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Gridley Church Marks 100 Years



Northern California and Nevada Assemblies of God District Superintendent Dr. Samuel Huddleston presents Pastor Ed Melton, right, accompanied by his wife, Debbie Melton, center, with an award recognizing the centennial of Christian Life Assembly Church in Gridley. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's Christian Life Assembly Church celebrated 100 years of ministry with a two-day centennial celebration last weekend.

A special service was held Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m., followed by another Sept. 20 at 10 a.m., featuring guest speakers who shared personal memories and experiences from their years with the church.

Previous pastors joined current Pastor Ed Melton and his wife, Debbie Melton, in honoring the church's history in Gridley, spanning from its one-room beginnings to its

current campus on Humble Avenue.

Debbie Melton shared the history of the church, explaining how founding members, evangelists Ralph Herman Davis and his wife, Mia, began their ministry in a house on High Street by inviting people inside to speak about God.

According to Melton, property at the corner of Park and Cedar streets in Gridley was purchased Sept. 11, 1924, for the purpose of establishing a church. Soon after, the church was incorporated with the state of California as Gridley Assembly of God.

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The program for Christian Life Assembly's centennial celebration pays tribute to the congregation's original church building, where members worshipped as the Assembly of God Church. Photo by Seti Long

Biggs Advances Utility Meter Replacement

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs is moving forward with a citywide project to replace more than 1,500 aging electric and water meters with new technology.

The City Council selected Vision Metering Solutions LLC for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project at a base price of \$778,616. The system will automatically send usage information to the city's billing software and help identify problems such as water leaks or electrical outages without waiting for meters to be checked individually, officials said.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the cost came in below what he expected when the city began seeking proposals.

"I am very happy with that number," Gauthier said.

The city operates utilities serving about 771 electric customers and 735 water customers, with existing radio-read digital meters nearing the end of their useful life. Five proposals were submitted after the city sought bids in May. Two did not offer a complete turnkey project, leaving three for further consideration, officials said.

Gauthier said Vision Metering initially lacked some supporting materials, prompting several rounds of clarification before the company supplied the required information, including proof of bonds, insurance, contracts and other documentation rather than the substance of the proposal.

"They did deliver all those proofs," Gauthier said.

Vision Metering was the lowest eligible bidder behind Aqua-Metric Sales Company. Eaton Corporation was deemed ineligible after declining to accept the city's liquidated damages requirement.

The city also favored Vision Metering's timeline. Biggs is targeting substantial completion by Jan. 15, 2027, while Aqua-Metric proposed finishing later in the year, Gauthier said.

The Biggs City Council at their Sept. 8 meeting allowed negotiations up to \$895,000 to cover final refinements while keeping the potential total below the next responsive bid. Funding is included in the electric and water enterprise fund capital budgets, with no General Fund appropriation required, officials said.

Council members amended the action to require the completed agreement to return for final review before execution.

"We have everything we would need to feel confident to enter into contract negotiations," Gauthier said. ★

Harvest Festival Brings Durham Together

Story and photos
by Susan Meeker

DURHAM, CA (MPG) - Classic cars under the shade trees, prize pumpkins, music, food and family activities helped turn Durham Community Park into a hometown gathering place Sept. 20 for the 47th annual Durham Harvest Festival.

The Durham Rotary Club fundraiser drew about 200 classic and antique vehicles from throughout the North State for its Car Show & Shine, along with vendor booths, antique farm equipment, entertainment, food and activities for children. Festival proceeds support scholarships and community projects.

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Young festivalgoers enjoy a playful moment near the Durham Rotary and Interact club's booths during the 2026 Durham Harvest Festival on Sept. 20.

Gridley Church Marks 100 Years

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“Over the following decades, the church’s name would shift as well,” Melton said, outlining the evolution of the church’s name from Gridley Pentecostal Church for a brief time, through multiple variations of Gridley Assembly of God and finally to its current name, Christian Life Assembly.

The church has been led by 31 pastors throughout its history, including Ralph Davis, Gary Kuykendall, Randy Lindvall, Dwight Deaton and current Pastor Ed Melton.

The church also produced leaders of its own, including Pastor Dave Baker, who joined the Sunday service as a guest speaker. Baker shared stories of growing up in the congregation before following his own calling to preach.

Several longtime members and church leaders were recognized during the celebration.

Ed Melton received an award on behalf of the church from Dr. Sam Huddleston, Northern California and Nevada Assemblies of God district superintendent, recognizing the church’s centennial and Melton’s leadership.

Former Pastor Dwight Deaton and his wife, Marceline, were honored for 18 years of service, the longest pastoral tenure in the church’s history. Shirley Pinion was recognized for 65 years of service in women’s ministries and children’s Sunday school.

Ed Melton, who has been part of the church since birth, spoke about the significance of the milestone and the



Pastors and their wives returned to Christian Life Assembly to celebrate the church's 100th anniversary. From left are Dwayn and Judy Speers, Renee and Ron Fortenberry, Philip and Venetta Bigler, Pastor Ed and Debbie Melton, and Marceline and Dwight Deaton. Photo courtesy of Debbie Melton

generations of members who helped sustain the congregation.

“Some of the faces that I look out on were here through these times and times before I was ever here,” Melton said. “And today we celebrate 100 years of ministry. I’m reminded that none of us are standing here because of our own strength. We are all here because generation after generation chose to be faithful.”

Following the speakers, guests viewed a slideshow featuring historical images of the church and its members throughout the years. Organizers also displayed photographs, historical deeds and articles of incorporation for guests to review.

The celebration concluded with a catered luncheon and music.

Christian Life Assembly is located at 1526 Humble Ave. in Gridley and holds weekly services at 10:30 a.m. ★



Shirley Pinion, left, pictured with her family, was honored for 65 years of service in women’s ministries and children’s Sunday school. Photo by Seti Long



A young couple looks through displays chronicling the history of Christian Life Assembly during the church’s centennial celebration. Photo by Seti Long



Historical documents on display included an article of incorporation from December 1924 recognizing the church as an entity in the state of California. Photo by Seti Long



Lifelong member Vicki Harrison recognizes familiar faces from her childhood while looking through historical photographs during the centennial celebration. Photo by Seti Long

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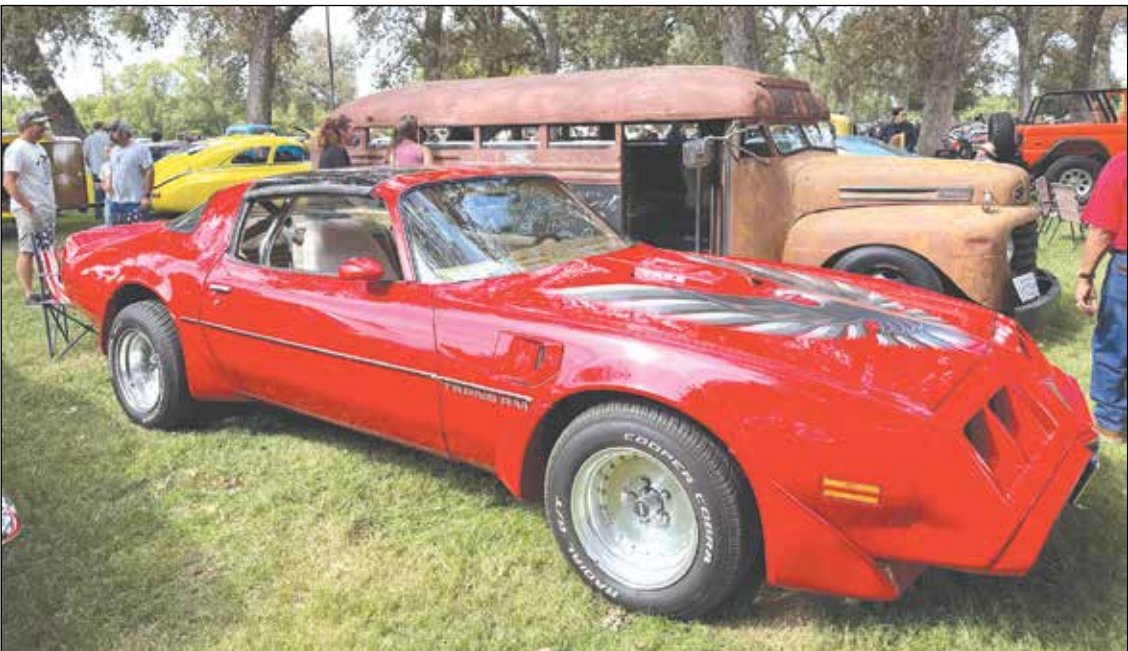
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Harvest Festival Brings Durham Together



