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Gridley Elementary Welcomes Families Back to School



Principal Minden King introduces Wilson Elementary School faculty and discusses school programs during Back-to-School Night.

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Wilson Elementary School in Gridley invited parents and guardians to Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, Sept. 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Principal Minden King and Vice Principal Sarah Moore welcomed the large group that squeezed into the cafeteria before formally introducing faculty members for second, third, fourth and fifth grades.

The large campus underwent a major reorganization effort over the summer. Multiple portable classrooms that lined the north side of the school near the Magnolia Street fence were moved to the southern side of the campus. In addition, sycamore trees in the area were removed to create space for planned development. “This area that is fenced off is going to be the site of our new multi-purpose room slash cafeteria,” King said, inviting those

with questions to speak with Superintendent Justin Kern. “It’s going to be so exciting!” King said regarding construction of the future facility. Kern and Gridley Unified School District Board President Eric Waterbury were present and made themselves available to audience members for questions. Before dismissing the group for the next phase of the evening, King spoke

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Biggs Sets Cash Rules, Leaves Council Pay Unchanged

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs City Council has adopted its first formal cash-handling policy, putting written controls around how city money is received, secured, deposited and accounted for. City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the city previously relied on procedures that had never been formally documented. “We had never had one,” Gauthier said. “We’ve had a procedure that was passed on word from mouth to ear for who knows how many generations.” The policy, which took effect Oct. 1, covers money collected from utility customers, business licenses, development and permit fees, facility rentals, franchise payments, grants and donations. It also applies to anyone who receives, transports, records, reconciles or has access to city money. The council designated the city administrator as finance officer and established approval levels for refunds, account corrections, penalty waivers and write-offs. No one may approve a transaction they originated, and the duties of authorizing, recording and reviewing the same transaction cannot be handled by one person, the new policy states.

The policy also requires monthly bank reconciliations and periodic independent review of receipts and authorized transactions. Because Biggs has only three positions within its finance operation, the city’s contract accountant will provide an outside review rather than attempting to divide all of those responsibilities internally. Any shortage of \$50 or more, or a pattern of recurring shortages, must be reviewed. Suspected theft must be reported immediately to the finance officer and law enforcement, while confirmed losses require City Council action before being written off, the policy states. In another financial matter, the council considered but took no action on increasing its own compensation. Biggs councilmembers currently receive \$300 per month, an amount unchanged since 2000. State law would allow the city to raise that amount to

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It’s the Greatest Pumpkin!

Oregon Grower Sets New State Record at the National Pumpkin Weigh Off

By MPG Staff

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - A 2,613-pound pumpkin tipped the scales at Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm on Saturday, Sept. 26, earning an Oregon grower a new state record and the top prize at the National Pumpkin Weigh Off. Jim Sherwood of Mulino, Oregon, took first place and a \$15,000 prize with his giant pumpkin, nicknamed “SpongeBlob.” The entry broke Oregon’s previous record of 2,469 pounds, set by Steve Daletas in 2018, and was the heaviest pumpkin weighed in the United States so far this competition season, according to event organizers. “I’m thrilled. That pumpkin gave me quite the ride,” Sherwood said. “Based on its shape, I didn’t think it would last.” Sherwood, who has been growing giant pumpkins for 25 years, previously won the Wheatland competition in 2024.



Jim Sherwood of Mulino, Oregon, stands beside his 2,613-pound pumpkin after setting a new Oregon state record Saturday, Sept. 26, at the National Pumpkin Weigh Off at Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland. Photo courtesy of National Pumpkin Weigh Off

Mike Alves of Chico took second place with a 2,359-pound pumpkin, beating his previous personal best by more than 650 pounds. His entry also became the heaviest California-grown pumpkin ever entered at the National Pumpkin Weigh Off.

“I doubled the size of my patch this year,” Alves said. “When they start growing 50 to 60 pounds a day, it’s pretty amazing.” The competition offered more than \$100,000 in potential prizes, including \$75,000 for the world’s first pumpkin weighing

more than 3,000 pounds. The top 20 pumpkins Saturday earned more than \$35,000 in combined prize money. The current world record stands at 2,819 pounds, set last year by the Paton brothers of England.

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Tech Trek Students Share STEM Experience

By MPG Staff

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Nine local students who attended the AAUW Tech Trek STEM camp at UC Davis this summer shared their experiences with the American Association of University Women Marysville-Yuba City Branch during a Sept. 19 gathering.

The students were among 10 girls selected by the local AAUW branch to participate in the weeklong program in July. Several students also participated in a virtual Tech Trek program. :

Tech Trek introduces students entering eighth grade to science, technology, engineering and math fields. The program includes college-level workshops taught by professionals and gives participants an opportunity to experience STEM education in a university setting.

Students attending the Sept. 19 gathering discussed what they learned during the program and their experiences at camp.

The meeting also drew 15 family members and four members of the Tech Trek Alumni Group. Nine of the 10 students who attended the UC Davis camp participated in the gathering.

The students attending were Loren Brownell, Makenna Arrington, Riley Danna, Ashley Whatley, Avery Robison, Jasreet Kooner, Amy Ramos, Grace Rasmussen and Brittney Sierra.

Natalie Parker, the 10th student selected for the 2026 program, could not attend. Parker submitted a written report that Julie Goldwyn read during the gathering.

The students also heard from Tech Trek alumni Turan Welcome, who attended the program in 2023; Jaiya Ohri, who attended in 2025; Ravneet Pabla, who attended in 2023; and Chloe Nguyen, who attended in 2018.

The four alumni discussed their experiences with Tech Trek and their continued involvement with the Tech Trek Alumni Group.

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Tech Trek 2026 participants, standing from left, Loren Brownell, Makenna Arrington, Riley Danna, Ashley Whatley, Avery Robison, Jasreet Kooner and Amy Ramos, with Grace Rasmussen and Brittney Sierra in front. Photo courtesy of AAUW Marysville-Yuba City Branch

Branch selects local seventh-grade students for Tech Trek each year. Similar AAUW branches throughout California send students to weeklong camps hosted at universities across the state. The local branch's 2026 participants attended the program at UC Davis.

Two Arrested in Gridley Drug Case

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Two Gridley residents were arrested after investigators reported finding about 101 grams of methamphetamine while serving a search warrant at a Gridley residence.

Teri Johnson, 68, and Christopher Wilson, 64, were arrested Sept. 16 during an investigation by the Special Investigations Unit into suspected narcotics trafficking in Sutter County. Agents served the warrant with assistance from the Sutter County Sheriff's Office and Gridley Police Department.

Johnson was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wilson was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a controlled substance and destruction or concealment of evidence.

During the search, investigators reported finding



Evidence seized during a Sept. 16 Special Investigations Unit search in Gridley included approximately 100.94 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale, narcotics packaging and drug paraphernalia. Two Gridley residents were arrested in connection with the investigation. Photo courtesy of Sutter County Sheriff's Office.

approximately 100.94 grams of methamphetamine, along with a digital scale, narcotics packaging and drug paraphernalia.



Tech Trek alumni Turan Welcome, Jaiya Ohri, Ravneet Pabla and Chloe Nguyen attended the Sept. 19 gathering and spoke about their experiences with the STEM program and Tech Trek Alumni Group. Photo courtesy of AAUW Marysville-Yuba City Branch



Gridley Missionary Heads to Brazil

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley resident Max Tolman has begun a two-year mission with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and will serve in the Brazil Florianopolis Mission.

