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## Live Oak FFA 'Living to Serve'



Live Oak FFA officers and club members serve meals during one of the organization's two largest fundraisers, the annual Tri-Tip Dinner, held Friday, Oct. 2. Pictured, back row, from left, are FFA Secretary Alondra Lara, Vice President Sam Contreras, Sentinel Zach Contreras, President Anna Martinez, Cade Applewhite, Vivian Broussard, Regional Sentinel Aiden Berg, Stephanie Ortega, Reporter Merideth Bole and Leo Fernandez. Front row, from left, are Historian Esme Dias and Michael Saefong.

**Story and photos by Seti Long**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak FFA fired up the grills Friday, Oct. 2 for its annual Tri-Tip BBQ, one of the chapter's largest fundraisers of the year, helping support student travel, competitions and leadership activities.

The annual dinner is one of Live Oak High School FFA's largest fundraising events of the year and a long-standing traditions.

LOHS FFA President Anna Martinez said hosting the drive-thru tri-tip dinner early in the school year helps club members finance upcoming competitions and events, such as the FFA Leadership Conference in Los Angeles.

"It's a time period where we are settled into school and our members are informed on what's happening for the year," Martinez said. "It's really important that we put our all into it (the fundraiser) and try our

best to get enough support from the community."

Martinez said the officer team begins planning the event as soon as school begins and solicits donations from businesses in the local community.

"This year we got donations from Grocery Outlet in Gridley. They were able to donate 140 salads, so we're really grateful for that," Martinez said.

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## Residents Urge Gridley to Challenge Housing Mandates

**By Susan Meeker**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - State housing requirements have some Gridley residents asking city leaders to fight changes they fear could reshape their neighborhoods, including exploring a different form of city government.

Nora Hogan and Lee Underwood urged officials to consider whether replacing Gridley's general law status with a charter, commonly called "home rule," could give residents greater influence over development.

Their concerns surfaced when the City Council introduced the zoning ordinance in September to comply with state housing laws. The council approved it on Oct. 5, and it takes effect early next month.

Provisions addressing accessory dwelling units, employee housing and transitional and supportive housing prompted questions about what the state now allows in single-family neighborhoods.

"There are some radical changes potentially coming through..." Underwood said. "Now, some of them may be state law, some of them may be required, but maybe there's a way for us to fight some of these things because it changes the whole makeup of our neighborhoods here."

Senate Bill 9, which took effect in 2022 to expand housing supply, allows qualifying single-family lots to be divided into two parcels with up to two homes on each, potentially creating four homes on one original lot.

Five charter cities, Redondo Beach, Carson, Torrance, Whittier and Del Mar, challenged the law as an infringement on their authority over local land use. A trial court ruled in their favor in 2024, but an appeals court reversed that ruling in 2025 and ordered reconsideration after Sacramento lawmakers amended the law.

Local concerns extend beyond how many homes can fit on a parcel. Hogan questioned whether Gridley's job market could support medium- and high-density housing and how additional development would affect schools.

She described Gridley as a small, largely agricultural community whose needs differ from those of larger municipalities and said residents also want clearer explanations of zoning definitions and what provisions for shelters,

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## Bulldogs Spike Lions Again

*Gridley Continues Dominant Reign Over Live Oak in Sweep*

**By YSBC Sports**

**LIVE OAK, CA (YSBC)** - The Gridley Bulldogs conquered another series win over the Live Oak Lions on Sept. 29 in a three-set sweep (25-14, 25-18, 25-11) during Westside League play.

Gridley moved 2-1 in league play with the victory and one game above .500 on the year with the win.

The Bulldogs won their 15th consecutive match over Live Oak and head coach Elizabeth Ayon expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they are making a push into league, where they want to be in a competitive spot for the postseason.

Gridley controlled a lot of the momentum throughout most seasons of the match, but Live Oak has been a team that has improved tremendously over the past few seasons.

Lions head coach Michelle Felkins told

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Gridley junior hitter Irish Counihan (5) goes for a kill on Sept. 29 in the Bulldogs' sweep against Live Oak. Photo by Steven Bryla

# Knights Continue Community Breakfast Tradition

**Story and photos  
by Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The first Sunday of the month brings an opportunity for the community to join the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 12527, for a tradition that goes back so far that many aren't sure when it began.

The community breakfast, held from 7-11 a.m., is a fellowship event that draws not only members of the church, but residents from Biggs, Live Oak and Gridley.

