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Poker Run Honors Gridley Hero



Gridley's American Legion Post 210, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion Riders show their cards at the Warren McCutcheon Poker Run, held Aug. 22. From left: Ray Whiteside, Nancy Panattoni, Megan Werner and Michelle Whiteside.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's Memorial Hall served as the launch point for motorcyclists from around the north state Saturday, Aug. 22 as the Warren McCutcheon Poker Run returned for its second year.

Brought to the public by American Legion Post 210 and the Sons of the American Legion Riders, the event's purpose remained threefold: honor a local legend, raise funds and advocate for veteran groups and services.

When asked about the run's namesake, Warren McCutcheon, Sons of the American Legion Rider Josh Stiefel had a lot to say.

"For me personally, the reason I push for it is that they say every

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Proceeds from the biker bake sale went toward veterans' organizations while offering sweet treats to those attending the Warren McCutcheon Poker Run.

Gridley Commits More Money to Sports Complex Lights

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After repeated setbacks and mounting costs, Gridley is pressing ahead with another attempt to get seven light poles installed at its sports complex.

The City Council approved another \$77,468 at a special meeting on Aug. 17 for permanent steel casings after ground-water and unstable quicksand-like soil defeated the latest foundation design. The additional expense pushes the construction contract to more than \$3.14 million and the total estimated cost of the first phase of the sports complex to nearly \$4.18 million.

The vote came after council members questioned how the city reached this point, whether earlier engineering work should have identified the problem and whether the newest approach will finally work.

"I understand things have to be done, but I have an issue with all these change orders and us spending money," Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson said. "When is enough enough?"

The sports complex received a \$3 million Proposition 68 grant in 2022. The City Council awarded Franklin Construction Inc. a \$2.47 million construction contract in January 2025, with completion initially anticipated in October 2025.

The city now has an estimated \$1.18 million unfunded portion of the project, to be covered through the General Fund or future grants.

Lighting has proved particularly troublesome. In June, the council approved a \$363,040 change order for redesigned light foundations, site remediation and delay costs after unsuitable soil and ground-water were discovered at all seven pole locations.

City Engineer Dave Harden told the council the original light foundation was expected to extend about 16 feet into the ground. Because of the wet, sandy conditions, the

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Gridley Schools Address Digital Dangers

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Unified School District students returned to school with tighter restrictions on cellphones and other personal devices as district officials urged parents to take a closer look at their children's online activity.

The district held parent meetings on Aug. 18 and 19 at the Guardian Building to explain the cellphone policy and discuss cyberbullying, online exploitation, gaming platforms and other digital threats facing students.

Under the policy, students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade must keep personal electronic devices turned off and stored in a backpack or bag throughout the school day. The restriction includes before- and after-school programs.

High school students must keep devices turned off and stored during instructional time and passing periods but may use them during the designated nutrition break and lunch.



Breck Wright, a school safety professional with the Butte County Office of Education, discusses online threats and digital safety with Gridley Unified School District parents during an Aug. 18 meeting at the Guardian Building. Photo by Seti Long

The rules cover smartphones, smartwatches, smart glasses, gaming devices and headphones.

During one of the meetings, Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Justin Kern said limiting access to devices at school represents only part of the district's concern.

"The biggest thing is just being vigilant about what they're on," Kern told parents.

The district uses technology for instruction, including providing students with devices for curriculum, Kern said. Officials are trying to balance those educational uses with concerns about what students encounter online.

"More than anything, it's just for you to be involved in your kid's digital life," Kern said.

The district invited Breck Wright, a school safety professional with the Butte County Office of Education, to discuss emerging online threats and steps families can take to recognize concerning activity.

Wright told parents that online games themselves are not necessarily the primary danger. The concern often centers on who students communicate with while playing and whether those conversations move

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MEMORIAL

EMILY ELISABETH (CAMBURN) REED • 01/16/2001 - 07/10/2026

Emily Elisabeth (Camburn) Reed, passed away on July 10, 2026, in Junction City, Kansas, at the age of 25. Born in Sacramento, California, on January 16, 2001, Emily's life was filled with purpose, love, and a vibrant spirit that touched everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Emily, formerly a Gridley Bulldog, moved to Alaska in her final years of high school and graduated Eagle River High School in 2019. Her educational experiences in Alaska became a cherished foundation for the adventurous life that would later define her. After moving to Anchorage, her journey led her to meet Zachary Reed while he was stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). They wed on January 25, 2021, beginning their life together in Anchorage, surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of Alaska. The joy of their marriage was soon multiplied by the arrival of their two daughters, Hadley and Hayden—her greatest pride and, as Emily called them, “her queens.” Her love for her girls was evident in everything she did, from thoughtful crafts to outdoor adventures and the treasured photographs that fill the family's albums.

Emily's life was defined by her warm, beautiful, and vibrant personality. Those who knew her best describe her as funny, adventurous, and always a joy to be around. Her welcoming and kind heart provided comfort and laughter to her family and friends, while her loving nature made her a devoted mother and beloved aunt. Ever playful, Emily's sense of humor was legendary; she delighted in playing pranks on her loved ones and making everyone around her laugh.



Always brimming with creativity, Emily found happiness in crafting, especially jewelry making and using her Cricut machine. She decorated her home to be as welcoming as her nature and adorned her Jeep with stickers that she collected from her numerous adventures. Emily delighted in cooking and baking, drawing her family together with delicious meals and sweet treats. A true enthusiast, she loved outdoor pursuits—fishing, camping, and sharing Alaska's wild landscapes with her daughters. Shopping at Target and exploring new places, particularly Whittier, Alaska, brought Emily great joy, and she took pleasure in making memories during childhood camping, fishing, and shopping trips with her sisters and dad. Emily was so intelligent and bright from such a young age, she lived without fear and had so much ambition for the future. She'd do whatever she put her mind to.

Professionally, Emily took immense pride in her role as a Tri Care Operations Section Chief at TriCare, where her helpfulness and exemplary performance were recognized and appreciated by her coworkers. Her dedication to serving others and being a reliable team member was a reflection of how she approached every aspect of her life.

Emily will be dearly missed by her husband, Zachary Reed, and their beloved daughters, Hadley and Hayden. She is also survived by her father, Terry Camburn; her mother, Christy Gallion; her sisters, Ashley (Oscar) Ayala, Cecily Sheats, and Sophie Gallion; her grandparents, Terry and Sandy Camburn, and Debra Morrow; her aunts and uncles , Kimberly Camburn, Rachel Morrow, Pat Gallion, and Stephen Morrow; her nieces, Stellarose and Scarlett and her beloved friends Ivy and Cheri. She will be missed by a host of other extended family, as well as the family that embraced her as their daughter-in-law. Her memory lives on in the hearts of her family and friends. Emily is preceded in death by her grandfather, John Gallion, her great-grandmother, Bessie Smittle, her great-grandfather Charles Smittle, and her great-aunt Cynthia Smittle as well as her beloved pup Mr. Poop (Titan).

Emily was a true ray of light; creative, adventurous, generous, funny, and endlessly loving. Her life touched more people than she ever realized, and the love and joy she gave so freely will continue to live on in her daughters, her husband, her family, and everyone lucky enough to have known her.

Emily was the queen of random acts of kindness, honor her by spreading light and laughter to others and always remaining kind.

Join us in filling the room one last time for Emily.

A Celebration of Life will be held, Sat., August 29, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Oroville Inn, located at 2066 Bird St., Oroville, CA 95965.

MEMORIAL

ODI BANUELOS • 2/27/1977 - 7/31/26

Odi Banuelos, 49, of Morgan Hill, California, passed away unexpectedly on July 31, 2026.

Born in Oroville, California, and raised in Gridley, Odi was the middle of five children and the beloved son of Yolanda Del Rio. Family was always an important part of Odi's life, and he shared a particularly close relationship with his mother. Odi and Yolanda were both great listeners, and it wasn't unusual for the two of them to stay up into the early hours of the morning talking, sharing stories, and simply enjoying each other's company.

