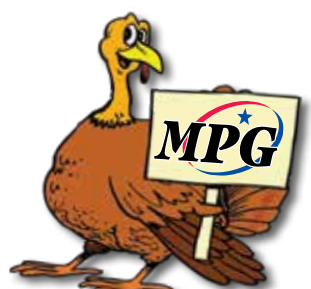




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## Veterans Day Concert Returns to Veterans Memorial Hall



Six decorated local veterans were honored by the Gridley Monday Quilters and presented with beautiful, hand-crafted quilts. From left, Rob McConnell, Danny Flowers, Bob Onyett, Jack Slota, Todd Farr and Eric Webb. Photo by Cindy Scott

**By Delaina Watson and Cindy Scott**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley's Veterans Memorial Hall was a center of community activity after it was completed in 1926. The hall reopened this spring after nearly five years of closure for renovation. Since it became available, the venue has hosted several community events. Gridley Quota brought its tasting event back to the hall, Sacred Heart Catholic Church resurrected its Harvest Festival, local veterans restarted their

weekly bingo nights, and, last week, on Nov. 11, the annual Veterans Day Concert returned to the historic hall.

The Oroville Community Concert Band brings its rousing patriotic music to Gridley each year to commemorate Veterans Day, and the advantageous acoustics in the hall were welcomed by a large audience. Bob Scofield directed the large band and Jim Moll served as emcee, recounting the history of each song.

The band performed 11 patriotic songs, including the all-time favorite "Stars and Stripes Forever." The

band included "Arlington," a powerful and emotional piece composed as a tribute to the American servicemen and women buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The final piece was "Taps," a somber reminder of all veterans and their sacrifices for our country.

Pastor Jose Villalobos of the First Presbyterian Church of Gridley and Bishop Dustin Barnette of the Gridley 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered the invocation and  
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## Basketball Tradition Scores Council's Support Again

**By Susan Meeker**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - December in Gridley means more than twinkling lights and festive cheer. It means basketball.

With the return of the 71st Annual Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament, the city is preparing for three days of high school competition, community pride and economic activity. Scheduled for Dec. 11-13 at Farmers Hall, the tournament draws top-tier teams from across Northern California and fills local restaurants, shops and hotels with visiting families and fans.

In October, the Gridley City Council unanimously approved a \$1,500 grant to help finance the event.

"This is one of the jewels of Gridley and we need to support it," Mayor Mike Farr said during the council meeting.

The Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament began in 1953 as a way to unite Northern California communities through high school basketball. Founded by Gridley High School coach John Valentino, the three-day event became known for hosting top-tier teams and housing visiting players with local families, fostering lasting friendships and social connection, officials said.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga noted that the contribution had been included in the city's annual budget planning.

"In this year's budget, the City of Gridley has established a line item of \$12,000 for contributions, of which \$1,500 was earmarked for the GIBT," Arteaga said.

The city's financial support qualifies it as a Major Sponsor, a designation that includes a full-page advertisement in the tournament program, prominent signage in the gym throughout the boys' and girls' basketball season and additional visibility during the Butte County Fair. The sponsorship also includes radio advertising, nightly announcements during the tournament, six season passes to all home basketball games, six tournament passes and six tickets to the Friday Night Hospitality Party at the Moose Lodge.

Additional sponsorship tiers are available for businesses and individuals who wish to support the tournament. Gold Sponsors contribute \$500 and receive a full-page ad, a smaller gym sign and four passes to each event. Blue Sponsors  
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## RVCC Vets and Staff Roll Out for Veterans Day



Volunteers, River Valley Care Center staff members, family members of veterans and three resident veterans from RVCC pose before celebrating Veterans Day at the Marysville Parade. From left, George Cabrera, Carlos Beebe, resident veteran (Marine), Leslie Vasquez, Desiree Biscotti, resident veteran (Marine), Jonathan Taitague, Beverly Poitras, resident veteran (Army), Tyler Atwood, Rudy Guevara, and Krissie Galindo. Photo courtesy of the River Valley Care Center

**By Seti Long**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - River Valley Care Center skilled nursing facility in Live Oak recently went above and beyond to honor their resident veterans and show their respect for service men and women at the

Marysville Veterans Day Parade.

River Valley Care Center Ward Clerk Desiree Biscotti organized a special expedition for veterans at the facility, which offers short-term rehab, long-term nursing, and memory care.

The petite, purple-haired dynamo arranged for resident veterans, 2 Marine vets and 1 Army vet, to be featured on a parade float, and with the help of Carlos Beebe, admissions director for River Valley Care Center, the two made it happen.

On Nov. 11, Biscotti, Beebe, and volunteers from the center helped the resident veterans don their red, white and blue garb, veteran's hats and grabbed their flags. The crew set their sights on Marysville and transported the three  
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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

You may be worried that the future will be taken over by robots that do most of the jobs. No need to worry, I was visiting the target store just last week and was passed in the aisles several times by young people employed by Target to shop professionally. People place their orders online, and it pops up on a little screen. These people run around the store, grabbing everything, and put it in a basket. There are openings now for young people who are good at shopping. Not as good as working for the Leishman kid at the Walnut Dryer, but a great job nonetheless.

I recently accompanied a woman (never to be named in this column) on a church assignment she had to Alaska. It was less than 10 minutes after the suitcases

arrived on the baggage merry-go-round that we encountered a person affiliated with, you guessed it, Gridley, California. She asked where we were from; we said Northern California. She said, "Oh, I have family from there." We asked what town. She said a small city called Gridley. We immediately inquired what their last name was. She said Deniz. I then shared that I received a varsity Block G from Gridley High School for simply retrieving the long discus throws of track star Leslie Deniz, who went on to be an Olympic silver medalist and the highest-ranking Olympic athlete in the history of Gridley— she said that Leslie was in her family, and then I asked her if she was Portuguese? She responded in the affirmative. I then asked, "Which Deniz are you a part of?" She responded - Mary and Roy Deniz. At that moment, I knew she was not only Portuguese but also Croatian. Her name is Annie Route, and she has lived in Alaska for decades. She is an official Tourism greeter and gets paid to be friendly, kind, and helpful. She shared many fond memories of

the Portuguese Hall and the massive incredible amounts of food and people that used to be a regular event there - up until the time that many of the second and third generation of the Gridley Portuguese community moved on to other places as the agricultural lifestyle that brought them all together was changed by technological advances and the decline in small family farms, especially dairies, where Portuguese people were the best in the industry. Again, it is incredible how many places you can go and find someone who knows about and loves Gridley. She said the last time she came to town, she went to the wonderful, beautiful cemetery to visit the graves of many family members who are buried there. A compliment to Chuck Nuchols and the rest of the Cemetery Board, when people come back to town, curiously, the cemetery is something they say they really enjoy. To quote the great philosopher Forrest Gump, life is like a box of Chocolates.

*Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley and received a 6th-grade education from Hall of Fame educator Debbie Graves.*

# Stroll, Sparkle and Shop Local

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley's Downtown businesses invite you to come down to Hazel St. on Nov. 22 for a Christmas Preview.

The evening will be filled with holiday magic, while local vendors provide shopping opportunities.

Locals Canada Family Farms is planning to provide hot ciders and homemade apple slushies, while Gordo's Tacos takes care of dinner for those browsing. Even more vendors are expected to join the event as the day draws near.

Live music will be provided by Music by Gerardo, featuring a mix of modern music.

Participating vendors such as Eight Six O, the Farmers Wives and more will feature sales. Natalie Ratliff of Eight Six O shares she will be giving out a free gift with purchases over \$150.

New to downtown, the ClayGround, featuring beads and ceramics, will be offering a fun "mug & hot cocoa bomb" promotion.

The Shop Sparkle and Stroll Christmas Preview will be held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. this coming Saturday. ★



## Christmas Home Decorating Contest

By MPG Staff

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - It's time to show off your Christmas light decorating skills with The Biggs Christmas Home Decorating Contest!

Come and tour the beautiful town of Biggs

and vote on your favorite light displays. You can enter your home at: <https://forms.gle/NEsoqDTBGhSKoVMUA>.

Vote on the most beautiful, funniest or most creative. Prizes include incredible inflatables,

Griswold's award, the judge's choice and people's choice. You can also vote on the Biggs Facebook Group at @hereinbiggs.

Entries are due Dec. 1, and voting is due Dec. 4. Winners will be announced at the Biggs Tree Lighting Dec. 7. ★



## Basketball Tradition Scores Council's Support Again

Continued from page 1 contribute \$250 and receive a half-page ad, a modest gym sign and two passes.

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Chris McIntire at 530-682-6610 or mail checks payable to

"GIBT" to 1507 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948.

The Gridley Invitational remains a cornerstone of the city's winter calendar, offering competitive basketball and community celebrations in equal measures. ★

## Biggs Tree Lighting and Street Market

By MPG Staff

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Biggs is kicking off the holiday season with the Annual Tree Lighting and Street Market! This exciting event will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7.

The fun starts at 3 p.m.

when the market opens. Come check out all the great vendors including The Candy Box, Biggs FFA Floral and Skully Kaps. At 4 p.m. bring the kids to meet Santa and take pictures.

There will be an ugly sweater contest at 5 p.m.

Come show off your best ugly sweater.

Tree lighting is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to usher in the holiday season.

There will also be live music, hot food and warm drinks. It will be a great time to enjoy with family, friends and neighbors. ★

MEMORIAL

CLAY E. JONES • 03/02/1949 - 11/10/2025

Clay E. Jones, 76, of Maxwell, California passed away peacefully at home on November 10th, 2025. He was born on March 2, 1949 to Giles Jr. and Phyllis Jones in Colusa, California. He was joined by his sister Celeste on the same date just two years later, sister Charlene joined the family 2 years after that. His parents divorced, and a few years later he welcomed his Stepfather, Avery Harris and subsequently a baby brother Clint Harris.

