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## Quota Celebrates 90 Years



During Quota's 90th anniversary celebration, "An Enchanted Evening in the Garden," Maggie Hepworth presents a donation to Dr. Maralee Bowers in support of Caring for Women, a Gridley-based organization serving women and families.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Quota delighted guests with its 90th anniversary celebration, "An Enchanted Evening in the Garden," on Thursday, June 18.

Carefully arranged live plants, flowers and trees decorated the interior of the Feather Room at the Butte County Fairgrounds. A large display featuring "90" at the entrance welcomed guests to the anniversary dinner.

Grazing tables were set up for guests to enjoy, courtesy of City Cafe, which also served wine to guests redeeming drink tickets.



Gridley FFA students volunteered during Quota's 90th anniversary celebration, helping with event setup, meal service and cleanup.

Quotarian Maggie Hepworth welcomed attendees before a dinner of tri-tip and chicken was served.

The purpose of the evening, beyond highlighting the extensive role Quota has played in the Gridley community over the

years, was to thank those who have supported the organization both in the past and today.

"Quota is a service organization that literally goes out and gives services with our hands and our feet, and we also give service financially to a lot of female organizations and youth groups," said Hepworth.

Hepworth illustrated the extent to which Quota has touched the community by asking those in attendance who had received a scholarship from the group to stand, those who had been part of an organization that received a Quota donation to raise their hands, and those who had attended a

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### Gridley Adopts Budget Amid Revenue Gap

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council adopted a \$27.5 million budget for fiscal year 2026-27 on June 15, approving a spending plan that maintains city services, funds major infrastructure projects and continues to address a projected gap between General Fund revenues and expenditures.

The budget projects approximately \$25.6 million in citywide revenues and \$27.5 million in expenditures across all funds. Within the General Fund, revenues are estimated at about \$6.5 million while expenditures total roughly \$9.7 million.

The budget maintains city services, funds ongoing projects and continues efforts to address long-term financial obligations.

Taxes and assessments remain the city's largest General Fund revenue source, generating approximately \$3.6 million, or nearly 56 percent of General Fund revenue. Property tax, sales tax and other local revenues continue to provide the primary funding for city operations.

Personnel costs remain the largest General Fund expenditure. The category includes salaries and benefits as well as contracted services such as the city's agreement with CAL FIRE and engineering services provided through Bennett Engineering.

City officials also continue to address the city's unfunded accrued pension liability, which was discussed during budget workshops earlier this month.

The budget calls for continued monitoring of revenues, expenditures and fund balances throughout the fiscal year, with particular attention to the city's water and sewer funds.

Among major departments, the Public Works Department accounts for approximately \$3.5 million in planned spending for the coming fiscal year. The department oversees the city's streets, water, sewer, storm drainage and parks systems while continuing infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects.

The Fire Department budget totals approximately \$1.8 million and includes the city's contract fire protection services through CAL FIRE.

The Recreation Department is budgeted at approximately \$415,000. Recreation programs include youth soccer and basketball leagues, senior activities, community events and seasonal programming.

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## A Wild Friday with Friends

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Friends of the Library hosted one of their most popular events June 19, welcoming Gabe Kerschner of Conservation Ambassadors to give local children an up-close look at some truly wild creatures.

The Guardian Building was packed with children and teens eager to see, and in some cases interact with, wildlife they would not typically encounter in their own backyards.

The Wild Things wildlife program, based in Colfax, serves as a conservation ambassador for animals that have been rescued or confiscated after being kept illegally as pets. The organization cares for about 60 displaced species and visits schools, libraries and community events to educate the public about wildlife and conservation.

Gabe Kerschner, director of the program, partnered with the Gridley Friends of the Library to bring the presentation back to Gridley for a fourth consecutive year.

Attendance has continued to grow, requiring larger venues each year. Friday's event filled the available floor space and benches, leaving standing room only for some late arrivals.

Children were encouraged to move to the front of the room for a better view and opportunities to volunteer



Kyler Deniz holds a red tail hawk at the Wild Things event, in partnership with the Conservation Ambassadors and the Gridley Friends of the Library. Deniz was chosen to be a volunteer and said, "I couldn't believe I got to see such a cool animal so up close." Courtesy photo

during the presentation.

Kerschner shared information about each animal, discussing its habitat, behavior and how it came to be part of the Wild Things family.

Kayden was selected from the audience to help introduce Boo, a western screech owl. Children were fascinated by the owl's fixed eyes, which made it appear as though its head could rotate nearly 360 degrees, and by its ability to wave with its wings.

Next, Kerschner introduced Tito, a white-faced capuchin monkey from Costa Rica. He explained how Tito's opposable thumbs on both his hands and feet help him climb and grip branches. Tito's story, from exotic pet to life among other capuchins at the preserve, highlighted why wild animals are not suited for domestic environments.

The program also featured a skunk, *Continued on page 2*

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The property, often referred to as the Deniz family property, just south of the Biggs-Gridley Cemetery, recently sold at auction. It had a lot of back taxes. The property has not been in the Deniz family for several years. It had been bought by a group of entrepreneurial real estate types and, on the day of its sale, had more than twenty-eight different owners, none of whom could get it together to pay the taxes and penalties. The reason this is a big deal is that the property had become the home to a random group of transients who, from time to time, would come into town, set things on fire, and steal property, usually bicycles. They also vandalized our Cemetery on a regular basis. Sheriff Honea personally raided the place with throngs of deputies more than once. Even Tod Kimmelshue, the County Supervisor, went out to the homeless camp and tried to persuade his constituents

to go to a shelter or seek mental health care. The property has been outside the jurisdiction of the Gridley police, even though most of the characters out there would be arrested by the Gridley PD when they would come down the railroad tracks into town. The new owners, who are local people, plan to build houses there, and this is a place where housing makes sense. It is right next to the City of Gridley, with sewer, water, and electricity ready to go, and there are lots of families looking for an affordable place to live. Oroville is experiencing a building boom right now with more than 400 houses under construction. Chico voted itself out of a housing project, and housing there is set back about 20 years because the plan had been to grow into the foothills to avoid taking up prime valley ag land, and now they have voted not to grow into the foothills. So, Gridley is an affordable place to live with good services, good schools, and half-price electricity. That said, the biggest issue now is that, with an owner who will respond to the County and City officials, the transients can be cited for trespassing and removed. The previous landowners would never get it together enough to help the City and County enforce trespass laws, which require the

property owner to sign on to a complaint. So even if you are not one of the hundreds of people trying to get your kids to move back to town and buy a house closer to you, resolving the issues with this vacant piece of property is a significant turning point for our community.

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The number-one rule for being a successful School Board member in rural Northern California is: Football and FFA. If those two issues are not right, be prepared to get voted out at the next local suffrage. Fireworks, buying them, and setting them off is like that for City Council members. The community service organizations that sell fireworks are comprised of people who get involved, which means you usually find people who vote volunteering in the fireworks booth every year in late June. Biggs has legalized fireworks, and Gridley has had safe-and-sane fireworks for decades. This year as we celebrate America 250, it is going to be a banner year for Fireworks. If you live in the County and not in one of the two cities, you should plan now for whose house you will go to for the 4th of July.

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*Josh F.W. Cook was a Gridley Planning Commissioner.* ★

# Atteberry Memorial Tournament Set for July 11



Taylor Atteberry, daughter of the late Joshua Atteberry, steals third base after an overthrown ball to second during the Joshua Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament in 2025. Trevor Hom is pictured in the background. Photo by Seti Long

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Family, friends and community members will gather in Biggs on Saturday, July 11, for the 21st annual Joshua Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament, a longtime tradition that celebrates the life of Joshua Atteberry while raising money for scholarships and community programs.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. when players assemble and teams are selected "sand lot style," with games to follow. Organizers encourage people of all ages to participate, from preschoolers to grandparents, continuing the family-centered softball gatherings that Joshua enjoyed throughout his life.