Members of the Knights and Sacred Heart Parish, including members of its Live Oak mission, don yellow shirts and fill the kitchen of the parish hall to prepare the hearty meal. Guests are served a traditional menu of eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes and pancakes, including their choice of a hot or cold beverage, for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Local Knights leader Raul Leanos said funds raised go back into the program and help the organization support local service initiatives, including the community and parish.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church



Four generations of family members enjoy pancakes, eggs and bacon together at the Knights of Columbus community breakfast including Blaise Rodriguez, Chubba Rodriguez, Rocco Rodriguez, Vegas Rodriguez, Seaira Rodriguez, Ashley Hight, Cruz Rodriguez, Jerry Fictor and Teri Fictor

celebrated its 100th anniversary in June, followed by a change in local leadership. July 1 marked the beginning of Father Joyle Martinez's tenure, replacing Father Roland Ramirez, who served the area for 10 years from 2016-2026.

Leanos said a portion of the

funds raised at the breakfasts helps support Martinez's tenure, as he has quickly become loved by the congregation.

Leanos also said the parish hall, which hosts both the Knights' monthly breakfasts and the St. Vincent de Paul Community Food Closet,

urgently needs electrical upgrades. The Knights are raising money through the breakfast and other events, such as the upcoming Sacred Heart Harvest Festival, to help cover the costs.

Aside from the fundraising efforts, the breakfast provides members of the community,

parish and Live Oak mission an opportunity to fellowship with each other, enjoying a simple Sunday morning visit with family and friends for a good cause.

Gridley resident Teri Fichter was happy to let the Knights handle breakfast for her as she attended with her family.

"We have three generations here," said Ficter, seated next to her mother, former Gridley Mayor Jerry Ficter. "We are waiting on the fourth."

Indeed, the Ficters and their family members did have four generations present, with family members slowly trickling in along with other groups and individuals.

Regardless of how many generations are in a party, the Knights of Columbus invite the public to attend their next scheduled breakfast Nov. 1 from 7-11 a.m. at 1561 Hazel St. in Gridley, across the street from Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Following the Nov. 1 breakfast, the Knights will help host the Sacred Heart Harvest Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Gridley Moose Lodge, 1533 Highway 99 in Gridley. ★



**Knights of Columbus cooks have fun while serving breakfast to the community. Funds raised help support the church and local service efforts.**



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# Live Oak FFA ‘Living to Serve’



Live Oak FFA member Vivian Broussard delivers a dinner to a community member during the annual Tri-Tip Dinner fundraiser.

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Whatever meal ingredients cannot be donated are purchased, according to LOHS FFA adviser Stephanie Allan.

"The tri-tip is made by the Country Butcher. They sell it to us at a good price. Grocery Outlet and the Country Butcher have supported us for years for this particular fundraiser," Allan said.

The FFA club prepares the meals as a group and prepackages them for pickup, learning not only portioning but proper food-handling requirements for public safety.

Dinners were presale only, allowing FFA students to plan carefully to avoid waste and maximize overall profits. Meals that were not claimed during the two-hour pickup window were donated to others.

Allan reported that 130 meals were sold, netting

the FFA organization a profit for the upcoming school year. Each \$65 meal fed four people and included tri-tip, salad, baked beans and dessert.

As a senior, Martinez brought experience from previous dinners and perspective to the 2026 fundraiser. Despite this year's turnout, she said rising food costs reduced the event's overall profitability. "It was a little more difficult year, to be honest. I mean the gas ... everything's going up in prices. We do try to maintain our prices where the community can come and buy them and still bring us a profit," Martinez said.

At the end of the day, the community supported the event and LOHS FFA was thankful.

"We were still able to get support from the community, so that is what matters to us," Martinez said.

The money raised

supports travel expenses and other costs for upcoming LOHS FFA competitions, such as the Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7 in Lincoln, followed by career development event competitions scheduled at Shasta College for Thursday, Oct. 8, according to Martinez.

To continue supporting travel and competitions, LOHS FFA plans to host a Bunco Night fundraiser.

This will be the second installment of Bunco Night, which Allan said was highly successful last year.

"Last year was a trial year. The community loved it and they said, 'Please don't wait a whole year to do this again,'" Allan said.

LOHS FFA will host the first of its Bunco Nights on Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the LOHS cafeteria, with a \$25 buy-in. To purchase tickets, contact LOHS FFA. ★

# Autoberfest, Bierfest Return to Feather Falls, Oct. 10

By MPG Staff

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Feather Falls Casino Resort will host its annual Autoberfest Car Show and Bierfest on Oct. 10, combining a daytime car show with an afternoon beer tasting that will benefit the Oroville Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Autoberfest will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. Vehicle owners may register at the gate for \$30.