Clay attended Maxwell Schools where he excelled in all sports. After his graduation in 1967, he enrolled in Yuba College where he pursued his education in Criminal Justice, but that was interrupted by the Vietnam Conflict so he left college to enlist in the Army. He trained at Fort Gordon, Georgia as a Vet Tech and Dog Handler which earned him his Military Police designation and special friend and companion "Lart", his sentry dog. They were deployed to a Hawk Missile Base in Korea until his honorable discharge. In 1971 he returned to Yuba College and completed his education in Criminal Justice.

At the age of 23 Clay was accepted into the California Highway Patrol, where his career took him to West L.A., San Francisco (as a Motorcycle

Officer), Oakland, and finally close to home at the Williams California Office. He was always a very proud wearer of badge #8151.

In 1979 he met his future wife Kathy Spann, he found out that she was a girl from Williams that he had met years earlier through a family friend. After striking up a conversation they decided to date and a year later they married and settled back into his hometown. Their 45th Wedding anniversary, though never quite reached on November 15, 2025, seems quite a milestone. Daughter Stephanie was born in 1981, and grandson, Yousef was presented in 2015.

Clay was an avid hunter, fisherman, marksman and gun enthusiast. Just ask him and he'd always have a story! San Francisco Giants, Golden State Warriors and the 49ers were always his passion, but he made exceptions for his friends' favorite teams.

Clay is proceeded in death by his Father, Giles Jones Jr., Stepfather, Avery Harris and Mother, Phyllis Harris.

He is Survived by his wife Kathy, of Maxwell, CA; Daughter Stephanie Alhourani and Grandson Yousef Alhourani of Orland, CA. Sisters; Celeste Azevedo (Tim) of Maxwell, CA, Charlene

Cain (Donn) of Willows, CA and Brother Clint Harris (Ginger) of Sutter, CA., Nephews: Kyle Word, Jonn Cain, Colton Harris, Auston Harris, Patrick Azevedo (Nikki) and Jeremy Azevedo (Cheri). Great Nephews: Derrick and Matthew Azevedo, Great Nieces: Brittany Azevedo, Jordan Azevedo, Hannah Azevedo and Hollie Azevedo. Great Grand Nieces: Parker-Kate Azevedo and Gracie Azevedo

Grave-side Services are to be held Tuesday November 25th at 11 am at the Maxwell Cemetery. A pot-luck luncheon is to follow at the Maxwell Legion Hall.

The family wishes to thank the Maxwell Fire Department, Colusa HHS Nurse Kim, and the Colusa County Hospice team. A very special thanks to Niccole Purcell for her unwavering love, hope and care; to Jim Lausten for "showing up" even when not summoned, and to our dearest Jeremy whom without his strength, support and humor the family might have simply collapsed.

FAMILY WISHES THAT EVERYONE ATTENDING WEAR THEIR FAVORITE TEAM LOGO GARB: NBA, NFL, NHL or MLB. Donations to the Maxwell Fire Department and/or the American Legion would be appreciated!

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# GHS FFA Holds Annual Rib Feed



Guests purchased tickets for raffle opportunities, a shot a winning a .22 rifle and more! Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Patrons to the Gridley High School Triple B event Saturday, Nov. 15, were met with warmth, the smell of delicious chilies and the promise of a tasty, barbecued meal as they arrived at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

The Triple B Dinner, which stands for Beans, Brews and BBQ, invited the community to support Gridley's large FFA Club, either by sponsoring a table, entering the chili cook off, donating an item for the silent auction or simply enjoying a dinner of barbecued ribs or chicken.

Although the evening was cold and damp, the Triple B had a great turn out.

The expo hall at the Butte County Fairground was packed. Upon entry, guests could browse a variety of sponsored auction gifts, purchase tickets for various drawings, or purchase a higher priced tickets at \$20 each for the chance to take home a Remington 783 Winchester black bolt action rifle 22.

FFA students were visible throughout the event, serving meals, bussing tables, answering questions and manning stations.

The Chili Cook-Off brought community members and organizations out to put their best recipes to the test.

Guests were able to sample chili's from both youth division and open division. Blends included rabbit meat chili's, smoky meatball chili's, and chilies with high-end meats such as prime rib.

Local CALFIRE Station 74 would bring the heat and take the win for "Best Chili" in the open division with their savory and smokey chili. The Santillan Brothers would stun with their home-made recipe, taking the win for the youth division.

It was a wonderful evening for fundraising and fantastic fare.

FFA Advisor Madelyn Vaca said, "A huge thank you to everyone in our community who came out to support our fundraising event!"



FFA students highlighted some of their projects and sold others. This FFA member holds two succulents ready for a new home! Photo by Seti Long



Gridley's CAL Fire/Butte County Station 74's cooks set tastebuds on fire with their winning "smoky meatball" chili. Photo by Seti Long



Iris Counihan and Ali Santillan smile as they lend a helping hand to guest and their fellow FFA members at the Triple B event. Photo by Seti Long



Armando Santillan (left) with little brother Alonzo, would take the win for the Youth Division Chili Cook-Off. Photo courtesy of Christy Santillan

# FWA Honors Rural Roots, Water Advocacy at Annual Dinner



U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, invited to speak by Family Water Alliance CEO Nadine Bailey, right, seeks to reassure farmers and water advocates that he will represent their interests following the passage of Proposition 50, which strategically shifted rural counties into Democrat-leaning area for the 2026 and 2030 election cycles.

Story and photos by Susan Meeker

**COLUSA, CA (MPG)** - A who's who of dignitaries and agriculture advocates from Siskiyou County to the Napa Valley gathered in Colusa on Nov. 11 for Family Water Alliance's annual fundraiser, an evening of policy, local fare and community investment.

Held at St. Bernadette's Hall, the event drew several hundred people, including elected officials, water district leaders and longtime supporters of family farming.

U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, addressed the crowd with a blend of personal history and policy priorities. He acknowledged that California's mid-cycle Proposition 50 redistricting, which will place Colusa County in its 4th Congressional District for the 2026 and 2030 election cycles, was unpopular in several northern rural counties. Still, he offered reassurance that the region's agricultural interests would not go unrepresented.

"I'm very pro-ag," Thompson said. "I get it. I do a lot in the ag space."

A former state senator who once represented Colusa County, Thompson recalled his ties to the area, including a stint as a rice farmer, before California underwent a court-ordered mid-cycle redistricting after the legislature failed to agree on new maps following the 1990 census. He highlighted his work on water infrastructure and conservation policy, including funding for fish screens on the GCID and Red Bluff diversions, and his early appropriation of \$10 million for the Sites Reservoir project.

"You can't farm and you can't grow stuff without water," said Thompson, who has a close working relationship with

current Congressman Doug LaMalfa, noting the 25% federal tax deduction he helped secure for landowners who commit acreage to conservation, and his co-authoring of legislation aimed at expanding insurance market access for rural homeowners and businesses.

Founded in 1991 by Maxwell residents Sue Sutton, Marion Mathis and Joe Carrancho, Family Water Alliance began as a grassroots response to environmental regulations that threatened farming in Colusa and Glenn counties.

Family Water Alliance Chief Executive Officer Nadine Bailey said that over the decades, the organization has grown into a regional coalition advocating private property rights, water access and rural livelihoods, themes echoed throughout the evening's program.

A broad slate of elected officials and agency leaders attended the fundraiser, underscoring Family Water Alliance's reach across Northern California's agricultural and environmental sectors. Bailey welcomed Assemblymembers Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, D-Winters, and Heather Hadwick, R-Modoc; Colusa County Supervisor Daurice Kalfsbeek-Smith; Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue; Central Valley Flood Control Board President Jane Dolan; and Siskiyou County Supervisor Michael Kobseth in recognizing the organization's decades-long advocacy for rural water access and property rights.

Aguiar-Curry emphasized her farming roots and long-standing collaboration with Northern California water districts. She described her work on AB 59 to expand partnerships with Reclamation District 108 and praised Family Water Alliance for educating lawmakers from urban districts unfamiliar

with rural water needs.

"So many times I have to get my Southern California urban people to understand the importance of water, and they just don't get it," she said. "Our healthy environments and strong farms and ranches make vibrant rural communities."

Hadwick, who represents District 1, the largest geographical district in the state, spoke about the growing threat of apex predators in rural areas, particularly wolves. She described 2025 as the summer of severe livestock losses, including dozens of confirmed kills near homes and schools. Her team secured \$2 million in the state budget for direct loss compensation to producers, and she continues to push for federal delisting and revision of California's wolf management plan.

"Many of my colleagues were unaware this was happening in our state," Hadwick said. "We continue to fight for rural voices to make sure they're heard, respected and protected."

Bailey closed the program by stressing the need to preserve the organization's institutional memory. She said decades of grassroots advocacy, technical expertise and community partnerships must be documented and passed on. She reaffirmed Family Water Alliance's commitment to outreach and collaboration, especially through its nationally recognized fish screen program, which has protected agricultural diversions and native fish populations for more than 25 years.

Maxwell High School FFA students served dinner, prepared by Tom and Quinton Indrieri. The evening concluded with a spirited live and silent auction, capping off a night that celebrated both legacy and the future of rural water advocacy. ★



Siskiyou County Supervisor Michael Kobseth, left, joins Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue and Central Valley Flood Protection Board President Jane Dolan at the Family Water Alliance fundraiser in Colusa on Nov. 8.



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# Gridley Emergency Relief Services Christmas Baskets



G. E. R. S. is now accepting donations from individuals and organizations to help fund the annual Christmas Food Basket giveaway. Photo by CottonBro via Pixels

By Ed Lucas

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Emergency Relief Services (G. E. R. S.) is a local organization that helps churches provide emergency relief to families and individuals who find themselves in unexpected financial difficulties. In addition to helping churches provide relief, G. E. R. S. works with our local churches to distribute food baskets during the Christmas season.