Pam Kerr's 1979 Pontiac Trans Am gleams beneath the trees during the Durham Harvest Festival Car Show & Shine on Sept. 20, with Matt Kanenoto's popular 1948 Ford short bus in the background.

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"It's almost like a family reunion every year," said Peggi Kohler, a past president of Durham Rotary and District 5160 assistant governor. Kohler, now in her 15th year as a Rotarian, said the festival has changed and grown over nearly five decades but has remained rooted in supporting Durham and its local organizations. The car show was a major attraction, with vintage and antique sedans, pickups, customs and muscle cars filling the park. Kohler said many participants return year after year and even have favorite places beneath the trees where they want to park. Different vehicles drew different admirers. Muscle cars such as Pam Kerr's 1979 Pontiac Trans Am caught plenty of attention, while Jim and Patty Smrt's icy blue 1958 Corvette drew another crowd. Children had their own favorite, a 1948 Ford short bus owned by Matt Kanenoto of Chico. Instead of being told not to touch, youngsters could climb inside and draw on it with colored chalk. Boyd LaCurelle of Marysville

brought his 1941 Ford Business Coupe, part of the last major Ford redesign in which Henry Ford was directly involved before his retirement. Introduced in September 1940, the 1941 line featured larger, more modern bodies and became the last civilian Ford vehicle line produced before manufacturing was temporarily halted during World War II. "I like cars that have a history," LaCurelle said. LaCurelle has owned the Ford since 1993 after rescuing it from a barn in Oroville that had fallen in on the car. He said it was headed for the junkyard when he convinced the owner to let him have it, then spent about seven years restoring it. Over the years, LaCurelle has restored several other vehicles, including a 1955 Thunderbird, a 1940 Ford sedan and an Essex built by Hudson. The Essex had its own place in automotive history, with the model used to carry mail between the East and West coasts beginning around 1918, LaCurelle said. He described it as a sturdy early car powered by a large straight engine that traveled at about 50 mph.

Ron Oakley of Gridley brought his 1987 Chevrolet R10 pickup with the rare SS Beach Comber package. The truck retains its original paint and interior and is original except for the wheels, with a fuel-injected engine and features that included power windows, cruise control and a tilt steering wheel. Oakley said the truck was originally sold by Whitmire in Chico and still carries the door label identifying the special package. He has been involved with car shows for about 30 years and previously owned a rare 1961 Ford unibody pickup. "After selling that truck, I needed another hot rod," Oakley said. The festival also introduced a pumpkin contest this year. Entries lined a table in the park, while Grace Renner's massive pumpkin weighing 188.4 pounds sat out front wearing a blue ribbon. Durham Rotary members, with help from Gridley Rotary's Lynne Spencer and Lisa Van De Hey, began the day serving pancakes, followed later by hot dogs and tri-tip sandwiches. An arts and crafts fair featuring plenty of home kitchen goods filled



Home kitchen goods, plants and other handcrafted items fill vendor booths at the Durham Harvest Festival in Durham Community Park on Sept. 20.

the park, while musical entertainment included the Chico Community Concert Band and Durham High School Band. Restored tractors and engines added another piece of local history to the day. The festival is one of Durham Rotary's two major annual fundraisers, along with its January crab feed. Money raised through the events has helped fund local projects and scholarships. Rotary

awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to Durham High School's Class of 2026 and helped replace a damaged asphalt walkway at Durham Community Park with a new concrete path. Kohler said the setting reflects much of what makes Durham special. "Everybody seems to know everybody," Kohler said. "It's just a real supportive place and pretty darn wholesome for kids." ★



Grace Renner's 188.4-pound pumpkin earned a blue ribbon during the Durham Harvest Festival's first pumpkin contest on Sept. 20.

Rotary Donates \$10,000 to Sutter Track



Representatives from the Rotary Club of Yuba City and Sutter Union High School gather with a \$10,000 check for the school's track and field program during the Rotary Club's weekly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Harvest Room inside New Earth Market in Yuba City. The funds will be used to purchase new track and field equipment. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Sutter Union High School's track and field program will soon have new equipment after receiving a \$10,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Yuba City. Rotary members presented the check to Sutter Union High School representatives, coaches and student-athletes during the club's weekly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Harvest Room inside New Earth Market in Yuba City. The contribution is expected to fund equipment used across several track and field events, including plyometric boxes, a takeoff board and adjustable hurdles for jumping drills; starting blocks and batons for sprinters and relay teams; and shot puts for throwing events. Among the largest planned purchases is a high jump pad, which will allow Sutter athletes to practice the high jump at their own school. If money remains after the equipment purchases, the program hopes

to put the additional funds toward new team uniforms. Sutter Union High School track and field coach Sammy Zamarron said the program is focused not only on developing athletes but also on building teamwork and character. "Our foundation is 'we over me,'" Zamarron said. "At Sutter, we're building athletes who work hard, lift each other up and take pride in representing their school." Zamarron said his goal is to help athletes improve their speed and strength while encouraging them to support one another as a team. "When we make each other better, the whole team succeeds," he said. Returning Sutter jumpers Alexizia Zamarron and Nyla Zwissig also attended Wednesday's meeting, where they spoke with Rotary members about the events in which they compete and what the club's contribution means for the program. Rotary Club of Yuba City President Tara Art said the club was particularly

interested in purchasing equipment that could continue benefiting students beyond the current season. "My why for this project is really about the generations of students who will come after the athletes we met today," Art said. "We have the opportunity to provide equipment that students can use not just this season, but for years to come." Art said future Sutter athletes will be able to train and compete using equipment purchased through the donation, making the contribution a long-term investment in the school's athletic program. "Future Sutter athletes will have the opportunity to train, compete and discover what they're capable of because our Rotary Club chose to invest in them today," Art said. The project also aligns with Rotary International's 2026-27 presidential message, "Create Lasting Impact," which Art said is reflected in the club's investment in equipment intended to serve local student-athletes for years. ★

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The Willows High School football team snapped a 25-game losing streak Friday night, dating back to Oct. 20, 2023, as the Honkers defeated Live Oak 7-0 in Willows. Just throwing that in there because high school sports sell a lot of newspapers. You could talk about a city government with a 25-year losing streak, but it wouldn't generate as much interest as a high school team with a 25-game losing streak. Live Oak Lions varsity team is 2-2 so far in 2026. League play hasn't started yet. Gridley Bulldogs are 3-0. Benny Dewsnup and the Delgado kid at quarterback are two to watch this year. Gridley is coming off the best season in school history. The Bulldogs went 13-0 and won the Northern Section Division III title in 2025. Moral of the story: Willows beating Live Oak was a fluke.

