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Golden Days and Country Ways at the Butte County Fair!



Fairgoers make their way through the carnival midway during a previous Butte County Fair in Gridley. The 2026 fair returns Aug. 27-30, with discounted admission and carnival wristbands available through Aug. 26. Photo by Seti Long

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Fair returns Aug. 27-30 with four days of livestock shows, carnival rides, exhibits, entertainment and a new Fairtime Marketplace showcasing products from local farm stand businesses.

This year's theme, "Golden Days and Country Ways," reflects the fair's focus on agriculture and longtime fair traditions.

"Golden Days and Country Ways reflects everything the Butte County Fair is about: bringing our community together to celebrate agriculture, entertainment, and family traditions,"

Butte County Fair CEO Matt Reed said. "Whether you're coming for the carnival, the livestock shows, the arena events, or simply to spend time with family and friends, there's truly something for everyone. We can't wait to welcome everyone back to Gridley."

One of the changes fairgoers will find this year is inside Farmers Hall, where the new Fairtime Marketplace will serve as the focal point of the building with a farm stand-style facade.

"It will be like a farmers market, a mercantile of sorts," Reed said. "We have a few local farm stand businesses participating."

The Sheldon Stand, B Street Blooms, Canada Family Farms and Reis Ranch Produce are expected to participate, offering seasonal produce, baked goods, canned and prepared items and other products.

Reed said other merchandise will also be available, including items that could provide last-minute gift ideas for fairgoers.

"It's a great opportunity for fairgoers to let their kids ride on the rides, and swing by the marketplace and purchase some local products," Reed said.

Farmers Hall will also take on a larger role for competitive exhibits

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Butte County Reports First West Nile Death



Mosquitoes acquire the virus by feeding on infected birds and can transmit it to people and other animals through their bites. File photo

By Lloyd Green Jr.

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County has recorded its first West Nile virus-related death of the year as health officials report six human infections and increasing virus activity during the height of mosquito season.

The Butte County Department of Public Health announced Aug. 13 that a person between 80 and 90 years old died from complications related to West Nile virus. The department did not release additional information about the individual.

As of Aug. 13, California had recorded 18 human West Nile virus infections and three deaths this year. Six of those infections occurred in Butte County.

The death follows the detection of Butte County's first West Nile activity of 2026 in early July. Two mosquito pools collected near Dayton and Nelson tested positive for the virus, according to the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

"It's imperative that county residents be aware that WNV is active and to avoid mosquito bites by whatever means necessary," District Manager Matthew Ball said following the initial detection. "Residents are urged to do their part to prevent mosquitoes from breeding by inspecting and eliminating all standing water from their properties."

West Nile virus has been detected in Butte County every year since 2004. From its arrival through early July, 303 county residents had contracted the virus and 12 had died, according to the mosquito district.

The virus generally remains active from May through October, with August typically marking

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Cheers to Community at the Fair

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Although the Butte County Fair is a county-wide event, the Gridley community turns out in force each year to support the fair and its local service organizations.

Three of Gridley's long-standing nonprofit service groups include Lions International, Rotary International and Gridley Quota, a women's service club formerly affiliated with Quota International. After the international organization disbanded, Gridley Quota formed its own nonprofit organization to continue its community service.

Each club has its own service mission. The Lions Club supports people with vision and diabetes-related

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Gridley Lions Club members serve cold refreshments during a past Butte County Fair Junior Livestock Auction. From left are Groverlee Dahl, Mike Dahl and Vern Heartman.



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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Curtis North (son of the late Orlyn and Donna North) of Gridley is the agricultural science instructor and FFA advisor at Eagle Point High School in Oregon, where he has been named the 2026 Teacher of the Year. He also received the 2026 Honorary American Farmer Degree at the FFA National Convention. Gridley boy makes good. Risso and Dillabo - his Ag teachers back in the day must be proud. Their people keep on winning.

“We are not fully exiting any state, and we believe we have a meaningful opportunity to grow ...it’s clear now that we expanded too quickly,” Grocery Outlet President and CEO Jason Potter said on a Wednesday earnings call as 36 stores got the axe (7 in CA). Not the Gridley store; it remains the other end of the “Grocery store L” at the Heritage Oaks Shopping Center, with the fancier Safeway holding down the other end. Safeway is like the 76 gas station of grocery stores. Just a cut above.

The Old Farmer's Almanac for 2026 forecasts a split autumn across the U.S., featuring a cooler, classic autumn in the Northeast and Pacific Northwest, alongside a warmer, drier Fall season everywhere else.

Biggs Mayor Brian Bassett are his previous felony convictions that show up in the court computer. The Judge factors those into handing down a sentence - which will happen the first week of September - since Bassett racked up three more felonies pleading no contest at his last court date, avoiding a trial; next step is sentencing. Pathetic.

Seemed odd as some person drove down the middle lane of HWY 99 all the way through town last week; until further review and the observation that the stripes are not installed yet marking the lanes. It is a work in progress and, overall, a big win for Gridley as the months-long road/sidewalk project takes shape. Perhaps the stripes are last on the list.

Josh F.W. Cook served as a city planning commissioner.

Butte Fair Sets Music Lineup

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Live music and traditional Mexican dance will take the stages at the Butte County Fair as entertainment accompanies the four-day fair Aug. 27-30. The music lineup begins Friday, Aug. 28, with Industrial Drive performing at 6 p.m. on the Courtyard Stage. The band will open the evening with a selection of classic rock. Southbound will follow at 7:45 p.m. Friday at Jake's Bar. Billed as "A Southern Rock Revue," the band will bring Southern rock to the fair for the remainder of the evening. Entertainment continues Sunday, Aug. 30, with Ballet Folklórico performances at 5 and 6 p.m. on the Courtyard Stage. Ballet Folklórico is a traditional



Mexican dance form that combines folk dance with ballet-style choreography. The performances celebrate and preserve Mexican cultural heritage through dance. Live rock returns later Sunday when The E. Street News takes the stage at Jake's Bar at 7:45 p.m. The E. Street News features experienced professional entertainers performing two fast-paced sets featuring songs from two iconic rock 'n' roll artists. The group performs live without backing tracks or vocal enhancement.

Museum Revisits Butte County Fair



Newspaper articles displayed as part of the Gridley Museum’s temporary Butte County Fair exhibit offer a glimpse into the fair’s history, including when Gridley was selected to host the event and the year the fair was nearly canceled.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Museum is hosting a temporary display featuring images and memorabilia from the Butte County Fair throughout the years.

In its newsletter, “Museum Musings,” the museum features an excerpt from the Oroville Mercury dated Sept. 13, 1946, describing the opening of the Butte County Fair.

“Thousands of spectators lined the sidewalks last night to watch the opening parade of horses, floats and features at the Butte County Fair, which began Thursday morning,” a portion of the excerpt reads.

Throughout the 79-year history of the Butte County Fair, various events have fallen away from its schedule, including a local parade held in Gridley on opening day.

The Gridley Museum currently has



The Butte County Fair was once home to the Sportsman Expo, highlighted in this commemorative poster from 1992. The poster is displayed near taxidermy animals at the museum, reflecting the waterfowl and larger game featured in the expo.

commemorative posters on display, a hallmark of the fair for years, with each depicting that year’s fair theme. Newspaper articles also highlight significant moments in the fair’s history. The museum archives

also include a selection of fair pamphlets and a variety of images from the fair over the years. The Gridley Museum is located at 601 Kentucky St., Gridley, and is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Young Artist Paints Fair Backdrop

Grace Emerson, 16, painted a backdrop mural for the 2026 Butte County Fair. Featuring a red barn and farm scene, the mural will be displayed in the rabbit barn during the Aug. 27-30 fair, where fairgoers can use it as a backdrop for photos. Photo by Julie Emerson



Juggler Brings Tricks to Butte Fair

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A basketball-playing unicyclist who juggles fire, folds origami and has competed among some of the world's top jugglers will roam the Butte County Fairgrounds when the fair returns Aug. 27-30.