This year our goal is to hand out Christmas Baskets to 120 families. G.E.R.S. will be handing baskets at the First Baptist Church, 100 Vermont Street, Saturday Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A Photo ID is needed to receive a basket.

G. E. R. S. is now accepting donations from individuals and organizations to help fund the annual Christmas Food Basket giveaway and our ongoing service to the community throughout the year. Due to the struggle many in our community

are having because of the government shutdown, and the extra burden that food pantries have had to carry, we understand that the need is at a high point this year.

You may mail donations made payable to G. E. R. S. to PO Box 931, Gridley, CA 95948. You may also donate through your church. If you are interested in helping to prepare and/or distribute the food baskets, notify your Pastor. In addition, you may email GERS at gcc-pastor@sbc-global.net. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The Northern Lights have been a treat in the night sky. Once many years ago, I saw them in Berry Creek. At first, I thought it was a forest fire. It seemed odd because it was a steady pink to golden glow, no pulsing up and down like fire. Then I realized that a fire did not act like that bright color in the night sky at all, ever. Then I

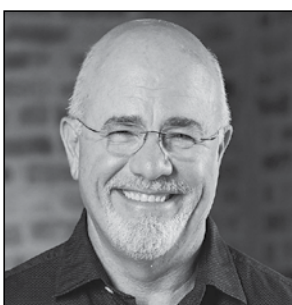
understood that I was seeing the Northern Lights. I need to go to Iceland for the next large solar flare. That way I can soak in thermal hot pools while watching the Northern Lights show. I'm going to research this and start looking for cheap flights to Iceland.

All of the plants were loving the spell of warm weather that we went through a couple of weeks ago. The day and night temperatures were maybe five degrees different. The fruit trees were a bit confused about whether or not to drop their leaves. The narcissus came up a full month earlier than usual. In a large pot where I have a dahlia planted in with freesia bulbs, I had cut

the dahlia back so the freesias could thrive. Poor dahlia tried growing again. My reblooming iris are blooming over and over far more this time of year than usual. The new cyclamen garden is thriving. I planted grown plants and some corms. Some of the corms have already come up and have cute little blooms. I did plant a mix for six months of color. Some of them should be coming up but the others I thought would wait until spring. I think the plants are thinking it is spring.

I'm finding tiny new snails high in the plants as I cut them back. It makes me wonder if they are running away from the toads. ★

## Dave Ramsey Says Lack of Knowledge, Immaturity or Worse?



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My girlfriend and I have been dating seriously for a little over a year. We're both 28, and I know I love her, but there's something that worries me. She's very smart, but at the same time, she's not very responsible with money. I know that no one is perfect, but sometimes she'll get behind on her bills in order to do things like buy clothes or go to concerts. How should I approach talking to her and explaining my concern about this? I'd like to ask her to marry me sometime next year.

- Lincoln

Dear Lincoln,

Congratulations on finding the lady you want to marry! I'm also glad you're looking at things from a mature point of view where the future is concerned.

Dating is fun. And marriage is wonderful, when you've found the right person to spend your life

with. But there's something I want you to keep in mind. In a marriage, real life shows up in a hurry. That's why it's so important that couples be on the same page when it comes to their lives together, their hopes and dreams—and their finances. Unexpected things can arise that make life hard, even when you're with someone you love.

If I were you, I'd move slowly and see if she starts showing some signs of getting her spending under control. To be honest, her financial behavior is pretty immature right now. Sometimes when folks act this way, it's just a phase. Or, it's a case where they weren't taught how to properly manage money when they were younger.

If this is the case here, I'd recommend talking to her about it gently, explaining your concern and maybe introducing her to the idea of living on a monthly budget. If you're already doing this, it would be the perfect opportunity to demonstrate how it works for you, and how it would make han-

dling finances as a couple easier in the future. That way, once she understands the process—and the value of having a plan for spending money on paper before the month begins—it will be easier for her to stick to it.

But if it doesn't work, and this way of living turns out to be a character flaw, I promise you it will cause issues later on. And those issues will begin to cloud every other aspect of your relationship.

Best of luck, Lincoln. God bless you both!

- 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.* ★



### Farmers Plant Less Cotton in Face of Stagnant Market

With cotton prices around the world continuing to stagnate, California growers planted fewer acres this year than almost any time in the past century. "Upland cotton is at 85 to 90 cents a pound right now. That's the same darn price as when I started 30 years ago," said Roger Isom, CEO of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association. "It's tough out there for our farmers." California farmers planted 91,000 acres of pima cotton and 15,968 acres of upland cotton this year—a 38% drop in pima but a 30% increase in upland from 2024, the CCGA reported. Overall, cotton acreage declined 33%. Kings County continued to lead in plantings, with 47,753 of the state's 106,968 acres. "Quality is great, but the demand is down," Merced County farmer Jeff Mancebo said.

### Natural Wine Trend Revives Old-Fashioned Methods

A cadre of California grape growers and winemakers crafts wine as it was made hundreds if not thousands of years ago. No filtering, no fining, no additives. Just grapes, wild yeast, a barrel and time. Darek Trowbridge of Old World Winery in Sonoma County farms biodynamically—an organic practice that treats the vineyard as a living system. To make his

natural wines, Trowbridge uses a practice called head training, which allows vines to grow freely from the trunk without a trellis. He also mows rather than tills the soil and spreads composted mulch of his own design at the base of the vines to conserve water, boost nutrients and increase yield. "This is a beautiful way to grow a vine on its own," he said. "Just let it be. Let it do its thing, organically. And it works."

### California Aquaculture Producers Prepare for Holiday Season

California aquaculture producers are getting ready for a busy holiday season, when demand typically rises for freshwater fish and seafood. "Aquaculture producers across California are consistently supplying high-quality seafood and recreational fish. This is especially true during the busy holiday season, as many growers provide products for special occasions and family gatherings," Butte County aquaculture producer and consultant Tony Vaught told Ag Alert® in a field report. The state produces a diverse range of freshwater fish, including tilapia, channel catfish, trout and steelhead, as well as saltwater fish, oysters, clams and mussels. California also produces most of the nation's caviar from sturgeon farms. "Demand for these products remains strong due to reduced wild catches and increasing global seafood consumption," Vaught said. ★

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### November Commemorations Highlight the Urgent Need to Protect California Veterans and Military Families from Toxic Exposure

By **Cristina Johnson,**  
Navy Veteran Advocate

Veterans and their families have consistently dedicated themselves to the nation in ways that go far beyond the call of duty. For decades, they have endured long deployments, confronted life-threatening dangers, and navigated emotional and physical challenges, all while supporting their loved ones. Such commitment is the primary reason why, every November, the country observes Veterans Day and National Veterans and Military Families Month—to reflect on the courage, commitment, and resilience of those who have served and those who have supported them. Yet, amid these commemorations, it is equally important to recognize that for many veterans, the impact of military service is not limited to the battlefield. Across California, a large portion of roughly 1.8 million veterans and their families continue to face more insidious threats—most notably exposure to toxic substances. As such, November is not just a time for tribute but an urgent call to action to protect military communities from this devastating harm.

#### California Veterans and Military Facilities at Risk of Toxic Exposure

From the Mexican-American War in 1846 to the Cold War in 1945 and through many subsequent conflicts, California has played a central role in the nation's defense, with generations of service members trained and deployed to carry out special missions. But woven into this long military history is a very complex legacy of environmental and health risks that countless veterans only began to confront years after their service ended. A significant issue in this context is asbestos, a naturally occurring mineral. In California, this is often found in serpentine and ultramafic rocks, which are formed in at least 53 of its 58 counties, including eastern Sacramento County. Since its discovery, asbestos has become infamous for its excellent thermal stability and heat resistance, making it vital in the construction of naval vessels, aircraft, tanks, weapons, and many facilities, such as Beale Air Force Base, located roughly 35 miles away from Gridley. Asbestos fibers have been associated with a myriad of lethal ailments, which have already killed 27,080 Californians between 1999 and 2017. Among these fatalities, over 1,000 occurred in Sacramento County, while Butte and Sutter Counties recorded 231 and 66 deaths, respectively.

Aside from asbestos, many other contaminants have likewise caused pollution at many military sites in California. For example, former installations like Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento County have been placed on the Superfund National Priorities List after several investigations revealed high levels of lead and different heavy metals in the soil and groundwater. Similar issues have also

been identified at the Sacramento Army Depot, where testing has shown that levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) exceed 1,500 parts per trillion, mainly due to the extensive use of toxic firefighting foams and industrial activities. Such findings apparently emphasize the pervasive nature of dangerous chemicals existing at military communities across the Golden State—thereby compromising the health of veterans as well as their families and nearby communities.

#### Positioning Military Communities in California for Long-Term Protection

November is a poignant reminder that honoring service must extend beyond mere ceremonies to tangible action. Tackling this urgent need, policymakers passed the Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022—intending to provide more comprehensive healthcare services as well as compensation to veterans drastically impacted by toxic exposure during their active duty. Nationwide, nearly three billion individuals have already lodged their claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, wherein more than 219,600 were from personnel currently living in California. As of September 2025, almost two billion applications had been verified, and over \$6.8 billion had been distributed to victims in 2024.

Witnessing the progress of this initiative, more programs have been introduced to address the broader challenges that veterans and their families face. Strengthened survivor benefits provide critical support to the families of fallen service members, while the VA Home Loan Program Reform Act helps veterans cope with their mortgage expenses. Yet, even with these measures, many still face significant unmet needs, primarily since benefits alone cannot fully address the long-term consequences of their exposure to persistent environmental hazards that have infiltrated their residences as well as workplaces.

