that she knew the house was unsanitary and the animals in her care were suffering. Whitrock-Wyatt's children are non-verbal and require

special care and attention, making them particularly vulnerable.

Whitrock-Wyatt's public defender argued instead for a probationary term claiming that his client suffered from mental health issues and previously had no criminal record.

Judge Lucena however decided on the mid-term prison sentence, noting Whitrock-Wyatt did have a difficult and abusive childhood leading to mental health problems, and did seek an early resolution of her case by pleading no contest early.

Ramsey noted the children are now living with their grandparents and are reportedly thriving, apparently doing well in a structured home with appropriate services being sought and provided. Petterson is due back in court on Thursday, Nov. 13 for sentencing. ★

Suspect Arrested in Attack on Butte County Fire Engine Responding to Emergency

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers have arrested a suspect in connection with a June 29, incident that left a Butte County fire engine inoperable while en route to a vegetation fire.

On the day of the incident, Butte County Fire Engine 72 was responding with lights and sirens northbound on Upper Palermo Road when it was struck by an object thrown from the roadside. The impact shattered the windshield, rendering the engine unable to respond to the emergency. Investigators recovered a 20-ounce unopened Red Bull can and a sticky substance consistent with the beverage from the scene. Following a joint investigation

by CAL FIRE Law Enforcement, Butte County Sheriff's Office and California Highway Patrol, officers identified 31-year-old William Miller Jr. of Palermo as the suspect. A warrant was issued, and Miller was taken into custody on Oct. 20. He was booked into Butte County Jail on multiple felony charges.

The damaged fire engine remained out of service for several weeks and required repairs costing several thousand dollars.

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire extends its gratitude to the Butte County Sheriff's Office and California Highway Patrol for their support during the investigation.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the CAL FIRE Butte Unit Law Enforcement Bureau at 530-538-7888. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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
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
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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
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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 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 Pesnell, 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 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
OROVILLE 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000772
The following person(s) are doing business as: Clean Up Plus More, 420 S I Street, Exeter, CA 93221
Joanna M Dolores and Aleeya K Dolares, 3275 Roseben Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: October 17, 2025. The

Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
CLEAN 11-21-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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
Filed on September 22, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
ESQUIVEL 10-31-25

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
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DIEMART 11-7-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CONSTANCE M. FRESVIK
CASE NO. 25PR00452
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Constance M. Fresvik.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Shannon M. Robertson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Shannon M. Robertson be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2025-01128-CA A.P.N.: 065-410-015-000 Property Address: 6307 COLUMBINE ROAD, MAGALIA, CA 95954
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER
A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/22/2009. 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. Trustor: JASON L STOLZ AND TERESA M STOLZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 04/29/2009 as Instrument No. 2009-0014607 in book --, page-- and further modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded 02/07/2014, as Instrument No. 2014-0004129 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale 12/03/2025 at 03:30 PM Place of Sale: ON THE STEPS OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NUMBER 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 180,458.26 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: 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 as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 6307 COLUMBINE ROAD, MAGALIA, CA 95954 A.P.N.: 065-410-015-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 180,458.26. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 this 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01128-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (855)-882-1314, or visit this internet website <https://www.hubzu.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01128-CA 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: October 23, 2025 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> ***This address must be used for the required delivery by certified or overnight mail of postponement requests as specified pursuant to Civil Code section 2924f(e). Published 10/31/2025, 11/07/2025, 11/14/2025
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a special meeting scheduled **Monday November 10th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Monday November 10th, 2025, via email to planningdept@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Monday November 3rd, 2025, located on the City of Gridley website.

City of Gridley 2022-2030 6th Cycle Housing Element: the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider the recommendation of the City's 2022-2030 6th Cycle Housing Element to Planning Commission.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. City staff recommends the Planning Commission to recommend approval of the 2022-2030 6th Cycle Housing Element.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Christopher Smith, Principal Planner at (530) 846-3631 or email at planningdept@gridley.ca.us



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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. 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)

Tuesday, Nov. 4: 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, Nov. 5: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, Nov. 6: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Kid quest arts and crafts, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

Friday, Nov. 7: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

Continuing through October 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.

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.

Dia de los Muertos

2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in historic downtown Oroville at Myers Street and Bird Street. Join us for this free family-friendly event. See the movie "Coco" at the Oroville State Theatre at 2 p.m. with free admission, limited seating first-come, first-serve with tickets you can pick up at By Grace Atelier at 1365 Myers Street. The rest of the festival kicks off at 4 p.m. with altars, food and craft vendors, free games for kids, face painting and a costume contest. Enjoy live music, dancing and a beer garden.

Sacred Heart Parish Harvest Festival

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. Entry is free, enjoy a hope chest drawing, country store and cake walk games. Prime rib dinner available, \$30 for adults, \$15 for children 10 and under. Beer, wine, soda and Mexican food also available

Sunday, Nov. 2

Support the Paws that Enforce the Laws

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Commons, 2412 Park Ave., Chico. This event brings the community together to raise funds to support Chico's current and retired K9 officers. It will be a day packed full of fun, including a cornhole tournament, live band, silent auction, and K9 demonstrations. Help show support for these amazing animals that mean the world to their officers and the community they serve. More information at www.classy.org

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.