The car show will feature classic vehicles, vendors, pinstriping, food and drinks. Cash prizes include

\$2,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place.

Bierfest will follow from 3 to 6 p.m. at Feather Falls Brewing Co. Tickets cost \$20 and include samples from more than 20 beers along with German-style food. Jägermeister representatives are also scheduled to attend and distribute merchandise. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Oroville VFW.

"We're excited to bring two great events together for a day our community can enjoy," Feather Falls Casino Resort

General Manager Matthew Mingrone said. "Having Bierfest proceeds benefit the Oroville VFW makes the celebration even more meaningful. It's a chance to have fun together while giving back to the veterans who are part of our community."

Activities will continue after Bierfest with dinner specials and a free performance by Outlaw Mariachi at 10 p.m.

Feather Falls Casino Resort is located at 3 Alverda Drive in Oroville. Additional information is available at <http://featherfallscasino.com>. ★

# County Honors Code Enforcement Officers

By Susan Meeker

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Butte County recognized the officers whose work ranges from unsafe buildings and abandoned vehicles to zoning, cannabis and life-safety violations during Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week, Oct. 5-9.

The Butte County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the week during its Sept. 22 meeting, with Supervisor Doug Teeter reading the resolution recognizing their role in protecting the safety, health and welfare of residents throughout the county.

Development Services Director Paula Daneluk said the county's approach focuses first on helping property owners correct problems rather than immediately turning to stronger enforcement.

"Our program runs on the primary goal of voluntary compliance," Daneluk said. "And we are in the 90 percentile plus range of being able to accomplish that goal year after year."

Daneluk credited officers with working directly with residents to explain requirements, identify available resources and help bring properties into compliance.

The program also works closely with other county departments and

community-based organizations, Daneluk said, including the CAL FIRE Defensible Space Program, Department of Employment and Social Services, Environmental Health Division and Butte County Sheriff's Office.

A county grant also funded 10 community cleanup events during the year, Daneluk said, helping residents remove accumulated waste, scrap metal and other materials that in some cases had remained on properties for years.

"The amount of success that those programs have had in removing things from people's properties that otherwise have sat there for years and years and been accumulating has been tremendous," Daneluk said.

Teeter described the officers as highly trained professionals whose work helps prevent neighborhood deterioration, improve safety and preserve property values through housing, zoning and nuisance laws.

Board Chair Bill Connelly closed the recognition by acknowledging the difficulty of approaching residents about problems on their property.

"What a tough job every day," Connelly said. ★

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Misty Richardson, 57, passed away unexpectedly on September 7, 2026.

Misty loved the outdoors and could often be found with dirty hands working in the yard or creating something through painting and art. She had a special love for rocks and a natural eye for finding beauty in the world around her. She was known for her loud, boisterous laugh, her unmistakable voice, and her ability to have a good time wherever she went.

Misty was preceded in death by her youngest son, Richard Benish, her

nephew; aunts and uncles; stepchildren, Desiree, Tanya, and Charlie; eight step-grandchildren, and her father, Don Beasley.

May we honor Misty by laughing loudly, getting our hands dirty, creating something beautiful, finding treasures in unexpected places, and making time for the people we love.

A funeral service will be held October 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, at the gazebo. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Moose Lodge in Gridley.

mother, Letha Darlene Salguero, and her stepfather Alan Richardson.

She is survived by her longtime partner, Charles Benish (Bub); son, Anthony Beasley; brother, Rogelio Salguero; nieces and

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Sales tax is Gridley's single largest General Fund source, at roughly a third of it, and the city projected about \$6.7 billion in sales tax for fiscal year 2025-26 in its budget. Since the city gets one percent of taxable sales under the Bradley-Burns law, that implies roughly \$660 million in taxable sales. California is one of the few states that puts sales tax and excise tax on fuel, so higher fuel prices of late will increase the sales tax revenue going to the city. \*\*\* There are 14 ballot measures that you will have the opportunity to vote on. Here are

the official Pi-Line voter recommendations for the November 3rd general election. No on Prop 1: Borrows \$11.25 billion for housing projects that you'd repay at over \$17 billion with interest. No on Prop 2: Guts the state spending limit and cancels tax rebates, creating a slush fund. No on Prop 3: Makes the highest-in-the-nation income tax rates permanent. No on Prop 4: Gives your tax dollars to politicians' political campaigns. No on Prop 5: Weakens citizens' right to recall politicians from office (in places where politicians actually run for office). No on Prop 37: Borrows \$25 billion for housing projects and makes the state one of the biggest mortgage lenders in America overnight. No on Prop 38: \$8 billion in bonds for immunology research, repaid from proceeds of cures, with drugs sold 20% below the national average. (Bizarre that we're gonna go \$8 billion more in debt when the private industry could