Tolman, the youngest son of Justin and Libby Tolman, began at-home Missionary Training Center instruction Sept. 9 as he prepared for his assignment in Brazil.

He delivered his mission farewell talk Sept. 20, following a church tradition for missionaries preparing to leave their home congregations.

Tolman left Sept. 23 for the church's Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, accompanied by family. The training marks the next stage of preparation before Tolman begins his missionary service in Brazil. His mission will last two years.



Max Tolman holds a Brazilian flag as he prepares to serve a two-year mission in the Brazil Florianopolis Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Photo courtesy of Libby Tolman

It's the Greatest Pumpkin!

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Seven other giant vegetable categories were also judged, including bushel gourd, long gourd, tomato, sunflower, watermelon, field pumpkin and marrow. Chris Asbury of Bayside broke the California marrow record with a 102-pound entry.

Young growers competed in the Future Farmers division, where nine participants ages 7 to 17 entered giant pumpkins. Oren Muller, 15, of Guinda won the \$1,000 top prize with a 1,229-pound pumpkin.

Volunteers from the California Pumpkin Growers Club emceed the event and managed weigh-off logistics. The club is part of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth, which establishes standards for competitive weigh-offs and tracks results worldwide.

"The goal of the California Pumpkin

Growers Club is to promote the growing of giant pumpkins and other vegetables through friendly competitions and through education of the non-growing public about what it takes to grow these giants," club chairman Brian Myers said.

Bishop's Pumpkin Farm owner Wayne Bishop said hosting the competition was a natural fit for the farm and surrounding agricultural community.

"When the opportunity to host one of the most prestigious agricultural contests in the world presented itself two years ago, we gave a resounding yes," Bishop said.

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Bulldog Brews Returns to Campus



Members of the Bulldog Brews crew celebrate a successful soft opening during their first week back filling orders. They are joined by regular customer and educator Sarginson. Pictured from left are Sarginson, T.J., Dustin, Laura and Joe. Photo courtesy of Jessica Paiva

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Bulldog Brews is back for the 2026-27 school year, officially serving new menu items along with classic favorites.

Gridley High School Principal Rikki Lee Buresch previously shared that the Bulldog Brews program serves adult extensive-needs students up to age 22. The Gridley Unified School District program is housed in the Guardian Building on the Gridley High School campus.

The program teaches job-related skills while providing hands-on customer service experience to individuals preparing to enter the workforce who may need additional support.

Bulldog Brews held a soft opening last week and entered its second week of service Sept. 28.

Educator Jessica Paiva, who serves as an adviser for the group, said she is proud of the crew for picking up where they left off before the summer break.

"They remember teachers and staff who come. They were able to remember the process of making drinks and brewing our very own cold brew," Paiva said.

The Bulldog Brews menu features hot



and iced drinks, ranging from flavored lemonades to intricate cold brews and hot coffee. Delivery and pickup are available to faculty and staff throughout the district and at different campuses.

The Bulldog Brews cafe is not open to the public.

The crew and affordable prices help make Bulldog Brews a program for district employees to support, with the most expensive menu item priced at \$5. Proceeds from sales go directly back into the program and help expand menu offerings. ★

MEMORIAL

ARLENE DAWN FERRAIUOLO (BAUMANN) — 2/14/1938 - 09/8/2026

Arlene Dawn Ferraiuolo (Baumann) passed away at the age of 88. Arlene was born on Valentine's Day in Wishek, North Dakota to Awald and Lois Baumann. Her family would soon move to Gridley, California where she grew up. Arlene attended Gridley High School where she was a drum majorette, cheerleader, and participated in numerous clubs. She was also crowned queen of the Butte County Fair.

After graduation, Arlene attended Chico State University. She was a sorority sister at Pi Kappa Sigma. While at Chico, Arlene would meet her future husband of 64 years, Jerd Ferraiuolo. Before marrying, Arlene would work as a secretary in San Francisco and as a stewardess for Western Airlines.

Jerd and Arlene were married in 1962 and made their home in San Jose where they would raise their two children. Arlene worked in the Cupertino Union School District as an instructional aide.

She will be remembered as a treasured wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be forever missed.

Arlene is survived by her loving husband, Jerd Ferraiuolo, daughter Dana (Curt) Hansen, son Jason Ferraiuolo, granddaughter Caroline Hansen and brother Don Baumann.

A private service was held in San Jose in her memory.

MEMORIAL

MALCOLM BROOKS KEY — 09/23/1947 - 09/23/2026

Malcolm Brooks Key, 79, of Live Oak, CA, passed away on September 23, 2026 in Stanford, CA on the early morning of his 79th birthday surrounded by his family. He was born on September 23, 1947 in San Jose, CA to John Walter Key III and Carolyn Claire Kennedy.

Malcolm was best known for his kind and friendly personality, enjoying his conversations with customers at the bank where he worked for nearly thirty years. Malcolm found the greatest joy in his family, spending time together at countless gatherings, grandchildren's sporting events, and time out in nature where he loved gardening, hiking, hunting, and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kathleen Key; son Nathan Key (Carie); daughters Sarah Bissell (Drew) and Mary Barker (Ron); and eight grandchildren: Tyler, Avery, Claire, Jack, Brooks, Nico, Ames, and Margot; brother John Key IV (Lori); sisters-in-law Mary and Margaret Hughes; as well as multiple nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Brooks Key; sister-in-law Martha Hughes; brother-in-law Joseph Hughes; his parents and in-laws.

Services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on October 8th at 11am followed by burial at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please plant something in your garden or enjoy the sounds of nature on his behalf.

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Sierra Nevada Cheese Issues Recall

By MPG Staff

WILLOWS, CA (MPG) - Sierra Nevada Cheese Company has recalled all Grazers Raw Milk Cheese currently on the market as federal health officials investigate a multistate E. coli outbreak linked to one of the company's products.

The Willows-based company announced the voluntary recall Sept. 28 because of possible contamination with Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O26:H11. The recall covers Grazers Raw Milk Cheese distributed nationwide through distributors, retailers and direct customers.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are investigating an outbreak involving 13 reported illnesses, according to the company. Investigators have associated the illnesses with consumption of Grazers Raw Milk Medium Cheddar.

Federal investigators have not identified a specific lot, production date or source of contamination. Because the investigation has not narrowed the potential contamination to specific products, Sierra Nevada Cheese recalled all Grazers Raw Milk Cheese currently in distribution.

The recall includes 8-ounce packages of Grazers Raw Milk Monterey Jack, Jalapeño Jack, Medium Cheddar and Sharp Cheddar, along with a 16-ounce Medium Cheddar brick.



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It also includes 5-pound loaves of Monterey Jack, Jalapeño Jack, Medium Cheddar and Sharp Cheddar, as well as 40-pound cheddar blocks.

Sierra Nevada Cheese initiated the recall after the FDA contacted the company as part of the ongoing federal outbreak investigation. The company said it immediately stopped production and shipment of all Grazers Raw Milk Cheese and notified customers who purchased affected products directly from the company.

The company said it is cooperating with the FDA and CDC as investigators continue working to determine the source of the contamination.

E. coli O26:H11 can cause serious illness, particularly among young children, older adults and people with weakened immune systems. Symptoms can include

acute diarrhea, which may be bloody, within several days of consuming the bacteria. Most people recover within a week.