Odi had an easy way with people. He loved spending time with friends and was happiest when people were together. He enjoyed hosting friends in his backyard, sharing food and drinks, listening to music, and having a good time. He was also known to pick up a friend with no particular destination in mind, just to drive around, listen to music, talk, laugh, and occasionally sing along.

One of Odi's greatest qualities was his ability to see potential in others. He was a natural motivator who genuinely wanted people to succeed. He encouraged friends, coworkers, and employees to believe in themselves and take the next step in their lives and careers. In the days following his passing, messages poured in from people whose lives he had touched, many sharing stories about how Odi had encouraged them, believed in them, or helped them along the way. Those messages confirmed what his family had always known: Odi found great joy in helping others succeed.

That same belief in people became an important part of his professional legacy.



In 2010, Odi and his brother, Javier Diaz, founded OSI Engineering in the San Francisco Bay Area. What began as a business between two brothers grew into a successful technology workforce solutions and managed services company supporting some of the world's leading technology and utility organizations.

Odi played an important role in building the financial and operational foundation that allowed OSI to grow. Over the years, the company expanded to hundreds of employees and contractors, creating career opportunities for engineering and technology professionals throughout the United States and beyond.

The company Odi helped build became a tremendous source of pride for his family and community. In 2025, the Silicon Valley Business Journal ranked OSI Engineering as the third-largest Latino-owned business in Silicon Valley. OSI was also selected for NMSDC Corporate Plus, an exclusive designation representing approximately the top 1% of minority-owned businesses nationwide with the scale, capabilities, and experience to support major corporations nationally.

For Odi, however, OSI's success was not only about growth, revenue, or recognition. It was about people.

He took tremendous pride in watching employees grow, helping people find opportunities, and knowing that the company he and Javier built was creating careers and supporting families. For many who worked with him, Odi was more than a business owner or colleague. He was someone who listened, encouraged them, and genuinely wanted to see them do well.

Away from work, Odi remained the same person his family and longtime friends had always known. He valued family, friendship, conversation, music, laughter, and time spent with the people he cared about. He didn't need an elaborate occasion to enjoy himself. A backyard full of friends, a drive with good music, or a late-night conversation could be enough.

Odi is survived by his mother, Yolanda Del Rio; his brothers, Javier Diaz, Angel Diaz, and Efen Del Rio; his sister, Reyna Hill; his sister-in-law, Kristina Del Rio; and his brother-in-law, Justin Hill.

He is also survived by his nephews, David Diaz and his wife, Danielle Diaz, Xavier Diaz, Camden Del Rio, Jaxon Del Rio, Brady Del Rio, and Luke Hill; and his niece, Juliana Diaz. He was preceded in death by his nephew, Jude Del Rio.

Odi accomplished much during his 49 years, but his legacy extends far beyond the company he helped build or the recognition it received. It lives in his family and friendships, in the careers he helped shape, in the opportunities he created for others, and in the many people whose lives are better because he was part of them.

Odi will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and never forgotten.

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person dies twice,” Stiefel said, “the day you die, and the day the last time someone says your name.”

Warren McCutcheon, 17, of Gridley is listed as the first American casualty of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor by PearlHarbor.org.

“With his story, being the first person killed at Pearl Harbor, that’s something that people should talk about,” Stiefel said. He continued, “How many hometowns in America have a hero like that? I mean, everybody has a hero in their own way, but Gridley’s got a big one.”

Gridley’s American Legion Post 210 was joined by the Sons of the American Legion Riders in 2024 and since then, both groups have been working toward higher visibility in the public.

According to Post 210 Commander Owen Stiles, the ranks of veteran members had dwindled to concerning numbers at the time the SAL riders made the commitment to join.

“I am honored by these kids and what they’ve done for the post,” Stiles said about the SAL riders and the energy that came with the two groups’ merger. Stiles acknowledged that the riders have brought more attention to Post 210 but haven’t necessarily brought new members.

Despite that, people remain curious.

“We get a lot of people talking to us,” Stiefel said. “We’re the rolling billboard for the American Legion.”

Stiefel explained that a person does not have to be a veteran to be a SAL rider. “They think everyone’s



Members of American Legion Post 210 and the Sons of the American Legion Riders band together to support veterans and have some fun at the second Warren McCutcheon Poker Run.

a veteran. Some of us are, some of us aren’t,” Stiefel explained. “We’re broken up into three different organizations. You have the American Legion, which are the veterans, you have the Women’s Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion Riders.”

To be a member of the SAL riders, a person must be a son, stepson or grandson of a male who served in the military.

The SAL riders’ main goal, said Ray Whiteside, a rider himself, is to support veterans and the community while enjoying the camaraderie of motorcycle riding culture.

“We take care of each other,” Whiteside said.

“I think as we go on and we keep doing community functions, whether it’s a poker run or get the community involved, youth involved, whoever

it may be, that they’ll realize we’re here to help; the community, help veterans and help their families, help wherever we can.”

The Warren McCutcheon Poker Run offered a more than 100-mile looping drive up Highway 70 and back into Chico, with stops along the way for riders and prizes from raffles, giveaways and a barbecue lunch.

Hundreds of dollars in gift certificates, Harley-Davidson gear and more were given away to raffle ticket holders. A Yeti cooler went to Johnathon Brew, with Alexander McFall taking home a Traeger grill.

American Legion Post 210 and the SAL riders meet the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. ★

Fair Memories

Locals Share Their Favorite Memories from the Butte County Fair Over the Years

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Fair has been the pinnacle of a Gridley resident’s summer for as long as it has been held in the community, historically culminating three months off school with a four-to five-day stretch of fun before returning to classes.

The experience is different for each fairgoer, and a random sampling of Gridley and Biggs residents were asked for their favorite fair memories.

“I remember getting to spend the day with my friends and seeing everyone we hadn’t seen all summer. Eating cotton candy and corn dogs was such a treat. Of course, we all were wearing our new school clothes. I felt so grown up. Now I would say seeing the fair through my grandchildren’s eyes is the best.” - Cindy Mayberry, 63, Gridley.

“My favorite memory from the fair growing up has always been the variety of animals. There used to be a large variety



A bright, Western-themed image on display at the Gridley Museum highlights the Butte County Fair’s 2006 theme, “County Traditions.”

of cows and horses, especially the draft horses and dairy cows. My dad was a regular participant in the destruction derby in the ’80s, ’90s and 2000s, so I have great memories of

the weeks prior to the fair and late nights at the shop while he and his friends were building his cars ... and great derby nights from my earliest memories through my teenage

years.” - Lindsey Walters, 40, Biggs.

“My family moved to Gridley in 1989. I have many first memories of the Butte County Fair. I remember there being a big waterwheel over by the stage, and a helicopter would fly over and drop Ping-Pong balls with numbers on them. You could win prizes. I remember digging in the sand for money, and of course, the Hot Wheels races. I was also a contestant in the Miss Butte County pageant as a youth and teen.” - Crystal Dewsnup, 45, Gridley.