Meanwhile, Butte College has become a factory for Division I and NFL players, and they're off to a good start. Butte College opened the 2026 season with a 27-3

road win at Foothill on August 29, then followed it with a 24-7 home victory over Sacramento City on September 5, when the ground game and a strong second quarter put the game away at John B. Cowan Stadium in Oroville. The only loss so far came on September 12 against defending champion San Mateo, a 10-7 defeat in which San Mateo scored early, kicked a long field goal late, and made key stops on critical downs. Butte bounced back on September 19 with a 34-31 overtime win at Fresno City after leading 21-0 in the second quarter, falling behind 31-28, kicking a field goal to force overtime, and then scoring in OT to win. San Mateo is the state's No. 1-ranked team. That was Butte's one loss so far. Always remember, Butte has won a National Championship in Football. Our tax dollars at work.

Several readers have questioned why the city did not know that the soil at the industrial park - where they're building a new sports recreation facility was susceptible to quicksand losses. To be honest, I don't know, but I do know enough about the property's history to say it was purchased as part of a plan to use rice straw to make biofuel. The city purchased the property outright. When the Campfire came, Gridley was one of the only places that wanted to take refugees from the North County. The city allowed

FEMA to build a trailer facility, and FEMA then funded the roads, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, signalization, and other improvements. Recently, the county traded the city a piece of property in town for a piece of property in the city's industrial park. Other parts of it are now occupied by businesses doing what they're supposed to do in an industrial park: making money and moving things around. Most of the money for the recreation facility came from a state grant. Somewhere in that process, no specific study assessed how bad the quicksand could be. Since this column is meant to be upbeat, positive, and future-looking, I believe geotechnical engineers will find a solution to stabilize the soil and build a recreation facility out there. If you've ever been to Little League on a Saturday, they need more fields and definitely more parking, so this will be a great addition to Gridley. The Gridley Unified School District should consider what to do with the excess property they're holding and not using. It seems like a lot of good has come from the city buying this property 30 years ago, as it has given the current city council and past city councils the opportunity to act when an opportunity arises.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley and writes for the historic Gridley Herald.

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are at the Equinox. The sun has dropped towards the southern arc of it passage in preparation for winter. Autumn is officially here. The sun has been bright in the west when setting with the oranges and reds of fires burning. In our town the sky will be a murky brown and tan for

a while with walnut harvest dust. The rice harvest will be starting. Some of it is looking heavy and golden. The citrus will be coming on. It looks to be a fairly good citrus year in our yard. I've started cutting back the tree and tiger lilies as well as, the hot lips salvia. I'm hoping to see the Lion's ear flowers come out in their orange glory. The abutilons are a year around flower in our environment. I will be cutting them back. It is so hard to do when they are blooming with wonder, but in my small yard it is necessary. I could let them go wild but if I do that, they simply get bigger with most of the blooming on top and sparse underneath.

I know this from experience. I'll be moving delicate plants from the patio to the greenhouse soon. The husband is making a portable garden shed to put in the front yard for plants and odds & ends for sale. Instead of a farm stand I'm calling it a garden shed. I'm making flags to put out to say what is available. We'll see how it goes. This is simply a way for me to be able to continue propagating plants. I've started propagating for the Red Suspender's Day plant sale but there are times I simply have too many plants in pots to care for so for the first time I'm setting up an itty-bitty shop. Happy Autumn to all of you.

Trash Collection Days Changing in Yuba-Sutter

By MPG Staff

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - About 35,000 Recology Yuba-Sutter customers could see changes to their garbage collection days beginning the week of Oct. 12 as the company restructures routes across Yuba and Sutter counties.

The change marks the first substantial rerouting of the company's collection system in about 25 years. Recology said residential growth and uneven workloads across existing routes prompted the adjustment.

Customers who use plastic carts could be affected. Commercial customers who receive service through metal bins will not see changes under the rerouting.

Residents can check their address at <http://recology.com/rysroute> to determine whether their collection day will change.

Residential growth in communities including Linda, Plumas Lake and Yuba City has added customers to routes that have largely remained unchanged. Recology said some collection days now carry significantly heavier workloads for drivers, trucks and equipment.

"Yuba-Sutter has grown significantly, but our collection routes have largely remained the same," Recology Yuba-Sutter General Manager Rigo Diaz said. "This reroute will allow us to better serve the community we have today

while preparing for the continued growth we know is coming."

Under the new system, Recology plans to distribute customers more evenly throughout the service week and group routes more closely by geographic area.

The company said the changes should also make it easier to respond to missed collections and requests for additional service. Under the current system, drivers may need to travel across the service area or cross county lines to address a service problem.

More centralized routes should reduce that travel and improve response times, according to Recology.

Driver safety also factored into the restructuring. The company said balancing the number of customers assigned to each collection day should help drivers complete routes within operating and work-hour limits. The change could also provide additional flexibility when traffic, weather, equipment problems or other circumstances disrupt daily operations.

Recology plans to notify affected customers before the new schedules take effect. The company will use postcards, text messages, automated phone calls, social media and online notices.

Customers do not need to wait for a notification to check their schedule. Address-specific information is available at <http://recology.com/rysroute>.

Pride Celebration Returns to Yuba City, Oct. 3

By Lloyd Green Jr.

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Tri-County Diversity will bring its fifth annual Pride in the Park back to Sam Brannan Park on Saturday, Oct. 3, with live entertainment, vendors, community resources and activities for children.

The free, all-ages event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park, 806 Gray Ave. Organizers confirmed the festival will proceed at Sam Brannan Park despite the park's closure to the general public.

Yuba City closed Sam Brannan Park to the public beginning Sept. 1. According to Tri-County Diversity, the organization remained in communication with Yuba City Parks and Recreation about its existing reservation.

Organizers said the city confirmed the closure will not affect the Pride in the Park reservation. The organization will have access to the park, including its pavilions and restrooms, and organizers said major construction is not expected to begin until later in October.

The festival will include performances throughout the day from Lizz Shine, Cameron Love, KC Shane, Mercy and Just A Girl Band. A Show of Hands ASL Interpreting Services will provide interpretation for performances on the main stage.

Lizz Shine fronts the Northern California-based Lizz Shine Band, which performs rock music. KC Shane, a Sacramento-based singer-songwriter, will perform with his band, The Belonging. Mercy Rei Tang will bring poetry and performance to the stage, while Sacramento-based Just A Girl Band features singer-songwriter EuDora

Star. Cameron Love is also scheduled to perform.

StarShine Productions and Lizz Shine are coordinating the stage and entertainment for the event.

Beyond the stage, Pride in the Park will include local artists, merchandise vendors, food vendors, resource booths, a kids zone and raffle prizes.

Organizations scheduled to have booths include Sutter County Public Health, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, Sierra Mental Wellness Group, Peach Tree Health and the Center for Workers' Rights, along with other community groups and businesses.

Food vendors listed for the festival include Dreamy Treats, Tacos Los Reina's, Stupid Lemonade and Kie Kie's Lumpia. Additional vendors and resources are listed on Tri-County Diversity's Pride website.