pay for this and then sell their drugs?). Yes on Prop 39: The bipartisan voter ID law requiring ID at the polls, voter roll audits, and citizenship verification. No on Prop 40: The so-called billionaire tax that's really an everybody tax, a first-in-the-nation wealth tax on your savings, 401k, and home equity. Yes on Prop 41: Requires audits on all special taxes to prevent waste, fraud, and diversion of funds. Yes on Prop 42: Bans the savings tax on your checking account, 401k, and home equity. Yes on Prop 43: Restores the two-thirds vote requirement on local taxes and closes Prop 13 loopholes. No on Prop 44: Imposes costly mandates on community health clinics, threatening patient care with \$1.7 billion in penalties in year one. Yes on Prop 45: Cuts red tape and combats frivolous CEQA lawsuits that add years and millions to housing projects. \*\*\* Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley. ★

## Gridley Library Happenings



**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, times to be announced,** 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.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 20, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Cozy Gamers Club,** participants ages 12 and older can gather to play video games.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 21, 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: Halloween Coloring, children ages 6 to 11 can celebrate Halloween with themed coloring activities.  
**Thursday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m.,** Bats in the Library, Northern California Bat Rescue will bring live bats to the library for an all-ages program about bats and their role in the ecosystem.  
**Friday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. - noon,** Sure Start Family Playtime, families with children ages 0 to 5 can learn through play and meet other families. ★

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

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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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# Bulldogs Spike Lions Again



Gridley freshman opposite hitter Austyn Deal (12) gets a dig on Sept. 29 in the Bulldogs' sweep against Live Oak. Photo by Steven Bryla

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YSBC she came into the first year atop the program and just said she wants the girls to have fun.

She added a key point of building success around the program has included positive support on the floor.

Gridley juniors Iris Counihan and Kambelle Tolman led the offensive assault for the Bulldogs as they combined for 27 kills in the match.

Gridley junior outside hitter Madison Carey led with 13 digs and freshman opposite hitter Austyn Deal had 10 digs in the victory.

The Bulldogs went ahead and swept Las Plumas on Oct. 1 and had the opportunity to clinch a share of first place in the Westside league as they hosted Orland on Thursday, Oct. 8.

The Lions grinded out a five-set win against Oroville on Oct. 1 and picked up their second win in Westside League play.

Live Oak secured their 12 win of the season in the victory over

Oroville and that is the most wins the Lions program has had since they had 12 wins in 2017.

Live Oak had the opportunity to secure their 13th win of the year as they hosted Orland on Tuesday, and traveled to Oroville and took on Las Plumas on Thursday. ★

**Live Oak senior libero Camila Del Rio Rodriguez (1) saves a ball on Sept. 29 in the Lions' defeat to Gridley.**  
Photo by Steven Bryla



The Gridley Bulldogs celebrate their three-set sweep over Live Oak on Sept. 29. Photo by Steven Bryla

# Engineering Costs Prompt Gridley to Change Course

*By Susan Meeker*

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley will seek separate civil and electrical engineering firms to limit subcontractor markups and give city officials more choices when assigning infrastructure work.

The City Council agreed in September to pursue one primary city engineer and a pool of up to three electrical engineering firms. The arrangement would allow Gridley to hire specialists directly rather than route electrical assignments through a civil engineering consultant, officials said.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said the two fields require different expertise. Using one firm for both could add costs when that company needs outside help.

“There's an electrical need and then they go look for an electrical company and then charge us 10 or 15% on top of that,” Arteaga said. “So now it's more expensive.”

With the current engineering agreement nearing expiration, officials are preparing to evaluate firms' experience, availability and qualifications before negotiating compensation. Recommended contracts will return to the council for approval, she said.

The city's plan is for the primary city engineer to assist with development review, streets, drainage, water and sewer infrastructure, construction oversight and other municipal projects, but the agreement would be nonexclusive, allowing officials to seek other expertise for particular assignments.

Electrical consultants would support Gridley's municipal utility, which serves approximately 3,000 customer accounts. Their work could include evaluating system capacity, substations, advanced meters and equipment needed to maintain reliable service.

Having several qualified

electrical firms would provide alternatives when one company is unavailable or lacks the expertise a project requires, officials said.