Jeremy the Juggler is among the entertainers scheduled for this year's Butte County Fair, bringing a variety act that combines juggling, unicycling, comedy, balloon twisting and other skills.

Rather than remain on a single stage, Jeremy will stroll the fairgrounds throughout the weekend, stopping in different locations for short performances.

A two-time medalist in the World Juggling Championships, Jeremy can juggle as many as nine balls at once. His performances also include riding a giraffe unicycle, juggling torches and fireballs and eating fire. Some outdoor performances can include a fire finale with a flaming unicycle.

His talents extend beyond juggling.

Jeremy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and is an origami artist and editor of BARF, the Bay Area Rapid Folder.

His origami skills sometimes become part of the act, including folding paper while riding a unicycle and working with flaming origami.

Jeremy also performs on stilts, reaching about 11 feet tall, and makes balloon creations for children. His repertoire includes about 40 animals along with hats, swords, shields and geometric creations made from multiple balloons.

Music and dance also figure into his background. Jeremy sings and plays piano, pan pipes and hand whistles. He dances salsa, ballroom, contra, Irish, Mexican and international folk styles. He is fluent in Spanish and can converse in Italian and French.

For younger children, Jeremy describes his performances as a combination of juggling, magic, unicycling, clowning and balloon art designed to involve children in



Jeremy the Juggler combines juggling and unicycling during one of his roving performances. Jeremy will entertain fairgoers throughout the Butte County Fair, Aug. 27-30. Photo courtesy Jeremy the Juggler

the show. Performances for older children place more emphasis on demonstrating skills and teaching participants juggling, origami or balloon twisting.

At fairs, Jeremy often takes the act directly to the crowd.

"I've performed around the San Francisco Bay Area at hundreds of schools, fairs, libraries and birthday parties," Jeremy said.

Jeremy the Juggler will perform throughout the Butte County Fair, which runs Aug. 27-30. Fairgoers can watch him while walking the grounds rather than looking for a single scheduled stage appearance.

More information about Jeremy the Juggler and his performances is available at <http://jeremyevents.com>. ★

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Grandstand Events Bring Racing, Rodeo to Fair

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Rodeo, motorcycle racing and crashing cars will take over the grandstand during the final three days of the Butte County Fair, with events scheduled Friday through Sunday at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

The grandstand lineup begins Friday, Aug. 28, with the Jeff Mardesich Memorial Roping, followed by Flat Track MotoX Racing on Saturday, Aug. 29, and the Destruction Derby on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The Jeff Mardesich Memorial Roping starts at 6 p.m. Friday in the arena. The event is free with paid fair admission.

Team roping pairs two riders against the clock. The header ropes the steer by the horns before the heeler attempts to rope its hind legs. The event tests the riders' timing and coordination as they work to complete the run in the shortest time.

The memorial roping will also put a recent improvement to the fairgrounds arena to use. Volunteers and area businesses helped construct a new cattle return intended to support rodeo events during the fair and other events held throughout the year.

The Butte County Fair and Mardesich family credited Triston Benedict, Patrick Benedict of RTB Engineering, Sean Earley, Blake Earley and Brayden Baker with helping construct the cattle return.

Motorcycles replace horses in the arena Saturday for Flat Track MotoX Racing. Gates open at 3 p.m. for heat races, with the main event scheduled for 7 p.m.

The program will feature motorcycles competing on the fairgrounds dirt track.

Youth riders will also have an opportunity to participate, with trophies and prizes available for children.

Grandstand tickets for Saturday's races cost \$10 in addition to general fair admission. Racing tickets are available at <https://buttecountyfair.ticketspice.com/butte-county-fair-2026>. Riders interested in entering can find information at https://fasttimespromotions.com/?page_id=446.

The grandstand schedule concludes Sunday with the Butte County Fair Destruction Derby. Gates open at 5 p.m. and competition begins at 6 p.m.

The derby will feature four classes, including 1980s stock cars, MWFA, motorhomes and Power Wheels.

The Power Wheel Derby gives younger competitors a chance to enter the arena before or as part of Sunday's program. Children will compete in two age divisions, ages 4-6 and 7-9. Entry costs \$25. Helmets are required and the battery-powered vehicles must remain stock, although children may decorate them to resemble derby cars. Four-wheeler-style vehicles are not permitted.

For the full-size competitors, the Destruction Derby will put drivers and their vehicles against one another as they attempt to keep their cars running through repeated collisions. Drivers interested in participating can contact V&R Motorsports or Bobby at 707-301-8324 for entry and rules information.

Sunday grandstand tickets cost \$25 in addition to general fair admission. Tickets are available at <https://buttecountyfair.ticketspice.com/butte-county-fair-2026>.

The Butte County Fair runs Aug. 27-30 in Gridley. ★

Butte County Fair Offers Alternate Fun

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Concerts, carnival rides and livestock may draw much of the attention at the Butte County Fair, but fairgoers looking for something different will find bingo, karaoke and a series of eating contests during the four-day fair Aug. 27-30.

The alternate entertainment begins Thursday at Jake's Bar, where Bingo Nite starts at 5 p.m. Fairgoers can grab a seat for traditional bingo before the evening shifts from bingo cards to microphones.

After the final bingo game, Marty Martin will

take over for Karaoke Nite from 7-10:30 p.m. at Jake's Bar.

Competition moves to the Courtyard Stage on Friday, where Jeremy the Juggler and Skip Banks will host a corn dog eating contest at 8:30 p.m.

Unlike contests that challenge participants to consume large quantities of food, the Friday competition focuses on speed. Contestants will race to see who can finish a corn dog the fastest.

Food competitions continue Saturday with a pie eating contest at 7 p.m. on the Courtyard Stage. The event gives fairgoers another chance to watch contestants race through

one of the more traditional forms of fair competition.

Sunday brings one final eating challenge before the fair comes to a close.

Jeremy the Juggler and Skip Banks return to the Courtyard Stage at 8:15 p.m. to host the funnel cake eating contest. Contestants will race to finish one of the fair's familiar treats the fastest.

The four days of bingo, karaoke and eating contests provide options for fairgoers looking beyond the fair's concerts, livestock activities and other traditional attractions.

The Butte County Fair runs Thursday, Aug. 27, through Sunday, Aug. 30, in Gridley. ★



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Gates Open at 4 PM

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- 4-7:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- 4-9:00 People's Choice Voting Expo Hall & Butte Hall
- 4-10:00 Jeremy the Juggler Roving
- 4-11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- 4:00 Grand Opening Main Gate (5)
- 4:00 Beef Show Livestock Barns
- 4:00 Bingo Night (Palermo Grange) . . . Jake's Bar
- 5:00 Miss Butte County Courtyard Stage
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 7:00 Grand Champion Drive Livestock Barns
- 7:00 Karaoke Night w/Marty Martin . . . Jake's Bar



Friday August 28th

Gates Open at 4 PM

KIDS DAY!