“One year they gave away a Shetland pony. You bought a ticket, I think for \$1 or something, and she (Grandmother Baker) won it. She didn’t have any place to put it, but do you

know Cleo and Melvin Richards? Well ... that’s how they got into Shetland ponies. They showed them everywhere, they won all kinds of awards with them, all because of grandma. Grandma is the luckiest person I’ve ever seen, and I got some of it. ... When I was in high school, my freshman year, I had football practice, so we couldn’t go to the fair until we got off football practice ... and we’d sneak in usually. It was a lot of fun. ... The livestock auction wasn’t quite as big as it is now, like when I was in high school, FFA - there were a lot of kids in it, but very few showed animals or anything like that. Now it’s a big deal. All three of my granddaughters have been involved in it. ...” - Larry Hamman, 76, Gridley. ★

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Back in the old days, Gridley Herald publisher Bill Burleson would go on trips and then come back and share what food he liked best and which of his friends got lost or “detained”. In the spirit of that, I offer a little travel log of a trip to the East Coast of the United States. My son-in-law is an officer in the Marine Corps, and he’s going to Quantico, Virginia, and, in doing so, has taken my daughter RileighAnne and 2 grandchildren with him to that part of the country. My wife and I spent a week there helping them unpack. One thing we noticed is that people in

other states generally don’t seem to like or understand California very much. It’s also very interesting how much the history of America is on almost every street corner as you go through places like Virginia and Maryland. Lots of things are still named after battles in the Revolutionary War or vice versa, and places that you heard about as you studied the Civil War or the War Between the States are also a part of every community. They have a much longer history than we do in California, and in all of those places, Indian tribes played a vital role in shaping this country, as did the French and the Spanish. Washington, DC is amazing, and I appreciate that the President is trying to fix the fountains, statues, and other monuments that have been left in disrepair, even though it seems he has taken a lot of grief for it. Oodles of foreign tourists were wandering around Washington, D.C., looking at our stuff it was fun to welcome them and chat

them up a bit. So someone asked me what my number one takeaway was from a weekend in Washington, D.C., and it was this: America isn’t as messed up as the news media and special interests make it out to be. My daughter’s family quickly made friends with other Americans of different religions, backgrounds, and states. To be American is truly an incredible blessing. There is no place in the world a rational, sane person would rather be. America is a great country, and its people are better than its government; we are a good country and certainly one worth standing up for. I am so proud of my daughter and her family for choosing to serve the way they have.

To all the good people who bought an animal from a 4-H or FFA kid at the fair - thank you. The tradition lives on.

Josh F.W. Cook served as an appointee in the U.S. Department of the Interior. ★



Cyclospora Fallout Hits California Farmers

California lettuce was not implicated in a sprawling cyclospora outbreak that sickened thousands of people and made frequent headlines this summer. But farmers in the state—who produce most of the country’s lettuce—are shouldering much of the economic pain as wary consumers ditch lettuce and other fresh produce. Last month, lettuce prices declined 16.4%, the largest month-over-month drop on record, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Meanwhile, market research firm NielsenIQ reported that from July 18 to Aug. 8, sales of iceberg lettuce fell 25.4% and prepacked salads dipped 34.2%. Growers said they were left with little choice but to destroy about a third of their lettuce crops that were ready to harvest. “It’s been really bad,” said Ryan Kelly, vice president and general manager of Salinas-based Boutonnet Farms in Monterey County. Since mid-July, he said, the collapse in lettuce sales had erased the farm’s entire profit margin for the year.

Expected Almond Crop Yield Slightly Smaller This Year

California’s 2026 almond harvest is expected to be somewhat smaller than last year’s crop, after early-season heat affected yields. But with harvest typically wrapping up in October, some growers say the full impact of the heat—and the size of this year’s crop—remains to be seen. The U.S. Department of Agriculture projected yields at 2.7 billion pounds, down 1% from last year, with bearing acreage also expected to fall by 1% to 1.39 million acres. Mel

Machado, chief agricultural officer for Blue Diamond Growers, said warmer-than-normal March temperatures drove earlier kernel development, which led to an earlier harvest—similar to the heat’s impacts on other crops. He said some growers reported harvesting almonds 10 to 14 days earlier than usual. Machado said some reports suggest early spring heat can possibly result in smaller kernels, so he’s keeping an eye out for those impacts. But he said better post-bloom weather appears to have improved nut retention.

Nonprofit Program Aims to Bring More Rice to Delta

Corn has long been a staple crop in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. But in recent years, reports have shown a change in the region’s agricultural makeup as more delta farmers turn to rice—a move supported by state dollars. In 2019, the Nature Conservancy launched a rice crop conversion program using a \$4.3 million state grant. The program offers financial aid to delta farmers seeking to transition their acreage to rice. Fifth-generation farmer Jerred Dixon manages the nonprofit’s 9,200-acre Staten Island Preserve in San Joaquin County, which includes 4,500 acres of rice. Dixon encourages other delta farmers to consider rice as well—for its financial potential and environmental benefits. “It’s economically viable, and it’s also helping protect what is still here,” he said. Because rice growers flood their fields during the growing season, cultivation of the crop helps create habitat for species that rely on wetlands that once covered the region. ★

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Butte County Begins Replacing Ballot Tabulators

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County is beginning to replace aging equipment used to count ballots, approving the purchase of two new tabulators as election officials prepare for the Nov. 3 general election.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors approved a \$56,000 budget amendment and capital asset purchase on Aug. 11 for the Clerk-Recorder’s Office. The action was included on the Board’s consent agenda.



County officials said \$42,000 will be covered through a new state grant reimbursement, accounting for 75% of the purchase. The remaining \$14,000 will come from the Clerk-Recorder’s existing 2026-27 budget.

The Clerk-Recorder’s

Office currently has four ballot tabulators purchased in 2019. County officials said the machines have been used to conduct 12 elections and are nearing the end of their service life.

The county is planning to replace the equipment to maintain reliable election operations. The machines approved Aug. 11 are intended to meet the county’s needs for future elections.

The upcoming statewide general election will also include local races and measures submitted by

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Bugtopia was fun. The presenters weren’t aware how popular bugs are. The show was at the Doubletree in Sacramento. It has a large ballroom it was too small for Bugtopia; they needed either the Convention Center or Cal Expo. When we got there at 10am the line was ridiculously long. They were not prepared

for the crowd because we were lined up along an extensive balcony and that balcony was lined with chairs, tables, serving tray stands. Sadly, my friend could not stand after half an hour of creeping along. She left to enjoy herself; my daughter and I crept for another half hour. At the door, someone came up and asked what about ADA folks? They went right in. I’m ramping up my senior game, should we ever end up in that situation again. Inside there were many beautifully mounted bugs. There were living beetles as well as millipedes and other crawlies for sale, with fancy possible homes and plants for them. I talked to a young man from Georgia selling beetles both small

and very large. One almost escaped but as it flew it crashed into a person and was recaptured, then sold immediately. I bought a pill bug pin and he asked if I had them (fancy name is isopod) I said yes, I have a lot of them in my garden and I don’t have to do anything for them but watch them.

I’ve been celebrating for days. I saw a medium size toad cross my patio and go into the strawberries. Its size told me it was from last year’s batch of adopted toads. So Happy! They are out there and I now have the proof of my eyes. So Happy! Come to the Fair. Stop by and say Hi. I’ll be at the Bonsai Booth in Farmer’s Hall from 4pm-9pm every day. ★

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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

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.

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 cafés and hours at www.chicochai.com/cafecrawl. Winners will be announced Monday, Aug. 31.

"Spamalat"

Various times at Chico Theatre Company, 166 E. Eaton Road, Suite F, Chico. The musical comedy based on "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" follows King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table in their search for the Holy Grail. Tickets and showtimes are available at www.chicotheatrecompany.com.

Continuing 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 traveling exhibit explores the disenfranchisement of Chinese Californians and examples of agency and resilience surrounding the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. Admission is \$4 for adults and free for children 12 and younger.

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.

Cowgirl Soiree

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Red Roof Ranch, 5076 Pennington Road, Live Oak. The event brings together women from the Western and agricultural community while raising money to support youth in agriculture. Proceeds help fund rodeo sponsorships, scholarships for junior rodeo competitors and purchases at the Yuba-Sutter Fair Junior Livestock Auction. Tickets and information are available at <http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-cowgirl-soiree>.

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.

Thursday, Sept. 3

2026 OEA Annual BBQ

6 to 8 p.m. at Riffles Resort, 4488 Pacific Heights Road, Oroville. The Oroville Economic Alliance's annual barbecue will feature food, live entertainment and community activities along the Feather River. Proceeds support OEA community events, tourism initiatives and future projects. Tickets and information are available at <http://www.visitoroville.com>.