Tri-County Diversity describes Pride in the Park as an inclusive event for people of different orientations, gender identities, races, ethnicities, abilities and backgrounds. The organization also operates peer support programs, social activities and resource services throughout the year.

Admission to Pride in the Park is free. Donation tickets are available for those who want to support Tri-County Diversity and TCD YOUTH! programs and future community events.

Golden 1 Credit Union is providing financial support for the festival. Live Oak Church of the Brethren will provide free water to attendees.

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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, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26

Harvest Sidewalk Sale

10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day in downtown Chico. Downtown businesses will offer seasonal sales, with live music, activities and other festivities planned throughout downtown and the plaza.

Friday, Sept. 25

Junk Journal Besties Meet-Up

5-8 p.m., Round Table Pizza, Gridley. The 530 Junk Journal Besties will host a fall-themed crafting meet-up. The \$5 cost includes glue sticks, tools, access to scrap materials and a fall-themed scrap pack. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants.

Birdcage Theatre Season 42 Birdie Awards

6 p.m. at Oroville State Theatre, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. The ceremony recognizes actors, directors and crew from Birdcage Theatre productions. The event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 26

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.

2026 Oroville Salmon Festival

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic downtown Oroville and at the Feather River Fish Hatchery. The annual festival celebrating the return of Chinook salmon features family activities, outdoor recreation, live music, vendors and downtown activities. Admission is free. A schedule is available at <http://visitororville.com/salmon-festival>.

Chico Concours

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico. The 47th annual Chico Concours will feature automobiles, music, refreshments and entertainment throughout the day. Admission is free for spectators.

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 featuring nature exhibits, wildlife displays and educational activities along the Feather River. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and free for children.

Butte College Homecoming

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cowan Stadium, 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville. Homecoming festivities begin with tailgating at 11 a.m., followed by the Butte College Roadrunners against Modesto Junior College at 1 p.m. Game and tailgate tickets are sold separately. Game admission is free for students with a valid student ID.

Oz Barn Bash

4 to 8 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park,

1930 Market Place, Chico. The Chico Community Ballet fundraiser for its new ballet, “The Land of Oz,” features a showing of “The Wizard of Oz,” live music, line dancing, character meet-and-greets, crafts, lawn games, a sing-along and silent auction. Tickets are available at http://aplos.com/aws/events/oz_barn_bash

Sunday, Sept. 27

Durham Grange Farmers Market

8 a.m.-noon, The Midway, behind Dollar General, Durham. The weekly farmers market features local produce, food, flowers, artists, vendors and small businesses. Vendor applications remain open online at <https://forms.gle/GLBM8X2BijvkTurs5>.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Dahlia Farm Field Trip

10 a.m. at J. Heier Dahlia Farm, 4880 E. Butte Road, Live Oak. Participants can create a dahlia arrangement for \$35. Lunch will follow at The French Whisk in Sutter for an additional \$35. Hosted by the Sutter Buttes Garden Club.

General Loss Grief Support Group

6-7 p.m., Be Xtra Community Event Center, 1251 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. Grief with Hope hosts a weekly support group for people experiencing loss. The group provides a space to share, connect and receive support from others experiencing grief.

Toss for Tails

6:30 p.m. at Gold Country Casino, 4020 Olive Highway, Oroville. The monthly cornhole event benefits the Northwest SPCA and features Switcholio-style play, cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. No partner is required.

Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4

Autumn Fest

10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Opening weekend of the Patrick Ranch Pumpkin Patch will feature more than 60 artisans, makers and food vendors, pumpkin picking, tractor rides, a scarecrow contest, lawn games and activities. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. The pumpkin patch will continue each weekend in October.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Fall 14-Mile Yard Sale

Begins at 8 a.m. throughout the Gridley area. Shoppers can use an event map to locate participating yard sales featuring antiques, vintage items and other finds. Registration to be included on the map is \$15 and is due by noon Sept. 30. Maps will be available Oct. 2. Visit gridleyarea-chamber.org for information.

Preserving Food with Friends

10 a.m. at The Garden at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St. This month’s hands-on class will focus on escabeche and is limited to 12 participants. Advance registration is required. Email preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com or call 530-777-8469.

Butte County Prepared Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at North Forebay Recreation Area, 930 Garden Drive, Oroville. The second annual preparedness fair will feature local first responders, a K-9 demonstration and emergency preparedness information. A mascot parade begins at 11 a.m.

Salmon of Butte Creek

10-11 a.m. at the Chico History Museum, 141 Salem St., Chico. Allen Harthorn, founder and executive director of Friends of Butte Creek, will discuss the history of Butte Creek and spring-run Chinook salmon. Tickets are available at chicohistorymuseum.org/events.

Pumpkin Splash

1-4 p.m. at PV Pool, 2320 North Ave., Chico. CARD will transform the pool

into a floating pumpkin patch where participants can swim, select and decorate a pumpkin. The event will also feature treats, music and Halloween activities.

Victorian Mummy Unwrapping

Showings at 4 and 6 p.m. at the C.F. Lott Home, 1067 Montgomery St., Oroville. Jen Rogers, public historian and museum director of the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, will present a historical recreation of a Victorian-era mummy unwrapping. Doors open 30 minutes before each presentation. Admission is \$5, cash only.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

7-11 a.m. at 1561 Hazel St., south of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley. The Knights of Columbus hosts its monthly breakfast with plates available for \$10. Children younger than 12 eat for \$5.

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Fall Concert in the Park

2-4 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville. Feather River Recreation and Park District’s free concert series will feature Zen Stampede performing classic rock. Food, beverages and other items will be available from local vendors. Concerts continue Sunday afternoons throughout October.

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Bingo, Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Hall, 267 Sycamore St.

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled Oct. 13, and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

Butte County Board of Supervisors generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

Durham Grange Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at 9386 Midway in Durham, behind Dollar General. This vibrant market promises an array of fresh produce, delicious foods, handmade goods and more, making it the perfect spot to shop local and support small businesses.

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

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in

the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: [https://www.gridleyca.gov/168/](https://www.gridleyca.gov/168/Gridley-Mayor-City-Council) Gridley-Mayor-City-Council. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 5.

Gridley Friends of the Library, first Monday each month, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 299 Spruce St.

Gridley Senior Group Breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday includes breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and Bingo from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center, 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 530-846-4721 for more information. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Live Oak City Council usually meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information.

Live Oak Lions Club meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Train Depot, 9826 Hwy. 99. Club mailing address is P.O. Box 325. Phone 530-701-3722.

Rotary Club of Gridley meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group meets the first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. For more information, call 530-353-5349. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

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 Sept. 27. 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, Oct. 6. 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, Oct. 6. 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. ★

Gridley Library Happenings



Fri, Sept. 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, Sept. 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.

Thursday, Oct. 1, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Kid Quest: Paper Cup Jack-O-Lanterns, children ages 6 to 11 can make light-up paper cup jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween.

Friday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. - noon - Sure Start Family Storytime, children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts while connecting with other families.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. - noon - Puzzle Swap, all ages can bring a jigsaw puzzle they no longer need and exchange it for another. 2 - 3 p.m., Microwave Mug Cakes, participants ages 12 and older can learn how to make their own microwave mug cake.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. - noon - Color Your World, adults can enjoy a relaxing hour of coloring with others. 2:30 - 4 p.m., Afternoon Kids Club: Lego Day, children ages 6 to 11 can use their creativity to build with Legos.