- 4 - 10:00 Jeremy the Juggler Strolling
- 4 - 11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- 3 - 7:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- 4 - 9:00 People's Choice Voting Expo Hall & Butte Hall
- 4:30 Pee Wee Livestock Show (Free) . . Livestock Barns
- 5:00 Jeff Mardesich Memorial Team Roping BCF Area
- 5:00 Skyway Blues Band Jake's Bar
- 5:00 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Courtyard Stage
- 6:00 Large Animal Round Robin Livestock Barns
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 6:00 Industrial Drive Courtyard Stage
- 6:15 Skyway Blues Band Jake's Bar
- 7:30 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Courtyard Stage
- 7:45 Southbound Band Jake's Bar
- 8:15 Industrial Drive Courtyard Stage
- 8:30 Corndog Eating Contest Courtyard Stage
- 9:00 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Courtyard Stage
- 9:30 Southbound Band Jake's Bar
- 9:45 Industrial Drive Courtyard Stage



Saturday August 29th

Gates Open at 2 PM

- 10- 3:00 Junior Livestock Auction Livestock Area
- 2- 7:00 PM Kids Zone Kids Zone
- 2- 9:00 PM Jeremy The Juggler Strolling/ Kids Zone
- 2- 11:00 PM Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- 2- 9:00 PM People's Choice Voting (Competitive Exhibits) Expo Hall & Farmers Hall
- 2:00 Butte County Fair Cornhole Tournament Jake's Bar
- 2:30- 6:30 Institute of Rock Courtyard Stage
- 4:00 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Courtyard Stage
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 4:00 Line Dancing with Cindy Jake's Bar
- 6:30 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Courtyard Stage
- 7:00 Flattrack MotoX Racing BCF Arena
- 7:00 Pie Eating Contest (Stephens Farmhouse) Courtyard Stage
- 7:15 James Slack Band Jake's Bar
- 8:00 Amajra Music Courtyard Stage
- 8:45 James Slack Band Jake's Bar
- 10:00 James Slack Band Jake's Bar
- 10:00 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Courtyard Stage



Sunday August 30th

Gates Open at 2 PM

- 2:00 -11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- 2:00-11:00 Skip Banks the Balloon Man . . . Roving
- 2:00 - 11:00 Jeremy the Juggler Roving
- 2:00 - 7:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- 5:00 Ballet Folklorio Amla Mexicana . . . Courtyard Stage
- 6:00 Destruction Derby BCF Arena
- 6:00 Las hijas de Maria Courtyard Stage
- 6:45 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 7:30 Hispanic Band Courtyard Stage
- 7:45 E Street News Jake's Bar
- 8:15 Funnel Cake Contest Courtyard Stage
- 9:00 Hispanic Band Courtyard Stage
- 9:30 E Street News Jake's Bar





MEMORIAL

MARTHA “MARTY” STEVENS — 11/03/1943 - 08/07/2026

Martha “Marty” Stevens was born on November 3, 1943, and passed away on August 7, 2026. Marty was a 1961 graduate of Gridley High School. Throughout her life, Marty worked at the Butte Theater, Libby’s Cannery, Gridley Elementary School, and Manzanita School. She later retired after working as a caregiver for Addus Health Care. Marty had a special love for children and animals. When her children were young, she ran a babysitting service from her home.

She always had pets and could often be seen walking her dogs early in the morning, a familiar sight in the community for many years. After retirement, Marty enjoyed watching game shows, working crossword puzzles, and reading inspirational scriptures. Marty was preceded in death by her parents, Bill Nork and Edith Crown, and her son, Duke. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, LaMarr, and

her daughter, Melody Robertson, both of Gridley. She is also survived by her sister, Michelle Sells of Mariposa; her brother, Jim Nork of Vacaville; and numerous nieces and nephews. A graveside service celebrating Marty’s life will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, in the Gazebo, located at 2023 Highway 99, Gridley, California. Services entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

Golden Days and Country Ways at the Butte County Fair!

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this year. Floral displays previously housed in Butte Hall will move into Farmers Hall alongside judged vegetables.

“The flowers didn’t like the swamp coolers very well,” Reed said. “So, all of the floral products, and judged vegetables will all be in one place, including the train display.”

The Wishing Corner will return with a themed display in the center of Farmers Hall. Butte Hall will not open during this year’s fair.

“We are going to shut down Butte Hall this year and see what happens,” Reed said.

Agriculture will remain a central part of the fair

with livestock shows and exhibitions throughout the four-day event. Other attractions include the Midway of Fun Carnival, KidsZone, Jeremy the Juggler, competitive exhibits, People’s Choice Voting, Miss Butte County, Skip Banks the Balloon Man, food competitions and Big Wheel Races.

Live music, bingo, karaoke, line dancing and other performances will take place at Jake’s Bar and the Courtyard Stage.

Grandstand events begin Friday with the Jeff Mardesich Memorial Roping. Flat Track MotoX Racing follows Saturday, and the Destruction Derby closes the fair Sunday.

The fair is also

partnering with Feather Falls Brewing Company on Peachy Keen Seltzer, a beverage created for the Butte County Fair and available during the event. Fairgoers may also complete a survey for a chance to win a \$700 Feather Falls Casino Resort gift basket.

The Butte County Fair has operated for more than 80 years, with agriculture, competition and entertainment forming the foundation of the annual Gridley event.

The 2026 Butte County Fair runs Aug. 27-30 at the Gridley Fairgrounds. Tickets, schedules and additional information are available at <http://butte-countyfair.org>. ★

Gridley Pair Arrested After Pursuit

By Lloyd Green Jr.

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Two Gridley residents were arrested after a stolen vehicle investigation led to a police pursuit, crash and search in Yuba City.

With assistance from Flock Safety cameras, a Yuba City Police Department officer located the stolen vehicle about 10:40 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, in the parking lot of Circle K, 1263 Franklin Ave. Police said the vehicle had been reported stolen about 30 minutes earlier.

Officers identified the driver as Michael Harrison, 25, of Gridley and the passenger as Myra Lara, 18, also of Gridley. Harrison initially stopped the vehicle, and both occupants followed officers' commands, according to police. Harrison then drove away, leading officers on a pursuit through city streets.

The pursuit ended at the dead end of Wilson Avenue, where police said Harrison lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a barricade fence.

Harrison and Lara left the vehicle and fled on foot.

Police searched the surrounding area and found Lara in a nearby canal. Officers took her into custody without further incident.

Police did not immediately locate Harrison. Officers found and arrested him the following morning.

Police booked Harrison and Lara into the Sutter County Jail on charges related to the incident, including possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest and evading law enforcement. ★



Food & Farm NEWS

Study: Napa Wine Compliance Costs Near 18% of Production

Regulatory compliance costs add nearly \$24 to every case of wine produced and sold by a small Napa County winery, accounting for about 17.5% of production costs, according to a new study examining the cumulative impact of federal, state and local regulations on the wine industry. The report, released in July by Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, is the second installment of a broader study commissioned by the Napa County Farm Bureau. Part 1, released earlier this year, found regulatory compliance costs accounted for about 8% of production costs for a small Napa County vineyard and nearly 12.5% for a large vineyard. The new report, authored by Cal Poly agribusiness professors Lynn Hamilton and Michael McCullough, shifts the focus from vineyards to wineries. “This study is the first of its kind to document regulatory costs of a Napa County winery as well as any type of alcoholic beverage production,” the authors wrote.

Feds Release Colorado River Framework for Next 10 years

After their big crop in 2025, California growers of processing tomatoes are harvesting fewer acres this season. Higher inventories of tomato products and decreased sales led California tomato processors to cut how many acres they want growers to plant this year, with contracted acres at their lowest in more than 30 years. The hope is that the reduced acreage will allow inventory levels to come

into balance with market demands, said Mike Montna, president and CEO of the California Tomato Growers Association. “It’s going to take a couple of years,” he said, adding that the industry has “turned the corner” on slower sales. Unusually warm weather in March accelerated plant growth, leading to an earlier start to harvest this year. Growers with later plantings expect to finish harvest by the end of October. Fresno County grower Don Cameron described the quality of his crop as good, with yields exceeding his contracted amount. But with months of harvest left, Montna said weather could still impact the crop.

Tomato Variety Key to Controlling Fusarium Stem Rot

Fusarium stem rot and decline, commonly known as FRD, affects the water- and nutrient-carrying vascular portions of processing tomato plant stems and canopies. Eventually, vines begin to decline, collapsing and exposing the fruit to the sun, leading to potential sunburn. As experts learn more about the relatively new fungal disease, they say variety selection is key to reducing potential yield losses. Crop rotation and equipment sanitation also are important in managing fusarium stem rot and decline, though to lesser extents. “I think the variety and sanitation would be my top priorities,” said Brenna Aegerter, University of California Cooperative Extension vegetable crops farm adviser who serves San Joaquin County. Rotating to a non-host crop can help reduce the pathogen in the soil, but she said it’s not too popular because many of the alternatives are unprofitable. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are heading into the end of August. The mystery plants in the vegetable garden have revealed themselves by their fruit. They are honeydew melons. I’m very happy about this. I love honeydew. My sweet husband likes watermelon so he plants watermelon and sometimes cantaloup which I like. I feel like

this was a bit of love from the universe for tossed out unknown seeds be one of my favorites. We are going to have a lot of honeydew! I’m convincing the gardener to make me a small portable farm stand to put out front. He now has the wood. I’ve given him the idea of one I saw on Larkin Rd that was in a garden wagon. Maybe it will be ready when the melons go nuts. If not, I always put extra produce into the community cupboard at St Timothy’s church and community garden. If you go by you can pick up good food for free. It is for anyone who wants to take things.