The tournament benefits the Joshua Atteberry Memorial Fund, which has provided scholarships for Biggs High School graduates since 2003 and, more recently, scholarships for Butte College welding students. The fund also supports Vacation Bible School at Biggs United Methodist Church, the Biggs Elementary School Chess Club and the Gridley High School Band.

Over the years, the tournament has become known as much for its spirit of fun as for its competition. Special rules help ensure that younger participants can enjoy the day. Young children are never called

out, and organizers encourage players to focus on fun, sportsmanship and family participation rather than winning.

Adults are invited to participate with a suggested donation of \$15 per player, while children younger than 18 may play free of charge. Organizers note that donations are appreciated but not required, emphasizing that participation and community involvement are more important than fundraising totals.

In addition to the softball games, the event traditionally includes raffle opportunities, volunteer support and community fellowship throughout the day.

The memorial tournament was established in honor of Joshua Atteberry, whose love of softball and time spent with family and friends inspired the annual gathering. Organizers say the event continues to serve as a way to celebrate his memory while investing in future generations through scholarships and local youth programs.

The Joshua Atteberry Memorial Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Organizers invite the community to join them for a day of softball, remembrance and support for local students and organizations.

For more information, visit the Joshua Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament page on Facebook. ★

**MEMORIAL**

**LESTER WILLIAM (BILL) ONYETT - 02/02/1944 – 05/29/2026**

<p>Bill was born February 2, 1944, the second of four sons and one daughter to Bert and Betty Onyett. He passed away May 29, 2026, at the age of 82. Being a third generation Gridleyan, he attended elementary schools and graduated from Gridley High in 1961 where he was a star athlete and was named Bulldog of the Year.</p> <p>He attended Chico State for one year and played football for the</p>	<p>Chico State Wildcats. Bill served 6 years in the California National Guard.</p> <p>Bill worked at Bremer Hardware for a year before becoming a box boy at Gridley Safeway. This was the beginning of a lifelong career at Safeway as he worked his way up the ladder to management positions in the Bay Area.</p> <p>Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Darolyn, his daughter Kelly, his</p>	<p>son Scott, and many family and friends. He now rejoins his daughter Stacy who passed away exactly one year earlier, his parents, and his brother Dick and sister-in-law Avis.</p> <p>Bill will be remembered as kind-hearted, humorous, and deeply devoted to his family. Private services were held.</p> <p>Condolences may be sent to Darolyn and her family at 47 Prescott Circle, Oakley, CA 94561.</p>
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## A Wild Friday with Friends

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a red-tailed hawk, a snake and a tarantula named Rosey.

Cohen Waite, who attended with his family, said the snake was his favorite animal.

"The snake was the coolest animal because I got to pet it," Waite said. "It felt like it had shed its skin, so it was smooth."

Another volunteer, 10-year-old Kyler Deniz, had the opportunity to hold the red-tailed hawk.

"It was super cool holding the red-tailed hawk and I had no idea how heavy it would be and how fierce his eyes were," Deniz said. "I couldn't believe I got to see such a cool animal so up close."

The event once again provided an educational and entertaining experience for local families through the efforts of the Gridley Friends of the Library.

For more information about Conservation Ambassadors and the Wild Things program, visit <http://wildthingsoutreach.org/> events. ★



Kayden, a volunteer from the crowd said, "I'm a little scared" as he awaited his chance to hold the first animal to debut at Friday's event. Gabe Kerschner from the Conservation Ambassadors program talked this first animal up, saying how skilled a hunter this animal was, before revealing in a pint-sized owl for Kayden to hold. Photo by Seti Long



Capuchin monkey "Tito" had the crowd laughing as he hung upside down and jumped all over his handler, Gabe Kerschner. Photo by Seti Long

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# Appreciated Not Forgotten

## Gridley Holds Senior Appreciation Day



Senior couple Danielle and Steven Sneeringer (right) visit one of the booths at Gridley's Senior Appreciation Day. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A special event was arranged last week to support and recognize the senior population of Gridley with the city's first Senior Citizen Appreciation Day.

For three hours between 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Daddow Park hosted a resource fair and provided free food and drinks for seniors.

For those that needed it, the Gridley Feather Flyer, a low-cost shuttle, offered free travel to and from the event.

City Councilmember Angel Calderone was on site, sharing that his public position and previous career in mental health and behavioral services put him in the orbit of many seniors that often expressed feeling "invisible" or overlooked as a vital part of communities.

In addition to that, Calderone says many

face financial struggles operating on a fixed income in the face of rising waste management and rising electricity rates.

"We have seniors that are suffering and it's something that we can support," said Calderone.

Resources on site included Passages – specializing in senior solutions, North Valley Catholic Social Services, Butte County Public Health – Senior Suicide Prevention Team and others such as Grocery Outlet, Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, Waste Management, Gridley Lions Club, Gridley Parks and Recreation, and of course, the City of Gridley.

Attendees appeared to enjoy themselves, milling about and enjoying the free meal.

"I wanted to recognize their (seniors) contributions to our area because they've done something," said Calderone, noting that Gridley senior community is an important part of the community. ★

# Gridley Juniors Win District Title



The Gridley Little League Junior All-Star softball team celebrates after winning the District 47 championship June 18 at DeGarmo Park in Chico. The title marked Gridley's first district tournament championship since 2011. Photo courtesy of Jose Villalobos

By Jose Villalobos

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Little League Junior All-Star softball team captured the District 47 championship June 18, completing an undefeated run through the tournament at DeGarmo Park in Chico. The title marked the first district tournament championship for a Gridley Little League All-Star team since 2011.

Gridley opened tournament play June 14 with a 6-5 victory over the Lake Oroville Little League Junior All-Stars. The win advanced Gridley into the winner's bracket.

On June 16, Gridley faced Palermo Gridley Little League and earned another victory, sending Palermo into the loser's bracket. Palermo battled back through the bracket to earn a rematch with Gridley in the championship round.

The teams met again June 18, with Gridley scoring early and holding off Palermo's comeback attempts. The final out came when Gridley pitcher Aili Dent caught a ball hit back to the circle, securing the championship and prompting players and coaches to celebrate on the field.

According to team information, the championship ended a 15-year drought for Gridley Little League. The last Gridley All-Star team to win a district tournament was the 10-12-year-old baseball team in 2011.

The roster includes pitchers Aili Dent and Kamryn Oakley; catchers Brinkley Sannar and Rylee Witt; Olivia Williams at first base; Kamryn Oakley at second base; Susana Villalobos at third base; Milicent Dent at shortstop; Harper Howell in left field; Nailah Estrada in center field; and Gabby Sharrock and Kiera Holcomb in right field. Bella Thompson was absent during the district tournament and is expected to join the team for section play.

Coaches Josh Howell, Taylor Witt and Jose Villalobos led the team through the tournament. Team representatives noted the players had competed in All-Star tournaments for several years before breaking through for the district championship this season. Gridley finished the tournament undefeated and earned the right to advance to the next round of postseason play. ★

# Quota Celebrates 90 Years



Guests enjoy an elaborate grazing table before a dinner featuring tri-tip and chicken during Quota's 90th anniversary celebration.

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Quota luncheon to identify themselves.

Whether standing or raising their hands, nearly every person in the room had been impacted by the organization in some way.

In addition, Quota made another donation to the community by presenting a \$5,000 check to Dr. Maralee Bowers and Caring for Women, a women's support agency in Gridley.

According to Bowers, Caring for Women serves women facing pregnancy-related challenges by providing access to healthcare information, counseling, parenting classes and resources such as

diapers, formula and STD testing.

Quota unanimously agreed to support Caring for Women during a recent meeting and chose the anniversary dinner to present the donation.

A grateful and emotional Bowers accepted the donation before the evening continued with dinner and celebration.

"I am so thankful for both the material support and the community involvement for this most important work in supporting young families in need," said Bowers. "Quota is upholding its mission of empowering women and children in our community." ★

# Chico Library Shooting Leaves Two Dead, Child Injured

By MPG Staff

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - Two adults were killed and a juvenile was injured Monday afternoon after a shooting inside the Butte County Library in Chico, according to the Chico Police Department.