Thursday, Oct. 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Loteria Family Game Time, all ages can play Loteria, a traditional game featuring illustrated cards, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Friday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. - noon - Sure Start Family Playtime, families with children ages 0 to 5 can learn through play and meet other families. ★

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

Gridley Museum Board Selects Officers



Gridley Museum elected its 2026-27 officers at its last board meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16. Following the election, the board reviewed monthly minutes and budgets and heard updates from Susie Dukes, recording studio committee chair, regarding a project currently underway to preserve the oral histories of veterans. Pictured, from left, are Gridley Museum Board President Mike Dahl, Secretary/Treasurer Pat Teague, Vice President Tyrone Schaeffer and Director RuthAnn King. Photo by Seti Long

Gridley Makes Meeting Recordings Official Record

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council has approved a shift to shorter action minutes while designating audio and video recordings as the official record of council and Planning Commission meetings.

The change comes as meeting recordings have returned to the city’s website following delays associated with its transition to a new site. City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said there had been some problems getting recordings posted during the changeover, but the online archive is now current.

Under the new system, written minutes will focus on formal business, including motions, votes, ordinances, public hearings and directions given to city officials. The recordings will preserve the full proceedings, including council comments, presentations and public testimony.

Arteaga said the intent is not to reduce the public record but to distinguish between the concise written

account of council action and the complete recording of what occurred.

“The recording preserves the actual discussion,” Arteaga said.

The city previously prepared detailed minutes that attempted to summarize much of the conversation during meetings. Officials said moving to action minutes should reduce the time required to prepare those documents and allow the City Clerk’s Office to devote more attention to elections, public records requests, records management, public notices and other duties.

Arteaga said recordings will be maintained on the city server and made available through the city’s official online platforms. She also said the city is developing a process to make sure recordings are uploaded promptly once meeting records are approved.

The council approved the new format and designated the recordings as an official public record. No additional cost is anticipated, officials said.

By MPG Staff

SANTA ROSA, CA (MPG) - Wildfire survivors, elected officials, business representatives and community advocates gathered in Santa Rosa on Sept. 18 to call on Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign legislation aimed at addressing compensation for victims of utility-caused wildfires.

Assembly Bill 2700, called the Fire Victim Restitution and Recovery Act by supporters, would direct the California Public Utilities Commission to establish a process for addressing wildfire victim compensation and restitution shortfalls.

According to the Utility Wildfire Survivor Coalition, the measure passed the Legislature with bipartisan support, including a 78-0 vote in the Assembly.

“AB 2700 shows what is possible when wildfire survivors, local businesses, community leaders and policymakers work together across party lines,” said William Abrams, a Tubbs Fire survivor and organizing advocate for the coalition. “This was real grassroots advocacy by fire survivors and communities that have waited far too long for justice.”

The coalition said the legislation would place responsibility for restitution on electrical corporations responsible for causing wildfires

while seeking to prevent additional costs from falling on taxpayers or utility ratepayers.

The legislation states, “The Legislature recognizes that the ultimate responsibility and accountability for ensuring the fair, full and timely restitution of wildfire victims rests with the electrical corporation that ignited the wildfire.”

Supporters say thousands of Northern California families and businesses affected by fires between 2015 and 2018 have not received full compensation. The coalition said the PG&E Fire Victim Trust faces a 30% shortfall and that AB 2700 would require the CPUC to establish timelines and enforcement mechanisms addressing compensation.

“Wildfire survivors have already lost enough. They shouldn’t have to spend years fighting just to receive the full compensation they are entitled to,” James Gallagher said in the coalition’s release. “AB 2700 makes it clear that the utility responsible for starting a catastrophic fire is responsible for making victims whole, not taxpayers or ratepayers.”

Paradise Mayor Steve Crowder also urged Newsom to sign the bill.

“Our community and fire-affected communities like Paradise across California need AB 2700,” Crowder said. “We need it to

rebuild and recover. PG&E must fully pay us what is owed and long overdue. This bill sets the path to get that done.”

Eric Jones, a Democratic candidate for California’s 4th Congressional District, also spoke in support of the legislation.

“AB 2700 holds them accountable,” Jones said. “I’m proud to stand with the advocates who built this coalition and got this bill to the governor’s desk, and proud that it got there with votes from both sides of the aisle.”

The coalition also used the gathering to discuss its opposition to Senate Bill 492, another wildfire-related measure. Coalition members said they opposed provisions they believed could pressure victims into settling claims before fire-cause investigations, damage assessments and legal reviews were complete.

“Fast help, yes. Fast releases, no,” Abrams said. “Emergency advances can help survivors, but forced settlement pathways that weaken victim rights or limit utility accountability are not the answer.”

According to the coalition, AB 2700 also would make its restitution provisions available to victims of the Eaton Fire and victims of future utility-caused wildfires.

Newsom faces a Sept. 30 deadline to act on the measure.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000966
The following person(s) are doing business as: Go First Realty, Go First Realtor, Go 1st Realty, Go 1st Realtor, Go First Realty Group, Go First Realty Inc, Go 1st Realty Inc, 1312 Grand Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965
Jenny Saephan, 1312 Grand Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965 and Randy Forrest Chapman Jr, PO Box 5062, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: September 14, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 14, 2026
This Business is conducted by: Copartners. 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: Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 2026
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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 #26CV01461
Petitioner Maribel Fairbanks filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Maribel Fairbanks to Maribel Quintana Sanchez.
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 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 12, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026
FAIRBANKS 9-25-26
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV02942
Petitioner Geoffrey Dale Gross filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Geoffrey Dale Gross to Geoffrey Dale Lawson.

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 14, 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 17, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
GROSS 10-2-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WENDELL CHARLES RYAN AKA CHARLES W. RYAN
CASE NO. 26PR00389
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: WENDELL CHARLES RYAN AKA CHARLES W. RYAN
A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHARLES LASTER in the Superior Court of California, County of BUTTE.
The Petition for Probate requests that CHARLES LASTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928, North Butte County Courthouse.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b)

of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner: CHARLES LASTER, 579 OBERMEYER AVE, GRIDLEY, CA 95948, Telephone: (530) 237-9192. 9/25, 10/2, 10/9/26
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ESPERANZA GONZALEZ
CASE NO. 26PR00378
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate Esperanza Gonzalez, Esperanza Silva.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Hilda Penrose, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Hilda Penrose be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the

date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Amy Byrne, ESQ, Guth & Changaris, APLC, 474 Century Park Drive, Suite 300, Yuba City, CA 95991; 530-674-9841
Publish: September 11, 18, 25, 2026
GONZALEZ 10-25-26

TRUSTEE SALE

Trustee Sale No. 187074 Title No. 95532267-12 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/05/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 10/14/2026 at 11:00 AM, PRIME RECON LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/09/2012, as Instrument No. 2012-0007750, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of PLUMAS County, State of CALIFORNIA, executed by BETTY MADDON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), EAST ENTRANCE PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 520 MAIN STREET, QUINCY, CA 95971. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 115-101-014-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 234 FOOTHILL WAY, QUINCY, CA 95971. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$83,357.10 IF THE TRUSTEE IS UNABLE TO CONVEY TITLE FOR ANY REASON, THE SUCCESSFUL

BIDDER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY SHALL BE THE RETURN OF MONIES PAID TO THE TRUSTEE, AND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 8/31/2026 PRIME RECON LLC By: Sharri Thomas, Authorized Signer PRIME RECON LLC 28765 SINGLE OAK DRIVE, SUITE 250 TEMECULA, CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 PRIME RECON LLC MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (844) 901-0998 OR VIEW OUR WEBSITE: HTTPS://SALESINFORMATION.PRIMERECON.COM NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 901-0998 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website - HTTPS://SALESINFORMATION.PRIMERECON.COM - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: TS#187074. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 901-0998 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website HTTPS://SALESINFORMATION.PRIMERECON.COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case TS#187074 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or

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Poets, Readers Gather in Browns Valley, Sept. 27

By MPG Staff

BROWNS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - Poets, writers and listeners are invited to gather for Poetry in the Park at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Sycamore Ranch Park, 5390 Highway 20 in Browns Valley.