The world is so full of wonder and delight. I was repotting some Streptocarpus at my patio

table/potting table. I knocked down a big plant and the pot broke, I was splitting the plant and putting it into multiple pots. I had been procrastinating doing this, it was time. I looked up and saw a hummingbird sipping from the black and blue salvia. What was unusual is this time the hummer was sitting on a trellis I put there to hold this plant up. The flowers were even with the perch and this bird was sipping while sitting there instead of hovering. On hot days even hummers need a break. See you at the Fair in Farmer’s Hall at the bonsai booth. The plants will be in air conditioning this year. I’ll let you all know how Bugtopia goes next week. ★



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 FFA Pen of Three Swine • 4-H Swine Showmanship

9 am • **POULTRY SHOW**
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 4-H & FFA Poultry Showmanship

9 am • **GOAT SHOW**
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 4-H & FFA Champion & Reserve Market Goat
 4-H & FFA Pen of Three Goats 4-H Goat Showmanship

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Thursday, August 27

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3 pm • **BEEF SHOW**
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 4:30 PM • **PEE WEE SHOWS**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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Stidham, Zachariah Martin, 369
Aleut Street, Biggs, CA 95917
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The following person(s) are do-
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GOLD 9-4-26

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The following person(s) are
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G, Paradise, CA 95969
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Suite G, Paradise, CA 95969
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DONUTS 9-11-26

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POWER 9-11-26

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The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Moxie Home
Refresh, 810 W 1st Avenue #7,
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Monysu Strang, 810 1st Avenue
#7, Chico, CA 95926
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000872
The following person(s) are do-
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Oroville, CA 95966
Zachary Saephan, 5589 Lower
Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA
95966
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CARD 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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Maddie R Stone, 1560 Humboldt
Road #3, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County:
August 12, 2026. The Registrant
commenced to transact busi-
ness under the above business
name on: August 12, 2026
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious 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 state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a ficti-
tious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #26CV02430
Petitioner Sherri Rene Jones
filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing names
as follows: Liam Ray Lopez to
Liam Ray Jones and Noah Gage
Lopez to Noah Gage Jones.
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 pe-
tition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person
objecting to the name changes
described above must file written
objection that includes the rea-
sons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must
appear at the hearing September
16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department
06, Room TBD, Superior Court
of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775
Concord Avenue Chico, CA
95928
Filed on July 31, 2026

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 26CV01627
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
Jeremiah Johnson, all persons
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Property, and DOES 1 to 100
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY
PLAINTIFF: Jarren Campos.
NOTICE! You have been sued.
The court may decide against
you without your being heard un-
less you respond within 30 days.
Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR
DAYS after this summons and
legal papers are served on you
to file a written response at this
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will not protect you. Your written
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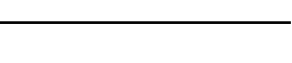
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Biggs Awards Contract to Close Sidewalk Gap

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The City of Biggs is moving ahead with a \$113,100 project to close a gap in the sidewalk along 5th Street, creating a continuous pedestrian route from the south end of the city toward downtown.

The Biggs City Council awarded the contract Aug. 11 to FBD Vanguard Construction Inc. of Livermore, the lowest responsive bidder among seven companies competing for the work.

The project will construct ADA-compliant sidewalk along 5th Street between Bannock and Trent streets, reconstruct

driveway approaches and add curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces. Work also includes replacement of a concrete valley gutter at Aleut Street and adjustments to water meter boxes.

City Engineer Dave Harden said the project was designed to fill the missing pedestrian connection along the west side of 5th Street.

"We're only looking at the west side halfway up from Trent to Bannock and then we're doing a curb return at Aleut because there's already sidewalk from Bannock to Aleut," Harden said.

The work will connect existing sections of sidewalk and



provide pedestrian access along 5th Street toward B Street.

The council also approved an additional \$5,280 in curb and gutter work. Harden said portions of the gutter near the driveways are deteriorated and

pond water, making it more practical to replace them while the sidewalk project is under construction. The base construction bid was \$107,820.

The project will not address all of the infrastructure concerns along 5th Street.

During consideration of the contract, questions were raised about conditions on the east side of the street between Aleut and Bannock streets, including an area where a trench has been created because of a flooding problem.

Harden said available funding did not allow the city to include those improvements.

"We didn't have enough

funding to address that with this project," Harden said.

The project is funded in part through the REAP 2.0 Transportation Grant Program administered by the Butte County Association of Governments. Harden said the grant is intended to reduce vehicle miles traveled by providing pedestrian pathways, and the 5th Street project met those requirements by improving connectivity.

The council approved the \$107,820 base bid along with the \$5,280 curb and gutter work, bringing the total contract with FBD Vanguard Construction to \$113,100. ★

Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email lloyd.green@mpg8.com.
Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.

Continuing through Sunday, Aug. 30 "Spamalot"

Various times at Chico Theatre Company, 166 East Eaton Rd. #F, Chico. From the classic film comedy, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail", this is the musical tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table in search of Holy Grail. The 2005 Broadway show was nominated for 14 Tony® awards and won "Best Musical". Irreverent, insane, off-the-wall and outrageous, Spamalot is one of the funniest shows ever. Tickets and show information at www.chicotheatrecompany.com.

Friday, Aug. 21 Oroville Show and Stroll

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Myers St., Oroville. We love the nostalgia of our downtown and want to share it with all of you. What better way than to have nostalgic cars lining the streets in the heart of downtown? When you spend an evening strolling downtown, you'll enjoy more than just the car show. Unique shopping experiences, including our brick-and-mortar retailers as well as street vendors. Delicious food and beverages at any of our amazing restaurants. Live music that will have you dancing in the street.

Mini and Me Floral Arranging Class
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Durham Memorial Hall, 9319 Midway, Durham. Bring your own scissors, jars and snacks will be provided. \$35 per parent-child pair, \$10 for each additional child, ages 4 and up. Register online at <https://durhamrecreation.recdesk.com>.

Saturday, Aug. 22 through Sunday, Oct. 11

Chinese Pioneers: Power and Politics in Exclusion Era Photographs
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the Oroville Chinese Temple, 1500 Broderick St., Oroville. The City of Oroville's Chinese Temple is pleased to present this traveling exhibit. It explores the social, political, and judicial disenfranchisement of Chinese Californians as well as moments of Chinese agency and resilience in the decades before and after the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. "Chinese

Pioneers" was organized by the California Historical Society, features photographs and materials from the CHS Collection at Stanford University, and tours through Exhibit Envoy thanks to the generosity of the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation. Admission is \$4 for adults, children 12 and under are free.

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.

Sunday, Aug. 23

Aquathon Water Aerobic Fundraiser
10 a.m., Nelson Pool, 2280 Sixth St., Oroville. Quota of Oroville will host an Aquathon water aerobics fundraiser to help purchase a service dog for Kelly Horn, who recently lost her mobility assistance dog. The event will include water aerobics, raffle prizes and community activities. Tickets are \$30. For information, contact Kiki Silva at 209-329-1057.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

"Toss for Tails" Cornhole Event
Starts at 6:30 p.m. at Gold Country Casino, 4020 Olive Hwy., Oroville. Play cornhole, help animals, make a difference. No partner needed – games are switcholio format and everyone plays every round. Cash prizes plus a 50/50 raffle. All other proceeds go to support the Northwest SPCA helping animals. Last Wednesday of every month.