Friday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept. 6

Chico Open Cash Cup Pickleball Tournament

Community Park, 1900 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Chico. Zelos Pickleball will host the USA Pickleball-sanctioned tournament featuring competitors from throughout Northern California and surrounding regions. For tournament information, visit <http://www.pickleballtournaments.com>.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Preserving Food with Friends

10 a.m. at The Garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. This month's hands-on food preservation class will focus on apple pie filling. Space is limited to 12 participants. Register in advance at preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com or call 530-777-8469 for more information.

Gridley Football & Cheer Kickoff BBQ

7 p.m. at the Gridley High School Guardian Building. The Monday Night Football Club will host a team dinner featuring barbecue chicken and sides. Players and captains will be announced. To-go orders will be available. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased from a player or cheerleader.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Taste of Downtown Chico

11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Downtown Chico. The annual event features a restaurant and pub crawl with food and drinks from downtown businesses, along with a free, family-friendly concert and live local music. Tickets and information are available at <http://www.downtownchico.com>.

Golden Autumn Wine Festival

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm, 1415 Pumpkin Lane, Wheatland. The festival will feature tastings from 12 wineries during two sessions, each limited to 200 guests. Tickets are \$50, and proceeds benefit Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way. Parking and admission to the farm are free. Tickets are available at <https://events.bishopspumpkinfarm.com>.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Bethlehem Treasure Kids Choir

3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at Gridley Christian Church, 580 Washington St.,

Gridley. Children ages 4 through eighth grade can rehearse for the Christmas musical "Bethlehem Treasure," featuring singing, choreography and drama. Performances are scheduled for Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Participation is free. Registration at 530-933-9845.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Chico Renaissance & Fantasy Faire

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Your Local Marketplace presents a free day of Renaissance and fantasy-themed entertainment featuring live music, fire dancing, blacksmith demonstrations, sheep dog herding demonstrations, mini bicycle jousting, flower crown making, flash tattoos, trinket trading, vendors, food, games and family activities. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Admission and parking are free. For event details, visit <http://yourlocalmarketplacechico.com/renaissance-faire>.

Sunday, Sept. 20

47th Annual Harvest Festival, Durham Community Park, Durham. The Durham Rotary Club's annual Harvest Festival features a car show and shine, live music, craft fair, children's activities and an antique engine and tractor display. A

pancake breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11 a.m., followed by a barbecue lunch from noon to 3 p.m. The Durham High School Band will also perform. Proceeds support scholarships and local projects in Durham. For more information, visit <http://www.durhamrotary.org/harvest>.

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

Biggs Community Clean-Up Day, 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Seventh and B streets, Biggs. Residents may dispose of household trash, furniture, appliances, electronics, yard waste, mattresses, tires and other approved materials. One load per household. Commercial loads, hazardous waste and construction debris will not be accepted. ★

Gridley Library Happenings



September is Library Card Sign-up Month

A library card hits all the right notes. Find books by your favorite author or choose a new one. Attend a story time, do a craft, play a game, watch a movie. There are programs for all ages. Learn about the library's online resources. This September, B sharp, and sign up for a library card.

Wed, Sept 2, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. - Color your World (adults 18+), Coloring isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to come to the library for some relaxing coloring activities. **2:30-4 p.m.** - Afternoon Kids Club- Lego Day (kids 6-11), We're kicking the month off with a fun Lego day! Kids are invited to use their creativity to build anything they can imagine with Legos.

Thu, Sep 3, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Kid Quest- Pom Pom Popsicles (kids 6-11), Join us for this fun craft where we make our own colorful popsicles with pom poms!

Fri, Sep 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Sure Start Family Storytime (kids 0-5 years old), Join us for stories, music, and crafts while connecting with other families in the community.

Wed, Sept 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. - Color your World (adults 18+), Coloring isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to come to the library for some relaxing coloring activities.

Wed, Sep 9, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. - Afternoon Kids Club- Grandparents Day Cards (kids 6-11), Let's celebrate our grandparents with some heartwarming homemade cards. All supplies will be provided.

Fri, Sep11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Sure Start Family Playtime (kids 0-5 years old), The library invites families to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

Sat, Sep 12, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. - Ugly Art Club- Watercolors (adults 18+), All are welcome to join the Ugly Art Club and make some art with fellow adults without judgement! This month's project will be watercolors. All supplies will be provided.

Wed, Sept 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. - Color your World (adults 18+), Coloring isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to come to the library for some

relaxing coloring activities. **2:30-4pm** - Afternoon Kids Club- Game Day (kids 6-11). We're putting out our favorite board games for a fun afternoon where you can meet new friends while playing fun games!

Thu, Sep 17, 5:30 p.m. - Movie Night- Hoppers (All ages), Come join us to watch the Pixar movie Hoppers! All ages welcome, movie rated PG, snacks provided.

Fri, Sep 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Sure Start Family Storytime (kids 0-5 years old), Join us for stories, music, and crafts while connecting with other families in the community. **6-8:30pm** - Ladies Night Out (Ages 13+), Come watch a newly released, classic, or older movie. Light refreshments served. Men and teens are invited.

Sat, Sep 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Pirate Day Scavenger Hunt (All ages), Celebrate Pirate Day with a fun scavenger hunt! See if you can find all of the pirate themed pictures around the library for a prize!

Wed, Sept 23, 11 a.m.-12p.m. - Color your World (adults 18+), Coloring isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to come to the library for some relaxing coloring activities. **2:30-4pm** - Afternoon Kids Club- Pokemon Clay Studio (kids 6-11) Kids are invited to make their favorite Pokemon characters using clay.

Fri, Sep 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Sure Start Family Playtime (kids 0-5 years old), The library invites families to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

Sat , Sep 26, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. - Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 13+), Join us for an epic adventure! We're going on a quest in Dungeons and Dragons. All experience levels welcome for adventurers 13 and older.

Wed, Sept 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. - Color your World (adults 18+), Coloring isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to come to the library for some relaxing coloring activities. **2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.** - Afternoon Kids Club- Papel Picado (kids 6-11), Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and make papel picado! Make cool patterns by cutting shapes in tissue paper to make a unique banner that you can enjoy all year long. ★



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Reclamation District No. 833
1643 W. Biggs-Gridley Road, Post Office Box 247
Gridley, California 95948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 20, 2026, an operation and maintenance assessment was ordered paid for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and terminating June 30, 2027, which operation and maintenance assessment will be Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$20.00) for each parcel that is one (1.00) acre or less in size. For every parcel which is 1.01 acres or more, the charge will be Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$5.00) per acre. The assessment shall be payable in installments or in one payment as determined by the Tax Collector of the County of Butte and shall be payable concurrent with the installment, or if no installment payment is permitted, with the first installment of the taxes of the County of Butte. This payment, if not made as a part of the County tax billing, shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as are levied upon delinquent payments of County taxes and assessments, and which amount of penalties and interest will be added thereto and collected for the use of the District if delinquency in payment occurs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if any landowner objects to the valuation of their land, which valuations are set at \$2,500 per acre for parcels one acre and larger in size, and \$10,000 per parcel for parcels one acre or less in size, they may file a written objection with the District on or before November 1, 2026 and are entitled to a hearing before an impartial body upon their objection.

Dated: _____.