Thursday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 9

California Swan Festival

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Enjoy bird-watching tours, explore the beauty of local flora and fauna, hike in the mysterious Sutter Buttes volcanic range, visit a local rice farm, or get an introduction to birding. All tours will be emailed their meeting location. More information available at www.caswanfestival.org or sign up for the email list of updates at info@sutterbutteslandtrust.org

Saturday, Nov. 8

Durham Artisan Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 9319 Durham. Presented by the Durham Recreation & Park District, this event features artisans and businesses from the area showcasing their goods. Coffee and treats will be for sale. For more information, call 530-345-1921.

"In Their Own Words"

Sponsored by the Gridley Museum and hosted by the Gridley Moose Lodge at 1533 Highway 99, join us for happy hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a musical to honor our Viet Nam era veterans. The veterans are our guests and join us for free, supporters are simply asked for a donation. We're raising funds to build a recording booth to capture our living history and the veterans' own stories "in their own words." Our musical will be presented as a fashion show showcasing the era from 1958 through 1975. The program includes wartime stories, love stories, comic skits, films from the era and a tribute to the vets. For more information, call 530-320-0339.

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 Nov. 11 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 Nov. 18 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

ESL Conversation Group meets Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esperanza House Family Center, 630 Washington St. Practice speaking English in this free, friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is also a Zoom option from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@butte-county.net for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> The next meeting will be Monday, 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, Nov. 23. 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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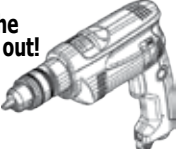
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Gridley Blasts Live Oak for 12th Straight Harvest Bowl Win

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs football team dominated their 12th consecutive Harvest Bowl as they blasted the Live Oak Lions with a 56-0 blowout victory on Oct. 24.

As rivalry games bring out multiple emotions, Live Oak entered the "Boneyard" hyped up for the game, but the hype went away in the second quarter.

The first quarter was quick and scoreless as the Lions were able to move the ball successfully, but were forced to punt and turned the ball over on downs in Gridley territory.

The Bulldogs faced adversity in the first quarter with the ball as they struggled with handing the ball off, but didn't turn the ball over.

Gridley was fueled during pregame as Live Oak led their purple smoke out to around the 50-yard line and the Bulldogs took it personally.

Gridley scored 56



Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo (5) rushes the ball downfield during the Bulldogs' 56-0 win against Live Oak on Oct. 24. Photo by Steven Bryla

unanswered points from the second quarter on and they made a statement each time as they scored on their final eight possessions of the game.

Bulldogs junior running back Marcus Duncan opened the scoring clinic as he scored his first touchdown from 29-yards out after picking up a fumbled snap. Duncan rushed the ball eight times for 109 yards in the win.

Duncan added a 60-yard rushing touchdown on the next Gridley possession as

he bursted through the left side of the line.

Bulldogs senior quarterback had another great outing as he accounted for five of Gridley's touchdowns. Punzo completed five passes for 67 yards and two passing touchdowns.

Punzo added three touchdowns on the ground in the win as he carried the ball 11 times for 191 yards.

The Bulldogs controlled the game and had a 28-point lead at the half.

Live Oak came out in



Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo (5) rushes the ball downfield during the Bulldogs' 56-0 win against Live Oak on Oct. 24. Photo by Steven Bryla

the second half and made a quarterback change as they attempted to change the momentum from the first half.

Lions junior quarterback Kaiden Dulan tossed a few passes in the second half as two of them were intercepted for turnovers.

Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he was happy

completed four passes for 45 yards.

Gridley ran 28 plays of offense in the game and four of their touchdowns were on runs of 20 or more yards.

Bulldogs head coach Daniel Zumwalt told his team postgame that they played great but there are two more weeks of the season that matter. He added that their goal as a team is going to be tough, but if they continue putting in the work, the results will show.

Zumwalt told YSBC that Gridley was fueled by the smoke antic, but they played Bulldogs football.

The Lions will hosted Oroville on Thursday, Oct. 30 with an opportunity to make a statement in their playoff campaign.

The Bulldogs will head back to Oroville and play at Harrison Stadium against Las Plumas tonight with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Three Local Teams Secure Postseason Bids

By YSBC

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (YSBC) - The CIF Northern Section released their postseason brackets and there were two teams that qualified for the chance at a plaque.

Volleyball
The Gridley girls volleyball team was given the No. 3 seed in the Division III bracket as they are scheduled to travel and play at Orland on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

The Bulldogs finished second in the Westside League standings with their only league losses

were to the Trojans. Gridley is searching for their first playoff victory since 2021.

Biggs junior setter Daisy Seipert (2) sets a pass on September 25 in the Wolverines' loss to Hamilton. Photo by Chris Pedigo

The Biggs Wolverines were given the No. 7 seed in the Division VI playoffs as they played at Redding Christian on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The result of this game was not done before press time. Biggs went winless in Mid-Valley League play and won one set in that timeframe.

The Wolverines did beat league foe Maxwell in a tournament, but haven't tasted a win for the last month and a half.