Thursday, Aug. 27 through Sunday, Aug. 30 Butte County Fair

Daily at 199 East Hazel St. The Butte County Fair has been creating memories for 79 years. Tree-lined streets, children laughing, aroma of fair food, and fun events and shows – the Butte County Fair is a feel-good family event. The friendliness of the Butte County Fair and the fairgrounds sets it apart from other events. Full schedule and tickets are available at www.buttecountyfair.org.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Storytime in the Little Red Barn
10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Patrick

Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Enjoy a story read by a local artist, author, or storyteller, make a craft and have some fun. Expect a short outdoor activity for kids. No cost and open to kids of all ages. For more information, call 530-342-4359.

Friday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Aug. 30

Chico Café Crawl

Sip, stroll and support your local cafes. Celebrate Chico's vibrant cafe community - Visit 6 participating cafes in 3 days for a chance to win a prize gift basket filled with goodies from local cafés. Grab your travel mugs, assemble your sip squad, and join the fun. Instructions and list of participating cafes and hours at www.chicochai.com/cafecrawl. Winners will be announced Monday, Aug. 31.

Friday, Aug. 28

August Movies in the Park: "Zootopia 2"

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at DeGarmo Park, 3428 Esplanade, Chico. Grab your family and friends, pack your blankets and chairs, and join us for a night under the stars! The fun kicks off at 6 p.m. with family-friendly activities, delicious treats from local food trucks, and free movie theater popcorn. Then, sit back and watch this fun movie on the big screen. It's a night of fun, food, and fantastic entertainment you won't want to miss.

Saturday, Aug. 29

Touch a Truck

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Climb. Explore. Touch. Fun, family-friendly community event where children and adults can explore and interact with a variety of vehicles up close. This is a free event, with all money raised through sponsorships, vendors and raffle sales going to Emma Wilson Elementary School PTSA.

Feather River Nature Center

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Montgomery Street and Old Ferry Road, Oroville. Explore the historic Bath House Museum with nature exhibits, wildlife displays, and educational activities. Bring the whole family for a day of discovery and fun along the Feather River. \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, kids are free.

Sunday, Aug. 30

Summerween Lunar Market

Noon to 4 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Join us for a festive Halloween-in-summer

community event. Whether you're looking to shop local artisan goods, enjoy live music in Chico, or bring the kids for free Halloween-themed activities, this outdoor market has something for everyone. Free admission and free parking.

Monday, Sept. 26

Class Reunion

The Gridley High School Class of 1981 will celebrate its 45-year reunion with activities beginning with a no-host dinner and drinks from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Casa Lupe Restaurant in Gridley. Classmates are encouraged to make dinner reservations by calling 530-846-5152, Ext. 4. The group will then attend the Gridley Bulldogs varsity football game against Paradise, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m., followed by a post-game gathering at Stan's Bar and Lounge, 280 Fairview Drive. For more information, email GUHSClass81@yahoo.com

Community Resources – Find Food

First 5 Family Center at Esperanza House, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at 630 Washington St., Gridley. Must be pregnant or live with and actively care for a child up to age 17. Call to schedule an appointment: 530-720-2255.

First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be Aug. 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.

Gridley United Methodist Church, 285 Magnolia St. Monday through Friday, during daytime hours. Come by the church and if they have food they will give client a box. Call 530-846-2520 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Next distribution on Tuesday, Sept. 8. 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 on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICE

The City of Biggs ("City") invites proposals from qualified independent certified public accounting firms ("Proposers" or "Firms") to provide professional auditing services for the City's fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, 2027, and 2028, with up to two additional one-year extensions at the City's option.

The purpose of this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is to obtain the services of an independent auditor to audit the City's financial statements; perform a Single Audit, when applicable; communicate audit results and recommendations; and provide related services described in this RFP. The successful Firm must demonstrate governmental-audit expertise, independence, responsive project management, and the capacity to meet the City's required reporting deadlines.

The selected Firm should review the City's current and prior audited financial statements, budgets, and related materials before submitting a proposal.

Submit one searchable electronic PDF proposal by email to: ngauthier@biggs-ca.gov no later than the stated deadline. The email subject line shall read: "Proposal – Professional Auditing Services – City of Biggs." Late proposals may be rejected without review.
Project No.: 2026-003
Contract No.: 002-26

Issue Date: 14 August 2026

Questions Deadline: 4 Sep 2026 @ 4pm PST

Proposal Due Date: 11 Sep 2026 @ 4pm PST

Anticipated Award Date: 23 Sep 2026

Issuing Department:

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City Administration
465 C Street
Biggs, CA 95917

RFP Contact:

Nicolas Gauthier, City Administrator
Email: ngauthier@biggs-ca.gov
Phone: 530-868-0100
Please see RFP at <https://www.biggs-ca.gov/?capostid=142839>

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Butte County Reports First West Nile Death

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the peak of West Nile activity in Butte County. Mosquitoes acquire the virus by feeding on infected birds and can transmit it to people and other animals through their bites.

Public health officials said eight in 10 people infected with West Nile virus develop no symptoms. About one in five develop a mild to moderate illness that can include fever, fatigue and body aches.

Fewer than one in 150 infected people develop severe neurological illness, including encephalitis or meningitis. Symptoms of severe illness can last several weeks and some effects may become permanent. Adults older than 50 and people with certain health conditions, including diabetes or high blood pressure, face a greater risk of severe illness.

Officials recommend using an EPA-registered insect repellent, limiting exposure to mosquitoes around dawn and dusk and eliminating standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

Mosquitoes need little water to reproduce. The National Pest Management Association recommends checking gutters, flowerpots, grill covers, children's pools, birdbaths, leaking pipes, tires, trash cans, buckets and ponds for standing water. Butte County Public Health said mosquitoes can produce up to 300 larvae in the amount of water held by a bottle cap.

Residents should drain containers when possible and regularly change water in birdbaths and pet bowls. Gutters should remain clear of debris, leaking faucets should be repaired and

pools and ponds should receive proper maintenance.

For water that cannot be drained, public health officials recommend considering mosquito-control products or mosquitofish. Residents with ornamental ponds, livestock troughs and other standing-water features can request free mosquitofish from the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

Residents can also report dead birds as part of California's West Nile virus surveillance program at 1-877-968-2473 or west-nile.ca.gov. The mosquito district advises people not to handle dead birds.

Neglected swimming pools, mosquito breeding sites and other mosquito concerns can be reported to the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District at 530-342-7350 or 530-533-6038. ★

Skip Banks Returns to Butte Fair

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Most balloon entertainers twist balloons into animals. Skip Banks takes a different approach. He climbs inside one.

Banks, known as "The Balloon Man," will bring his physical comedy and signature giant balloon routine to the Butte County Fair on Friday, Aug. 28, with performances at 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Known as a "new vaude-villian," Banks combines physical comedy with music, sound effects, props and characters in a fast-moving act designed for audiences of different ages.

His best-known routine, "Loon in the Balloon," starts with an inflatable large enough to swallow the performer.

Once inside, Banks bounces and dances as music plays, turning the oversized balloon into the centerpiece of the routine. The act relies on physical comedy and the unusual sight of a performer disappearing almost completely inside an inflatable.

The routine is one part of a career Banks has built over decades as an entertainer in Southern California.

His performances have taken him beyond fairs



The Balloon Man, performs his signature giant balloon routine during an appearance on "The Late Late Show." Banks will bring his physical comedy act to the Butte County Fair on Friday, Aug. 28, with three performances. Photo courtesy Skip Banks.

and festivals to television, sports arenas, corporate events and international appearances. Banks has performed at major league and college arenas and has taken his act to an assortment of events, including private parties and promotional appearances.

Television audiences may also recognize Banks from appearances on "The Late Late Show," "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," "Maury" and "Penn & Teller," among other programs.

While the balloon routine has become one of his signatures, Banks' act draws from an older style of entertainment. Vaudeville historically relied on variety performances, and Banks uses

physical movement, visual gags, music and props rather than building the performance around a traditional stand-up comedy routine.