Some patients, particularly children younger than 5, older adults and people with compromised immune systems, may develop hemolytic uremic syndrome. The condition can cause red blood cell breakdown, low platelet counts and kidney failure and can be fatal.

Consumers who purchased recalled Grazers Raw Milk Cheese should not eat or serve it. The company advises customers to return the cheese to the place of purchase for a refund or dispose of it.

Consumers with questions may contact Sierra Nevada Cheese Company at 530-934-8662 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or email recallinfo@sierranevadacheese.com. ★

The News in Brief

Wolverines of the Week

Williams High School recognized Isabella Fisher and Justin Deniz as Wolverines of the Week for Sept. 21-25.

Perfect Attendance Winner

Williams High School recognized Natalie Gomez Vega, Billy Aldrich Pharr and Angel Martinez as its perfect attendance winners for Sept. 21-25.

Burglary Suspect Arrested After Pursuit

Brian Freeland, 40, of Rancho Cordova, was arrested Sept. 27 after authorities said he fled in a stolen GMC Sierra following a burglary near Nicolaus. Deputies said the vehicle later crashed into a drainage canal near Seymour and Armour roads, and Freeland was found hiding in a culvert after a search involving the Sutter County Sheriff's Office, Yolo County Sheriff's Office and California Highway Patrol. He was issued felony citations on suspicion of burglary, evading, hit-and-run, resisting, reckless driving and vehicle theft-related charges.

Oroville Man Sentenced in Family Stabbing Case

Johnny Dillinger Stanchfield, 22, of Oroville, was sentenced to 21 years and eight months in prison after being convicted on multiple counts of attempted murder. Prosecutors said Stanchfield stabbed his mother, grandmother, uncle and the family dog during a July 28 attack at an Oroville home. All four victims survived after receiving emergency treatment.

Oroville Woman Waives Preliminary Hearing in DUI Case

Amie Elyse Kucera, 37, of Oroville, waived her right to a preliminary hearing Sept. 23 in a felony DUI and child abuse case stemming from an Aug. 26 collision with a Paradise Police vehicle. Kucera remains in the Butte County Jail on \$340,000 bail and is scheduled to return to court Oct. 14 to set a jury trial. Paradise Police Sgt. John Alvies remains hospitalized recovering from serious injuries. ★

Juvenile Admits Oroville Shooting

A 16-year-old Oroville juvenile admitted Sept. 23 to discharging a firearm from a vehicle and causing great bodily injury in connection with a Sept. 12 shooting on V-6 Road. The 15-year-old victim remains hospitalized. The juvenile could remain under juvenile court jurisdiction until age 25 and may be ordered to serve two to four years in juvenile hall. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 23.

Stagehands Present "Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors"

The Stagehands will present "Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors" at the Colusa County Fairgrounds from Oct. 23 through Nov. 1. Performances are scheduled Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. The production is directed by Jeff Graham.

Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Offers FFA Jacket Scholarship

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 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. ★

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

While visiting Ft Bragg and breathing ocean air, I went to several nurseries. Hare Creek had all plants 25% off. They always have Arctosis which I cannot find around here and they also have Steptocarpus which is a hardy cousin to African Violets. Needless to say, I got a both of those. I

found a new red Arctosis. I'm planting it in a drier part of my front yard near the sidewalk. I'm imagining a glow of red with silver leaves groundcover spreading around that area. I am growing more groundcovers because I like them and they are easy to grow. They are able to crowd out the Burmuda grass. I've had great experiences with Arctosis in the front garden. I have a yellow flowered one covering a lot of one area. It is glorious in spring to summer. I think if it got more sun and more water it might bloom in the fall. I have an orangey red one with yellow edges in back where it gets a lot of hot sun for most of the day and it blooms in spring, summer

and now. It also gets more water. There is another multicolored Arctosis by the driveway, it glows with beauty when in bloom. These plants make a lot of rootlets as they grow. I can propagate them easily when I have the room to do propagation. I've had them at the garden club plant sale but they are not blooming at that time. Because of that they don't sell well because no one knows what they are. Garden buddies are telling me to take pictures to put with them. That might do the trick. Look for them at the next plant sale at Red Suspenders Day. I'll chat about North Star and Mendocino nurseries the next time. Get ready for falling leaves! ★

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Community Rallies After Gridley Fire Damages Two Homes



Residents and neighbors came out of their homes and small crowds drew as the fire unfolded on the small street.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A quick-moving blaze left two homes damaged in a Gridley neighborhood.

Just before 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, reports of a structure fire brought multiple CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department units and support resources to a home at 170 Maine St.

Based on observations by witnesses at the time of the fire, the blaze appeared to have originated at 170 Maine St. and spread to the neighboring home at 140 Maine St., consuming much of the home’s garage.

Despite efforts by the Gridley Police Department and other support agencies to cordon off the area, many onlookers flocked to the scene, drawn by the high visibility of the blaze.

Heavy smoke amplified the flashing lights of fire engines that blocked traffic on Maine Street at Locust and Cedar streets.

Gridley Fire Department Capt. Roque Zarate confirmed there were no serious injuries, but one of the homes was so heavily damaged it was believed to be a complete loss.

The home at 140 Maine St. was heavily damaged and reportedly belongs to the Tinoco family of Tinoco’s Tacos.

Tinoco’s Tacos is a food truck and

Mexican food vendor that regularly attends local community events and celebrations such as Winter Wonderland and the Parade of Lights.

As a tight-knit community, Gridley quickly sprang into action on social media, asking what the affected families needed and what donations could be made to support them.

Local residents also rallied to help, including Levi Dake, who said the family is still in need of certain items.

The list includes five sets of nurse’s scrubs, with tops in size XL and bottoms in size L, although size M may also work. Dake is also seeking women’s tennis shoes, size 7.5 wide, with HOKAs preferred; 12 L/XL white or plain-colored T-shirts; and 10 pairs of pants or jeans, size 34x32.

In addition, a GoFundMe account has been established to help the Tinoco family rebuild and cover temporary housing and living expenses, including replacing lost clothing and personal items.

Donations can be made through the family’s GoFundMe account at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-tinoco-family-after-fire>. Additional ways to help have also been shared through the Tinoco’s Tacos Facebook page.

Dake said people wishing to donate needed items should contact him at 530-300-2317 to arrange pickup or delivery. ★



Firefighters knocked down a fire that broke out at a resident on main street, causing extensive damage to two households.

Gridley Weighs Cost of Higher Fees

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The cost of providing city services could mean higher fees for Gridley residents and builders, but city officials worry that passing along those costs could make new homes more expensive and change residents’ behavior.

Those concerns shaped the council’s first review of a proposed master fee schedule at a special workshop Sept. 15. The city took no action to increase fees. Instead, they directed city officials to return only after a closer review by each department before any changes are considered.

“We have to remain competitive in today’s world with other cities,” Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson said.

Johnson focused on proposed engineering and planning charges. He said higher development costs would ultimately be passed on to homebuyers and questioned whether builders might choose nearby cities instead.

“Those fees need to be fair for the community and for a developer to come in and build out houses,” Johnson said.

The city hired Matrix Consulting Group in January to conduct the comprehensive fee study. The study calculated the cost of each service by estimating the time needed to perform it and applying an hourly rate that includes employee salaries, benefits and overhead. Gridley also uses contracted engineering services. The resulting figures show what services actually cost the city to provide, but council members can choose fees below those amounts.