The Chico Police and Fire Communications Center received multiple 911 calls at 5:12 p.m. on June 22 reporting gunshots and screams coming from inside the library.

Officers arrived at the library at 5:18 p.m. and entered the building shortly afterward. As officers moved into the library through the front entrance, the suspected gunman exited through the rear of the building, where a perimeter had already been established. Police said the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Authorities confirmed that two adults died at

the scene. A juvenile victim was transported to Enloe Health with injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

On Tuesday, Chico police identified the suspect as 18-year-old Chico resident Bradley Scott Sayer. He was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail on two counts of murder.

Investigators from the Chico Police Department, Butte County Sheriff's Office and Federal Bureau of Investigation are continuing to collect evidence, conduct interviews and review the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

Police said investigators have determined Sayer acted alone and found no indication that he had any prior relationship or connection to the victims who were inside the library at the time of the attack.

According to investigators, Sayer's apparent motive was a desire to

carry out a shooting similar to the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Colorado.

The investigation remains active, and authorities said additional information may be released as it becomes available.

First Avenue was closed between Sheridan Avenue and Arbutus Avenue for several hours Monday evening while investigators processed the crime scene.

The Chico Police Department thanked assisting agencies, including the Butte County Sheriff's Office, California State Parks, California Highway Patrol, Cal Fire, Butte College, the FBI and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Anyone with information related to the case is asked to contact the Chico Police Department Detective Bureau at 530-897-5820. ★

# Arrest Made in 2025 Gridley Homicide

By MPG Staff

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley police have arrested a suspect in connection with the death of a man whose body was found inside an abandoned warehouse nearly a year ago.

The Gridley Police Department announced June 18 that investigators determined 39-year-old Edgar Carlos Garcia was the victim of a homicide following an extensive investigation conducted with assistance from the Butte County District Attorney's Office and other law enforcement agencies.

Detectives identified Christopher Wayne Fizer Jr., 32, as the person responsible for Garcia's

death, according to police.

On June 18, with assistance from the Butte County District Attorney's Office and the Yuba City Police Department, officers arrested Fizer and booked him into the Butte County Jail on homicide-related charges.

Investigators said Garcia suffered fatal injuries during an altercation inside the warehouse. Police said evidence collected during the investigation, along with witness statements and forensic findings, led detectives to identify and apprehend the suspect.

Garcia's body was discovered Aug. 7, 2025, inside an abandoned warehouse at 110 Virginia St. Police initially responded

to a report of a deceased man and later identified the victim as Garcia, a citizen of Mexico. Authorities said the circumstances surrounding his death were deemed suspicious, prompting an extensive investigation.

The Gridley Police Department thanked the Butte County Coroner's Office, Butte County District Attorney's Office, Yuba City Police Department and other assisting agencies for their support during the investigation.

Anyone with additional information about the case is encouraged to contact Detective Talea Jellison at the Gridley Police Department at 530-846-5670. ★

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# Council Votes to End Future Health Benefits for Members

By Shaunna Boyd

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - At the June 17 meeting of the Live Oak City Council, Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine proposed eliminating city-paid health, dental, vision, life insurance and related benefits for councilmembers as their current terms expire.

The city is facing ongoing financial challenges, and Chapdelaine said the benefits are an expenditure that can be cut without affecting services to residents. Many similarly sized jurisdictions do not provide these benefits to councilmembers, and they were established in Live Oak by council resolution in the 1990s.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27 includes \$121,965 for councilmember benefits, and those costs continue to rise. Since 2017-18, benefit costs have increased nearly 76%, with additional increases expected in future years. Based on current costs, Chapdelaine estimated that eliminating the benefits could save the city \$609,825 over five years and \$1.2 million over 10 years. Actual savings could be even higher if annual cost increases continue.

Chapdelaine said he wanted to introduce the proposal before the final budget discussion because "there is no other discretionary spending we really have left at

this point."

He said capital projects have been reduced to those supported by grant funding, and staffing costs have been cut to the minimum needed to sustain operations. He added that the only other option would be reducing parks and recreation programs, which generate revenue and provide benefits to residents.

The proposed budget also includes reductions to fire and police service contracts.

"It's tough to ask our citizens to be impacted and not do whatever we can to meet them in the middle," Chapdelaine said.

Councilmember Nancy Santana said eliminating benefits by July 1 would not give councilmembers enough time to secure alternative coverage. She also cited a California attorney general opinion stating that eliminating benefits during a councilmember's current term could violate constitutional protections.

The city attorney said the council could adopt a resolution eliminating benefits when current terms expire, meaning newly elected or re-elected councilmembers would no longer be eligible.

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez said, "We are not in a great financial position, so I can respect the fact that [Mayor Chapdelaine] would bring that up

and at least try to offer solutions. Somebody's got to figure it out somewhere. ... The bottom line is we need to work together and figure out how to get out of the mess that we inherited. ... And sometimes that looks like tough decisions."

Santana made a motion to instead reduce the percentage of paid benefits for all city employees and councilmembers.

Chapdelaine noted that employee benefits are governed by labor agreements and cannot be changed unilaterally. He also said the motion was not properly agendized because only councilmember benefits were under consideration.

Santana then requested that the item be postponed until after the November election so the newly seated council could make the decision. Chapdelaine responded that delaying action would further postpone any savings.

"It's just kicking the can down the road again," he said.

Santana asked how long the benefits would remain eliminated. The city attorney explained that the change would become city policy unless a future council voted to restore the benefits.

Chapdelaine then made a motion to eliminate council benefits as each member's term expires. The motion passed 4-1, with Santana dissenting.

The members whose terms expire this November are Chapdelaine, Hernandez and Councilmember Bob Woten. Santana and Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma are up for re-election in 2028.

The council then continued reviewing the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget, which includes reductions to fire and police contracts, two of the city's largest expenditures.

Under the proposed budget, the general fund is expected to end the year with a balance of \$409,767.

Mayor Chapdelaine said that even if the city used all of its reserves to maintain public safety contracts at previous funding levels, "we're broke at the end of the year. ... Where do we go from there? ... What happens to those contracts when we have no money to pay them the next fiscal year?"

City Manager Ben Moody said that concern prompted the city to renegotiate the contracts. He said the cost reductions will allow the city to "tread water" this year while officials hope voters approve a public safety tax measure in November.

If the measure fails, Moody warned that next year could bring deeper cuts to public safety and potentially all parks and recreation programs, which would also reduce associated revenue.

Santana said the cuts to public safety would negatively affect both residents and public safety personnel. She argued that the city should maintain existing contract levels.

Pamma asked how the city could afford to do so.

"Offer your suggestion. I'm all ears," Pamma said.

He also pointed to years of inaction by previous councils, noting that Santana has served on the council since 2020.

"How are you surprised we're in this position?" he asked.

Hernandez said, "We have a united goal. None of us want to lose fire. None of us want to lose police. If we could staff them to the highest extent and afford that, we would all do that. ... Right now, we don't have the money."

She also accused Santana of "grandstanding" without presenting realistic solutions.

The council voted 4-1 to approve the proposed budget, with Santana dissenting.

General fund expenditures total \$6.3 million. The police contract represents the largest expense at \$1.7 million, or 27.7% of general fund spending. Parks and recreation is the second-largest expense at \$1.1 million, or 17%, followed by the fire service contract at \$910,375, or 14.4%.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for July 8. ★

# Gridley Weighs Land Swap for Park Expansion Patriots Needed for July 4 Parade!

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley may have an opportunity to expand Vierra Park through a proposed land exchange with the Gridley Unified School District.

City officials discussed the idea during the June 15 council meeting and said a property swap could create additional space for recreation facilities, community gathering areas and future park improvements.