That approach allows much of the humor to come from what the audience sees, particularly when Banks begins working with the giant balloon.

Banks will also take part in another fair attraction Friday. He is scheduled to appear with Jeremy the Juggler for the Corn Dog Eating Contest at 8:30 p.m. on the Courtyard Stage.

Skip Banks, The Balloon Man, performs at 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, during the Butte County Fair. The fair runs Aug. 27-30. ★

Cheers to Community at the Fair

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needs, while Quota focuses on women and children in need and people with hearing disabilities. Rotary promotes community service locally and internationally, often taking on larger projects in the community.

Members of Lions, Rotary and Quota will be at the Butte County Fair this year, continuing their service while raising money to support their programs.

Lions and Rotary members operate a beer stand at the fair, which will serve six Feather Falls Brewing Co. beers on tap, according to Lions Club member Mike Dahl.

Dahl said the arrangement demonstrates how the organizations support not only the community but

each other.

"We take turns getting the liquor license for the booths," Dahl said, explaining that Lions and Rotary alternate each year, sharing the cost and logistics of setting up the booth and working with alcohol distributors.

"The fair gets about 40%, we get 60% and we split it 30-30, Lions-Rotary," Dahl said.

The proceeds provide funding for both organizations' community programs.

"Money earned from the sales goes toward scholarships for area students," said Lisa Van De Hey, a member of Gridley Rotary.

Van De Hey also noted Rotary members recently volunteered at Manuel Vierra Park, where they

painted and made improvements to baseball diamond backstops.

Gridley Quota members will continue another longtime fair tradition by distributing earplugs during grandstand events. The women in blue shirts bearing the organization's "Q" hand out earplugs each year, particularly during the destruction derbies, where crashing metal and roaring engines can create high noise levels.

The service supports Quota's mission of addressing hearing-related needs.

The Rotary and Lions beer booth will be open daily during the Butte County Fair and during the Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ★

Dam License Looms Over Water Debate

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Hundreds of comments and an overflow crowd brought concerns about potential data centers to the Butte County Water Commission, but commissioners and speakers were warned that a decades-old issue involving Oroville Dam could carry far greater consequences for the county's water and economy.

The commission received 592 electronic comments on data centers before its Aug. 5 meeting. County officials stressed that Butte County has received no application for a data center in its unincorporated area and has not been approached about one.

By contrast, the unresolved federal relicensing of Oroville Dam involves an existing project that supplies water and power statewide while imposing costs county officials estimate at about \$20 million annually.

Jim Graden, the domestic well representative on the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency board, pointed to the California Water Plan and warned that future demands on Northern California's surface and groundwater could dwarf those being discussed in connection with data centers. He said the data center demands will pale in comparison and urged the commission and Board of Supervisors to closely follow state planning efforts involving groundwater storage and aquifer recharge.

Earlier, Butte County Public Information Officer Christy Olio outlined the county's case over Oroville Dam, arguing that commitments made when the project was developed more than half a century ago were never fulfilled.

She said the state of California and Butte County made a deal. Butte County held up its end and the state did not.

Original plans envisioned extensive recreation facilities meant to offset economic losses from thousands of acres removed from the tax base, including beaches, boat ramps, campsites, restaurants, a golf course and other attractions intended to draw millions of visitors. Many were reduced, delayed or never built. The county now estimates the project's economic burden at about \$20 million annually, including lost property taxes from roughly 41,000 acres and costs tied to public safety, roads and infrastructure.

Urgency has grown because the California Department of Water Resources continues to operate the Oroville facilities under annual federal license extensions while seeking a new long-term license. Supervisors escalated their efforts earlier this year by supporting the Hydropower Licensing Transparency Act, S. 3500, which would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to report annually to Congress on pending hydropower licensing and relicensing



applications. County officials say the extensions leave safety, recreation, environmental obligations and community impacts unresolved.

The county's letter also cited continuing financial burdens from emergency services, rescue costs and lost property tax revenue, as well as the 2017 spillway emergency that forced the evacuation of about 180,000 people.

Board Chairman Bill Donnelly highlighted the county's growing public campaign surrounding relicensing and a website explaining the history and local impacts. He described Oroville Dam as the biggest bathtub in the California water system and said Butte County has never been compensated or made whole.

Olio told the Water Commission the stakes now extend beyond recovering past losses. A new federal license could govern the project for another 50 years, making the current process a rare chance to secure enforceable commitments.

She said before another 50-year license is issued, it is time for the state to uphold its end. Butte County is not asking for special treatment. The county is asking for the original promise to be kept.

Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, whose district includes Gridley, Biggs and much of southern Butte County's agricultural area, also returned to broader water issues during his Aug. 11 report. He noted the attention data centers received at the Water Commission meeting and in the press while pointing to Oroville Dam relicensing as a more urgent issue facing the county.

Kimmelshue said county representatives planned to travel to the nation's capital later this month to discuss licensing, while data center concerns that dominated the Water Commission meeting remain hypothetical in unincorporated Butte County.

Development Services officials confirmed data centers are not allowed use under the zoning ordinance, and any proposal would require an ordinance change and a public process. Yet, water commissioners and the public urged county officials as well as those in Butte County's incorporated cities to stay proactive and preemptive on the prospect of data centers and all new proposals that affect both groundwater and surface water. ★

Butte County Opens Door to Mobile Food Courts

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Mobile food courts can now operate in unincorporated Butte County under new zoning rules approved by the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 11.

The ordinance allows food courts in commercial, industrial and mixed-use zones through an administrative permit. It applies to unincorporated areas, including communities such as Richvale, East Gridley and Durham, but not within the cities of Gridley, Biggs, Chico, Oroville or Paradise. Development Services Director Paula Daneluk said the county's zoning code previously was silent on the use. The proposal was developed following meetings with Public Health, Environmental Health and businesses in the food truck industry.

Assistant Planner Alyssa Mendoza said a mobile food court is defined as two or more mobile food vendors operating for more than one hour a day on private property. Each vendor must hold a valid food safety permit from Environmental Health.

Outdoor festivals and special event facilities are excluded because those uses are regulated separately. The permit process provides for county review of parking, noise, trash disposal and other operating standards.

Property owners will be responsible for obtaining the administrative permit at a cost of approximately \$800. That amount does not include private investment needed for site design or improvements.

Until the zoning change, food courts were not an allowable land use because they were not expressly included in county code. Oroville is currently the only incorporated city in Butte County with its own ordinance permitting them.

The Planning Commission recommended approval May 28 on a 3-1 vote with two revisions. Commissioners reduced the proposed setback from residential zones from 300 feet to 200 feet and limited the requirement to sites adjacent to a residential zone.

A subsequent change removed a prohibition against keeping food trucks at a site overnight. Vendors may instead remain on the property as long as they meet Environmental Health's daily commissary reporting requirement.

Board Chair Bill Connelly raised a separate concern about food trucks parking along streets near schools and drawing customers away from school cafeterias. Environmental Health officials said permitted mobile vendors can operate throughout the county, but their locations are governed by the jurisdiction where they park.

Traffic or safety problems involving trucks in a public right-of-way can be addressed in coordination with law enforcement. Those operations are separate from the new regulations governing food courts established on private property.