To transition from statutory promises to tangible outcomes, California requires stronger oversight mechanisms that monitor the implementation of federal reforms at the local level. It also needs dedicated state funding to aid veterans whose conditions fall outside federal eligibility criteria, as well as mandatory reporting systems that ensure claim delays, appeals, backlogs, and benefit gaps are publicly disclosed and addressed. Only by enforcing these concrete and systemic measures can California guarantee that the sacrifices of its veterans are fulfilled with enduring protection, care, and accountability.

*Cristina Johnson is a Navy veteran advocate for Asbestos Ships Organization, a nonprofit whose primary mission is to raise awareness and educate veterans about the dangers of asbestos exposure on Navy ships and assist them in navigating the VA claims process. For more information, please visit our page.* ★

## Potential New Building for Gridley Behavioral Health

By **Mickey Mrakuzic**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Butte County is taking steps towards constructing a Behavioral Health Center in Gridley. Butte County General Services recently published a notice of intent to adopt an initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND). The project's name is Behavioral Health Services Facility Project. The project proposes constructing a 10,100 square foot

Behavioral Health Center (BHC) at 185 Sycamore Street.

The Behavioral Health Center would provide a variety of behavioral health services to low-to-moderate income individuals and families in the Gridley area, provide space for counseling offices and large meeting rooms for group therapy and staff training. The project includes remodeling the parking areas at the Sycamore Street location.

There is a 30-day public review period for the IS/MND from Oct. 24 to Nov. 24. Interested parties and public agencies can submit written comments and must be mailed, submitted in person or via email to Shawn Rohrbacker, Project Manager, Butte County General Services, 2081 Second Street, Oroville, CA 95965. The email address is [srohrbacker@buttecounty.net](mailto:srohrbacker@buttecounty.net). No public hearing will be held for the proposed project. ★

## 2025 Stonyford Christmas Bazaar to Take Place

By **Barbara Leach, Stonyford Community Hall Associate**

**STONYFORD, CA (MPG)** - Stonyford is getting ready to bring in some Christmas cheer. The annual Christmas Bazaar held at the Stonyford Community Hall is set for Dec. 6. Doors open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Craftsmen will be selling beaded flowers, jewelry, unique silver crafts, beautiful bags and aprons, wildlife photography, decorations and candles. A variety of

local honey products and baked goods will be for sale. New this year is a local blacksmith who uses a forge to develop his crafts.

Both the museum and library will be available providing history information and books.

The Bazaar is a fundraiser for the Community Hall who will be selling homemade cinnamon rolls (come early they sell out quickly) and various lunch and dessert items will also be available. ★

## RVCC Vets and Staff Roll Out for Veterans Day

*Continued from page 1*

resident veterans to the scene of the celebration.

Unable to walk the length of the route, River Valley Care Center obtained a truck and trailer so the veterans, whose names are withheld due to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.P.A.), could load their wheelchairs aboard, riding safely and comfortably during the parade.

As volunteers and family members assisted River Valley Care Center staff and veterans decorating, Biscotti said that the veterans were overjoyed and excited to be a part of the parade.

Biscotti shares with the Gridley Herald that throughout her career in healthcare services, she's had the opportunity to work with a multitude of veterans, from Admirals to Pearl Harbor Survivors. Her respect runs deep as she reminisces about the stories these individuals told her regarding their personal service in U.S. wars and skirmishes.

"I love my vets," Biscotti said emphatically. She references her bright hair and spunky attitude. "Because of them I get to talk like a sailor and have purple hair!" she jokes and then turns serious. "These little freedoms I get because of the sacrifices of the vets."

Biscotti references how things often considered insignificant, like hair color or the ability to speak freely, cost lives.

"If they can do this for me, this (organizing participation in a parade) is the least I can do for them," Biscotti said.

Biscotti, Beebe, family members of resident veterans and the River Valley Care Center vets proudly walked and rolled down the Veterans Day Parade Route, waving and handing out candy.



**This Veteran Resident of River Valley Care Center holds Old Glory proudly as he prepares for the Veterans Day Parade.** Photo courtesy of the River Valley Care Center

The veterans that participated lit up while at the parade.

"It means a lot to them, that's why I wanted to take them, so they would be honored for their service," said Biscotti.

This is the first time that River Valley Care Center and their Veterans have been a part of the Veterans Day Parade, and the hope is that they can participate again in the future.

"It was all due to Desiree Biscotti... She had the idea of the facility participating in the parade," said Beebe. "She hit the ground running and got everything organized. We had such a good time, grateful to all who served our country and representing team River Valley. We are already planning for next year and hope to make this an annual event." ★

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# California is a High-Tax State

## Are More Taxes Balm for Its Budget Deficits?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has long had the reputation — backed by copious data — of being a high-tax state, which made Gov. Gavin Newsom’s declaration last June, in a prerecorded State of the State address, a bit startling. “Here’s the truth Republicans never tell you: California is not a high-tax state,” Newsom said.

Later he clarified his assertion, saying California’s taxes on low-income residents are relatively lower than those in red states.

“Catering to big business and the rich is also why red states tax their lowest earners far more than California does. They punish you when you’re struggling, but give you a free pass when you’re wealthy,” the governor said.

There’s some truth to that. California’s very progressive income tax system, with the nation’s highest marginal rate of 13.3%, makes its state budget highly dependent on taxing incomes of its wealthiest residents, while those in low- and moderate-income brackets pay little or no income taxes.

Nevertheless, taxes imposed by state and local governments put California in the highest ranks of the 50 states, not only in total — more than \$400 billion a year from all sources — but in per capita terms

— more than \$10,000 each — and as a percentage of its \$3.6 trillion in total personal income.

The Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks Californians’ state and local tax burden 48th, one of the highest in the nation, out-taxed only by New York and New Jersey.

“California combines high tax rates with an uncompetitive tax structure, yielding one of the worst rankings on the Index,” the Tax Foundation says.

The state’s \$322 billion 2025-26 budget counts on \$297 billion from about a dozen different taxes, while cities, counties, school districts and other local agencies take in another \$100 billion or so, primarily from property taxes and local shares of the sales tax.

The budget anticipates \$207 billion in general fund revenues. So far revenue is running a bit ahead, but general fund spending is budgeted at \$226 billion. Maneuvers to cover the gap include shifting \$7.1 billion from emergency reserves, pushing the June 2026 state payroll into the following fiscal year and tapping special funds for loans.

State budget experts call it a “structural deficit” that will continue indefinitely in the absence of either sharp spending reductions or tax increases.

There’s little appetite for the former in a Legislature dominated by Democrats but some support for the latter. The California Taxpayers Association recently reported that legislators proposed more than \$16 billion in new taxes and fees during the recently concluded 2025 session.

The battle over taxes

appears to be headed for the 2026 ballot, with two pro-taxation measures being pushed by public employee unions and other left-leaning groups and one that would create a new hurdle for local tax increases.

One proposal, backed by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary tax increase on high-income Californians, first approved in 2012 to close a budget deficit and later extended to 2030 via a ballot measure. All of its revenue, as much as \$15 billion a year, would go to K-12 schools and community colleges.

A second measure, sponsored mainly by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, would impose a one-time 5% tax on the wealth of California’s billionaires, raising about \$100 billion, which would be spent at the rate of \$25 billion a year to cover the state’s structural deficit and prop up health care services.

The third, sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, would overturn a state Supreme Court ruling and re-impose a two-thirds voter approval requirement on all proposed local taxes designated for particular purposes.

California is a blue state with relatively high taxes now. Do voters want to add more or make it difficult to add more?

*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.* ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



November 5 seems like a long time ago, but that’s the last time the Sacramento Kings won a basketball game. Since then, it has been a string of defeats that now registers six with an average deficit of 20 points per defeat.

When things are going this badly, it’s important to look for a lifeline. A sliver of hope or a whisp of sunlight on a dreary day.

Fans are looking forward to the return of 4th year man Keegan Murray to help right the ship.

While Keegan has not ascended to the level of an all-star, Keegan has made definite strides in particular with regards to his defensive presence and his rebounding.

Domantas Sabonis is off to a slow start due to injuries and is still ranked 4th in the NBA in rebounding, but he needs some help. Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise coming off the bench and keeping the Kings in games, but Jonas Valanciunas has been sorely missed.

Gone are the days when the celebrated big man would come off the bench and give the Kings perhaps the best one-two punch in basketball.

Fans will forever scratch their heads and ask the question why, as the Kings allowed Valanciunas to walk out the back door and sign with the Denver Nuggets. Not surprisingly, the Nuggets are in the top 10 in rebounding while the Kings rank 25th in the league.

But the conundrum is not just the lack of rebounding or even the lack of talent on this Sacramento team. It resides in their inability to work together as a team and play up to their individual ability. Cohesive they are not, and sadly the answer at point guard in Dennis Schrader has been a bust when he’s in the starting lineup.

Head coach Doug Christie sent Schrader to the bench when his contribution became almost nonexistent, and surprisingly Dennis responded when 2 stellar games in a row.

Yes, there is talent on this team, but knowing how to place the talent so the team begins to flow has been a mystery.

Ten games back with a 3-11 start is far from what the Kings franchise had

expected, and it has prompted pundits and fans alike to begin calling for a complete rebuilding of the team.

What that represents to Kings fans is the likelihood that your favorite player may soon be playing for another franchise, and it’s a hard pill to swallow.

For me, over the course of just one year, I saw Davion Mitchell, DeAaron Fox, Trey Lyles, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones all cast to the winds, and I believe the Kings would be a much better team with a much better record if they had all 5 of these players back.

Bad decisions simply must stop. Some were made from the Monte McNair administration, but some are from current brain trust with Scott Perry at the helm. Make no mistake about it, Vivek Ranadive has had his hand in many if not all the player fax paus, and if things are going to change for the better, the owner must start letting the GM and coaches have some level of autonomy.