The proposal centers on the former Portuguese Hall property at Washington and Norman streets, a 0.37-acre parcel next to the park. The school district purchased the site, demolished the building and cleared the lot.

In return, the district is seeking city owned property in the industrial park for a future storage facility.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said the former Portuguese Hall parcel could support expanded amenities, better connectivity between public facilities and potential grant funded projects. Ideas mentioned included open space, walking paths, picnic areas, recreation programming and community facilities.

Gridley Unified Superintendent Justin Kern said the district needs a permanent location for equipment and materials.

He said the district would like to move out of the old Save Mart building, which has served as temporary storage.

"We do not know what is going to happen with that long term," Kern said. "We have a lease that goes through next year."

Kern said the district initially looked at the city's industrial Parcel 9 across from the sports complex because of its size and proximity.

Much of the council's discussion focused on whether the requested parcel is the right property to offer.

Arteaga said Parcel 9 has been part of the city's broader planning for the park and surrounding area. "We have other industrial parcels that could meet the district's needs without giving up land near the soccer field," Arteaga said.

Mayor Mike Farr agreed and said the parcel near the soccer field is valuable for future development. Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson supported acquiring the former Portuguese Hall property while also offering alternatives for the swap.

The city owns three additional parcels already identified for potential sale.

Arteaga said the district has invested about \$109,000 in the Portuguese Hall property, including acquisition costs, back taxes, demolition, fencing and cleanup. Appraisals have not been completed, making it too early to determine whether the properties are comparable in value.

Kern said other city owned parcels could work for the district and said the district is open to continued negotiations.

Council members directed staff to continue evaluating the proposal, including appraisals, engineering review and other due diligence. Any land exchange would require future council approval. ★

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Although the community's July 4 celebrations will look different this year, Biggs will still host its annual Fourth of July Parade.

Taken on by Bob Culverson, the parade plans to continue on despite the loss of the pancake breakfast and fireworks show

There is call for more parade entries. For those

interested in participating, contact Culverson directly at 916-709-6350, email at biggsag1@gmail.com or reach him through the Biggs Assembly of God Church at 530-868-5992 ★

# Deputies Seize Fentanyl, Firearm in Oroville

By MPG Staff

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Proactive patrol efforts by the Butte County Sheriff's Office led to the arrests of three people and the seizure of fentanyl, a firearm and other suspected evidence of criminal activity on June 17.

At approximately 11:28 p.m., deputies were conducting foot patrol near the 6900 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they contacted a man later identified as 34-year-old Anthony Squitieri of Oroville.

According to the Butte County Sheriff's Office, Squitieri immediately fled on foot when deputies approached him. Deputies repeatedly ordered him to stop, but he continued running until he became stuck in bushes and surrendered. Deputies took him into custody without further incident.

During a search incident to arrest, deputies located a plastic baggie containing approximately 6.5 grams of fentanyl in Squitieri's pocket.

While continuing patrol activity in the same area, deputies contacted two people inside a nearby parked truck. The occupants were identified as 25-year-old Scott Edgar of Palermo and 53-year-old Tanya Wilson of Oroville.

Deputies discovered Wilson had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and arrested her.

A search of the vehicle led deputies to locate a firearm, ammunition and multiple identification cards and bank cards belonging to other individuals, according to authorities.

Edgar was arrested on suspicion of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition, carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm in public and misappropriation of lost property.

Wilson was arrested on the outstanding warrant, while Squitieri was arrested on narcotics-related charges. ★

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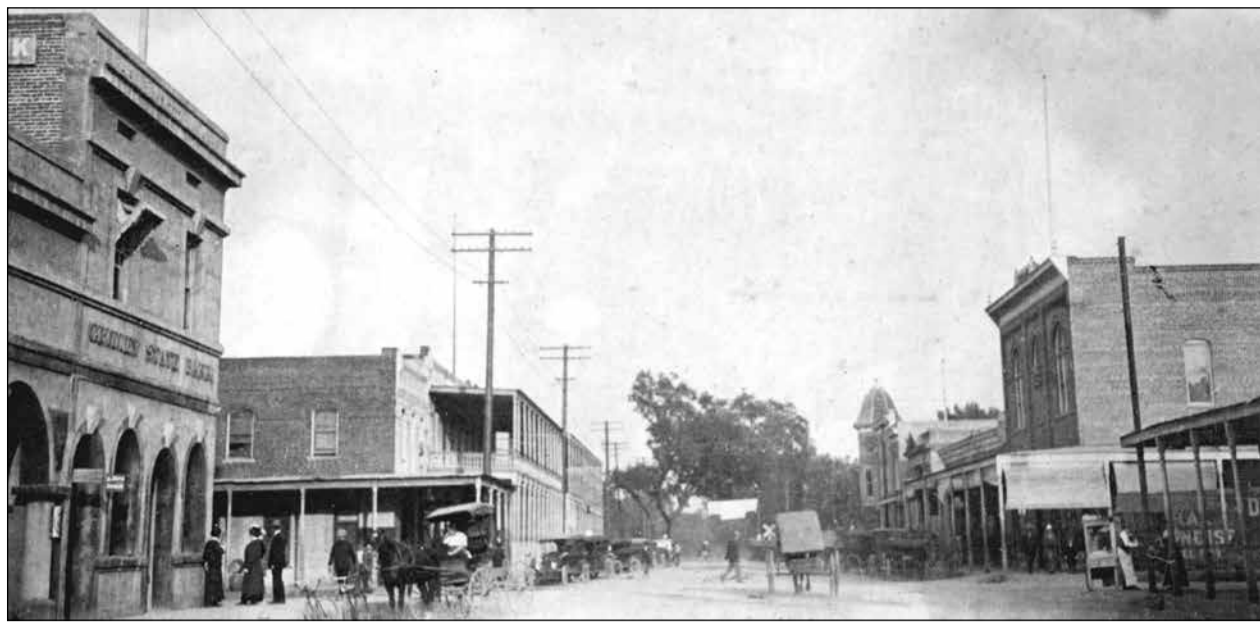
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## Gridley Museum's Photo Contest

Shown is a historic Gridley building in its prime back "Then". Based off this photograph, where was this building and what is located there "Now"? Please submit your guess of what/where the building is to the Gridley Museum in writing. **MUST INCLUDE:** The number of the photo you are submitting your guess on, your full name, best contact phone number and email address (if possible) and your guess. Limit one guess per photo/per person, contest open to residents of Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs ages 12 and up. An answer key will be posted after the contest ends July 4, 2026. The Gridley Museum is located at 601 Kentucky St., Gridley and can be reached at 530-846-4482. Photo #17 courtesy of the Gridley Museum



## Butte County Offers Free HIV, STI Testing Available, June 26

By Lloyd Green Jr.

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Butte County Public Health will offer free, confidential testing for HIV, syphilis and hepatitis C on June 26 in recognition of National HIV Testing Day.

Testing will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Butte County Public Health clinics in Chico, 1930 Notre Dame Blvd., and Oroville, 78 Table Mountain Blvd. Rapid test results will be available within 30 minutes.

The testing is open to the public and available to anyone age 12 and older. No identification or health insurance is required. Gift cards will be provided while supplies last.

Individuals who receive a positive result will be connected with confirmatory testing and treatment

through local medical providers.

"Every year, we see about 10 to 16 new HIV cases in Butte County," said Dr. Jarett Beaudoin, Butte County public health officer. "Getting tested is the first step. If you do test positive, some treatments can help you stay healthy and live a full life while also protecting others."

Public health officials said many people with sexually transmitted infections do not know they are infected because symptoms are often absent. Regular testing remains one of the most effective ways to determine a person's status and help prevent transmission.

Health officials recommend at least one HIV test for people ages 13 to 64, with more frequent testing for those at higher risk. They also recommend

syphilis testing for sexually active individuals and hepatitis C screening for all adults 18 and older and during each pregnancy.

More frequent testing may be appropriate for people with multiple sexual partners, those who do not know a partner's sexual history, individuals who have sex without a condom, men who have sex with men, and people who inject drugs or share needles.