The free outdoor event is presented by the Yuba Sutter Rotary Night Club and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. Participants may read original poetry, recite work by other poets or attend simply to listen.

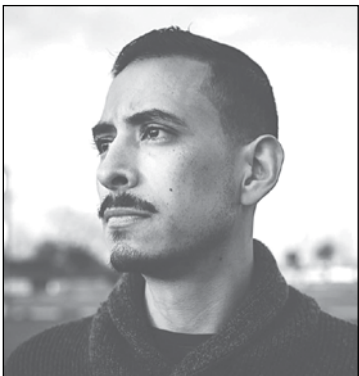
The event was proposed by Rotary member Katy Rose, an author and functional medicine practitioner who recently moved to the area and was looking for ways to connect with others who share an interest in poetry.

Organizers said the gathering is



Poet Maree Gauper, whose work has been widely published, is among the local writers expected to attend Poetry in the Park. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

intended to provide an informal setting for poetry rather than a competition or critique. Readings may include classic works, contemporary poetry, spoken-word



Marcelo Hernandez Castillo, Yuba-Sutter poet laureate and recipient of a 2026 Upstate Individual Artists Fellowship, is scheduled to take part in Poetry in the Park. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

pieces, humorous poems and works still in progress.

Several local poets and writers are expected to attend, including Yuba-Sutter Poet Laureate



Katy Rose, a Rotary member, author and functional medicine practitioner, proposed Poetry in the Park as a way to connect people through a shared interest in poetry. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Marcelo Hernandez Castillo, a recipient of a 2026 Upstate Individual Artists Fellowship from the California Arts Council. Castillo is a poet, memoirist,

translator and co-founder of UndocuPoets, an organization that works to expand literary opportunities for immigrant writers.

Also expected to attend are poet Maree Gauper and her husband, memoirist Bob Gauper.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Light snacks and beverages will be available, and guests may bring refreshments to share. Adult attendees may bring wine or other beverages as permitted under park rules.

In case of rain, the event will move to the lobby of the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas St., Yuba City.

For more information, contact David Read at 530-749-8065 or david@yubasutterarts.org. ★

Tax Divide Deepens Across Sutter County

By Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The city councils of Yuba City and Live Oak have signed off on their shares of Sutter County’s proposed 1% sales tax, leaving voters to decide Nov. 3 whether the latest attempt to raise local sales taxes moves forward.

The agreements come as Measure G has drawn increasingly pointed public debate, including on social media. At the Sept. 15 Yuba City Council meeting, Scott Kirschner of Yuba City urged voters to consider the financial pressures facing local government rather than become consumed by the rhetoric surrounding the proposal.

“The days of the old and obsolete phrase, no new taxes are over,” Kirschner said.

Kirschner said the current campaign has also produced more substantive exchanges than previous efforts.

“This time around there are actual constructive conversations in our community in private and in public,” Kirschner said.

Sutter County, Yuba City and Live Oak currently have a 7.25% sales tax rate. Measure G would add 1%, bringing the rate to 8.25% if approved.

Measure G marks the third attempt in four years to increase sales taxes locally. Sutter County voters rejected Measure A in 2022, a countywide 1% sales tax proposed for nine years. Two years later, Yuba City voters rejected Measure D, a separate 1% city sales tax.

The tenor of the current debate also drew concern from Yuba City Councilmember Toni Cole, who addressed the hostility surrounding Measure G and urged residents to allow room for opposing views.

“The people working on this are getting vilified and us as a community, we need to move past the stage in our psyche and evolution of vilifying people for having a different opinion than you,” Cole said. “We need to do better.”

She ended with a direct appeal aimed at the online debate.

“To our community, please just continue to respect each other online especially,” Cole said.

Yuba City approved its revenue-sharing agreement Sept. 15, followed by Live Oak on Sept. 16. Both agreements would take effect only if voters approve Measure G.

Under the Yuba City agreement, the city would receive 77.5% of Measure G revenue generated within its boundaries. Preliminary estimates presented to the council put Yuba City’s share at approximately \$12.5 million annually, while

Sutter County would receive about \$9.2 million.

Yuba City would also assume law enforcement responsibility for the South Walton area, now served by the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office, by July 1, 2028.

Live Oak would retain 100% of Measure G revenue generated within the city, with a guaranteed minimum of \$750,000 annually through June 30, 2029. Beginning July 1, 2029, the city would continue receiving all revenue generated within Live Oak.

Support for Measure G was not universal. Critics have questioned whether another sales tax is the right answer to the area’s financial pressures and raised concerns about how the money could ultimately be spent.

At the Live Oak meeting, Liz Cervantes argued that Measure G is a general tax, despite being promoted largely around needs such as public safety and roads.

“This is not a safety tax,” Cervantes said. “It is a general tax, therefore, a blank check out of the general fund.”

Cervantes also pointed to the unsuccessful Measure A effort and argued that local governments should find other ways to address ongoing budget pressures.

“How many times are they going to try this before they come up with some permanent solutions? Sustainable solutions,” Cervantes said.

The debate also extends beyond roads and public safety to broader questions about how limited public dollars should be divided among services, including those affecting quality of life.

Cervantes drew a sharp distinction between emergency services and other government programs.

“If my house is on fire, I’m not going to call the librarian,” Cervantes said.

She pointed to the Sutter County Library budget while questioning whether additional spending reductions could be made before voters are asked to approve another tax increase.

Live Oak City Manager Ben Moody said the city faces an approximately \$800,000 structural deficit in its general fund and that further reductions would be necessary if the gap is not filled.

“There’s no silver bullet,” Moody said. “We’ve been looking at this budget and trying to figure out a solution on how to turn the ship around.”

Yuba City approved its agreement unanimously. Live Oak approved its agreement 3-0, with Councilmembers Ashley Hernandez and Nancy Santana absent.

The decision now rests with Sutter County voters. ★



The News in Brief

Titans Roll Past Durham, 41-6

The Titans returned home this week and defeated the Durham Trojans 41-6. Coach Jesse Vasquez credited a total team effort and unselfish play. Jeremiah Enriquez scored three rushing touchdowns, while AJ Luquin, Hunter Jimenez and Brixton Cassidy also scored on the ground. Vasquez said strong execution and effective blocking helped secure the win.

Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Offers FFA Jacket Scholarships

The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau is accepting applications for its Blue Jacket Bonanza FFA jacket scholarship program. The opportunity is open to freshman, sophomore and junior FFA members. Applications are due Thursday, Oct. 22. Guidelines and application requirements are available at <http://ysfarmbureau.com/blue-jacket-bonanza>.

Gridley Police Reported Phone Issues

Gridley Police Department officials reported intermittent phone problems Sunday, Sept. 20, that may prevent some callers from hearing the dispatcher. The issue has been traced to an AT&T service problem and is being investigated. The department said 911 calls were rerouted to another communications center to ensure emergency calls are answered.