But fans are buying tickets and going to games with expectations. How can the players and coaches turn humbling defeats into victories.

Coaches must start analyzing the talent on this team and putting them in positions to win. That means using the strengths of every player and giving him the opportunity to use those strengths.

The Kings have a player under a guaranteed contract that has played in one game for limited minutes by the name of Doug McDermott. McDermott has a reputation for sinking 3’s with great consistency but he has all but been forgotten.

Yes, there are bigger fish to fry than this example, but it starts with the coaching, and getting a maximum effort out of every player every night. Fans need to see that the players care as much as they do.

This team can still win games and even back-to-back games. Let’s keep rooting for this squad and see if we can make some noise.

Don’t lose heart Kings fans. These players are our extended family, and we need to treat them that way!

All the best!

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

# SPARKY'S CORNER

## Toys for Tots

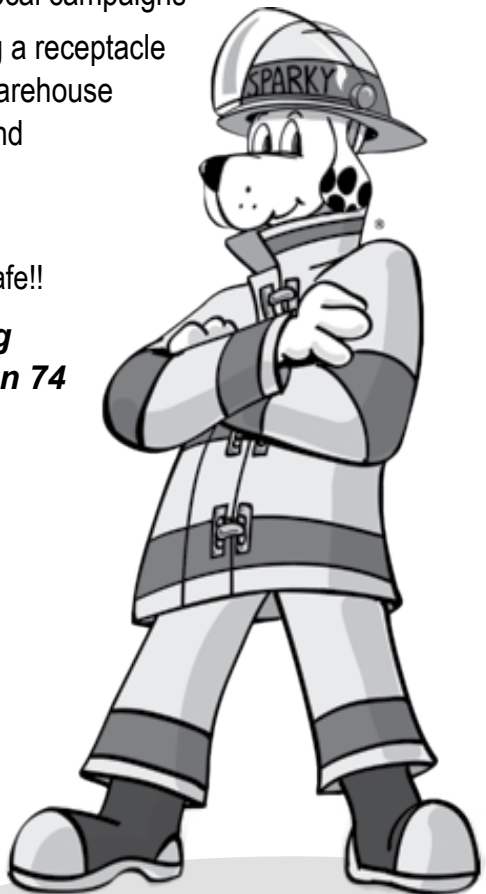
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## Dr. Universe: Why did they Invent Paper?

- Sofia, 9, Florida

Dear Sofia,

Every week my column gets printed on paper. Sometimes I use paper to dry my paws. Or clean up after I use the litterbox.

I asked my friend Xiuyu Wang who invented paper—and why. He studies Chinese history at Washington State University.

He told me that paper as we know it was invented in ancient China. Paper made it easier to wrap things up and write things down.

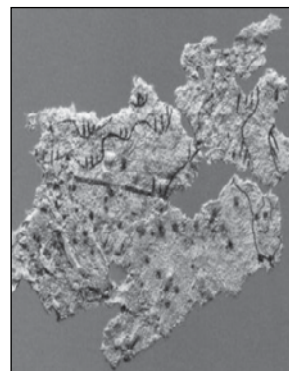
“Papermaking is one of the most significant inventions because paper does so many things,” Wang said. “People kept refining it and making different kinds of paper.”

The earliest paper fragments we have are from the 2nd century BCE. They include bits of map and paper used to wrap expensive objects.

Before that, people all over the world used different things in place of paper. They wrote on animal bones, clay tablets or metal plates. They scribbled on strips of bamboo or bark. They even used silk fabric or sheets of animal skin.

But those materials were bulky or expensive. Imagine carrying around a book inscribed on bones or metal plates. A bundle of silk would be easy to move, but it cost lots of money.

Paper solved those problems. It’s light and



This is the oldest known piece of paper. It was found by archaeologists at a burial site in China in 1986. It dates to the 2nd century BCE. That’s between 200 BCE and 100 BCE. (The years count down to 1 BCE then start counting up at 1 CE until we get to the year we’re in now.) Courtesy photo



This stamp shows the court official who presented papermaking to the emperor. His name is Cai Lun. His improvements made papermaking practical. He added old rags and fishnets to the bark and hemp mush to make the paper cheaper and sturdier. Courtesy photo

foldable. It’s less expensive to produce. To make a little silk, people must raise thousands of silk-making moths. They grow tons of mulberry trees to feed them. Then they spin that silk into fabric.

Papermakers used bits of plant material like hemp and bamboo. They mashed

it up with water to make a paste. Then they spread it on a mold and let it dry. It was skilled work—but not like spinning silk.

Wang told me paper really took off because of what was happening in China at that time.

“One of the biggest reasons papermaking was popularized was the government’s need for writing,” Wang said. “They badly needed something cheaper, lighter and more portable.”

It was the Han Dynasty, which is also called the golden age of Chinese history—because so many important things happened then.

Running a prosperous empire means keeping lots of records.

This was also the time when the Buddhist religion came to China. They needed a good way to copy a bunch of religious texts.

Once papermaking took off, people used the new tech for all kinds of things. They shared it with people all over the world. There’s even evidence people used it for toilet paper back then.

History is real people solving real problems. Like running a government, shipping and storing valuable objects and managing personal hygiene.

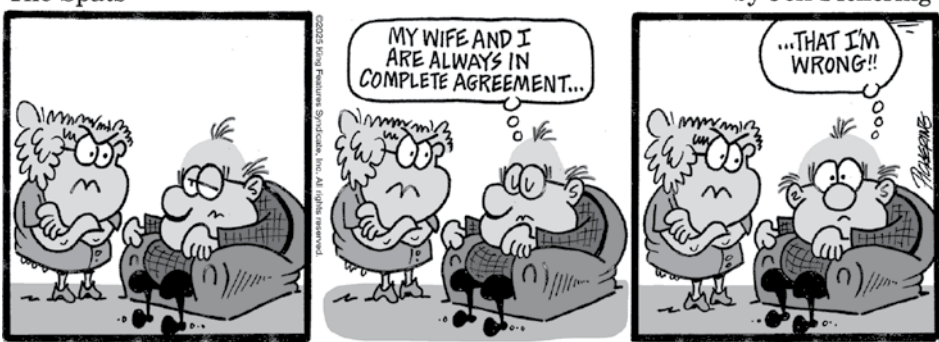
After that, paper was really on a roll.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

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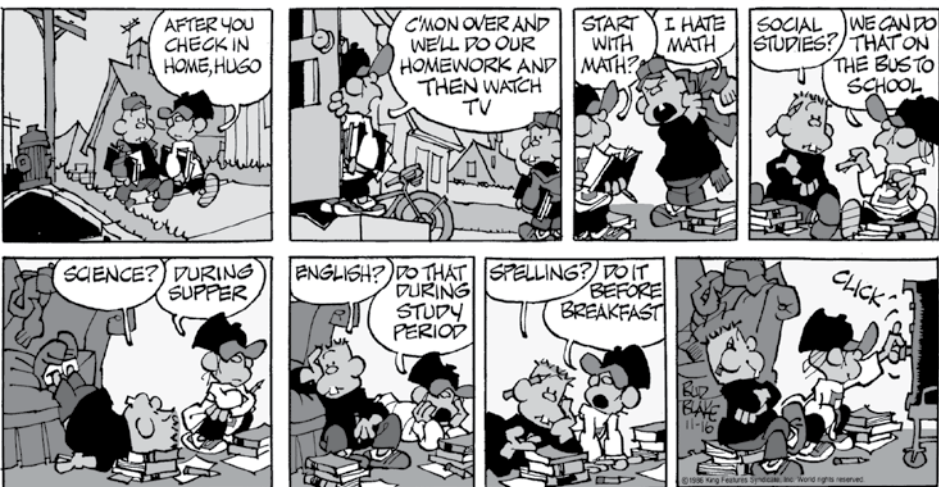
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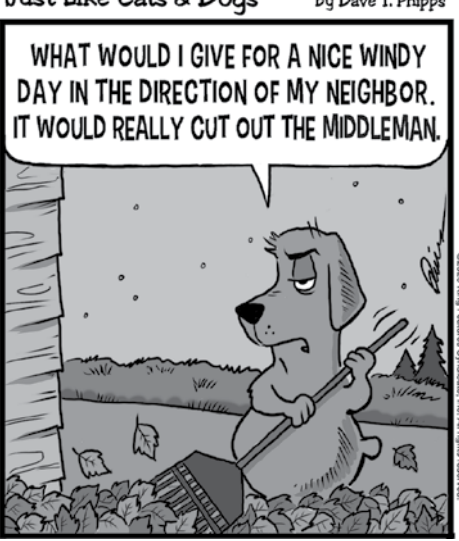


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  - Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
  - Inmate with life sentence
  - \*One for Sorrow (Two for \_\_\_\_\_)
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  - More fancy
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  - Take a base
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  - Beehive State native
  - What Cupid did (2 words)
  - \*Tip me over!
  - Lt.'s inferior
  - Plant louse
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- It's soothing
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  - British Broadcasting Corporation, colloquially
  - Take a leisurely walk
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**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 Dolores, 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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000768**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Agi-Carcass Removal LLC, 59 Cynthian Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

The Agi-Carcass Removal LLC, 59 Cynthian Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: October 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 14, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company

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AGI 11-28-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000794**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: CMS Enterprises, 765 Township Road, Gridley, CA 95948

Christy Santillan, 765 Township Road, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: October 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 29, 2014

This Business is conducted by: An Individual

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CMS 11-28-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000788**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Las Islitas Botanero, 3044 Olive Highway, Oroville, CA 95966

Fernando Valenzuela Robles and Renata Valenzuela, 6271 Oro Bangor Highway, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: October 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 27, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple

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LAS 11-28-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000808**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Five S Ranch, 4708 Rauch Court, Oroville, CA 95965

Kris Scott and Jon E Scott, PO Box 412, Biggs, CA 95917

Date filed in Butte County: October 31, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2002

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple

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LAS 11-28-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000822**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Hope and Health Marketing International, 838 Nancy Lane, Chico, CA 95926

Edmund Trujillo, 838 Nancy Lane, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: November 5, 2025. The

ing business as: My Oriental Market, 2550 S Whitman Place, Chico, CA 95928

My Oriental Market, 2550 S Whitman Place, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: October 20, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: 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: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025

MY 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000780**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Alignment With Prairie Yana, The Haven at Chico, Empowered Recovery Course, 1528 Bidwell Drive, Chico, CA 95926

Francia, Prairie, 615 Crimson Court, Chico, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: October 23, 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: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025

ALIGNMENT 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000769**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Fiesta Taco, 615 Pearson Road, Paradise, CA 95969

Adrian Torres, PO Box 1951, Paradise, CA 95967

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: 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: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025

FIESTA 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000762**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: R and R Cleaning, 200 Ford Avenue Apt 10, Gridley, CA 95948

Candy A Vanhuss, 200 Ford Avenue Apt 10, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: October 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 15, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025

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CLEANING 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000675**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Luxe & Glow Studio, 260 E 1st Street, Chico, CA 95928

Lenia C Garcia, PO Box 5125, Chico, CA 95927

Date filed in Butte County: September 11, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 11, 2025

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025

LUXE 12-12-25

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LAS 11-28-25

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Edmund Trujillo, 838 Nancy Lane, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: November 5, 2025. The

Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 10, 1990

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: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025

HOPE 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000809**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Norcal Tech Repair, 2064 Talbert Drive, Suite 301, Chico, CA 95928

Adam E Hutcheson, 2581 California Park Drive Apt 138, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: October 31, 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: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025

NORCAL 12-12-25

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV04229

Petitioner Audrey Jeanne Woods filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Audrey Jeanne Woods to Audra Jeanne Woods

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 January 7, 2026, 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 October 29, 2025

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

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WOODS 12-5-25

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV04321

Petitioner Rommy Mohammed Aldelamy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Rommy Mohammed Aldelamy to Roy Joseph McCurry.

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 January 7, 2026, 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 November 4, 2025

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

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ALDELAMY 12-12-25

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARGERY LANELLE TAYLOR

CASE NO. 25PR00472

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Margery Lanelle Taylor

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Cindy L. Taylor, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Cindy L. Taylor 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 per-

sons 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 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 Room NC-3. 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: Desiree J. Vance, P.O. Box 1081, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-965-5672

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TAYLOR 11-21-25

**LIEN SALE**

1974 KAYOT VESSEL HIN# CFZ2121G0074F CA CF# 2121GF LIEN SALE: 12/3/2025

AT: 10:00 AM 801 BIDWELL CANYON RD, OROVILLE, CA 95966

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1968 OUTDORIND VESSEL HIN# 015 CA CF# 5514FX LIEN SALE: 12/3/2025 AT: 10:00 AM 801 BIDWELL CANYON RD, OROVILLE, CA 95966

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**TRUSTEE SALE**

TT.S. No. 136215-CA APN: 001-031-007-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/24/2023. 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 On 12/10/2025 at 3:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/1/2023 as Instrument No. 2023-0011420 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JESSIE FORTIER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN 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, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 484 E ST, BIGGS, CA 95917 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$207,967.24 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 under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said 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 the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 136215-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: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. 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) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 136215-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 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108

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**NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY (MOBILE HOME) Dated:** November 13, 2025 **Debtor(s):** Elizabeth Renee Enciso Brayden Micheal Enciso 3548 Via Medico Space 170 Chico, CA 95973 **Secured Party:** 21st Mortgage Corporation 620 Market Street One Center Square Knoxville, TN 37902 **Other Parties Receiving Notice:** Department of Housing and Community Development Registration and Tiling P.O. Box 277820 Sacramento, CA 95827 **Subject Collateral:** 1972 FLEETWOOD FESTIVAL MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER 2648U, 2648X **Situs Address:** 3548 Via Medico Space 170, Chico, CA 95973 Due to a breach of your obligation to repay the Consumer Loan Note and Security Agreement executed by you on or about June 12, 2020, 21st Mortgage Corporation will sell the 1972 FLEETWOOD FESTIVAL MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER 2648U, 2648X at public sale. A sale could include a lease or license. The sale will be held as follows: Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 Time: 3:30 PM Location: At the

# GPD Arrests Local Man on Multiple Felony Charges of Child Sexual Abuse

## Gridley Police Department News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On the morning of Thursday, Oct. 30, officers from the Gridley Police Department arrested Marcus Alan Johnson, 36, a resident of Gridley, on multiple felony charges related to the sexual abuse of a juvenile female. The arrest followed the

execution of a search warrant at Johnson's residence located at 1001 Washington St. in Gridley. Johnson was taken into custody at the Gridley Police Department after voluntarily arriving there later that morning.

The investigation began in July 2025, when a mother reported to Gridley Police that her five-year-old daughter had disclosed several incidents of

sexual abuse allegedly perpetrated by Johnson, a former boyfriend of the mother who had remained in contact with the family. The reported abuse occurred at Johnson's apartment and in one of his vehicles at a park in Chico.

A forensic interview conducted by the Butte County Child Abuse Response Team provided detailed and credible information

that supported the development of a criminal case. On Oct. 29, Gridley Police obtained both an arrest warrant and a search warrant for Johnson's residence and vehicles.

Johnson was booked into the Butte County Jail for numerous felony charges, including lewd and lascivious acts with a child under fourteen years of age, continued sexual abuse of a child,

sexual acts with a child ten years of age or younger and oral copulation with a child ten years of age or younger.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. The Gridley Police Department extends its gratitude to all assisting agencies for their professionalism and support throughout this case. If anyone has any further information on the incident, they are urged to contact Detective Jellison at the Gridley Police Department, at 530-846-5670. ★

# 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, Nov. 21:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies' night out movie, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Men and teens also invited. Light refreshments will be served. (G)

**Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28:** Libraries closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

## Continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4

### Chico Ice Rink

Downtown Chico Plaza, 132 W. 4th St., Chico. Whether you're here with family or friends, come make the most of winter with us on the ice. We offer skating for all ages, skate rentals, and a cozy atmosphere. Check the website at [www.chicorec.gov/chico-ice-rink](http://www.chicorec.gov/chico-ice-rink) for tickets and latest schedule information.

### Saturday, Nov. 22

#### Birding:

### Slacker Saturday at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3207 Rutherford Rd. All birders and nature lovers are welcome, especially those just learning about birds or wanting to learn about the birds of the Pacific Flyway. A Lands Pass or hunting license is required for this field trip. Contact Skip Agur at [wba@acm.org](mailto:wba@acm.org) or 530-519-4725 for more information.

### Butte Humane Society's Holiday Barketplace

Noon to 4 p.m. at 13391 Garner Lane, Chico. Join us for a festive day filled with fun activities perfect for family and friends. Enjoy a delicious cup of hot chocolate while shopping the market. Find unique gifts from local artisans, food truck eats, and enter the raffle for chances to win exciting prizes. No outside dogs allowed. More information at [www.buttehumane.org/events](http://www.buttehumane.org/events)

## Downtown Oroville's Christmas Preview

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 1998 Montgomery St., Oroville. Historic Downtown Oroville transforms into a Christmas wonderland complete with decorations and deals. Participating businesses will showcase new arrivals, serve complimentary refreshments, and assist you with your holiday shopping. You'll also enjoy live entertainment and a crafts fair.

### Sunday, Nov. 23

## Christmas Preview – Downtown Chico

4 p.m. to 8 p.m., 338 Broadway, Chico. A tradition since 1978, this event draws folks together in the heart of our community to officially kick off the holiday season. Downtown merchants roll out the red carpet with hospitality, festive decorations, entertainment, and a visit from Santa for family photos. Contact [dcb@downtownchico.com](mailto:dcb@downtownchico.com) or call 530-345-6500 for more information.

### Saturday, Nov. 29

## Chico Indian Market by the Mechoopda Tribe

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chico Women's Club, 592 E. 3rd St., Chico. Join us for the 8th Annual Chico Indian Market, hosted by the Mechoopda Tribe. This beautiful display of goods will share uncommon cultural artistry.

## Small Business Saturday: Oroville

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1998 Montgomery St., Oroville. If the idea of braving the crowds at big box stores makes you want to cancel gift-giving, don't turn into the Grinch just yet. The cozy, carefully curated shops of Downtown Oroville have you covered. Find unique gifts for your loved ones and get the chance to win a gift for yourself. For every \$20 spent (restaurant or retail), you have the chance to enter to win a basket of downtown goodies and a \$100 gift card from a downtown business of your choice.

## Small Business Saturday: Chico

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 338 Broadway, Chico. Shop local, support your community, and make a big impact in Downtown Chico. Enjoy special activities, promotions, and events designed to highlight the businesses that make our downtown unique. Shoppers who bring receipts from any downtown business on this day will be entered into a raffle for a gift basket filled with downtown goodies.

## 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. 25 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 Dec. 16 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](mailto: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, Dec. 1.

**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, Dec. 10. Call 530-846-4721 for more information.

**Live Oak City Council** usually 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.

**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 first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

## 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 Tuesday, Dec. 9. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

**North State Food Bank**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution will be Tuesday, Dec. 9. 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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## NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

The following property will be sold by written bid by 9:00 a.m. MST on 11/28/2025  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a special meeting scheduled **Tuesday December 2nd, 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 Tuesday December 2nd, 2025, via email to [planningdept@gridley.ca.us](mailto:planningdept@gridley.ca.us) <mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us> or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Tuesday December 2nd, 2025, located on the City of Gridley website.