Butte County Public Health also offers HIV PrEP and PEP navigation services for individuals at higher risk of exposure. The program provides prevention education, assistance with payment programs and connections to PrEP and PEP providers.

For more information, contact the confidential Communicable Disease Line at 530-552-3929. ★

## Gridley Eyes Tougher Fireworks Rules

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley officials are considering stricter regulations on the use of legal "safe and sane" fireworks, including limits on when they can be used, \$1,000 administrative fines for violations and expanded liability for parents and social hosts.

The Gridley City Council discussed potential ordinance changes during meetings June 1 and June 15, directing staff to continue refining the proposal before bringing a draft ordinance back for formal consideration.

City officials said the proposed changes are intended to provide additional enforcement options when legal fireworks are used outside approved time periods and to address ongoing fireworks-related complaints.

"I think the hope is with adopting a new structure here that it will at least push firework use to a shorter period of time and into a shorter window of time," City Attorney Scott Little said.

Among the proposed changes is a provision limiting possession of legal fireworks to the period between June 28 and July 6. Fireworks could only be discharged between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. during those dates.

The proposal would also establish administrative penalties of \$1,000 per violation. Under the draft language, each separate fireworks violation could be treated as an individual offense subject to the fine.

Additional provisions under consideration would make parents or guardians responsible when minors use fireworks without adult supervision and create social host liability for property owners or event organizers who knowingly allow fireworks violations on property under their control. The proposed ordinance would also give the City Council authority to temporarily suspend fireworks use during declared emergencies or periods of extreme fire danger, including drought conditions or Red Flag warnings. Public notice of any suspension would be provided through city communication channels.

Council members generally supported administrative fines rather than creating additional criminal penalties. Little said local administrative penalties would allow the city to pursue enforcement directly



rather than relying on prosecution through the district attorney's office.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson suggested requiring fireworks vendors to provide safety information and post city fireworks regulations at sales booths. Little said the city could require sellers to post local fireworks rules as part of the ordinance.

Council members offered additional direction June 15, discussing administrative fines, safety rules, possession dates and potential exceptions before sending the proposal back for revisions. Council members generally favored administrative fines for minor violations, clearer safety information at the point of sale and revisions to the proposed possession restrictions. Some members also discussed allowing legal fireworks use during New Year's celebrations.

No ordinance has been adopted. Council members directed staff to return with updated language for future consideration, and any new regulations would require future council approval before taking effect. Because the proposal remains under review, no changes are expected to be in place before this year's Independence Day holiday.

Illegal fireworks are already prohibited under state law and can be prosecuted as misdemeanors, officials said. The proposed ordinance focuses largely on regulating when and how legal fireworks may be used within city limits while creating additional local enforcement tools for violations.

"While an ordinance amendment may not eliminate all fireworks-related issues, it would be a positive step toward reducing the use of illegal fireworks within the City of Gridley," Police Chief Todd Farr said.

Farr said the Police Department will continue enforcing laws governing illegal fireworks regardless of whether the ordinance is adopted. ★

## Gridley Adopts Budget Amid Revenue Gap

Continued from page 1

The budget continues funding for the Gridley Sports Complex, a major city capital project, as well as ongoing improvements involving streets, parks, water, sewer and electric infrastructure.

The city also approved funding for equipment purchases, facility improvements and maintenance projects intended to support city operations and public services.

Final adjustments incorporated into the adopted budget included part-time administrative staffing, equipment purchases,

corrections to the city's fire contract, water and sewer equipment, sports complex funding, a new parks maintenance mower and heating and air conditioning improvements at the Gridley Museum.

The budget and appropriations resolutions were approved unanimously. Quarterly budget reviews will continue throughout the fiscal year as city officials monitor revenues, expenditures and fund balances while working to maintain services and address long-term financial obligations. ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots

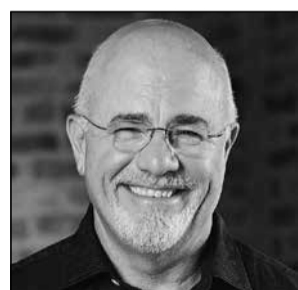


By Barbara Ott

Baby toads have arrived. Not in my toad breeding pond. Not from previous toads, but I have imported more. I think I've seen toad poop from the last batch who should be big by now. Toads are travelers. The don't hop they walk to get places. I'm guessing they can hop because I've seen them

trying to jump out of the containers they arrive in. But mostly they go up on their hind legs and stride along. Because of this traveling I've become convinced that my toads enjoyed their vacation of leisure and rich food in my yard and then traveled on. One reason I think this is because I've read that they like to go home to their original birth place if able. I am working twice as hard this time to entice them to stay. I already know there is plenty of food here. There are shady dirt places that I'm keeping moist. They have water in a couple of ways available to soak in. I'm watching that sprays are not being used that might make them unhappy.

Laugh if you want to, I laugh at myself over all this. I so want them to become established. I do fantasize that the root hole they adopted has allowed them to wander at will into other yards. I also wonder if they have found the underground water canal that I'm told once existed in the alley of Vermont St. and have gotten to the larger canal, or other wetter areas. These toads came from a ranch with a horse trough that is wet around it all of the time, their birth place. I am trying to have a swampy area that I hope they like and decide to call home. Afterall, I made them a shallow pool with plant roots and mosquito fish for them as a boudoir. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are debt-free, including our home. My husband is a great guy, and a talented man, but he's also a bit of a dreamer sometimes. He has written three or four novels that haven't been accepted by publishers. He feels he's close to a breakthrough, and he asked me the other day about my thoughts on selling our home and living on the money we make so he can really concentrate, and work on the new book full-time. I want him to pursue his dream, but this idea scares me. What do you think about it?

- Emily

Dear Emily,

First of all, congratulations on being completely debt-free! That's a huge accomplishment, and I'm really happy for you two.

Now, about your hus-

## Dave Ramsey Says Pursue Your Dreams, But Do It Wisely

band's idea. It sounds to me like he's a good man. And he obviously has drive, focus and discipline if he's been able to write that many novels in his spare time and be part of you reaching such a great financial point in your lives. But I think it would be a huge mistake for you guys to sell your home, especially when he hasn't proven he can sell anything he writes.

I understand where his head is right now, believe me. He wants to write and be a successful, full-time novelist. That's a great dream to have. It's one I sincerely hope he can achieve one day. But my advice right now would be for him to keep his day job, and continue working his tail off nights and weekends to try and make his dream a reality.

As part of that, I'd suggest drawing up a strategy to get some exposure for the books he has already written. Develop a website highlighting his work. Maybe he could self-publish a few dozen

copies, then contact local libraries and civic groups for an opportunity to speak. In the process, he might sell a few books and get his name out there.

It may take longer than he'd like, but that's honestly a much better idea than the one he has now. It will allow him to pursue his passion, work toward a goal and not run the risk of putting his family in financial danger.

- Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a nine-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.* ★

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# Six New Deputies Join Butte County Sheriff's Office

By MPG Staff

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Sheriff's Office welcomed six new deputy sheriffs during a swearing-in ceremony held June 18.

Sheriff Kory Honea administered the oath of office to Deputy Sheriffs Hannah Wagner, Jack Nilsson, Lane Leckness, Anthony Wolf, Luis Calderon-Fuentes and Carter Felton.

Deputies Wagner,

Nilsson, Leckness, Wolf and Calderon-Fuentes recently graduated from the Butte College Law Enforcement Academy before joining the sheriff's office.

Felton joins the agency as a lateral deputy, bringing prior law enforcement experience to the department.

The sheriff's office recognized the new deputies as they begin their careers serving and protecting communities throughout Butte County. ★

**Sheriff Kory Honea, far right, and Undersheriff Matthew Calkin, far left, stand with newly sworn deputy sheriffs following a June 18 swearing-in ceremony in Oroville. The new deputies are, from left, Luis Calderon-Fuentes, Hannah Wagner, Lane Leckness, Anthony Wolf, Carter Felton and Jack Nilsson.** Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office



## Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email [lloyd.green@mpg8.com](mailto:lloyd.green@mpg8.com).

Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.

### Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28

#### Relations Gathering

Welcome to Lake Concow Campground where From the Ground Up Farms, Inc. is holding their annual fundraiser, the "Relations Gathering" starting at noon on Friday. This is a 3-day gathering with live music, DJ's, workshops, kiddie village, kids' talent show (Saturday) and kids' parade (Sunday). You can come for the day to hear your favorite artist, or you can bring the entire family and join us for 3 days of camping fun. There will be a food kitchen serving up great food options. Come pick a great spot and park your trailer or pitch your tent and enjoy. \$30/day or \$50/weekend per person available at the gate or online at [www.butte365.com/event](http://www.butte365.com/event). 12967 Concow Road Oroville.

### Friday, June 26

#### Butte-Glenn Almanor Golf Classic

9 a.m. check-in and driving range opens, 10 a.m. shotgun start at Bailey Creek Golf Course, Lake Almanor. Proceeds from the tournament will support Butte & Glenn County Farm Bureaus. For more information, or to register, see [www.buttefarmbureau.com/programs/events](http://www.buttefarmbureau.com/programs/events).

### Saturday, June 27

#### Summer Vendor Fair

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mooretown Gym, 2 Alverda Dr., Oroville. Join us for a day of shopping, food, and supporting local small businesses. Browse unique vendors, handmade creations, boutique items, gifts, treats, and more. Bring your friends and family and shop local this summer.

### Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild Open House

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 2010 Montgomery St., Oroville. The community is invited to meet Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild, who will be demonstrating various techniques in quilting. No charge for entry; shop our Quilters boutique where everything is handmade and available for purchase. We will also have raffle baskets, a mercantile, and this year's Opportunity Quilt, titled "Autumn Splendor." Please come and join us.

### Feather River Nature Center Open

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Montgomery Street and Old Ferry Road, Oroville. Bring the

whole family for a day of discovery and fun along the Feather River. Explore the historic Bath House Museum with nature exhibits and wildlife displays. Try out our educational activities. \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, and kids are free.

### Coexist Resource Fair

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church, 667 E. 1st Ave., Chico. This event will demonstrate what a diverse, inclusive, and supportive community Chico has. We will have a clothing swap, non-perishable food swap, cooling space, and host several resource booths reflecting what support services are available in our area. In addition, there will be a series of queer affirming interfaith practitioners. Families can expect to leave with free goods, get connected with services, and enjoy free cold treats. In addition, there will be water play and crafts for kids. This will be a fun, uplifting, and wholesome event!

### Sunday, June 28

#### Cloud Market Pop-Up

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cloud Social, 1001 Main St., Suite 100, Chico. Get ready for an afternoon of local treasures and soft, playful tunes. We're bringing together a curated selection of the best local vendors and small businesses for a unique pop-up shopping experience. Come discover handmade crafts, unique art, specialty goods, and support your local community. Free bounce house for the kids. Hosted by Your Local Marketplace.

### Wednesday, July 1

#### Butte Humane Society's Dog Days of Summer

Take a break from the heat in our Education Center - we have activities for the whole family. Stop by Butte Humane Society, 13391 Garner Lane, Chico between 10 a.m. and noon. We'll have arts and crafts, adoptable dogs, and refreshing drinks from Sippy Hippie Co. available for purchase.

### Live Oak Little League Fundraiser

All day, Dutch Bros Coffee, 9922 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Support Live Oak Little League baseball and softball programs during this fundraiser. Dutch Bros will donate \$1 from every drink purchased throughout the day to benefit local youth sports.

### Saturday, July 4

#### 4th of July Parade

Celebrate Independence Day at the 3rd Annual CARD 4th of July Parade, starting at 9 a.m. sharp. Watch as our vibrant Chico community comes together for a patriotic procession featuring creative

floats, spirited local organizations, and a sea of red, white, and blue in Downtown Chico, starting at 132 W. 4th St., Chico. Following the parade, enjoy a performance by the 191st Army Band from Dublin and concessions provided by Woodstock's Pizza at the Chico City Plaza. Brought to you by Chico Area Recreation & Park District (CARD).

### Celebrate America 250

Join us for Oroville's Fourth of July Celebration as we commemorate America's 250th anniversary with a day full of community spirit and patriotic festivities. Begin your day exploring Oroville's local farmers markets, dining and shopping in Downtown Oroville, then gather at Riverbend Park for an evening of food, entertainment, and fireworks. The celebration at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville, will feature food vendors beginning at 5:00 p.m., a patriotic pre-show program and National Anthem at 9:00 p.m., and a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. Whether you're a longtime resident or visiting for the holiday weekend, Oroville's Fourth of July Celebration offers a welcoming and family-friendly way to celebrate Independence Day. More information at [www.visitoroville.com](http://www.visitoroville.com).

### Sunday, July 5

#### Rib Cook-Off

Toni's Burgers & More, \$15 registration, must cook ribs on site. Judging is at 4 p.m. and winner takes the jackpot. Come cook, compete and have a good time at 11975 State Highway 70, Oroville.

### Saturday, July 11

#### Joshua Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament

9 A.M., Biggs High School baseball field. The 21st annual Joshua Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament will feature sandlot-style team selection, family-friendly softball and fundraising for scholarships and local youth programs. Players of all ages are welcome. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults; children under 18 play free. Information is available on the tournament's Facebook page.

### Monday, July 20 through Sunday, July 26

#### Let Freedom Ride Kids Music Camp

Gridley Christian Church, 580 Washington St., Gridley. Children ages 4 through eighth grade are invited to participate in a free week of music, sign language, simple choreography, rhythm instruments, hand bells, Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and snacks. Camp sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 20-24, with a dress rehearsal from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Participants will present performances of the mini-musical at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Registration is required. To register, call Bonnie at 530-933-9845. For information, call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002.

### Saturday, Aug. 22

#### Warren McCutcheon Poker Run

Registration begins at 8 a.m., American Legion Post 210, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. The ride benefits veteran causes and includes a meal ticket and poker hand with registration. First bike out is at 10 a.m. and the last bike out is at 1 p.m. Registration is \$25 for riders and \$15 for passengers. For information, text Josh at 530-455-9925. All proceeds benefit veteran causes. ★

## Gridley Library Summer Event Schedule

**JUNE 27** - Totally Teen Trivia - 2 to 3:30 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens can form teams of up to four people and compete for prizes while testing their knowledge on a variety of topics.

**JUNE 30** - "The Hunger Games" Book vs. Movie Discussion - 4 to 5 p.m., Gridley Library. Adults are invited to compare the bestselling novel with its film adaptation.

**JULY 1** - Pet Rock Adoption Day - 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can select, decorate and personalize their own pet rock.

**JULY 3** - Family Storytime - 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 8** - Seed Bombs - 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can create seed bombs to take home and plant.

**JULY 9** - "Little Shop of Horrors" Sing-Along - 5:30 to 7 p.m., Gridley Library. Adults are invited to sing along while watching the cult classic musical film.

**JULY 10** - Sure Start Family Playtime - 9 a.m. to noon, Gridley Library. Families with children ages 0 to 5 are invited to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

**JULY 11** - Summer Adventure Journals - 2 to 3:30 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults can create and decorate personalized journals to document summer memories.

**JULY 14-18** - Friends of the Library Book Sale - During library hours, Gridley Library. Shop used books, DVDs and more. Proceeds support library programs and materials.

**JULY 15** - Edible Planter Boxes

- 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can create and enjoy edible planter box treats.

**JULY 17** - Family Storytime - 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 22** - Pokemon Extravaganza - 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can enjoy Pokemon-themed crafts, a scavenger hunt and activities celebrating their favorite characters.

**JULY 23** - Dungeons & Dragons Movie Day - 1 to 3 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults are invited to watch "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves."