Gridley Police Launches Pink Patch Project

The Gridley Police Department is selling special pink patches for \$10 as part of its Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Patch Project. All proceeds will be donated to Orchard Hospital’s Breast Health

Program. Contact the Gridley Police department for more information.

USPS Operation Santa Accepting Letters

The U.S. Postal Service is accepting letters for its annual Operation Santa program. Children may send holiday wish lists to Santa Claus, 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888. Letters should include the sender’s full name and return address and be mailed with proper postage.

Oroville Man Pleads No Contest in Hate Crime

Orrin Tyler Colbourn, 40, pleaded no contest Sept. 9 to felony criminal threats and violation of civil rights stemming from an August 2025 incident at Palermo Park. Prosecutors said Colbourn threatened a Hispanic woman, used racial slurs and made statements about “white power” while following her and her two children. He remains in custody without bail and faces up to three years and eight months in state prison when sentenced Oct. 28.

Juvenile Charged in Oroville Shooting

A 16-year-old Oroville juvenile appeared in Butte County Juvenile Court Sept. 16 on charges related to a Sept. 12 shooting on V-6 Road. Prosecutors said the juvenile fired multiple shots from a vehicle at people outside a home, seriously injuring a 15-year-old. The juvenile remains in custody at juvenile hall, with the next court hearing scheduled for Sept. 23.

Chico Man Held on Child Sex Crime Charges

A 24-year-old Chico man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on multiple felony charges involving a 12-year-old girl. Prosecutors said Guerardo Guido is accused of contacting the girl on social media for sexual purposes and sexually assaulting her. He is being held without bail and is scheduled to return to court Sept. 30 for a preliminary hearing. ★

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IT'S THE PERFECT TIME! I DO MY BEST CONVERSATION WHEN IT'S INCONVENIENT.

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FAR OUT, MAN.

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Live Oak Approves Measure G Agreement

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Sept. 16 meeting of the Live Oak City Council, two residents spoke during public comment to express concerns about the city’s financial troubles, worrying that they could lead to future bankruptcy and requesting more transparency.

Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine said the city’s financial projections have shown the dire funding situation for many years.

“It’s been no secret,” Chapdelaine said.

He said the council and staff have been doing everything they can to “right the ship.”

City Manager Ben Moody added that there have been many budget meetings to go over the finances. The structural deficit has been ongoing for years, but the current council and staff are working to cut costs and increase revenues wherever possible.

The council considered

an amendment to the master fee schedule to update and consolidate code enforcement fees. Under the proposed update, all code enforcement violations would be subject to the same fee schedule: \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the second, \$500 for the third and any subsequent violations and \$300 for the initial appeal fee.

The council voted 3-0 to approve the amendment, with Councilmembers Ashley Hernandez and Nancy Santana absent.

Staff recommended establishing an operator-in-training position within the Public Works Department, along with a corresponding update to the water and wastewater operator salary schedule. Moody explained that setting up the position gives the city an entry-level path to hire and train future certified operators while keeping pay levels aligned.

An employee in that department recently vacated a position at a



higher pay level, so setting up the trainee position allows the city to hire a new employee at a lower salary, saving up to \$40,000 annually.

The council voted 3-0 to approve the new position classification.

The council also considered establishing an Accountant I/II classification series within the Finance Department, along with a budget adjustment of \$8,500 within salaries and benefits to cover the more advanced classification.

This would not add an additional position.

Instead, it is a title change to allow for internal promotion of qualified candidates. Moody explained that establishing the position will allow the city to shift to in-house accounting services rather than paying higher costs for outside consultants to handle that work.

While the position itself will increase salary costs by \$8,500 per year, the city will save more than \$20,000 per year on consultant costs.

The council voted 3-0 to approve the updated classification.

The council also reviewed a revenue-sharing agreement with Sutter County for the 1% Measure G transactions and use tax that will be on the November ballot.

Under the agreement, if the tax is approved by voters, the City of Live Oak will retain 100% of the new sales tax generated within the city. Additionally, the city will receive a guaranteed base sales tax amount of \$750,000 per year from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2029.

Moody said Measure G will provide critical funding for public safety, roads and water infrastructure.

“It’s critical to the city; it’s critical to the county. ... I feel this is a good foundation for the city. It really sets our destiny ... as we develop and we control that growth, and those funds come back at 100% level to the city,” Moody said.

Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma asked how

residents can be sure the money will go toward public safety costs. Moody said the new revenue would go into the general fund, which is how the city pays for public safety services.

Moody added that if the measure does not pass, there will not be enough revenue to maintain even the reduced public safety contracts with Sutter County, and the city would likely have to reduce park operations to shift that money to critical public safety services.

During public comment, one resident said she was concerned the revenue would go into the general fund instead of a dedicated public safety fund. She said she opposed the tax measure.

The council voted to approve the cost-sharing agreement with the county if voters approve the measure.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Oct. 7. ★

School Enrollment Declines Loom Regionally

By Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Education (CDE) announced Public school enrollment trends across the Sacramento Valley are expected to move in different directions over the next decade, with Sutter County projected to add nearly 2,900 students while Colusa, Glenn and Butte counties face continued declines.

The projections come as California enters its ninth consecutive year of declining public K-12 enrollment. Statewide enrollment fell by about 75,000 students for the 2025-26 school year to 5.73 million.

If current fertility and migration trends continue, statewide enrollment is projected to fall another 710,500 students over the next decade, reaching about 5.02 million by 2035-36.

Colusa County had an

estimated 4,543 students enrolled in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2025-26 school year, ranking 47th among California's 58 counties. Enrollment declined by 70 students from the previous school year.

The California Department of Education data projects Colusa County will lose another 91 students in 2026-27. By 2035-36, enrollment is projected to decline by 469 students from the 2025-26 level, leaving the county with about 4,074 students if the projection holds.

Colusa was among 22 California counties where enrollment declined by more than 1% between 2024-25 and 2025-26 according to the CDE.

Butte County, ranked 29th statewide, enrolled an estimated 29,937 students in 2025-26, an increase of about 200 students from the previous year.

The change placed Butte among 31 counties where enrollment remained within 1% of the previous year's level.

That growth is not expected to continue. Butte County is projected to lose 15 students in 2026-27 and 593 students between 2025-26 and 2035-36.

Sutter County stands apart from most of the region.

The county had an estimated 26,222 students in 2025-26, ranking 34th statewide and gaining about 800 students from the previous school year. Sutter was one of five counties where enrollment increased by more than 1%.

The state projects another 421 students will enroll in Sutter County schools in 2026-27. Over the 10-year projection period, enrollment is expected to increase by 2,895 students, bringing the county to about 29,117 students by 2035-36.

Sutter County also leads the state in projected high school graduate growth. It is expected to produce 331 more graduates by the end of the projection period, the largest increase among California counties.

Yuba County's enrollment is expected to remain relatively stable. The county had an estimated 16,135 students in 2025-26, ranking 37th statewide and increasing by about 58 students from the previous year.

Yuba County is projected to gain another 76 students in 2026-27. By 2035-36, enrollment is projected to be just 61 students higher than its 2025-26 level.

Glenn County, ranked 43rd statewide, enrolled an estimated 6,671 students in 2025-26, an increase of about 82 students. That increase placed Glenn among the five counties with enrollment growth greater than 1%.