Supervisors approved the ordinance without opposition following the public hearing. ★

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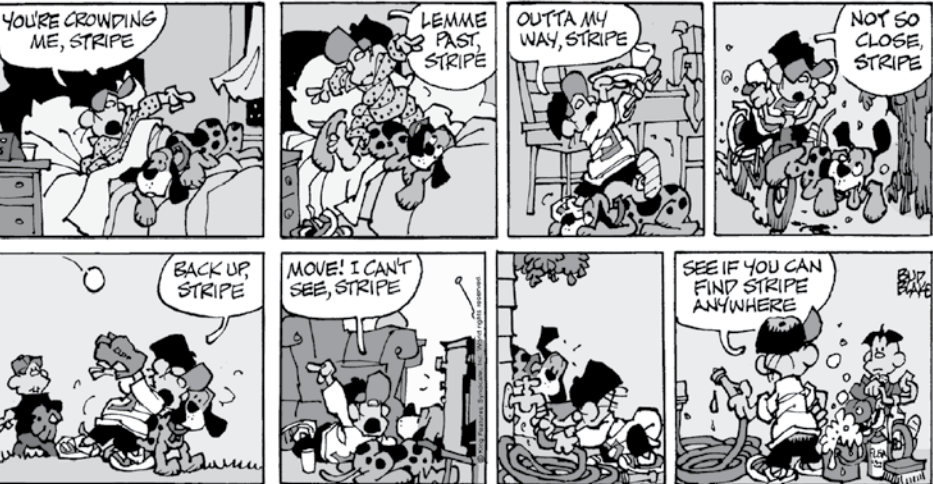
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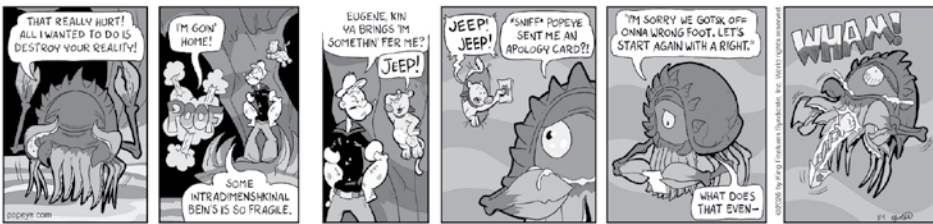
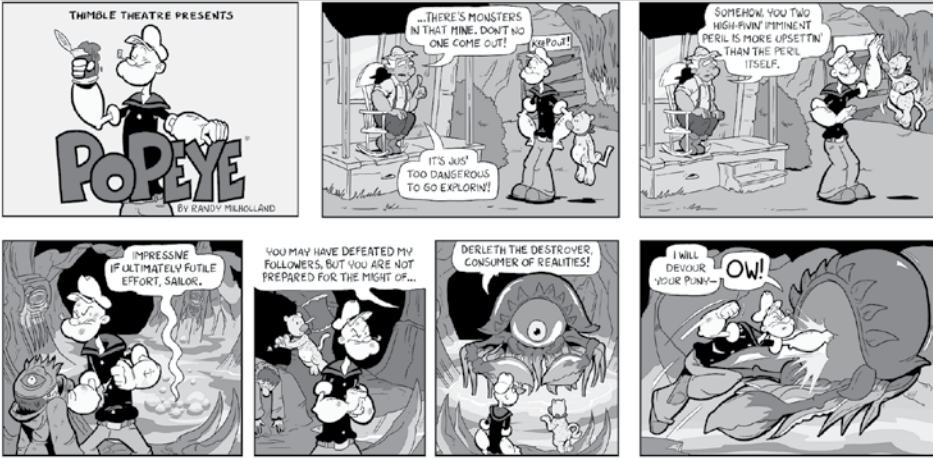


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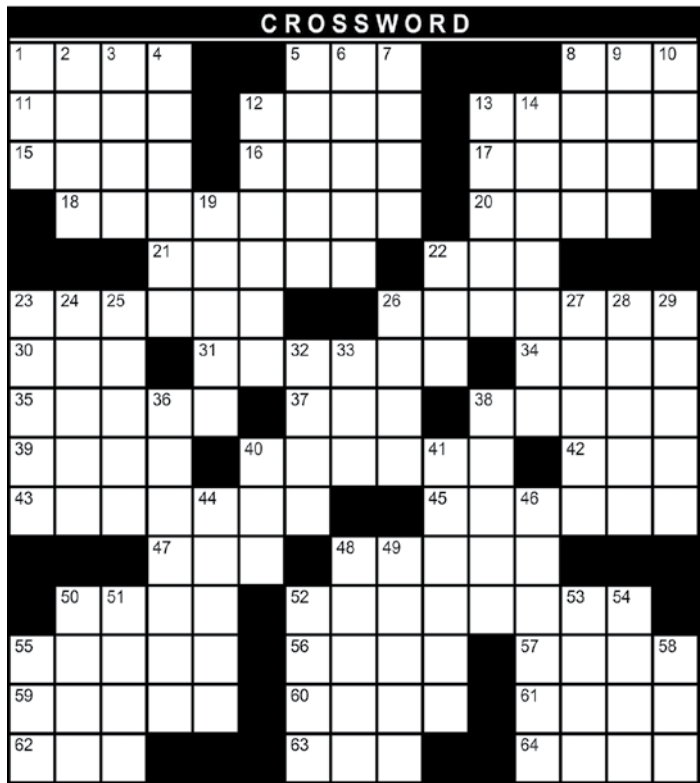
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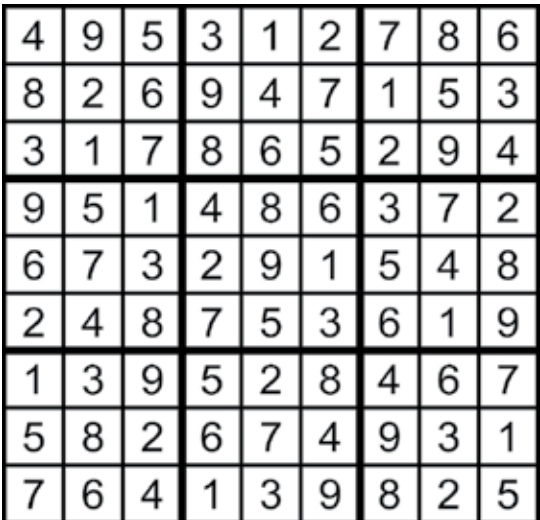
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Scholarship Contestants Ready for Fair

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Ten young women from across Butte County will take the Courtyard Stage Thursday, Aug. 27, seeking titles through the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program, but those selected will have little time to simply wear their new crowns.

The competition begins at 5 p.m. on the opening day of the Butte County Fair, which runs Aug. 27-30. The new titleholders will represent the program at the fair and approximately 40 community events throughout the coming year.

The program, which traces its history to around 1960, focuses on public speaking, interviews, leadership, communication, sportsmanship and community service. Contestants prepare resumes, participate in interviews, deliver an on-stage speech, present a skill and answer an impromptu question.

Miss and Ambassador contestants also develop service platforms outlining initiatives or plans to serve Butte County.

The 2026 competition includes three Missette contestants, two Miss Teen contestants and five Miss contestants.

Competing for Missette Butte County are Elin Faulkner, 11, River Nichols, 10, and Miyesha Cottrell, 12, all of Oroville.

Faulkner raises hogs and has earned reserve champion honors. She also competes in swimming, has participated in the Junior Olympics and has earned nearly 200 first-place swimming medals. Faulkner also cheers for the Oroville Rhinos, whose team has won a national championship.

Nichols enjoys baking and has earned recognition for her work in the kitchen. She also incorporates art, music and nature into her interests and breeds and raises New Zealand rabbits.

Cottrell plays baseball and soccer, participates in taekwondo and plays in her school band.

The Miss Teen Butte County contestants are Grace Emerson, 16, of Biggs and Alyssa Mangan, 14, of Gridley.

Emerson serves as a Butte County 4-H Ambassador and color guard captain. She breeds rabbits and has served as a Shady



The 2025 Miss Butte County Scholarship Program titleholders include, from left, Missette Butte County Paizlee Faulkner, Miss Butte County Rajneet Kooner and Miss Teen Butte County Brianna Straws. Photo courtesy of Raina Wright-Reynolds

Creek camp counselor.

Mangan participates in 4-H and community activities and competes in trap shooting. She previously competed in the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program and owns a golden retriever.

Five contestants will seek the Miss Butte County title.

Alexis Wroten, 19, of Biggs enjoys baking and crocheting and frequently coordinates and hosts blood drives. She also enjoys professional sports and has a Netherland dwarf rabbit named Buckley.