**JULY 24** - Sure Start Family Playtime - 9 a.m. to noon, Gridley Library. Families with children ages 0 to 5 are invited to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

**JULY 25** - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign - Time to be announced, Gridley Library. Teens and adults of all experience levels are invited to participate in a Dungeons & Dragons adventure.

**JULY 29** - Book Soundtrack Dance Party - 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens can dance to music featured in film and television adaptations of popular books.

**JULY 31** - Family Storytime - 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 31** - Lip Sync Battle - 3 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens are invited to perform and compete in a friendly lip sync competition featuring their favorite songs. ★

The Gridley Library is located at 299 Spruce St. For information, call 530-552-5652. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. A complete calendar of events is available at <https://buttecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month>.



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# Traffic Stop in Oroville Leads to Narcotics Arrest

By MPG Staff

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - A traffic stop in Oroville led to the arrest of a 73-year-old man on narcotics sales charges after deputies discovered fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine in his vehicle.

At approximately 5:45 p.m. June 15, a Butte County Sheriff's

Office deputy conducted a traffic stop near Canal Drive and Feathervale Drive for vehicle code violations.

Deputies identified the driver as Barry Hancock, 73, of Oroville.

During the investigation, a sheriff's K-9 conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle and alerted to the odor of narcotics,



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according to the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies searched the vehicle and located fentanyl, cocaine,

methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Hancock was arrested on suspicion of possession of narcotics

for sale and transportation of narcotics for sale.

Authorities said Hancock also faces an additional felony drug charge under Proposition 36 due to having two or more prior drug-related convictions, which carry enhanced penalties under the law.

He was booked into the Butte County Jail. ★

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after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 06/02/2026 PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0489973 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026 THE GRIDLEY HERALD 6-26-26 APN: 125-252-020-000 TS No: CA07000132-26-1 TO No: 260057868-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section

2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 9, 2024. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM, East Entrance, Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on May 14, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0001799, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by DYLAN CONKLIN AND KIMBERLEE CONKLIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for SIERRA PACIFIC MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION NMLS: 1788 as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:

721 E SIERRA AVE, PORTOLA, CA 96122 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$262,941.34 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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 visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000132-26-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000132-26-1 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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOR THE BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MOSQUITO, VECTOR AND DISEASE CONTROL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District intends to conduct a public hearing for the CONTINUATION of the benefit assessment in fiscal year 2026-27 that fund the District's mosquito, vector control, and disease prevention services and projects in the District's Boundaries.  
The public hearing to consider the ordering of services and projects, and the levy of the continued assessments for fiscal year 2026-27 for the Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment, shall be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District offices, located at 444 Otterson Dr, Chico, CA 95928. The proposed assessment rate for fiscal year 2026-27 is THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SIX CENTS (\$13.76) per single-family equivalent benefit unit for Zone A, and THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$3.44) per single-family equivalent benefit unit for Zone B, which is an increase from last year's rate.  
Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the public hearing, or in writing, which is received by the District on or before Wednesday, July 8, 2026. If you desire additional information concerning the above, please contact the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (530) 533-6038.  
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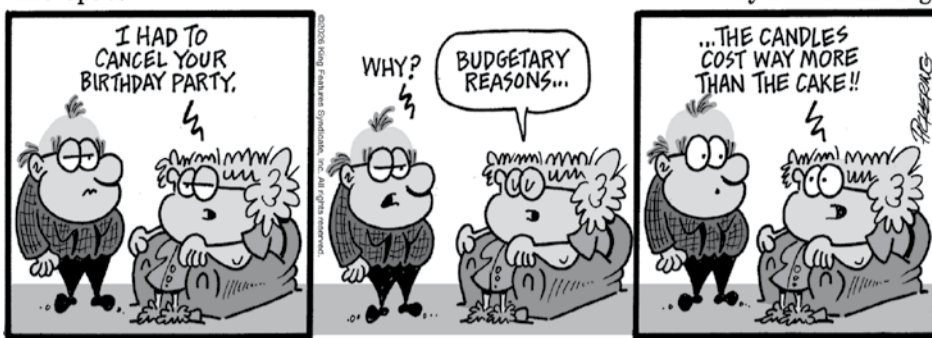
**NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE**  
**[CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]**  
**TO REGISTERED OWNERS CHRIS HARDT, TERESA LA MAR, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST** in the following goods:  
A 1997 mobilehome, Manufacturer Guerdon IND Tradename Great Lakes; HCD Decal Number LBN3449, Serial numbers GDWDCA07772944A and GDWDCA07772944B; HUD Label/Insignia Numbers CAL030294 and CAL030295 measuring 48 feet in length and 12 feet in width per section.  
**SINCE THE DEMAND MADE** under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210(2) by **Cobblestone II OLH LLC** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Chris Hardt and Teresa La Mar, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, **notice is hereby given** said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on July 16, 2026, at 109 Magnolia Parkway, Oroville, Ca 95966**. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.  
**Please take notice** payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.  
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$22.96 from May 7, 2026 through June 1, 2026, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$1,596.96. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$22.96 per day accruing on or after June 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after June 2026 and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.  
**Please take further notice** all third-party bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within three (3) days after the sale or disposition of the same. THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN OLIVE HILL MHP AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION. Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.  
**COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC**  
Dated: June 19, 2026, at San Jose, California  
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**CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]**  
**TO REGISTERED OWNERS PETER MARCELLINI, KRISTEN MARTINEZ, ASHLEY MARCELLINI, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST** in the following goods:  
A 1990 mobilehome, Manufacturer 09534 FLEETWOOD HM CALIF Tradename SUNPOINTE; HCD Decal Number LAR7823, Serial numbers CAFLL17A11533ST and CAFLL17B11533ST; HUD Label/Insignia Numbers RAD536720 and RAD536721 measuring 36 feet in length and 14 feet in width per section.  
**SINCE THE DEMAND MADE** under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210(2) by **Cobblestone II OLH LLC** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Peter Marcellini, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, **notice is hereby given** said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **1:00 p.m. on July 16, 2026 at 207 Elm Parkway, Oroville, CA 95966**. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.  
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Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$20.59 from May 7, 2026 through June 1, 2026, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$1,535.34. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$20.59 per day accruing on or after June 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after June 2026, and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.  
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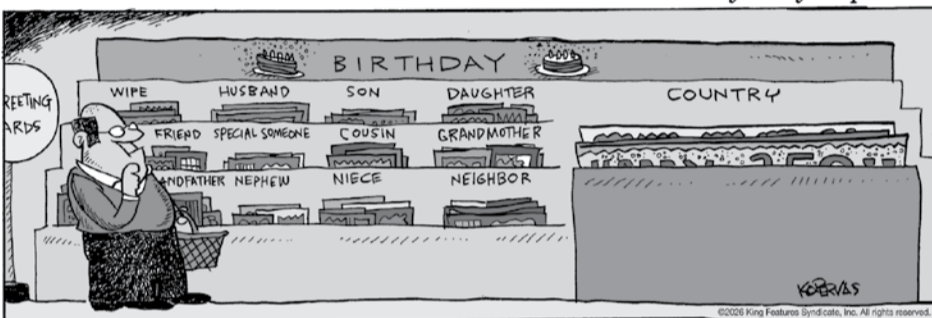
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by Dave T. Phipps