For example, the study calculated a \$569 cost for a minor encroachment permit, such as one for a residential driveway. Its comparison of other cities found an average fee of \$138. Some engineering fees are currently charged according to the work



involved rather than at a flat rate.

Johnson said some of the engineering charges he reviewed were closer to Roseville’s than to those of smaller cities competing with Gridley for development.

“We’re not Roseville,” Johnson said.

Officials said they must also consider how fees affect residents’ choices. The proposed schedule lists a \$40 charge for a one-year dog license, compared with the current \$26 for an unaltered dog and \$13 for an altered dog. Johnson warned that a higher charge could just keep some owners from licensing their pets.

Council members also raised questions about utility service charges, including fees related to disconnection and reconnection. They called for a closer look at what residents could reasonably pay.

The study covers about 240 fee items across departments including engineering, planning, utility billing, police, animal control and recreation. Council members said they need to examine individual charges and decide where the city should absorb part of a service’s cost.

City officials will arrange further workshops by department. Some fees could be set aside for later consideration, officials said. No fee changes were approved at the first workshop. ★

Vanity Awards Target Local Businesses

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Several local businesses have recently received congratulatory postcards or solicitations telling them they have earned recognition as one of the best businesses in their community.

But business owners may want to look beyond the congratulations before displaying the award or reaching for their wallets.

The Better Business Bureau warns businesses about so-called vanity awards, recognition programs that can use the appearance of an honor or competition to sell plaques, certificates, digital badges or other products.

Vanity awards exist across many industries and professions, according to the BBB. Some require businesses to submit an entry and pay a fee. Others notify businesses that they have already won and provide instructions for claiming the award.

Solicitations may arrive by email or mail and can include a website address, QR code or instructions for claiming the recognition. The cost may not become apparent until the recipient follows those instructions.

According to reports submitted to BBB Scam Tracker, some awards can cost recipients hundreds of dollars.

The practice is not new. The BBB has warned businesses about vanity award solicitations for years. In 2016, businesses in the



Consumers should research unexpected award or recognition offers before paying fees or providing financial information. Photo courtesy of Better Business Bureau

Rochester and Buffalo, New York, areas received emails announcing they had won a local "Best of" award. Recipients were asked to pay \$149 or more for personalized plaques.

Not every paid award program necessarily constitutes fraud. Business owners should determine whether the recognition came from an independent selection process or primarily serves as a way to sell a product.

One warning sign is an award a business never entered or knew existed.

The BBB recommends asking who nominated the business, how winners were selected, how long the award program has existed and where the organization presenting it is located. A legitimate organization should be able to explain why a particular business received recognition.

Business owners should also determine whether payment is required.

"Most legitimate awards do not come with costs to the recipient," according to

the BBB. "If there is a fee, scrutinize it closely."

Businesses should also use caution before scanning QR codes or clicking links in unsolicited messages. The BBB warns that fraudulent links can expose personal information or install malware on a device.

Community business awards and reader-choice contests can provide recognition when the selection process is clear. Business owners should look for programs that identify the sponsoring organization and explain their nomination, voting or judging process.

Before purchasing a plaque or displaying an unfamiliar award, the BBB recommends researching who issued it, how the business was selected and what must be purchased to claim it.

Businesses can research organizations at BBB.org and report suspected vanity award schemes through BBB Scam Tracker at <http://BBB.org/scam-tracker>. ★

Gridley Updates Overdue Emergency Disaster Plan

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley has updated an emergency operations plan that had gone largely unchanged since 2014, shifting responsibilities beyond the police department and preparing city departments to work together during a major disaster.

CAL FIRE Division Chief Jason Dyer and Capt. Roque Zarate presented the revised Emergency Operations Plan to the Gridley City Council on Sept. 21. The council approved the update following a review of how the city would respond to emergencies ranging from flooding and hazardous-material incidents to widespread power failures and other large-scale disasters.

The plan is intended for emergencies that exceed normal day-to-day response procedures and pose major threats to life, property or the environment, officials said.

Dyer said the previous plan placed excessive responsibility on the Police Department and included conflicting titles and assignments. The revisions allow duties to be divided among city departments while maintaining a clear command structure.

Zarate said the plan also needed to better align with Butte County, state and federal emergency systems so additional resources can be brought in when a disaster exceeds Gridley’s capabilities.



“It’s not all on us,” Zarate said. “We want to activate what we can, do what we can, and then the county will step in.”

If county resources are overwhelmed, assistance can expand to regional, state and federal agencies, he said.

Among the changes is a clearer Emergency Operations Center activation guide showing different emergency levels, conditions and responsibilities. The updated plan also allows department heads or trained designees to fill roles previously assigned primarily to police.

The city clerk would be responsible for establishing the Emergency Operations Center and communications, while the police chief would continue directing emergency operations in the field. Fire personnel could also take on planning and other functions during a major response.

The plan incorporates Butte County’s RAVE emergency alert system, which can send evacuation and other emergency notices to residents who

are registered for the service. Zarate said the system can also notify residents when it is safe to return.

After council members questioned how the city would assist elderly residents, people with disabilities and residents with limited English proficiency during an evacuation, Dyer said locations with potentially vulnerable populations have been identified and would be incorporated into training and emergency response priorities.

Zarate said changes in state requirements since 2016 also require emergency plans to more fully address residents with access and functional needs and language barriers.

Training is the next major step, officials said.

Dyer said a scenario has already been developed to test the revised plan. Department heads and city employees will first train on their assigned roles before the city considers broader community education and possible volunteer involvement.

The exercise could lead to additional changes if weaknesses are identified.

The plan had gone more than a decade without significant revision, although emergency operations plans are generally reviewed every three to five years to keep pace with changing laws, technology and emergency management practices. ★



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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.

Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3

Oktoberfest in Chico

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Raise a stein with friends old and new as we come together for an unforgettable autumn afternoon. This event is for ages 21 and over. Gather your friends and enjoy German-inspired food, local Oktoberfest beers, live music, carnival games, and more. Tickets and more information at meriampark.com/Oktoberfest-at-the-barn.

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.

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 City of Oroville's Chinese Temple is pleased to present this traveling exhibit. It explores the social, political, and judicial disenfranchisement of Chinese Californians as well as moments of Chinese agency and resilience in the decades before and after the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. "Chinese Pioneers" was organized by the California Historical Society, features photographs and materials from the CHS Collection at Stanford University, and tours through Exhibit Envoy are thanks to the generosity of the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation. Admission is \$4 for adults, children 12 and under are free.

Friday, Oct. 2

Wine & Paint Night

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 10200 "O" St., Live Oak. Doors open at 5 p.m. for social hour. Only 50 tickets will be available. Cost is \$45 per person, and includes painting materials, canvas, and one ticket for wine or beer. Bar will be open to the public, serving wine and beer for sale with no ticket needed. There will be appetizers for sale plus raffles, and a silent auction. To purchase tickets, contact Robyn at 530-218-8745.

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 gridleyareachamber.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.

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> for those interested in participating in upcoming markets.

Funtoberfest

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Come grab a pint and let the kids experience Oktoberfest-themed fun Join us at Meriam Park for our second annual kid-friendly Funtober fest, featuring face painting, games, balloon art, crafts and family-oriented music. 1930 Market Place, Chico.

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.