**City of Gridley 2022-2030 6th Cycle Housing Element:** the City Council 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 City Council.

#### Recommended Action(s):

- Determine the project is Categorically Exempt per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption; and,
- City staff recommends the City Council to approve the Resolution, adopting the 2022-2030 6th Cycle Housing Element.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council 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 City Council 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](mailto:planningdept@gridley.ca.us)

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## SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS REZONE 2024-01 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 430, 2019 - GALLAGHER ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 001-103-007 AND 022-160-091

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above and foregoing **ORDINANCE** was duly and regularly introduced at a regular meeting held on 28th day of October 2025, and was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 12th day of November 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Wilks, Squires, Arnold, Brown, and Sheppard  
APPROVED: James T. Sheppard, Mayor  
ATTEST: Roben Benish, City Clerk

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## SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 441

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING CHAPTER 7.25 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS AND FIREWORKS, REPEALING REDUNDANT SECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING A PERMITTING FRAMEWORK, LIABILITY PROVISIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above and foregoing **ORDINANCE** was duly and regularly introduced at a regular meeting held on 14th day of October 2025, and was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 12th day of November 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Wilks, Squires, Arnold, Brown, and Sheppard  
APPROVED: James T. Sheppard, Mayor  
ATTEST: Roben Benish, City Clerk

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## LEGAL ADS FOR BUTTE COUNTY?

**MPG 916-773-1111**



# Palermo Drainage Cleanup Pilot Project

**Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), in coordination with Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation and Department of Public Works, is implementing the Palermo Drainage Cleanup Pilot Project to reduce flooding and support groundwater recharge in the Palermo area.

Funded by the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program as part of the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Regional Conjunctive Use Project, the Palermo Drainage Cleanup Pilot Project will begin cleanup activities on

Monday, Nov. 10. The pilot project targets approximately 1.7 miles of drainage ditch, stretching from Messina Avenue in the north, south through town, and ending just west of Occidental Avenue. Work will be completed in phases, starting with areas near culverts and expanding as permits and funding allow. Impacted landowners have been notified and access agreements secured, and additional landowners will be contacted as needed.

"Clearing these ditches ahead of the wet season is critical for protecting homes, roads, and farmland in Palermo," said Becky Fairbanks, Sustainable Groundwater Management Grants Project Manager, Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). "This phased approach allows us to maximize safety and

water management benefits while working within available resources and permitting requirements."

The project will improve drainage flow, reduce flood risks, and allow downstream landowners along Wyman Ravine to divert high flood flows for groundwater recharge. Work will be performed by RCI General Engineering under permits from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Butte County.

This pilot project is part of the larger Wyandotte Creek GSA Regional Conjunctive Use Project, a multi-benefit initiative to enhance surface water irrigation and flood flow management across the region.

For more information about the Palermo pilot project and the broader regional effort, visit: <https://www.buttecounty.net/2223/Palermo-Drainage-Cleanup-Pilot-Project> ★

# CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Makes Felony Arrest

**CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Friday, Sept. 26, a CAL FIRE engine was dispatched to stage at the Forbestown Post Office, waiting for Butte County Sheriff's (BCSO) Deputies to secure the scene of a possible domestic violence call resulting in injuries.

The call was quickly updated with information that one of the parties involved was threatening to set themselves on fire.

While staging in the post office parking lot, the fire personnel observed a female walking down Forbestown Road carrying a large bottle with a red top and smoking a cigarette. They watched as the woman walked up to the post office and began spraying the area around the post office, including a large USPS mailbox, with a clear fluid from the white bottle.

The engine crew attempted to contact the woman and identified the bottle as containing barbecue lighter fluid.

Seeing the firefighter's approach, the woman immediately dropped the bottle and fled the area. While leaving, the woman took a drag on her cigarette until the tip was glowing red, then threw it into a puddle of lighter fluid.

The cigarette was extinguished by the CAL FIRE crew before it ignited the lighter fluid.



Butte County Sheriff's Office Deputies en route to the domestic violence call arrived and contacted the fleeing female, who was extremely uncooperative, and detained her. CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers also arrived at scene. A joint investigation determined that the female subject was responsible for the domestic violence incident causing injuries, threatening to set herself on fire and dousing the inside and outside of the USPS mailbox and the area surrounding the post office with lighter fluid and attempting to ignite it.

The female subject was identified as Christina Fletcher, age 39, of Forbestown. CAL FIRE Officers arrested and transported Fletcher to Butte County Jail and booked her for multiple felony counts of attempted arson. Butte County Sheriff's Office Deputies added domestic violence charges and resisting arrest at the conclusion of their investigation. ★

# Traffic Stop Results in Felony Drug Arrest

**Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Oct. 28, at approximately 12:43 a.m., a Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputy was conducting routine patrol in the vicinity of Mitchell Avenue and Hewitt Avenue, Oroville. The deputy initiated a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation.

Upon investigation, the driver was identified as Duston Walker, age 37, a resident of Oroville. The deputy determined that



Walker's driver's license was suspended.

During the traffic stop, the deputy conducted a search of the vehicle and discovered the following items: Psilocybin mushrooms, methamphetamine, fentanyl and drug paraphernalia.

As a result, Duston Walker was placed under arrest and booked into the Butte County Jail on

the following charges: Possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving a vehicle with a suspended license.

In addition, due to the increased penalties stipulated under Proposition 36 for individuals with two or more prior drug-related convictions, an additional felony drug charge was applied. ★

# Fatal Motorcycle Collision on State Route 162



Both riders were wearing helmets at the time of the crash; however, their excessive speeds are believed to have been a major factor in the cause and severity of the collision. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

**California Highway Patrol Oroville Area News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Tuesday, Nov. 11, at approximately 10:44 a.m., the Oroville Area California Highway Patrol received several reports of two motorcycle riders down on State Route 162 near Mistletoe Lane. Officers from the CHP - Oroville Area Office, along with deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office, CAL FIRE/Butte County personnel and Butte County EMS, responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel located two riders who had been involved in separate motorcycle crashes, though preliminary investigation and witness statements

indicate the riders were traveling together prior to the incident. Based on the initial investigation, both riders were traveling eastbound on SR-162 at a high rate of speed when they lost control and veered off the roadway onto the gravel shoulder. Due to their excessive speed, neither rider was able to regain control before colliding with a dirt embankment, resulting in both being ejected from their motorcycles.

Emergency crews immediately provided life-saving measures. One rider was transported to a local hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries. The second rider was airlifted to another hospital and remains in critical but stable condition.

Both riders were

wearing helmets at the time of the crash; however, their excessive speeds are believed to have been a major factor in the cause and severity of the collision.

The identities of the riders are being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The Butte County Sheriff-Coroner's Office will release their names at a later time.

The CHP and responding emergency personnel extend their deepest condolences to the families and friends of those involved in this tragic incident.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has additional information is encouraged to contact the Oroville Area CHP Dispatch at 530-332-1200 and reference Log# 251111CH0046. ★

# LaMalfa and Garamendi Reintroduce Flood Insurance for Farmers Act



Doug LaMalfa

**Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) and Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA), recently reintroduced H.R. 5961, the "Flood Insurance for Farmers Act of 2025," which ensures agricultural producers are not saddled with thousands of dollars in unnecessary government-imposed fees when obtaining flood insurance and have access to the financial tools they need to expand or conduct business by making reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program.

"Farmers shouldn't be punished just because their operations happen to be near or in a floodplain," said Rep. LaMalfa. "The current Federal flood insurance program sticks farmers with unnecessary fees, making already expensive flood insurance even more costly, and can prevent them from getting loans to expand or make repairs. The NFIP can help America's farmers after floods, but if it's so expensive and cumbersome that they ultimately receive little or no benefit, then it defeats the purpose of this program. Our bill cuts through NFIP bureaucracy and reduces program costs so farmers

can stay competitive and keep producing while helping them manage flood risk."

Rep. Garamendi added, "For generations, California families have farmed the floodplain, and this legislation ensures that they can continue to do so by keeping agricultural land in production. Our bill protects farmers from hidden fees, unnecessary costs, and excessive paperwork, allowing them to focus on their essential work — producing the food that sustains our communities. As a former Insurance Commissioner and a farmer myself, I am committed to standing up for family farmers and fighting against unfair insurance practices. This legislation fulfills that commitment."

Under current law, agricultural producers with property located in certain flood areas designated by FEMA are required to purchase flood insurance in order to qualify for a federally backed mortgage. However, National Flood Insurance Program commercial policies charge a \$250 surcharge per structure, meaning farmers with multiple barns, sheds or storage facilities can be hit with thousands of dollars in additional costs on top of high insurance premiums.

The "Flood Insurance for Farmers Act" would allow farmers to bundle multiple structures under a single commercial NFIP policy, meaning they would only pay one \$250 surcharge instead of being charged per building.

"This is a plain and simple pocketbook issue that will help farmers across the country," said Marc J. Boomgaarden, SBFC Board Chair & Vice Mayor

of Yuba City. "The Sutter Basin may be rich in almonds and peaches, but our farmers need relief from flood insurance policies that view premiums for sheds the same way they view premiums for homes. The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency is dedicated to reducing flood risks for the community and National Flood Insurance Program is an important component of those efforts. We applaud the commonsense approach that Congressman LaMalfa and Garamendi are working on to help farmers back home."

The legislation also gives counties flexibility to grant variances from FEMA's minimum floodplain standards for new or expanded agricultural structures, allowing them to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program while recognizing the practical needs of farmers. Counties could issue variances when elevating or flood-proofing a structure isn't practical, the variance wouldn't increase threats to public safety, and no significant flood claims have been made on the property in the past decade.