Aubrey Mangan, 17, of Gridley has

earned supreme grand champion honors with meat rabbits and plays varsity tennis. She also knows how to drive a manual transmission.

Ava Hultz, 17, of Oroville serves as co-captain of her girls wrestling team. She is a College Connections student and participates in an ROP veterinary medicine program. She also enjoys painting.

Emily Danner, 17, of Oroville participates in FFA and has traveled to Ireland, Canada and 25 states, including a road trip to Alaska.

Gracie Yost, 17, of Chico competed

in Miss California Teen USA and placed among the top 16 contestants in the state. She is a certified yoga instructor and cheers at the collegiate level for Butte College.

The competition extends beyond the Courtyard Stage. Contestants also complete panel interviews and a fair knowledge test assessing their knowledge of the Butte County Fair and scholarship program.

Judges evaluate contestants on their resumes, interviews, speeches, presentation of skills and responses to impromptu questions. Contestants also receive recognition for their highest-scoring competition area.

The Golden Feather Award recognizes a contestant in each age category. Contestants select the recipients based on encouragement, humor and care toward their fellow participants.

The program began around 1960 with the Golden Feather Girl and became Miss Butte County around 1966. Organizers removed the swimsuit competition during the 1990s as the program shifted its emphasis away from physical appearance. The Butte County Fair Board renamed it the Miss Butte County Scholarship Competition in 2004.

The fair board created the Miss Butte County Advisory Committee in 2023 to work with the program director on policies and participant experiences. The Ambassador division for young men followed in 2024.

Program Director Raina Wright-Reynolds oversees a program that continues well after contestants leave the competition stage. Titleholders represent the program at approximately 40 events during their year and participate in community service.

During the Butte County Fair, members of the court have traditionally assisted with activities including the Kids Zone, Pee-Wee Showmanship, Junior Livestock Auction and grandstand events.

The 2025 court includes Miss Butte County Rajneet Kooner, Butte County Ambassador Sawyer Smith, Miss Teen Butte County Brianna Straws and Missette Butte County Paizlee Faulkner.

Their successors will begin their year of service when the 2026 titles are awarded Aug. 27.

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Miss Butte County Contestants

Missette

Miss Teen

Miss



Elin Faulkner
Age: 11
Town: Oroville



River Nichols
Age: 10
Town: Oroville



Miyesha Cottrell
Age: 12
Town: Oroville



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Age: 14
Town: Gridley



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2026 Football Preview

Bulldogs are Now Hunted as Top Team in D-III

Gridley Bulldogs

2025 Record: 13-1
(Lost in CIF 4-A state semifinals)

Coach: Daniel Zumwalt
League: Westside League



By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs had their best season in 2025 as their lone loss came in the final minutes of the CIF-4A NorCal final against Lincoln (San Jose).

As 11 seniors departed that 2025 squad, the remaining 27 members of that team came into 2026 with a chip on their shoulder.

Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he is

excited for the upcoming season.

Zumwalt said it's going to be a challenging season as their non-league schedule consists of high-caliber teams that are great teams.

He added that the challenging schedule will help prepare the Bulldogs for a gritty Westside League slate as they are now the team hunting them at the top of the league.

Offense

Gridley senior quarterback Manny Sandoval returns to the team after

suffering an injury towards the end of the regular season.

Sandoval told YSBC that his recovery and physical therapy went well to get back and he is excited to be back on the field with his teammates.

He rushed for 848 yards and four touchdowns last seasons

Bulldogs senior running back Marcus Duncan rushed for 967 yards on the ground for Gridley in 2025.

Duncan said the team has a sour taste in their



Gridley senior quarterback Manny Sandoval (right) pitches the ball during the Bulldogs' practice on Aug. 4. Photo by Steven Bryla

mouth as the returners were just minutes away from an opportunity to play for a state title.

Defense

Gridley's defense lost a lot of senior leadership,

but they bring back a ton of experience.

Bulldogs senior defensive end Jace Griggs will be a hard charger off the d-line as he had 78 tackles sophomore linebacker Nolan Shirley had 74

tackles in 2025.

Opposing quarterbacks should be cautious in the air as senior defensive back Rafael Franco led Gridley with six interceptions. ★

Schedule

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9/11 at Red Bluff, 7:30 p.m.
9/18 vs Paradise, 7:30 p.m.
9/25 at Colfax, 7:30 p.m.
10/2 vs. Lassen (Susanville), 7:30 p.m.
10/9 vs. Las Plumas (Oroville), 7:30 p.m.*
10/16 at Orland, 7:30 p.m.*
10/23 vs. Corning, 7:30 p.m.*
10/30 at Oroville, 7:30 p.m. (Harrison Stadium)*
11/6 vs. Live Oak, 7:30 p.m. (Harvest Bowl)
*** = Westside League contest**



Gridley senior running back Marcus Duncan catches a pitch during the Bulldogs' practice on Aug. 4. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley senior defensive tackle Bernardo Rodarte (right) goes through a drill on Aug. 4 during the Bulldogs practice. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt eyes practice on Aug. 4. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley Titans Football

Opening Day Brings Mixed Results

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans Youth Football program returned to the field Aug. 15, opening the 2026 season with four games against the West Valley Jr. Eagles of Cottonwood.

The opening-day schedule brought all four Titans teams to the Boneyard at 300 E. Spruce St., beginning with the 8U game at 10 a.m. and concluding with the 14U matchup at 4 p.m.

Gridley finished the day with victories at the 14U and 10U levels, while West Valley picked up wins against the 12U and 8U teams.

The 14U Titans closed the day with a 19-6 victory after controlling possession for much of the game and limiting West

Valley's offense.

"The Titans defense was lights out, hardly giving the Eagles any room to breathe with constant pressure," coach Aaron Lumsden said. "The Titans offense controlled the ball for the majority of the game."

Gridley produced three touchdowns. Caleb Oakley scored on a 9-yard run, while Anthony Flores-Hernandez reached the end zone on a 20-yard run.

The Titans scored through the air when quarterback Cal Lumsden connected with Levi Bowling for a 20-yard touchdown pass.

The 10U Titans started the season with a victory, defeating West Valley 19-7.

Morgan Ruggirello, Emmitt Burns and Adrian Thao each scored touchdowns for Gridley. Hendrix Daehn added the Titans' lone extra point.

Branston Crislip led the Titans with 85 receiving yards.

"It was a great day for the 10U Titans," coach Randal Huff said. "They look to continue their good play this next weekend when they welcome the Willows Jr. Honkers to the Boneyard."

The 12U Titans and West Valley remained scoreless through nearly the entire first half. The Eagles broke the tie on the final play before halftime to take a 6-0 lead.

Gridley responded by recovering an onside kick to begin the second half, but the ensuing drive stalled. West Valley



Gridley Titans 8U players take the field through orange and blue smoke before their season opener against the West Valley Jr. Eagles on Aug. 15 in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Gridley Titans Coach Jesse Vasquez

later added another touchdown to secure a 12-0 victory.

"The Titans had five turnovers in the game and were unable to overcome them," coach Jason Davis said.

The 8U Titans opened Saturday's schedule and faced an early deficit as West Valley built a 21-0 advantage.

Gridley made defensive adjustments after falling behind and kept West Valley from adding to its lead for the remainder of the contest, according to coach Jesse Vasquez. Turnovers also caused problems

for the Titans' offense. A final score was not provided.

"The season is young and the Titans will bounce back from the opening weekend," Vasquez said.

With the opening weekend complete, Gridley turns its attention to the Willows Jr. Honkers.

The Titans' 14U and 8U teams are scheduled to play at home Saturday, Aug. 22. The 10U and 12U teams will follow with home games against Willows on Sunday, Aug. 23. ★



Gridley Titans 12U game captains Madden Jackson, Casen Gruber, Jesse Delgado and Ashton Hospers walk to midfield before the Titans' season opener against the West Valley Jr. Eagles on Aug. 15 in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Gridley Titans Coach Jason Davis

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