Monday, Oct. 5

Biggs-Richvale Little League Annual Meeting

6 p.m. in Room 6 at Biggs Elementary School. The league is seeking volunteers to fill board positions and help with the upcoming season.

Wednesday, Oct. 07

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.

Free Women's Health Screening

8:30-11:45 a.m., Sutter Medical Foundation Obstetrics & Gynecology, 969 Plumas St., Yuba City. Sutter Health will offer no-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured and underinsured women ages 21-65. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Call 530-749-3585.

Friday, Oct. 9

Art & Wine Walk

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Downtown Chico. Stroll from business to business, pop into local shops and galleries, meet talented artists, and enjoy curated tastings of wine, beer, cider, and more from local and regional producers. Along the way, you'll find live music, special exhibits, artist showcases, and plenty of unexpected discoveries. Your ticket includes a commemorative tasting glass, event wristband, and Event Guide, your go-to map for participating businesses, artists, and beverage stops. Visit as many participating locations as you can during event hours and make your own evening of art, shopping, music, and great local sips. Family-friendly, open to guests of all ages. Ticket holders must be 21 or older to participate in tastings.

Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11

Butte County Wine Trail

Experience the boutique wines of Butte County. Grab your friends and spend a leisurely weekend touring back roads and beautiful vineyards, visiting local wineries along the way. Anyone 21 and over is welcome. Please drink responsibly and bring a designated driver. Tickets are \$30 each and available at cellarpass.com/events. All

ticket proceeds benefit the Butte County Fire Safe Council, which has served our community with wildfire education, mitigation, and recovery since 1998.

Oroville Hmong New Year Festival

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Nelson Sports Complex, 2255 6th St., Oroville. As the official kickoff event for the Northern California Hmong New Year festival season, this two-day celebration brings together families, friends, and visitors from across the region for unforgettable sports, live entertainment, traditional rituals, and authentic food. Celebrate culture, tradition, and community with us. \$5 general admission, free for kids 5 and under and seniors 65 and over.

Saturday, Oct. 10

3F Century Ride, Colusa

The Colusa Lions Club will present the 17th annual Flat, Fast, Fun bicycle ride through Colusa and Sutter counties. Riders may choose a 100-mile century, 100K metric century or 37-mile family ride. The event is open to riders of all experience levels. For registration and information, visit <http://3fcentury.com>.

Community Flu Shot Clinic

10 a.m. to noon at the Live Oak High School gym, 2351 Pennington Road, Live Oak. Sutter County Public Health will provide free flu vaccines for ages 6 months and older. Participants are asked to wear sleeveless or loose clothing that provides easy access to the upper arm. For more information, call Sutter County Public Health at 530-822-7215.

Bountiful Butte Harvest Festival

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Butte College Main Campus. This family-friendly community event is free to attend. Come learn about Butte College, tour our campus, farm, and wildlife refuge, and explore our academic programs. There will be music, booth activities, and games for all ages. Pumpkins will be for sale, grown on our campus by our Ag Department.

Wildcat Preview

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the campus of Chico State University. New applicants, prospective students, and their families are invited to this fall on-campus open house event. Be ready for a fun-filled day of tours, presentations, academic exploration, student fairs, and more. Full details at csuchico.edu/wildcat-preview.

Tales of the Crypt

Tours begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Historic Marysville City Cemetery, off Highway 70 in Marysville. The 90-minute tours explore the cemetery and the lives of Marysville's historic residents. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the cemetery gates. Children 12 and younger are free with an adult. Proceeds benefit Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History.

Community Pickleball Tournament

Play begins at 2 p.m. at 400 Spruce St., Gridley. The open doubles tournament includes men's, women's and mixed doubles. Registration is free and closes Wednesday, Oct. 7. To register or for more information, text Christine at 530-717-3468. Sponsored by the Gridley California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

American Legend: A Tribute to Johnny Cash's Life in Song

Celebrate the music of the Man in Black. Experience a spirited production that takes you on a musical journey through the songs that shaped Johnny Cash, from early influences like the Carter Family and classic Sun Records hits like "I Walk the Line," all the way to his groundbreaking later work. 4 p.m. at the Oroville State Theater, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. Tickets and more information at orovillestatetheater.com/calendar.

Sunday, Oct. 11

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> for those interested in participating in upcoming markets.

Sierra Oro Farm-to-Fork Experience & Dinner

Opens at 2 p.m. at 311 Nicholas C. Shouten Ln., Chico. We look forward to welcoming you for an unforgettable celebration of the best from our local farms, ranches, and wineries. Enjoy farm tours, sipping, shopping, and sampling before dinner seating begins at 5 p.m. for our Farm-to-Fork Dinner with live music and a no-host bar. Tickets and more information at butteagfoundation.org/sierra-oro-farm-trail.

Fall Concerts in the Park

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville. Join Feather River Recreation & Park District for our exciting free Fall Concerts in the Park. We'll be hosting live music performances by talented local artists, creating a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere for all attendees every Sunday afternoon in October. In addition to the incredible music, you can explore a variety of local vendors offering delicious food, refreshing beverages, and unique items. Bring your friends and family to this lively event filled with fun

and entertainment. Don't miss out on the perfect opportunity to enjoy great music and support your local community. This week's brings you a concert from the Yuba Sutter Community Concert Band.

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@butte-county.net for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <https://www.gridleyca.gov/168/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 Oct. 25. 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.

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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
GO 10-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000905
The following person(s) are doing business as: Trunorth Tree Service, 1163 Palermo Road, Oroville, CA 95965
Trunorth Vegetation Management LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95818
Date filed in Butte County: August 21, 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: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
TRUNORTH 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000910
The following person(s) are doing business as: Folio & Chronicle, 17 Glenshire Lane, Chico, CA 95973
Johnson, Robert Glen, 17 Glenshire Lane, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: August 25, 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: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
FOLIO 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000992
The following person(s) are doing business as: THM Restoration and Construction, 2585 Azevedo Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
The Handy Man Services Inc, 2585 Azevedo Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: September 22, 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: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
THM 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000948
The following person(s) are doing business as: Thepokabears, 1051 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Buckhammer, Jacob Daniel, 3011 Corinne Court, Live Oak, CA 95953
Date filed in Butte County: September 8, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 2, 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: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
THEPOKABEARS 10-23-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #26CV03484
Petitioner Angela Ponce filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jairo Mariano Torres to Jairo Mariano Torres-Ponce.
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 November 18, 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 September 10, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
PONCE 10-23-26

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 on 10/13/2026 at 9:00 am located at 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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
TIM EDWARD WOODHAM, III
CASE NO. 26PR00424
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Tim Edward Woodham, III.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Butte County Public Administrator, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Butte County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative(s) 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: November 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBA Room TBA. 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: Butte County Public Administrator, P.O. Box 1649, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-552-6165
Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 2026
WOODHAM 10-16-26

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

Gridley City Council
ORDINANCE 851-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE GRIDLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT 2022-2030 HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS AND COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW
First read by title only at the September 21st, 2026 Regular City Council meeting.
Second reading and adoption anticipated at the October 19th, 2026 City Council Meeting.
A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.
The Gridley Herald 10-2-2026

Gridley City Council
ORDINANCE 852-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 17.78.020 OF THE GRIDLEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
First read by title only at September 21st, 2026 City Council meeting.
Second reading and adoption anticipated on October 19th, 2026 City Council Meeting.
A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.
The Gridley Herald 10-2-2026