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by Dave T. Phipps



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- ACROSS**
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  - Elephant party, acr.
  - Do like volcano
  - Fire (2 words)
  - Pro football org.
  - Jonas Salk's conquest
  - Like a Harvard building?
  - ET carrier
  - Bedeck
  - "Tasty Fourth of July outings
  - "Float processions
  - Black gunk
  - Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
  - The Jackson 5's 1970 hit
  - Caffeine source
  - TV classic "\_\_\_ Heroes"
  - Folio page
  - Abel's big brother
  - Fortune teller's card
  - Rank in British peerage
  - Archipelago parts
  - Head for (2 words)
  - Beseech
  - Impermanent employee
  - Prayer's end
  - Gardener's trimmer
  - Part of speech
  - Am is to I as \_\_\_ is to we
  - Calista Flockhart's husband
  - Likewise
  - "Salad tuber
  - \*\_\_\_ Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest
  - Nonsense
  - Female gametes
  - "A Doll's House" playwright
  - Cuckoo
  - Opposite of guzzle
  - Cuckoo for what puffs?
  - Eyelid affliction
  - Driver's aid
  - Giving a once-over
- DOWN**
- Hair holder
  - First name in jeans
  - Auricular
  - \*\_\_\_ provocateur
  - Island off Alaskan coast
  - Wildbeests
  - "For most, the 4th is a day \_\_\_"
  - Onomatopoeia for splash
  - \*Drink at a barbecue
  - Weary walk
  - Ireland, once
  - \*Patriots \_\_\_ over Loyalists
  - Long John Silver's pet
  - Crocus, pl.
  - Ooh partner
  - Last part (2 words)
  - 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
  - Famous Memphis street
  - Felt concern
  - \*"...twilight's \_\_\_ gleaming"
  - Lady of "A Star is Born"
  - Smell
  - Post-it user
  - \*"Born on the Fourth of July" director
  - \*Popular July 4th decoration
  - Captain of Nautilus
  - Phegms
  - Sully one's reputation
  - Go bad
  - Public announcement
  - Fowl perch
  - Exclamation of delight or dismay (2 words)
  - Bridge, in Paris
  - Colloquial approval
  - Ditty
  - Back of neck
  - Ascus, pl.
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# Live Oak 10-12 Softball Secures Second-Straight CA District 2 Banner

By Steven Bryla

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Little League 10-12 softball team clinched its second-straight California District 2 championship as they defeated Sutter Area 11-1 on Sunday, June 21.

Live Oak and Sutter Area both met in the opening game of the District 2 tournament on June 12 where SA prevailed with a 4-3 victory.

SA moved into the winners bracket and they won't their next three games to clinch a spot in the D2 championship.

As the LO team was disappointed with the opening game result, they had a tougher road to get into the championship as they played six-consecutive elimination games to reach the championship.

During the six-game streak,

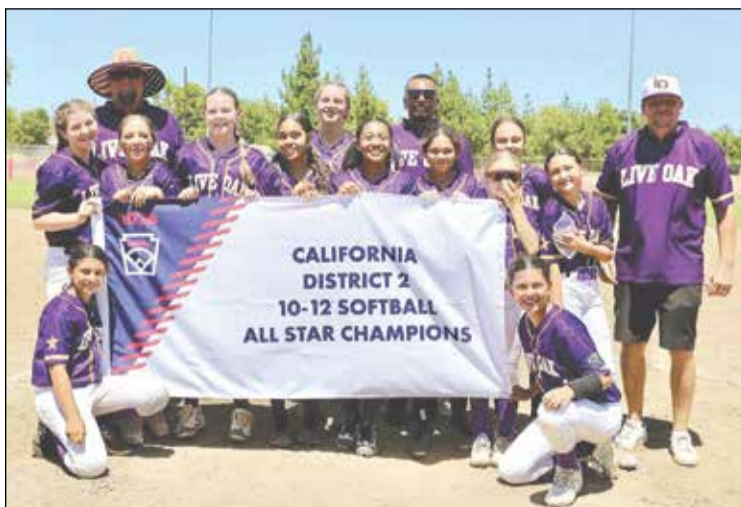
they outscored their opponents 66-3 before they got to see SA on Saturday in the double-elimination final.

LO prevailed with a 1-0 nail-biting win on Saturday, June 20 where a heads up game on the base paths by LO's Riley Perigo was the difference maker on her run attempt home on a passed ball was successful with two outs in the third

LO pitcher Eveya Martinez pitched lights out in the circle as she tossed a one hitter for the victory on Saturday that forced a winner-take-all game for the D2 championship on Sunday.

LO had the momentum and took the confidence of winning seven straight in the game on Sunday.

LO infielder/pitcher Charlotte Dudek sent a screamer of a blast over the fence in the first to give



The Live Oak 10-12 softball team clinched its second-straight CA District 2 championship banner on Sunday, June 21. Photo courtesy of Live Oak LL

LO an early lead.

LO continuously chipped away at the plate as they scored in each of their four-innings towards the win on Sunday.

Perigo and infielder Brooke

Duran each had two hits in the win.

LO opened up a favorable lead in the third as six runs crossed the plate after four hits in the inning.

Martinez was lights out in the circle again as she tossed a no-hitter in the win, which included pounding the strike zone for 38 strikes of her 54 pitches.

Martinez sent seven SA hitters back to the bench empty on strikes. Martinez tossed 32 of the 40 innings for LO in the tournament where she surrendered eight hits, five runs, nine walks and struck out 68 hitters.

75% of the LO hitters had a batting average over .300 in the tournament that included 76 total hits and 65 runs-batted-in.

LO moved onto the Shasta Section for their next stint in hopes of getting to North Carolina for the Little League Softball World Series.

The Shasta Section tournament will be played in Anderson and begins on Saturday, June 27. ★

# North Sweeps South in 49th Lions All-Star Game

By YSBC Sports

**PALO CEDRO, CA (YSBC)** - Multiple 2026 football alumni from the area donned their school colors and town pride a final time on Saturday, June 20 in the 49th Annual Lions All-Star Game.

10 former football athletes from Biggs, Gridley, and Live Oak represented our area on Saturday between the small school and large-school games.

In the smaller-school game, Biggs alumni Hunter Seipert, Peyton Dake and Jordan Hoff represented the Wolverines.

Seipert and Hoff were forces on the defensive end making tackles in the open field and deflected some passes.

Dake was the primary

center throughout the entire game and didn't have a botched snap throughout the contest.

For the final time in his coaching career, the South-small school team was led by Biggs head coach Brian Harrison, who coached his final game of football.

Harrison has been a staple in the community for years and although his days in the head coaching role may be over, don't expect him to just be absent on Friday nights in the future.

Harrison told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it was time to put up the coaching hat.

He told YSBC it's going to take time to be out of coaching, but the thing he will miss most of all is seeing the kids grow into men on a daily basis.



Biggs 2026 alumnus Hunter Seipert (8) defends against a pass in the end zone on Saturday, June 20 in the Lions All-Star Game. Photo by Steven Bryla.

In the large-school game, all three schools had representatives and the South squad was led by the

Gridley head coaching staff.

Bulldogs head coach Daniel Zumwalt told YSBC that the week consisted

of players knowing the plan and he didn't have to hammer out basic tasks as looking at playbooks or being prepared for practice.

"Everyone came in locked in and ready to go," Zumwalt said. "All these guys were leaders on their teams and they all treated this with a week of coming together and blending their talent together."

The North took a double-digit lead at the end of the first half, but the South was a different team in the second half. Gridley 2026 quarterback Eli Punzo connected with Chico 2026 receiver Jordan Neugebauer for a 60-yard passing touchdown that cut the North's lead to one score in the third.

Biggs 2026 alumni Skyler Long and Gridley's Saulo Ramirez delivered

big blows to the North's offense.

The South had a 21-20 lead with a little over five minutes left in the game and the North's kicker missed a 20-TD field goal to take the lead.

On the ensuing possession, the South was forced to punt and the North drove down the field and eventually took a late lead in the final minute of the game.

There was a questionable catch inside of the two-minute mark, but after a referee conference, the zebras confirmed a North catch that set them up for a fresh set of downs inside the South 30.

As the chapter closed on the alumni's football career, the smiles said it all as they were able to represent their school one final time. ★



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HOW THE EXAM WORKS

- 1


**Get Comfortable**  
 You will be asked to remove your shirt and bra (if needed) and change into a gown.
- 2


**We'll Check Your Heartbeat**  
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- 3


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- 4


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