Together, these reforms reduce government-imposed costs and red tape, helping farmers continue to modernize and operate efficiently while maintaining participation in the federal flood insurance program.

*Congressman Doug LaMalfa is Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties.* ★

# LaMalfa, Schiff Deliver \$22 Million for Beale Air Force Base Modernization Project

**Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced that \$22 million for Beale Air Force Base has been included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, secured in coordination with Senator Adam Schiff (D-CA) to ensure the base can continue its vital missions.

"This funding is a needed step to ensure Beale Air Force Base can continue its vital missions well into the future," said Rep. LaMalfa. "The Multi-Domain Operations Complex will modernize the base's facilities, improve efficiency and allow Beale to incorporate next generation technology like the new Collaborative Combat Aircraft program while expanding and strengthening its role in high-altitude intelligence and reconnaissance. Working together with Senator Schiff, we made

sure this project, which had been identified as an unfunded priority, finally got the support it needs. It keeps Beale at the forefront of our national defense, supporting our airmen, and investing in the capabilities our country needs for national security."

The funding will construct a new Multi-Domain Operations Complex at Beale Air Force Base. The two-story facility will consolidate aircraft maintenance, training, and operational planning for Beale's high-altitude intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance mission, as well as support new missions planned for the base.

"As the West Coast remains on the front line of deterring adversaries in the Pacific and the home of the nation's technological innovation, supporting Beale Air Force Base in Congress remains a bipartisan priority for our California delegation," said Senator Schiff. "And with the Air Force's selection in May of Beale for

testing of the Collaborative Combat Aircraft, the funding we secured in this year's budget will reinforce the base's new mission and support thousands of jobs in Yuba County. I was proud to work with Congressman LaMalfa to support this important funding, and the efforts of the dedicated servicemembers that I had a chance to meet at Beale earlier this year."

The funding complements Beale's new role as the preferred location for the Air Force's Collaborative Combat Aircraft program, a next-generation defense initiative that will integrate advanced autonomous aircraft with existing missions. Together, these efforts solidify Beale's position as a cornerstone of the Air Force's modernization strategy.

The project was included in the Air Force's Fiscal Year 2025 Unfunded Priority List and is authorized in Title XXII, Section 2301(a) of Public Law 118-159. ★

# Gridley Battles for Victory; Wolverines Cruises over Tigers

By YSBC

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CA (YSBC)** - The Gridley Bulldogs and Biggs Wolverines football teams both picked up wins on Nov. 14 in the first round of the CIF Northern Section playoffs and earned spots in their respective division semifinals tonight with kickoff at 7 p.m.

Gridley 20, University Prep 10 - Gridley was able to move the ball across the slick and muddy grass in the "Boneyard" and knocked the University Prep Panthers out of the NS Division III playoffs.

The Bulldogs had a 7-3 lead at the half and head coach Daniel Zumwalt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they had made some mistakes throughout the night, but consistently fought for the win.

Zumwalt added that University Prep made plenty of adjustments from the first time they met back in August.

Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo led the rush attack on the ground for the Bulldogs as he rushed the ball 16 times for 98 yards in the win.

Gridley ran the ball for 289 yards on the ground in the win and juniors Benny Dewsnup and Jace Griggs both rushed for more than 80 yards in the game.

Zumwalt said the defense was locked in and played great in the win



Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo (5) rushes with junior tight end Jace Griggs (88) looking downfield for a block on Nov. 14. Photo by Chris Pedigo

and held a great Panthers offense to minimal scoring drives.

The Bulldogs host the Pierce Bears for the opportunity to play in the D-III Section title game. Kickoff is scheduled at 7 p.m. tonight.

Gridley and Pierce have multiple common opponents throughout the season and the only difference is the Bears loss to

Winters on Nov. 7.

If the Bulldogs are victorious, they will host the Division III Section final.

Biggs 33, Portola 6 - The Biggs Wolverines paid an old debt to the Portola Tigers as ended their season with a dominant 33-6 win last week in the NS Division V opening round.

Biggs head coach Brian Harrison told YSBC that the Wolverines came out

of the game all healthy and it's a blessing to be this late in the season with a lot of health.

Harrison added that Biggs had a great-game plan for the Tigers and were ready to go.

Wolverines senior quarterback Skyler Long had a balanced game as he threw for 67 yards in the air and rushed for 66 on the ground.

Defensively, Biggs had two interceptions returned for a touchdown and controlled the Portola offense in the win.

Wolverines junior running back Cashten Acosta found big holes in the Tigers defense as he rushed for 144 yards.

Biggs travels to Maxwell tonight for the chance to get into the D-V final. The Panthers beat the

Wolverines in a 49-36 shootout on Sept. 29 and Harrison said he feels good going into the game.

Harrison added they were without some key components in the first matchup and is ready to battle it out for a championship opportunity.

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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



Gridley junior lineman Bernie Rodarte (78) goes for a tackle on Nov. 14 in the Bulldogs' 20-10 victory against University Prep. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo (5) runs the ball on Nov. 14 in the Bulldogs' 20-10 win against University Prep. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Gridley junior tight end Jace Griggs (88) breaks away for a touchdown in the Bulldogs' 20-10 win over University Prep on Nov. 14. Photo by Chris Pedigo

# Veterans Day Concert Returns to Veterans Memorial Hall

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 benediction. The US Navy Sea Cadets, Golden Bear Division presented and retired the colors, Biggs High School FFA served in various ways and Gridley Quota and Gridley Monday Quilters provided refreshments.

The Gridley Monday Quilters presented quilts to six deserving veterans, a long-standing tradition at the annual concert. Delaina Watson, who originally recommended the Quilts of Valor project to the quilting group, narrated the military accomplishments of each veteran. Each quilt was stunning in its workmanship and design, and the audience was excited to join the women in honoring the veterans.

Todd Farr joined the US Army in May 1997, and he served in New York as an MP, in the DMZ in Korea and in California. He was discharged in May 2003, having attained the rank of Sergeant. He earned two commendation medals, including the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Bob Onyett was drafted into the US Army on Jan. 8, 1969, and served until Oct. 22, 1970. He was sent to Vietnam on June 4, 1969. He started as an E1 Private 11B10 and ended as 11B40 (Sergeant E5). He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Danny Flowers joined the US Army in December 1965. He served in Lai Khe (Lie Kay), the Iron Triangle, in Vietnam from 1966-67 as a door gunner with the Helicopter Assault Company. He was awarded 21 Air Medals, two Bronze Stars, and the Vietnam Service Medal. He then was sent to Virginia to teach helicopter maintenance. He was a Staff Sergeant when discharged in December 1968. He suffered from severe PTSD, and in 1983 he went back into the



The Oroville Community Concert Band, directed by Bob Scofield, brings patriotic music to Gridley each Veterans Day in the annual Veterans Day Concert. This year, the concert returned to Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall, newly refurbished and opened to the community. Photo by Cindy Scott

service to be with other veterans to help heal. He continues to help himself and others through group therapy.

Eric Webb served from 1984 to 1992 in the US Marine Corps and from 2003 to 2011 in the Air Force National Guard. He served in five deployments including Desert Storm/Shield, Global War on Terror and Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.

Robert McConnell enlisted in the US Navy on July 7, 1988. After training, he was stationed on board the USS Princeton and went to Russia in September 1990. The ship was recalled to Long Beach in preparation for deployment to the Persian Gulf in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. At 7:15 a.m. on Feb. 18, 1991, the USS Princeton was struck by two underwater mines and sustained major damage. Robert was essential in repairing the ship and finding and reporting damage outside the Repair 5 zone of responsibility. After four days, he was transferred off the Princeton for more advanced training. Robert completed his naval career aboard the USS Vandergrift on May 30, 1994, having completed three major deployments, two

mini-deployments and achieving the rank of GSM2. He saw 29 different countries in six years. He received numerous awards including the Combat Action Ribbon, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, the Good Conduct Award and the National Defense Service Medal.

Jack Slota joined the US Army in 1968 and served from 1970-1971 in Vietnam as an Infantry Officer (1st Lieutenant). He was Assistant Team Leader of a five-man team embedded in a Vietnamese Army unit in the northern portion of South Vietnam (I Corps). His responsibilities included training South Vietnamese troops, accompanying them on patrols and ambushes, securing medevacs, calling artillery, calling air strikes and coordinating Vietnamese field operations with US ground forces in the area. His military awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star (awarded by the Republic of South Vietnam), the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals and the Commanders Award.

The concert was sponsored by the Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee and the local

Gridley Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts. The evening was filled with inspiring patriotic music,

beautiful quilts honoring local servicemen and a renewed appreciation for the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall. ★



The US Navy Sea Cadets, Golden Bear Division, presented and retired the colors at this year's annual Veterans Day Concert. Left to right: Hector Telly, Logan Sweeney, James Telly and Landon McCracken. Photo by Cindy Scott



## Orchard Hospital

### MEDICAL SPECIALTY Centers

Our Medical Specialty Centers offer quality healthcare close to home. As leading health care centers, we prioritize the well-being of our patients and strive to provide exceptional medical services.

284 Spruce Street  
 Gridley, CA 95948  
 (530) 846-9080

Experience a new level of healthcare excellence at our Medical Specialty Centers. Our bilingual providers are fluent in Spanish and Punjabi, coupled with comprehensive translation services, flexible hours, same-day appointments, and a commitment to your family's health, ensures your well being is our priority.

2990 Oro Dam Blvd. E  
 Oroville, CA 95966  
 (530) 353-3332

#### WALK-INS WELCOME!

- Respiratory Infections ✓
- Fever or flu-like symptoms ✓
- Cough, colds, and sore throats ✓
- Sprains and strains ✓

#### ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

- Primary care visit ✓
- Preventive health ✓
- Referrals to specialists ✓
- Women's wellness visit ✓



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