INVITATION TO BID
For New Warehouse Building

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of BUTTE , State of California, will receive up to and no later than October 21, 2026 pm at 3:00 pm sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing plans, obtaining permits, all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the New Warehouse Building and associated site work and such bids shall be received at the office of the Gridley Unified School District, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.
A pre-bid meeting will be held on October 12, 2026, at 3:00pm Meet at the intersection of Norman and Washington Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents.”
Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Gridley Unified School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it be awarded to them in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.
It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under them, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workers in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of worker or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.
Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.
Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.
The bidder awarded this contract may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.
The Gridley Unified School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

INVITATION TO BID

PROJECT: Biggs High School Pool Resurfacing
BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Biggs Unified School District of Biggs, California, on **October 21**, at 2:00 pm, at the District Office, **Biggs Unified School District 300 B Street Biggs, CA 95917**

All inquiries concerning this bid shall be directed to Zane Schreder 530-228-9733 zane@zaneschreder.com

The work of this bid package is described as follows:

Re-Surface Pool at Biggs High School

Pre-Bid Job Walk: There is a non-mandatory pre-bid conference for this project on **October 12, 2026 at 2:00pm** Biggs High School Pool 3046 2nd st. Biggs CA 95917

Bidders shall be licensed California contractors and shall comply with the State Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are required. A 10% bid bond will be required.

The successful bidder must possess the specified Contractor's license that is valid and active for each Bid Package listed below at the time of submitting a bid. The Contractor's California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal. Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents.

Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions, exclusions will not be accepted.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

Each bidder shall submit with his bid, on the form furnished with the Contract Documents, a list of the designated subcontractors on this Project as required by the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, California Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et. Seq.

All contractors bidding this project must be registered with D.I.R.

Bidders shall enter into a contract ten (10) days after receipt of "Notice of Award". The cost of all bonds shall be included in the bid and paid for by the Contractor. Contractors shall be a licensed California contractor and shall comply with the State Labor Code which requires setting forth in this document the following sections:

SECTION 1735 – DISCRIMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, ETC.
No discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons upon public works because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons, except as provided in Section 12940 of the Government Code, and every contractor for public works violating this section is subject to all the penalties imposed for a violation of this chapter.

SECTION 1773.2 – SPECIFICATIONS OF GENERAL WAGES
In lieu of specifying the rate of wages in the call for bids, in the bid specifications and the contract, copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and are available to any interested party on request. Copies shall be posted at the construction site.

The work required in the bidding documents are subject to liquidated damages as outlined in the General Conditions.

Gridley Elementary Welcomes Families Back to School



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about opportunities available to families through recent grants.

“We here at Wilson School are a Title I school,” King said. “Title I was created to allow all students equal opportunity to an education. It was designed to remove factors such as low income and poverty and make sure that all kids have the same access to curriculum, to school facilities and to highly qualified teachers.”

King outlined the plan for the year, including how Title I funding would benefit children through reading intervention programs, paraprofessional support and classroom materials.

In addition, the PBIS Superstore will continue to promote social well-being

and positivity within the student body, rewarding students with points for demonstrating positive behavior.

Students can redeem their points at the store for “bucket fillers,” small toys or games that can be chosen from the store “bucket.” Donations for bucket fillers were requested, along with parental involvement with their children, school activities and the Parent Teacher Association.

The group then dispersed to their children’s classrooms to meet their teachers for a more detailed review of students’ academic expectations for the year. Teachers also collected various parental releases.

Upcoming events include Family Literacy Night for kindergarten through fifth grade, scheduled for Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Books for Breakfast on Oct. 15 at 7:45 a.m. in the Wilson School cafeteria.

Those interested in donating bucket fillers can contact the Wilson School administration at 530-846-3675 to coordinate delivery. Wilson Elementary School is located at 409 Magnolia St. in Gridley. ★

Biggs Sets Cash Rules, Leaves Council Pay Unchanged

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as much as about \$690 per month based on the length of time since the last adjustment. An alternative inflation-based calculation would allow an increase to about \$330 per month. Cities the size of Biggs are capped at \$950 per month.

The larger increase would raise the city’s annual council compensation cost from \$18,000 to \$41,400, while the smaller adjustment would increase the annual cost to \$19,800.

Gauthier recommended leaving the compensation unchanged while the city addresses deficits in its utility operations and prepares for potential increases in costs to residents. Council members agreed that raising their pay while residents could face higher utility charges would send the

wrong message.

“None of us do this for the money, obviously,” Mayor Bo Sheppard said.

With no motion offered, council compensation remained unchanged.

The council also authorized Gauthier to begin contract negotiations with Badawi

& Associates for professional auditing services.

The firm was selected over Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott LLP after the city sought a new auditor following approximately seven years with its previous firm. Any negotiated agreement will return to the council for final approval before a contract is executed.

Gauthier said that since becoming city administrator, he has been reviewing the city’s policies and identifying areas where formal policies are lacking. ★



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TRUSTEE SALE

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.PRIMERECOM.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.PRIMERECOM.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.PRIMERECOM.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 “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) require specified information to be reported on non-financed title transfers of residential real property to covered entities and trusts. In order to successfully bid on applicable properties, the successful bid-

der will be required to complete, sign, and certify a form providing specified information, including but not limited to the following: All Successful Bidders: Category Information Required Beneficial Owner(s) Full legal names of all individuals who exercise substantial control over the entity, date of birth, complete residential street address, citizenship, and unique identifying number (like tax ID no. or nonexpired passport no.) Legal Name Full legal name of transferee Trade Name Any trade name or “doing business as” name Principal Place of Business Street address, city, state, zip code Tax Identification No. Federal EIN or applicable tax ID Entity Type Corporation, LLC, partnership, trust, etc. Additional Information Required for a Trust: Category Information Required Trustee Information Full legal name, date of birth, complete street address, citizenship, unique identifying number (like IRS TIN, nonexpired passport no.) Legal Name Full name of trust agreement Date Date trust agreement executed Revocability Whether trust is revocable or irrevocable Trust Tax Identification No. EIN or applicable Tax ID No. Authorized Signer(s) Names of individual(s) with authority to act on behalf of trust, date of birth, complete residential street address, unique identification number (like IRS TIN or nonexpired passport), description of the capacity in which the individual is authorized to act Beneficiary List Full legal names of all beneficiaries Beneficiary Information Date of birth, residential address, tax identification no., ownership or beneficial interest details NPP0493984 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 09/18/2026, 09/25/2026, 10/02/2026 GRIDLEY HERALD 10-2-26



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 19, 2026**, via email to planningdept@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., located on the City of Gridley website.

Zoning Code Text Amendment: the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 852-2026, a Zoning Code Text Amendment to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Gridley Municipal Code, citywide in application. The proposed amendment would amend Chapter 17.78 (Yards), Section 17.78.020 (Residential Yard Requirements), of the Gridley Municipal Code to remove the requirement that an additional three (3) foot side yard setback be provided for each story of a residential building. The amendment would apply to residential yard requirements in the AR-5, R-5, R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zoning districts. All other yard requirements of Chapter 17.78 would remain unchanged. The amendment has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Recommended Action(s):

- City staff recommends that the City Council waive the full reading of the ordinance, read by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 852-2026. If adopted, the ordinance will take effect thirty (30) days after adoption.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on this project in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding this project, please contact Christopher Smith, Principal Planner at (530) 846-3631 or email at planningdept@gridley.ca.us.