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000813
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gridley Grocery Outlet, 1550 CA-99, Gridley, CA 95948

Rai Family Enterprise LLC, 1093 Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA 95301

Date filed in Butte County: July 27, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

GRIDLEY 8-28-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000785
The following person(s) are doing business as: GS Soccer, 2850 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966

Carlos Gutierrez Soria and Alexis Gutierrez Soria, 2385 Alice Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: July 20, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026

GS 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000613
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gold State Nut, 1126 Hixon Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917

Gold Coast Nut, LLC, 700 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: June 3, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2026

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026

GOLD 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000855
The following person(s) are doing business as: Snow Man Ramen, 951 Nord Avenue, #2 and #3, Chico, CA 95926

Zhenhua Zhang and Minghua Gu, 951 Nord Avenue, #2 and #3, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: August 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026

SNOW 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000836
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Chick-Fil-A, 310 Oro Dam Boulevard East, Oroville, CA 95965

Oro Valley Eats, Inc., 1191 Teal Hollow Drive, Yuba City, CA 95993

Date filed in Butte County: July 30, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026

OROVILLE 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000844
The following person(s) are doing business as: Donuts in Paradise, 6616 Clark Road Suite G, Paradise, CA 95969

Pheng Lo, 6616 Clark Road Suite G, Paradise, CA 95969

Date filed in Butte County: August 3, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026

DONUTS 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000850
The following person(s) are doing business as: Power Recycling LLC, 7 Tilden Lane, Chico, CA 95928

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Date filed in Butte County: August 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026

POWER 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000873
The following person(s) are doing business as: Moxie Home Refresh, 810 W 1st Avenue #7, Chico, CA 95926

Monysu Strang, 810 1st Avenue #7, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: August 11, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 1, 2026
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026

MOXIE 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000872
The following person(s) are doing business as: Card Followers, 5589 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Zachary Saephan, 5589 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: August 11, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 4, 2024

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CARD 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000880
The following person(s) are doing business as: Soul Remembrance, 1560 Humboldt Road #3, Chico, CA 95928

Maddie R Stone, 1560 Humboldt Road #3, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: August 12, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 12, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026

SOUL 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000890
The following person(s) are doing business as: Superbike Showroom Oroville, 1726 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Johnny Reaper Motorsports LLC, PO Box 9, Brownsville, CA 95919

Date filed in Butte County: August 17, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 15, 2026

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

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SUPERBIKE 9-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000852
The following person(s) are doing business as: Pack Day, 144 Meyers Street Suite 140, Chico, CA 95928

All The Bitter LLC, 144 Meyers Street Suite 140, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: August 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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PACK 9-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000791
The following person(s) are doing business as: Vally's Pizza, 1008 W Sacramento Avenue Suite G, Chico, CA 95926

The Broers Food Inc, 1566 Notting Hill Way, Plumas Lake, CA 95961

Date filed in Butte County: July 21, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 28, Sept 4, 11, 18, 2026

VALLYS 9-18-26

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 petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing 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
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
JONES 9-4-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV02977

Petitioner Kassarah Andrea Yvonne Banegas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kallie Sue Dalshaug to Kallie Sue Banegas and Klaire Mae Dalshaug to Klaire Mae Banegas.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing October 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on August 11, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 28, Sept 4, 11, 18, 2026
BANEGAS 9-18-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV02881

Petitioner Shelby Jane Gregory filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Landyn Matthew Lincoln to

Landyn Matthew Gregory.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing September 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on August 13, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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GREGORY 9-18-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 26CV01627

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Date: (Fecha) April 13, 2026
Clerk (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah,
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SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 25FL00830

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The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es:) Kimberly K. Lewis, 2750 Gilmore Lane #E302, Oroville, CA 95966; 530-764-3357

Date: (Fecha) May 15, 2025
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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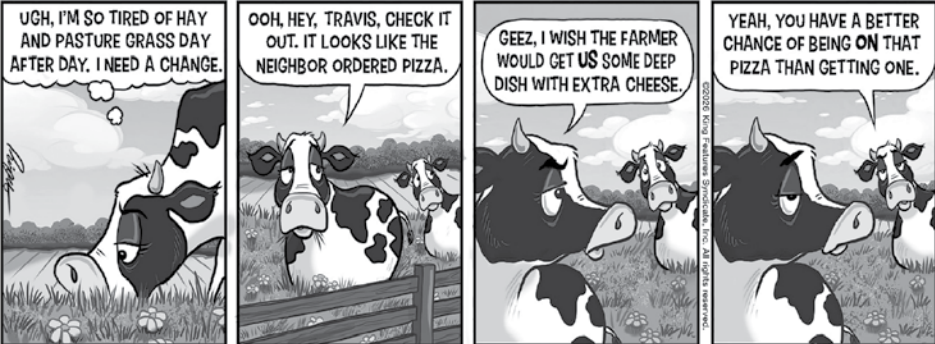
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 - Abhorrence
 - * ____ Theater, Emmys venue
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 - Fah follower
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 - Holiday spirit spreader
 - Soprano's song
 - Introduction
 - Flocculant, for short
 - Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed
 - Dog command
 - * ____ show, like nominated "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"
 - Works dough
 - Highest volcano in Europe
 - "I agree"
 - Winter woe
 - Publisher's revenue source, pl.
 - *"Euphoria" Lead Actress nominee
 - *Most nominated series for 2026 Emmys (2 words)
 - Love, in Paris
 - Don't waste
 - Ottoman Empire VIP
 - Carried a torch
 - Biochemistry acr.
 - Scrabble pieces
 - Editor's "let it stand"
 - * ____ or nothing
 - Kind of peak

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- Fish a.k.a. porgy
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- Velum, pl.
- "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.
- Did the test again
- Quarterback's downfall
- *Network/streamer with most nominations for 2026 Emmys
- Chinese Checkers predecessor
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- Biased
- *Nominee Jason Bateman's " ____ Rabbit"
- B on Mendeleev's table
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Gridley Schools Address Digital Dangers

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to other platforms.

"The biggest red flag that I have, it's when somebody moves and requests to move a child from the gaming platform to another platform," Wright said.

He pointed to games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite, where users can communicate through text or voice chat. A person seeking greater access to a child may attempt to move the conversation to Discord, Snapchat or another service that allows additional forms of communication, he said.

Warning signs include people asking children for their age, school, city, family information or daily schedule. Wright also cautioned parents about strangers asking whether a device is monitored, offering in-game currency or asking a child to keep a secret.

"Anytime someone asks if you can keep a secret over a gaming platform, giant red flag," he said.

Wright also discussed cyberbullying, financial extortion and online groups that target young people. He advised families to watch for behavioral changes, increased secrecy surrounding online activity, unexplained requests for gift cards, exposure to graphic material or a fixation on mass violence.

As a precaution, Wright recommended regularly reviewing children's devices for installed and hidden apps, online accounts, private or disappearing messages and browser activity. Families should also account for old phones, tablets and other connected devices and ask their children whether anyone has told them to hide conversations, move to another app, send

images, accept money or keep secrets.

Other recommendations included using parental controls on phones and home internet networks, limiting when devices can connect to the internet and establishing regular family check-ins about online activity.

The district's cellphone policy also addresses student conduct involving personal devices. Students may face discipline for using them to intimidate, harass or harm others when that conduct disrupts school activities.

Students may not photograph or record others without permission. Recording is prohibited in restrooms and locker rooms and during physical altercations or acts of violence. The policy also prohibits impersonating others with an intent to cause harm, bypassing school filters, sharing explicit content or using apps to facilitate academic dishonesty.

Unauthorized use may result in confiscation. With prior administrative approval, teachers may also require students to place devices in designated classroom storage areas.

Exceptions allow students to use devices during an emergency or perceived threat, with an administrator's permission, for a health need determined by a licensed physician or when specifically required under an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 plan.

Parents who need to reach their children urgently during the school day are encouraged to contact the school office.

Kern encouraged parents to "know what's out there" and stay involved in their children's digital lives.

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council approved the \$125,000 purchase of a former Butte County Public Works property to secure a site for a future sewer lift station as the city plans for growth and the eventual replacement of aging infrastructure.

The council approved the acquisition of the 0.20-acre property at 860 Cedar St. from Butte County on Aug. 17, along with the transfer and supplemental appropriation needed to complete the purchase. The city will also pay customary closing and transaction costs.

The property sits adjacent to the city's existing Public Works operations and contains an older industrial warehouse and office space. Butte County previously used the site as a Public Works yard. The county first approached Gridley about a potential sale in early 2025.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said the purchase would give the city control of the site now while providing options for future sewer improvements.

"It is located strategically



in an area where we anticipate continued growth and development and will require additional sewer collection," Arteaga said.

An independent appraisal by Evans Appraisal Service placed the property's as-is market value at \$125,000 as of Feb. 3. The appraisal identified the property as an industrial warehouse parcel with a Public General Plan designation and Public and Quasi-Public zoning.