The trend is expected to reverse. Glenn County is projected to lose 81 students in 2026-27 and 583 students by

2035-36, compared with its 2025-26 enrollment.

Across California, only six counties are projected to have higher public-school enrollment in 2035-36 than they did in 2025-26. Placer County is expected to record the largest increase, gaining 6,700 students. Los Angeles County is projected to experience the largest decline, losing 240,800 students.

High school graduates are also expected to decline statewide. California recorded about 453,600 graduates in 2024-25. That number is projected to fall to 424,800 in 2026-27, remain near that level through 2029-30 and decline to 381,300 by 2035-36.

The projections use enrollment information from the California Department of Education, birth data from the California Department of Public Health and projected births from the state's Demographic Research Unit.

Additional information and county projections are available at <https://arcg.is/0mWKvj0>. ★

Enter Sandman, Yuba City Haunted House Returns

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Haunted House is back for its third year, and things are looking bigger and scarier than ever.

Creator Corey Ringseth is sticking to his fondness for interconnected lore, introducing Sandman as this year’s theme and taking visitors several decades back in the haunted house’s fictional history.

“Each house that I do is technically the same house, but in a different time period,” Ringseth explained. “Farmhouse was more, I want to say, like 2000s-ish, late ’90s, maybe middle 2000s, and then last year Blood Harvest was more present day, and then Sandman is bringing it all back to the 1950s.”

This year’s story centers on a serial killer who

has taken on the name Sandman.

“Basically this is Sandman’s house, and you’re entering Sandman’s house and you have to escape,” Ringseth said.

To create that world, Ringseth has essentially built a second house in and around his garage, primarily using scrap, discarded and repurposed materials. Much of the wood comes from work pallets, while props and building materials are often sourced through thrift stores, giveaways and Facebook Marketplace.

“I try to keep the cost to a minimum,” Ringseth said. “A lot of it is free stuff from work. I’d say 80% to 90% is free stuff, and then the real cost is props and miscellaneous things like paint, boxes of screws here and there, little hardware things, just small stuff.”

One of this year’s more unusual finds was a real casket, which Ringseth picked up for free from a Marysville family giving away pieces from its own Halloween display. A collection of old porcelain dolls donated by the mother of one of his coworkers also found its way into the attraction.

Ringseth estimates he has spent only a few thousand dollars on the project over the course of the year. Many materials can now be stored in a shipping container he recently purchased for his backyard, eliminating the need to rent a storage unit.

The physical build, which Ringseth begins as early as July, is only one piece of the project. He also engineers the attraction’s audio setup, creating many of the sound effects and tracks himself.

“All of the audio that you hear, whether it’s ambient noise, a scream, glass breaking or whatever the audio is, I actually create all that here on my computer,” Ringseth said.

The setup includes nine amplifiers running five ambient audio tracks. Eight additional scare-actor locations have their own triggered audio effects, not including the sound system used outside for guests waiting in line. Not surprisingly, Ringseth once considered audio engineering as a career.

“In high school, me and my brother were in a band, and he actually went to school and got his bachelor’s degree in recording arts,” Ringseth said. “I took a couple courses too and a lot of that stuff just stuck with me.”

Crowds are anticipated to wrap around the block again this year, as they have in years past. To help accommodate them, Ringseth has applied for a street closure near the attraction at 441 Pelican Place, with the goal of reducing the risk of pedestrians mixing with vehicle traffic.

The additional safety measures may be particularly useful this year, as Sandman marks Ringseth’s largest build yet. The attraction has expanded another 4 feet into the front driveway, adding a new entrance area before



Vintage dolls donated by the mother of one of Corey Ringseth's coworkers fill one of the rooms inside the Yuba City Haunted House. Ringseth frequently incorporates donated, thrifted and discarded items into his builds.

guests make their way inside. Despite the expansion, admission will once again remain free, with donations accepted.

“I’m gonna try to make it free for as long as I possibly can because I do it because I enjoy it,” Ringseth said. “It makes me happy, and the community really does show up every year.”

He said donations from last year’s attraction covered nearly all of the expenses for the build. While Ringseth enjoys making people scream for free, his ultimate goal is to find a way to put his creative and technical skills to work full time. He has also considered whether the attraction

could eventually move to a larger location as it continues to grow.

“Every year I want to do something bigger and better, you know?” Ringseth said.

The Yuba City Haunted House presents Sandman at 441 Pelican Place in Yuba City. The attraction will be open Oct. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. It will be closed Halloween night, Oct. 31. Admission is free, with donations appreciated. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The attraction features strobe lights, loud noises, live actors, air and fog effects, blood and gore, and is not recommended for children under 13. ★



Thrifted dishes, furniture and other repurposed decor are mixed with realistic horror props inside the Sandman haunted house, helping transform a Yuba City garage into a 1950s-era home.

Bulldogs Stomp Bobcats as Wolverines and Lions Suffer Shutout Defeats



Gridley's Manny Sandoval (2) rushes the ball against Pierce on Sept. 4 during the Bulldogs' victory. Photo by Chris Pedigo

By YSBC Sports

Willows 7, Live Oak 0
Willows conquered their first victory of the season as they shut down an offense that scored 43 points the week prior.
Live Oak head coach Robert Tilton expressed to YSBC that significant injuries struck the team as they suffered multiple unforeseen circumstances during practices of the week and during the game.
The Lions were able to move the ball throughout the night, but struggled finding the end zone.
Live Oak sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone completed seven passes for 73 yards in the

air and rushed for 27 yards on the ground before he exited the game in the fourth with a lower leg injury.
Lions junior running back Joseph Martinez ran for 101 yards in the loss and scored a touchdown.
Live Oak will hit the road again this week as they head north and take on Central Valley (Shasta Lake) as kick off is scheduled for 7 p.m.
Durham 35, Biggs 7
The Biggs Wolverines dropped their third straight game of the season as their offensive struggles continued.
Biggs head coach Eddie Del Rio made a change at the

quarterback position for now as junior Hudson Brewer has stepped into that role.
Del Rio said that Brewer was able to contribute efficient passes against Durham as he completed seven during the defeat for 52 yards. Brewer also rushed the ball 99 yards for 24 carries in the loss.
Del Rio added that as the Wolverines start Mid-Valley League play against Los Molinos on Friday, he expects the team to be ready to go and play hard.
Biggs senior linebacker Cameron Kroupa led the Wolverines defensively with 10 tackles and two for a loss.
Kickoff against Los Molinos is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



Gridley senior running back Marcus Duncan (6) avoids tackles on Sept. 4 during the Bulldogs' win at Pierce. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Gridley 39, Paradise 7
The Gridley Bulldogs won their 17th straight regular season game dating back to the 2024 season.
Paradise scored the first points of the game early in the first quarter and Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt said to YSBC that the Bobcats were effective in moving the ball well in the first few possessions of the game before they were able to adjust to it.
Bulldogs senior running back Marcus Duncan led the way in rushing with 146 yards on the ground as he found the end zone one.
Gridley senior Manny Sandoval was the bruiser in the backfield for the Bulldogs in the victory as he carried the ball 14 times for 69 yards and scored three rushing touchdowns.
Gridley's 311 rushing yards against Paradise was the second time this Bulldogs' squad has hit more than 300 in 2026.
Gridley senior Benny Dewsnap added to his collection of tackles as the Bulldogs' season leader in tackles added 10 on the win against Paradise.
Gridley hits the road for a small-school premier football matchup as they play at Colfax on Friday night.
The Bulldogs and Falcons kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday. ★





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