Flag Football
The Gridley girls flag football team qualified for the CIF Sacramento Section playoffs as they were placed in the Division IV and hosted Amador in a play-in game on Monday, Oct. 27.

The result of this game was later than press time. Gridley was the only Northern Section school with a girls flag-football program and they competed in the Pioneer Valley League the CIF



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

Sac-Joaquin Section.

The Bulldogs finished fourth in the Pioneer Valley League standings and went .500 during their

12-game schedule.

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Gridley Titans Football

PLAYOFFS

10U to Divisional Championship Game



The 10U Titans football team slide down the field in muddy cold game. Courtesy photo

By Jason Davis Sr.

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - The first round of the playoffs, for the number 1 seed 10U Titans, was held in Paradise this past Sunday Oct. 26. The undefeated Titans took on the Paradise Jr Bobcats in the pouring rain on a muddy field up on the ridge.

The Jr Bobcats came out and put up a good fight to start the game, but the Titans proved why they

were the number one seed. The Titans defense held the Jr Bobcats to one first down, recovered three fumbles and had two safeties. Kobe Neal ran wild on Paradise removing all three fumbles and causing a safety. The other safety was caused by Jesse Delgado. Siaoosi Iuli had a good day on defense as well, causing one fumble and running a kickoff back to the 6-yard line on a wild return for the Xman.

Boss Davis had three touchdowns and Casen Gruber had one. Jesse Delgado and Rhett Moffit had extra points run in and Francisco Guillen III, had an onside kick, recovered by Morgan Ruggirello. The final score was 30-0.

The 10U Titans punched their ticket to the Divisional Championship next weekend against Central Valley that will be hosted at home in Gridley, on Nov. 1 at 12 p.m. ★



10U Cheerleaders brave the rain during the Titans 10U game against Paradise this past Sunday Oct. 26. Courtesy photo



The 10U Titans football team celebrate their win! Courtesy photo

12U Titans Get Big Playoff Victory



The 12U Gridley Titans defeated the Weed Jr. Trojans 32 - 13 in the first round of the playoffs this past weekend. Courtesy photo

By Aaron Lumsden

WEED, CA (MPG) - The 12U Gridley Titans defeated the Weed Jr. Trojans 32 - 13 in the first round of the playoffs this past weekend.

The Titans offense moved the ball up and down the field; making

huge chunk plays throughout the contest. The Titans defense pressured the Jr. Trojans all game long, pushing them back on several occasions.

Earlier in the season, the Titans barely squeaked out a victory against the Jr. Trojans; however, this

time around the Jr. Trojans didn't stand a chance. The Titans played aggressively and with passion.

With this victory, the Titans record improves to 7 - 2 on the season and will proceed to the championship game to be played in Gridley this weekend. ★

8u Titans Win First Round Playoff Game



The 8U Gridley took on the Paradise Jr Bobcats in the first round of the playoffs, coming away with a dominate 39-0 victory. Courtesy photo

By Dustin Terrell

MT. SHASTA, CA (MPG) - The 8U Gridley Titans made the long trip to Mount Shasta to take on the Paradise Jr Bobcats in the first round of the playoffs, coming away with a dominate 39-0 victory.

Despite the cold, rainy and windy weather the Titans excelled in all 3 phases of the game. The offensive line opened

huge holes for the backs all game, allowing the Titans to have six rushing touchdowns on the day. Kanon Buzzard ran for three touchdowns, while Jax Terrell, Bente Waller and Emmett Burns added a touchdown a piece. On defense, the Titans forced multiple fumbles resulting in recoveries by Conner Mell and Adrian Vasquez. On special

teams, Valentino Guillen with his great kicks helped Emmett Burns recover two onside kicks. Jax Terrell ran in two extra points and Kanon Buzzard added another.

The 8U Titans return home to play against Las Plumas in the NAL Division Championship on Saturday Nov. 1. Come out and support these boys, kickoff is at 10 a.m. ★

Biggs Wins Crucial Placing Battle

By YSBC

BIGGS, CA (YSBC) - The Biggs Wolverines stepped up to the plate as they defeated the Los Molinos Bulldogs 28-21 on Friday, Oct. 24 in a crucial game for seeding purposes in the CIF Northern Section Division V purposes.

Biggs senior quarterback Skyler Long passed for 71 yards and rushed for 67 yards in the win. The Wolverines defense made big stops multiple times throughout the game.

Biggs junior linebacker Cameron Kroupa led the charge defensively with 16 tackles and two pass deflections. Wolverines head coach Brian Harrison told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they are hitting their stride at the right time and the goal for the rest of the season is to keep playing Biggs football.

Wolverines sophomore Hudson



Biggs senior quarterback Skyler Long (16) breaks a tackle in the Wolverines' 28-21 victory on Oct. 24 against Los Molinos. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Brewer and Cashten Acosta combined for 141 yards on the ground in the win over the Bulldogs.

Biggs is scheduled to hit the road tonight as they play at Williams with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. ★



Biggs junior fullback Ayden Owen (46) runs downfield for a reception during the Wolverines' 28-21 victory against Los Molinos on Oct. 24. Photo by Chris Pedigo



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