Before recommending the purchase, Arteaga and Public Works Director Jerry Cox reviewed records concerning the property's previous use, including potential underground storage tanks and hazardous materials. The city's review found no known underground storage tank or hazardous-material issue that would prevent the acquisition.

Cox said the city's existing lift station dates to the 1970s or 1980s and

is beginning to show its age. Although pumps and some electronics have been updated, he said deterioration of the wet well and other components will eventually require substantial work.

"It'd be an ideal spot for a state-of-the-art new lift station," Cox said. "All new electronics, automatic bar screen cleaners. It'd be a great asset."

The new facility would eventually replace the existing lift station rather than supplement it. Cox said the city could construct the replacement over time without shutting down the current system while the work is underway.

Until the city is ready to move forward with the sewer project, the existing warehouse could provide temporary equipment storage.

The \$125,000 acquisition will be funded through the sewer system, with an interfund transfer from the Sewer Reserve Fund to the Sewer Operating Fund. Future sewer improvements could be supported by impact fees or other funding sources as the project develops, officials said.

Wildfire Grants Support Butte, Colusa Projects

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The North Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$131,341 to 10 wildfire prevention, preparedness and response projects across Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Colusa counties.

The funding includes \$96,341 through the Donna Murrill Wildfire Fund and \$35,000 through the Camp Fire Fund.

Several of the grants will support projects in Butte County, including defensible space work, prescribed burning, fire-fighting equipment and disaster preparedness.

The Butte Fire Safe Council received \$10,000 from the Donna Murrill Wildfire Fund for a program providing defensible space work and wildfire risk assessments for vulnerable homeowners. The work includes cutting and chipping brush and removing dead or dying trees.

The program prioritizes residents based on need, with low-income, elderly and disabled residents receiving the highest priority.



Northern Valley Catholic Social Service also received \$10,000 for defensible space and vegetation management work benefiting low-income older adults in fire-prone areas.

The Butte Prescribed Burn Association received \$10,786 to add a second fire engine, which will allow the organization to increase its prescribed burning operations. The association, part of the Butte County Resource Conservation District, has conducted 109 prescribed fires covering 514 acres since 2021.

The grant will pay for equipment needed to convert a half-ton pickup into a fire engine.

The Cohasset Ridge Prescribed Burn Association received \$15,000 toward an equipment trailer for prescribed burns and fuel removal projects in Cohasset, Richardson Springs

and Campbellville. The association operates as part of the Healthy Forest Alliance.

The Stirling City Volunteer Fire Department received \$20,557 to help replace a fire engine used for medical emergencies and wildland fires. The grant will provide the required 5% local match for the purchase, with Butte County Fire covering the remaining 95%.

Funding also extends into Colusa County through a \$15,000 grant to Watch Duty, a free wildfire notification app. The money will support expanded reporting and outreach in Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Colusa counties.

The Donna Murrill Wildfire Fund also awarded \$15,000 to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County for the Sky Ranch Community Protection Project. The project calls for removing hazardous vegetation to create a fuel break around the eastern Tehama County community.

Murrill, a longtime Durham resident, left a gift through her estate to the North Valley Community Foundation for

wildfire recovery and response work.

Three additional Butte County projects received funding through the foundation's Camp Fire Fund.

The Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council received \$15,000 for defensible space work around homes belonging to elderly, disabled or low-income residents in the Concow and Yankee Hill areas.

The Butte Fire Safe Council received another \$10,000 to provide gravel to qualifying homeowners for "Zone 0" defensible space around homes and community gathering places. The program focuses on creating a 5-foot buffer around structures.

Help Central Inc., which operates Butte-Glenn 211, received \$10,000 for disaster readiness and preparedness projects and to connect residents with local fire prevention programs and services.

Organizations eligible for the grant program included nonprofits, government agencies and tribes serving Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Colusa counties.

Kids Choir Prepares Christmas Musical

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Christian Church will begin rehearsals Sept. 8 for "Bethlehem Treasure," a Christmas musical featuring children from age 4 through eighth grade.

Rehearsals will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday at the church, 580 Washington St. Participants will learn songs, choreography and speaking parts in preparation for two performances Sunday, Dec. 6.

The musical follows a family reunion and road trip while incorporating a group of characters that includes Wise Men, shepherds and an angel story.

The production will include singing, choreography, lighting, drama and costumes. Participants will also receive Bible lessons and snacks during the weekly rehearsals.

Performances are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6.

Participation in the children's choir and musical is free. Parents may register their children by calling Bonnie at 530-933-9845. For additional information, call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002.

Live Oak Council Updates Nuisance Codes

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Aug. 19 meeting, the Live Oak City Council held a public hearing to consider repealing two chapters of the municipal code regarding nuisance abatement and the neighborhood and community preservation program, to be replaced by one comprehensive chapter.

Community and Economic Development Director Jaspreet Kaur said nuisance policies were listed in both chapters in the current code, which can cause confusion since there were some discrepancies between the listed policies.

The proposed code updates meet council priorities to reduce blight and promote increased property maintenance, which will improve community pride and quality of life for residents.

Kaur said it's difficult to tell property owners what to fix if the code doesn't have clear definitions, and the goal is to encourage voluntary compliance through notices and education. Updates include specific nuisance definitions, as

well as clarifications on violations, fees, notices and the appeal process.

Enforcement tools include administrative citations, special assessments, property liens and the authority to clean and then bill owners in the case of hazardous buildings that need to be addressed.

The recommendation also included updates to the master fee schedule, with fines listed at \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the second, \$500 for the third and any subsequent violation.

Councilmember Nancy Santana said she would like to see a document showing the old codes compared with the proposed changes. Kaur said much of the information carries over, and this update cleans it up and consolidates it into one chapter for improved clarity.

Santana also expressed concern about the section regarding the right of entry for code enforcement officers to inspect and correct violations. She said she wants less government control of property owners, not an increase. City Manager Ben Moody said the right of entry



uses the standard legal language for serious cases of emergency or hazardous situations.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said the proposed updates are aligned with state requirements for health and safety codes and typical right of entry. He asked for clarification about whether the fines are per violation or compounded per day. Moody explained that after each notice and fine, owners have time to correct the violation. If not corrected, it moves to the next fine level, with another chance for correction. Only after the final violation level is reached and ignored will the city begin to impose daily fines.

Councilmember Bob Woten said he thinks it will be good for the community to focus on making these improvements to properties in the city.

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez appreciated the work that went into getting these codes clarified and consolidated.

During public comments, a resident said the policy regarding garbage bins was too restrictive since it specified that the bins can only be out on the curb for 12 hours before and 12 hours after trash pickup, and rules about keeping the bins out of public view outside of the collection window were not feasible for every property.

Santana agreed that the trash container requirements should be adjusted, again citing an overreach of government control over property owners.

Moody said the language was selected based on regional policies, but the council can choose what works best for the Live Oak community as long as it conforms with the law. Code enforcement violations are complaint-based, and Moody suggested it would be highly unlikely that a trash bin on the curb is going to go through the administrative fine process. Even if a complaint were

submitted, the owner would have 10 days to move the bin off the curb before any fine would be imposed.

The council consensus was to make a slight change so that bins can be within public view but must be at least 15 feet back from the curb except during the collection window. Most councilmembers felt that because the curb is part of the public right of way, leaving bins there for too long would interfere with street sweeping and make parking on the street more difficult for residents.

Chapdelaine said most of the changes are not to the actual violations themselves, but on the administrative side to enable efficient enforcement. He said discrepancies between the two chapters meant that the policy had no teeth to actually solve the issues, and this update will address that.

The council voted 3-1 to approve the code updates, with Santana dissenting and Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma absent.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2.

Gridley Commits More Money to Sports Complex Lights

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redesigned foundations extend approximately 30 to 35 feet.

“I just couldn’t even have imagined that we would have basically this underground beach or river of sand that we’re in right now,” Harden said.