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Zoning Code Text Amendment: the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 851-2026, approving a Zoning Code Text Amendment to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Gridley Municipal Code, citywide in application. The proposed amendments implement programs of the City's 2023-2031 Housing Element and applicable State housing law, and would amend Chapters 17.04 (Definitions), 17.12 (AR-5 Agricultural Residential District), 17.21 (RS Residential Suburban District), 17.22 (R-1 Single Family Residential District), 17.25 (R-2 Medium Density Residential District), 17.26 (R-3 Multiple-Family Residential District), 17.27 (R-4 High Density Residential District), 17.28 (Residential Density Bonus), 17.36 (Commercial Land Use by Zoning District), 17.53 (DMU Downtown Mixed Use Combining Zone), 17.54 (NMM Neighborhood Mixed Use Combining Zone), 17.76 (Off-Street Parking), and 17.82 (Accessory Dwelling Units), and would add new Chapters 17.10 (Streamlined Ministerial Approval for Infill Housing Projects), 17.90 (Emergency Shelters), 17.91 (Employee Housing), 17.92 (Reasonable Accommodation), 17.94 (Residential Care Facilities), and 17.95 (Transitional and Supportive Housing) of the Gridley Municipal Code. The amendments address, among other things, accessory dwelling units, low barrier navigation centers, streamlined ministerial review of qualifying infill housing developments, transitional and supportive housing, employee housing, emergency shelters, reasonable accommodation procedures, residential care facilities, residential density bonus provisions, and the definition of “family.”

Recommended Action(s):

- City staff recommends that the City Council waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 851-2026 approving the Zoning Code Text Amendment described above.
- City staff recommends that the City Council find the Zoning Code Text Amendment exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on this project in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding this project, please contact Christopher Smith, Principal Planner at (530) 846-3631 or email at planningdept@gridley.ca.us.

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BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENTS TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 24 (ZONING ORDINANCE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 22, 2026, at 9:00 am, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to view or listen to the meeting remotely.

Link: <https://bccds.net/DSPlanningCommission>
Event (Meeting) Number: 2551 241 4691

Phone number: 1-408-418-9388 **Event Password:** Planning (Phone: 75266464)

Project Information

Project: County-initiated project (PMISC-26-0005)

A Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Temporary Uses (BCC Article IV, Division 1, Section 24-174)

Location: County-wide

Project Description: This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1). This project seeks to amend the existing ordinance to provide clarity and consistency with permit provisions for temporary occupancy of Recreational Vehicles on building sites contained elsewhere throughout County Code. The ordinance was originally adopted in 2013, with minor amendments since the original adoption.

This code amendment has been determined to exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines. For information or to submit comments, please contact Principal Planner Greg Redeker, AICP, Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: 530.552.3684 or email: gredeker@buttecounty.ca.gov.

Project Information

Project: County-initiated project (PMISC-26-0006)

A Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Telecommunications Facilities (BCC Article IV, Division 2, Section 24-179-181)

Location: County-wide

Project Description: This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 2). This project seeks to amend the existing ordinance to require alternative site analysis for new telecommunications towers in all zoning districts. The telecommunication facilities ordinance was originally adopted in 2013 and later amended to align with federal and state law.

This code amendment has been determined to exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines. For information or to submit comments, please contact Principal Planner Greg Redeker, AICP, Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: 530.552.3684 or email: gredeker@buttecounty.ca.gov.

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Trampled

5. Dashboard unit, acr.

8. "Be quiet," onomatopoeically speaking

11. Clean the white-board, e.g.

12. Morally wicked

13. Former anesthetic

15. Bad luck precursor

16. Banned apple spray

17. "Ringo Starr's instrument, pl.

18. "Home of the bagpipes

20. Big one, at 7-Eleven

21. Contemplate

22. Jewelry stone

23. Hindu queens

26. Something earned

30. Tokyo, formerly

31. "Riddim pair music genre

34. Spock's famous body parts

35. *Animal, source of violin bow strings

37. Scott Joplin's "Ma-ple Leaf ____

38. Away from port (2 words)

39. Not much (2 words)

40. Post-graduate journey?

42. Always, to a poet

43. Baby bear (2 words)

45. Beach-comber's collection

47. Cholera

48. Popular pie nut

50. Glazier's unit

52. *Flute player

55. Pointy teeth

56. 36 inches

57. Sticky stuff

59. Hot ____ buns

60. Code word for K

61. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor

62. Soda pop container

63. Ems follower

64. Highest point

DOWN

1. *Piano has at least ____ pedals

2. Part of a glass, pl.

3. Leading oil-producers' grp.

4. Indicate

5. Home to Teatro alla Scala

6. Popular core exercise

7. Deer social group

8. Synagogue

9. Cannabis plant

10. Store posting, abbr.

12. Old-fashioned carry-on bag

13. Straight ones in draft-er's toolbox

14. *Louis Armstrong's instrument

19. "And Then ____ Were None"

22. "Wow!"

23. User's "getaway"

24. Sun-dried brick

25. Water wheel

26. Intense anger

27. Painter's prop

28. Angler's basket

29. Former Russian leaders

32. Snatch

33. Toothy fish

36. *Lute family instru-ments

38. "Perfect" Buddhist

40. Theatrical prompt

41. Former Portuguese money

44. Edible herb

46. Brain teaser

48. Like average Jane

49. British peers

50. Prefix for "beyond"

51. Any minute, arch.

52. Type of fish net

53. Daytime TV program

54. Enameled metalware

55. Federal Communica-tions Commission

58. *Standard number of strings on guitar

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Sutter Runs Through Rams with Ease in GEL Opener

By YSBC Sports

ORANGEVALE, CA (YSBC) - The Sutter Huskies football team punished the Casa Roble Rams to a 42-0 victory on Sept. 25 and opened Golden Empire League play with a bang!

Sutter came into the matchup averaging more than 400 yards of offense and they lit up the stat sheet again as the offense couldn't be stopped in any way by Casa Roble.

The Huskies defense put up its second-consecutive shutout in back-to-back weeks as they swarmed and dominated the Rams offense.

Sutter senior linebacker Ayden Miles recovered a fumble by Casa Roble on the opening drive of the game.

The Huskies defense had 11.0 tackles for loss and forced two turnovers in the win against the Rams.

The Sutter offense didn't have to wait long to get on the scoreboard because



Sutter senior running back Losi Asiata (2) rushes the ball down for a touchdown on Sept. 25 in the Huskies' win against Casa Roble. Photo by Steven Bryla

the offensive line opened gaps the size of an ocean as Huskies senior running back Losi Asiata scored the first of his five rushing touchdowns in the win.

Asiata rushed the ball 20 times in the game for a total of 205 yards in the win. He had over 120 yards and three touchdowns at the half.

Asiata gives his

offensive line the most credit for the wide-open running lanes throughout his journey over 850 yards after four games so far in 2026.

"Without them, I wouldn't be anywhere near being this successful this far," Asiata said.

He added that his love for the game and the drive to get better on a daily

basis is a big motivation chip he uses as well.

The Huskies haven't hid the fact they are going to give the ball to Asiata throughout the season as he has tormented defenses with 14 total touchdowns so far.