Even the redesigned foundations ran into trouble. When two excavations were redrilled, water and loose sand entered at about 13 feet below grade and the side-walls collapsed. Engineers subsequently approved leaving permanent steel casings in the ground rather than removing temporary casings as work progressed.

Council members repeatedly pressed Harden on whether the newest design developed by engineers would finally work.

“This is the best solution that they’ve come up with,” Harden said.

Johnson questioned whether the city should have gotten more certainty from the geotechnical work before spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on the redesigned foundations.

“I was skeptical at that point,” Johnson said.

Harden said the geotechnical investigation was necessary before engineers

could develop a foundation design capable of meeting stability and seismic requirements. Without it, the city could not move forward with installing the lights.

The council’s decision on the newest change order carried an immediate financial consequence either way. Franklin Construction told the city that without authorization by Aug. 18, the drilling equipment would have to leave the site and later return, adding an estimated \$75,000 to \$100,000. The city called the special meeting immediately before its regular Aug. 17 meeting to avoid that expense.

That left council members weighing another \$77,468 against potentially spending as much or more simply to stop and restart the work.

“We’ve got to do it,” Johnson said. “We can’t spend \$120,000, move in and move out. We’re already into it.”

The change order was approved, allowing the permanent casings to move forward. But the construction schedule remains unsettled. An Oct. 1 completion date listed on the change order is only a working placeholder and has not been confirmed with the contractor, officials said. ★

Riceland Exhibition Opens in Colusa

By Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Forty years after leaving California, artist Ema Lahey returned to the Sacramento Valley and began looking again at a landscape she had known since childhood.

During five visits to Glenn and Colusa counties in the winter of 2025 and 2026, Lahey took about 700 photographs of rice dryers, grain silos, fields, irrigation canals and the surrounding landscape. Those photographs became the inspiration for “RICELAND & beyond,” her first solo exhibition.

The Colusa County Arts Council will open the exhibition with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 5 at its gallery, 151 Fifth St. in Colusa. The paintings and collage works will remain on display through Dec. 10.

Lahey grew up in Willows, where her childhood included roaming irrigation canals, picking oranges as a seasonal worker and team-roping with her father on the family’s small cattle ranch.

Her career later took her to New York City, Denver and Cleveland. She returned to rural Northern California in 2022 and established Sönam Studio in Lake County.

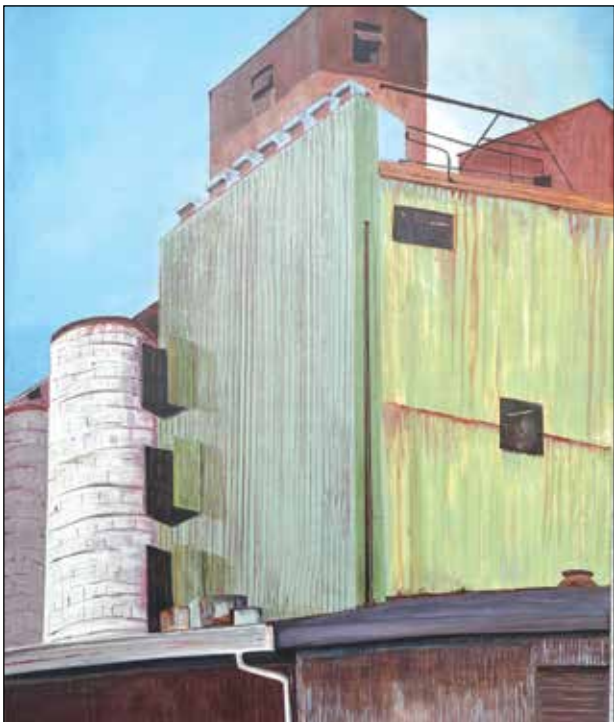
Her work has included dance, graphic design, book design, collage, artist’s books and sacred art painting. With “RICELAND & beyond,” Lahey returned to the agricultural landscape that surrounded her while growing up.

The exhibition focuses on structures and scenes that remain part of everyday life throughout Colusa County and the Sacramento Valley.

“Ema Lahey has captured something that is deeply familiar to all of us who live here, yet is so easy to overlook,” Colusa County Arts Council Director Milly Lee said.

Lee added that the exhibition offers another way to view places people may pass every day.

“It is easy to simply drive past the rice mills, silos, fields, and farmland on our everyday commutes and forget the natural beauty that our rural area actually holds,” Lee said. “Ema’s



Rice dryers and silos of the Sacramento Valley serve as subjects in Ema Lahey’s “RICELAND & beyond.” Lahey developed the exhibition from about 700 photographs taken during visits to Glenn and Colusa counties in the winter of 2025 and 2026. The exhibition opens Sept. 5 at the Colusa County Arts Council Gallery. Photo courtesy of Colusa County Arts Council



Artist Ema Lahey will present “RICELAND & beyond,” her first solo exhibition, at the Colusa County Arts Council Gallery beginning Sept. 5. Lahey grew up in Willows and returned to Northern California in 2022 after four decades away. Photo courtesy of Colusa County Arts Council

work allows us to pause and celebrate what our county is best known for, which is our agricultural landscape, our rice industry, our wide-open skies, and what so many of us take for granted or simply forget to see.”

In her paintings, Lahey draws connections between the Sacramento Valley landscape and places she encountered during her years away from Northern California. Rice dryers and silos take on a scale she compares with Manhattan skyscrapers and the Colorado Rockies. Views of rice checks and fallow fields resemble city blocks viewed from above.

Water, changing light and shadows also appear throughout the work,

reflecting the agricultural cycle that shapes the region.

“Her paintings invite us to look again at the place we call home,” Lee said.

For Lahey, that second look comes after decades away from the landscape that helped shape her early life and later her work as an artist.

“Only the rice itself is more miraculous,” Lahey writes in her exhibition statement.

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Gridley Titans Roll Through Week 2

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans Youth Football program continued its strong start to the 2026 season Sunday, Aug. 23, with the 8U, 10U and 14U teams each earning victories over the Willows Jr. Honkers.

The 8U Titans relied on defense in a 15-0 victory, keeping Willows off the scoreboard throughout the game.

“The Titans played hard-nosed defense throughout the game and held them scoreless,” 8U coach Jesse Vasquez said.

Gridley moved the ball steadily on offense, with quarterback AJ Luquin accounting for two touchdowns.

“The Titans’ offense moved the ball methodically down the field,” Vasquez said.

The 10U Titans also came away with a 41-6 victory over Willows.

Six Titans found the end zone during the game. Hendrix Daehn, Kanon Buzzard, Ryker Huff, Jax Terrell, Weston Parker and Noble Smith each scored touchdowns for Gridley.



The Gridley Titans 8U offense moves the ball against the Willows Jr. Honkers during Week 2 action Sunday, Aug. 23. The Titans earned a 15-0 victory behind a shutout defensive effort and two touchdowns from quarterback AJ Luquin. Photo courtesy of Jesse Vasquez

Morgan Ruggirello added two extra-point kicks.

“The Titans had a big game and came away with the 41-6 victory,” 10U coach Randall Huff said.

The 14U Titans matched the 10U team’s 41-6 score to earn their second victory of the season.

“The Titans dominated every aspect of the game for their second win of the season,” 14U coach Aaron Lumsden said.

Gridley’s defense forced several turnovers, helping create scoring opportunities for the offense and special teams.

Quarterback Cal Lumsden threw three touchdown passes, connecting with Caleb Oakley, Victor Guillen and Maverick Bidegain for one score each.

Lumsden and Anthony Flores-Hernandez added rushing touchdowns. Bennet Ryan also returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

“The Titans forced several turnovers on defense to help pave the way for their offense and special teams to score points,” Aaron Lumsden said.

Gridley’s teams return to action Sunday, Aug. 30, with games in Orland. ★

Worth the Read

Bridget’s Gambit Revisits California History

By Lloyd Green Jr.

I grew up surrounded by California history and stories of the Gold Rush. Elementary trips to Sutters Fort and gold panning that spring in Woodleaf. Like many, most of what I learned centered on the men who came west seeking gold, those that built businesses and established communities that remain today.