Sutter head coach Ryan Reynolds told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it's hard to go away from



Sutter senior linebacker Andrew Barker (33) goes for an open-field tackle on Sept. 25 during the Huskies' win against Casa Roble. Photo by Steven Bryla

what has been successful throughout the season.

On the defensive side of the ball, Huskies senior defensive end Troy Bowens led the team in tackles with 14 and three tackles were for a loss.

Sutter senior linebacker Andrew Barker lived in the Rams backfield as his presence didn't escape the offense.

Barker had 10 total tackles on the Huskies victory and intercepted a pass in the second half.

Barker said the strength of the defense is the heart they have as a unit and it's something that you can't teach.

Sutter returns home this week as they host Woodland on Friday, Oct. 2 with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. ★



Sutter senior linebacker Andrew Barker (33) gets into the Casa Roble backfield on Sept. 25 in the Huskies' 42-0 win. Photo by Steven Bryla



Sutter senior defensive end Troy Bowens (0) records a tackle on Sept. 25 in the Huskies' win over Casa Roble. Photo by Steven Bryla

Gridley 12U Dominates Paradise



Gridley Titans quarterback Boss Davis carries the ball against the Paradise Jr. Bobcats. Davis scored a rushing touchdown and threw four touchdown passes in the Titans' road victory. Photo by Rhonnie Andoe

By MPG Staff

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans 12U football team controlled both sides of the ball in a road win over the Paradise Jr. Bobcats this past weekend.

Gridley's defense kept Paradise from recording a first down throughout the game. Jesse Heredia led the defensive line with two sacks while Madden Jackson added another.

The Titans also turned defense into points when Levi Mowles intercepted a Paradise pass and returned it for a touchdown.

Gridley's offense found



the end zone throughout the game. Boss Davis scored on the ground and threw four touchdown passes.

Holden Papa caught two touchdown passes while Jacob Ceballos and Kobe Neal each added a touchdown reception.

The Titans return home next Saturday to host the Shasta Jr. Wolves at the Bone Yard. ★

Butte County Libraries Go Permanently Fine-Free

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Library patrons in Gridley, Biggs and throughout Butte County will no longer face daily fines for overdue books and other materials after a successful one-year trial of the fine-free program.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors agreed last month to make the program permanent at all county library branches. The county began testing the policy last year to encourage patrons to return overdue materials and remove financial barriers that could keep people from using library services.

Butte County Library Director Misty Wright said the pilot produced better results than the previous system of charging 25 cents per item for each day materials were late.

"Because people generate large fines, it (became) a barrier to services," Wright said. "They just said, 'well, we'll just never go back to the library.'"

The biggest change in the trial came in the number of library materials considered lost. During fiscal year 2024-25, the library reported 2,481 lost items valued at \$101,608. During the fine-free pilot, that

dropped to 768 items valued at \$21,270, a 68% decrease, Wright said.

During a six-month period of the pilot, the library recovered 3,100 items that had previously been marked lost.

Wright said the program, designed to recover overdue materials, re-engage library users and encourage patrons to return without accumulating daily fines, proved highly successful. The number of patron accounts blocked for owing \$10 or more dropped by about 75%. Despite eliminating daily overdue fines, the library collected about 80% of the revenue budgeted from fines and fees through charges that remained in place.

Library use also increased, Wright said. Active cardholders rose 5% and visits increased 16% during the pilot.

County officials were clear that fine-free does not mean patrons can keep library materials indefinitely. Charges will remain for lost or damaged materials and replacement library cards. Materials that remain overdue for more than 30 days are considered lost, generating a replacement charge and blocking the patron's account, Wright said. If the materials are returned, the charge and block will be removed.

The Board of Supervisors approved the permanent program without opposition. ★

Gridley Library Happenings



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., Lotería Family Game Time, all ages can play Lotería, 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.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Ugly Art Club: Texture Workshop, adults can experiment with texture and create art in a casual setting. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary.

Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Saturday, Oct. 17, The Gridley Friends of the Library Book Sale, used books, DVDs and other items will be available for purchase. Proceeds support library programs and materials.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 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: Game Day, children ages 6 to 11 can play board games and meet new friends.

Friday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. - noon, Sure Start Family Storytime, children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts. ★

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>.

Football Scoreboard

Trio of Losses Strike Area in Week 5 of Football

By YSBC Sports

Los Molinos 62, Biggs 27
The Biggs Wolverines suffered their fourth-straight loss of the season in the Mid-Valley League opener to Los Molinos.

Biggs head coach Eddie Del Rio expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that he wanted to see the Wolverines offense work more on passing the ball during games.

Biggs accomplished that feat as junior quarterback Hudson Brewer completed 12 passes for 217 passing yards in the Wolverines loss.

Brewer had three touchdown passes, but also had three interceptions against Los Molinos.

Brewer also rushed for 95 yards on the ground and found the end zone for a touchdown.

Defensively, Biggs seniors Cameron Kroupa and Cashten Acosta both stood out with big performances in the defeat.

Both combined for 29 tackles, four for a loss and each had caused a fumble on the defensive side of the ball.

Acosta hauled in four receptions from Brewer for 98 yards and a touchdown.

Despite another loss, the positives out of the game against the Bulldogs showed the offense is capable of getting in the rhythm

and can put up points.
The Wolverines graciously have a bye week to where they can get healthy and attempt to change the second half of their season.

Central Valley 52, Live Oak 12
The Live Oak Lions lost their final pre-season game of the year as they ended the half way mark of the season with a 2-3 overall record.

Live Oak has shown flashes of promising capabilities that they can have a prolific offense and put points up in a hurry with senior running back Joseph Martinez getting a wide-open lane from his big guys on the offensive line.

Martinez had 198 yards on the ground in the loss to Central Valley on 29 carries and had two touchdowns.

Sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone continues to gain knowledge of playing at the varsity level, but has displayed he can run the offense.

Prior to the Central Valley loss, the Lions defense overall has done a great job throughout the season as they averaged 11 points against during the first four weeks of the season.

Live Oak has two weeks to rest before they open Westside League play at home against Corning on October 9.

The rest is essential as head coach



Biggs junior Hudson Brewer (44) rushes the ball on Sept. 25 during the Wolverines' loss to Los Molinos. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Robert Tilton told YSBC the Lions are always dealing with some type of injury that takes a toll throughout the program.

Colfax 35, Gridley 28
The Gridley Bulldogs were beaten by the Colfax Falcons in Placer county last week.

Gridley turned ball over six times in the game and that is they still were within one possession of a victory.

Head coach Daniel Zumwalt told YSBC it makes it difficult to win a game when you turn the ball over that many times but he was happy that his team continuously battled.

Zumwalt added Colfax had the ball a lot

in short-field situations that led to successful drives for the Falcons.

The Bulldogs were able to rush for 200 yards led by senior running back Mandy Sandoval, who rushed for 75 yards in the loss.

Senior Benny Dewsnup rushed for a couple touchdowns in the red zone for Gridley.

The Bulldogs return to the "Boneyard" as they host Lassen on Friday night.

Zumwalt said that he's always happy to be home and looks forward to a great matchup against Lassen as this will be for positioning later in the postseason for both squads.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ★



Biggs senior running back Cashten Acosta (1) runs after a catch on Sept. 25 in the Wolverines' defeat to Los Molinos. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Biggs junior wide receiver Brayden Martin (22) hauls in a catch during the Wolverines' loss on Sept. 25 to Los Molinos. Photo by Chris Pedigo

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