However, Craig S. Harwood’s “Bridget’s Gambit: A Saga of Family Enterprise in Gold Rush California” changed my perception.

Bridget Miranda Evoy left a fame-stricken Ireland seeking a better life in America. Soon, she lost her husband and found herself having to raise five children on her own. She quickly learned to work to earn her keep, but those struggles reminded her of Ireland.

By 1848 the discovery of gold was transforming the west, she and some friends packed up their belongings and took their families west. It was a difficult trip to embark in the winter of 1849 and their trip into California almost ended their story. Their survival in part due to the whispered advice of a Mormon woman in Utah.

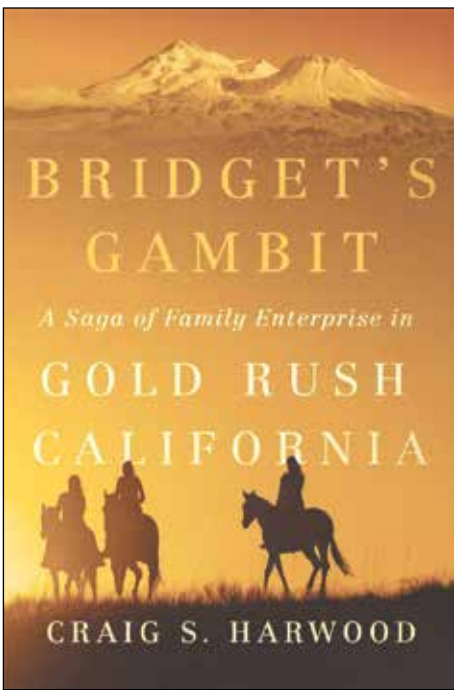
What impressed me about Bridget was that she simply did not endure her circumstances. She recognized every opportunity of survival, and how to profit from them.

While she raised five children, she helped lead their group west on the Overland Trail and eventually established herself as a businesswoman. Alongside her daughters Ellen and Margaret, Bridget pursued commercial ventures and property investments, finding ways to capitalize on the growing economy surrounding the Gold Rush.

It would be easy for a story like Bridget’s to rest heavily on family lore. However, according to Harwood, oral history passed down through the family provided part of the foundation for her story. He then looked find proof of the accounts through newspaper articles, census and tax records, journals from others who traveled the same trail and histories of Northern California and Nevada.

His research gives the book substance without overwhelming the story. Harwood also does not ignore the darker parts of westward expansion. When the journey brings settlers into conflict with Indigenous people, he addresses those encounters and the deaths that resulted.

Despite the depth of research, “Bridget’s Gambit” does not feel like a collection of historical records. Harwood keeps Bridget and her family at the center, allowing the larger



events unfolding around them to provide context.

One of my favorite episodes comes on Page 99.

While traveling from Briggsville, in Shasta County, to Marysville, Bridget encountered former state Sen. John H. Harper. During a stop at John Bidwell’s Rancho Chico, Harper stole Bridget’s satchel containing \$1,800 in gold dust.

Bridget confronted him. Harper was arrested, convicted and sentenced to seven years at San Quentin.

Harwood concludes the episode: “Harper had tangled with a member of society’s ‘weaker sex’ and had come out of it decidedly scathed.”

By this point in the story, I had learned enough about Bridget to know Harper had underestimated the wrong woman.

His sentence was later commuted by Gov. John Bigler on the condition that he leave the state of California. He did, and relocated to Nicaragua where he lived for the remainder of his life. You don’t mess with Bridget Evoy.

Bridget’s connection to Northern California also made the book feel close to home.

I have driven through the historic areas of Marysville and Yuba City countless times. Now I wonder where Bridget and her family lived, which streets they walked and whether buildings connected to their lives remain.

More than anything, “Bridget’s Gambit” left me wondering how many other women were like her.

We know the stories of California’s sons who came west seeking opportunity. What about its daughters?

For anyone curious about the Sacramento Valley, early California or the people whose lives helped shape the state, “Bridget’s Gambit” is worth the read.

It left me wanting to find the other Bridgets whose stories have yet to be told.

“Bridget’s Gambit: A Saga of Family Enterprise in Gold Rush California” is available through Amazon and other booksellers. ★

Lions Youth Shows Growth Throughout Program

By YSBC Sports

LIVE OAK, CA (YSBC) - The Live Oak Lions football team is looking to have their first winning season since 2023 and they can achieve that through the youth in their program mixed with the experienced senior class of 2027.

Over the past two seasons, Live Oak has won a total of seven games, but in 2025, they opened the season with two one-possession defeats.

Lions head coach Robert Tilton told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he wants to finish those types of games in 2026.

Tilton added that Live Oak graduated 23 players from the 2025 roster, but gained some youthful talent for this season.

Offense

The Lions lost a lot of their offensive starters from last season, but a big positive is the entire offensive line returns for 2026.

Live Oak senior lineman Chase Ehrke said that it will be an advantage for the Lions that there is an experienced group coming into the year as they protect a young arm.

"We have some big guys up here so it'll be beneficial for our quarterback and open up lanes for the running backs," Ehrke said.

Live Oak sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone will be the new signal caller offensively for Tilton and the Lions.

The humble 2029 quarterback said that Live Oak has a lot to prove to teams this season.

"We want to show everyone we are here to compete," Petrone said.



Live Oak sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone hands the ball off to a running back during practice on Aug. 14. Photo by Steven Bryla



Live Oak sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone hands the ball off to a running back during practice on Aug. 14. Photo by Steven Bryla

Defense

Defensively, the Lions weren't able to hold and team under 20 points in 2025 and Tilton said that a big goal of his is to start out each game on a good note because last year they struggled at the beginning of games.

He added that if Live Oak is able to get off to a good start in the game defensively, it will help the fluidity of the offense get into a rhythm of attempting to put points up on the scoreboard.

Ehrke is the returning defensive tackle that comes back this season as he has 42 tackles in 2025, including nine for a loss.

Schedule

8/28 vs. Quincy, 7:30 p.m.

**9/4 vs. Williams,
7:30 p.m.**

**9/11 vs. Anderson,
7:30 p.m.**

**9/25 at Central Valley
(Shasta Lake), 7 p.m.**

**10/9 vs. Corning,
7:30 p.m. ***

**10/16 at Las Plumas
(Oroville). 7:30 p.m.***

10/30 vs. Orland, 7 p.m. *

11/6 at Gridley (Harvest Bowl), 7:30 p.m.*

***= Westside League game**

Gridley Charges Back in Win over Colusa



The Gridley Bulldogs celebrate their five-set victory over Colusa on Aug. 20. Photo by Steven Bryla.

By YSBC Sports

COLUSA, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs fought back and took a non-league matchup against the Colusa RedHawks in five sets (21-25, 17-35, 25-18, 25-23, 15-9) on August 20.

Gridley came into the matchup with a victory over Pierce (Arbuckle) in four sets a couple days prior.

Bulldogs head coach Elizabeth Ayon expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that she is excited to see what Gridley can accomplish this year.

The Bulldogs returned six players from the 2025 roster that was eliminated in the semifinals by Orland in straight sets.

Gridley struggled to get some momentum throughout the first two sets of the match as they found themselves down by seven to nine points for a chunk of time before they fought back within a few points before Colusa secured the first-two sets.

The Bulldogs did serve better than their two previous matches before they faced off against the RedHawks.

Gridley found their rhythm in the third set as their momentum gained from an early deficit before they controlled the serve primarily in their favor from a 10-7 advantage in the set.

The Bulldogs gained a 15-12 advantage in the third set and were able to pull away decisively before clinching their first set of the match.

The fourth set was a back-and-forth battle between both squads where Colusa had the advantage for a while before Gridley dug deep and had a 20-17 advantage.

The Bulldogs were able to hold on the



Gridley junior setter Abby Boyan (6) sets a pass on Aug. 20 during the Bulldogs' win over Colusa. Photo by Steven Bryla





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