Council members questioned whether hiring an engineer as a city employee would be more economical than continuing to use consultants, but Arteaga said obtaining civil and electrical expertise through full-time positions could approach \$300,000, with benefits and other employment costs also needing consideration.

Arteaga questioned whether Gridley consistently has enough work to justify full-time staffing.

Because development activity can vary considerably from year to year, Arteaga said an arrangement based on individual assignments would allow the city to adjust engineering work to the projects moving forward.

Council members raised concerns about accountability, contract length and whether developers would have dependable opportunities to speak with the city engineer. They also sought flexibility to end an agreement if a consultant's performance became a problem.

“I think the city needs to have a lot of control over who's running those tasks and oversight,” Arteaga said.

Arteaga said public works and electric department directors would monitor assignments and identify problems. Contract provisions governing performance and termination would need careful review before agreements are approved.

The cost of the new arrangement remains unknown until firms respond and officials negotiate terms. Under the proposed structure, contracts would guarantee no work or compensation, and each assignment would require an identified funding source and approval, officials said. ★

# Oroville Dam Work Reaches Completion

*By MPG Staff*

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Water Resources has completed a \$235 million rehabilitation of Oroville Dam's river valve outlet system, an infrastructure project designed to improve the dam's reliability and preserve access to cold water stored deep in Lake Oroville.

The river valve outlet system, known as the RVOS, allows DWR to release cold water from the lower portions of Lake Oroville into the Feather River. The system plays an important role during periods of extreme heat and drought, when colder water releases can help control

downstream temperatures for fish populations.

Construction began in October 2022 and required crews to work deep inside one of the dam's original diversion tunnels.

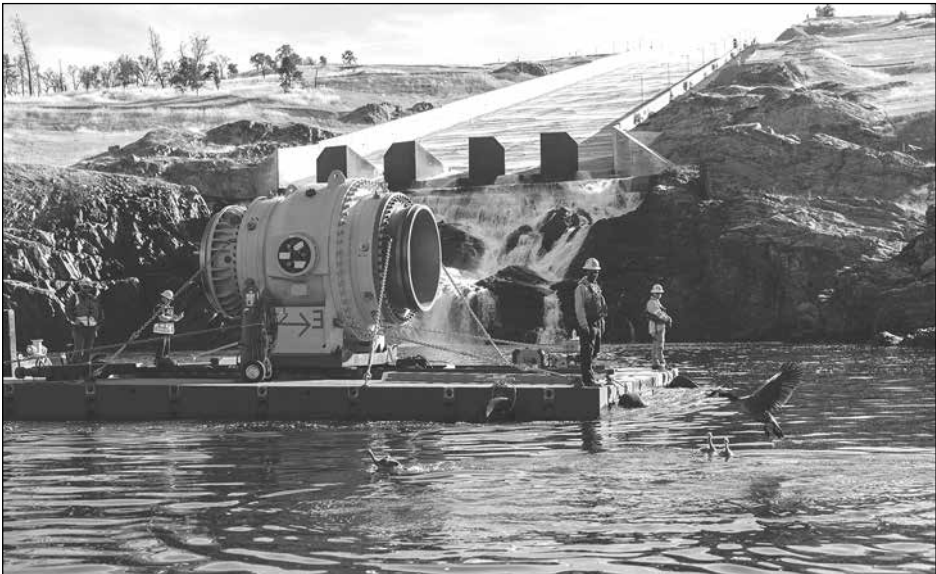
“This investment in Oroville Dam's infrastructure ensures the reliable and safe operation of the State Water Project's largest flood protection and water supply facility,” said John Yarbrough, deputy director of DWR's State Water Project. “DWR will continue to prioritize modernization projects to improve aging infrastructure in an ever-changing climate.”

Oroville Dam stands 770 feet tall and serves as a major component of

the State Water Project. Built between 1961 and 1967, the earthen dam provides flood protection, water storage, hydroelectric power generation and recreation while supporting habitat in the Feather River.

The ability to draw colder water from deeper portions of Lake Oroville becomes especially important when reservoir levels fall during prolonged dry conditions, according to DWR.

Cold-water releases help maintain downstream temperatures for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout in the Feather River and support operations at the Feather River Fish Hatchery. DWR



A large valve is transported on a barge past the base of Oroville Dam's main spillway. The valve is part of a project to refurbish California Department of Water Resources' River Valve Outlet System in Butte County, California. Photo courtesy of Andrew Nixon, California Department of Water Resources

monitors river temperatures as part of its environmental requirements.

“Part of DWR's mission is to operate State Water Project facilities to protect, restore and enhance the natural environment,” Yarbrough said. “This includes operating the Oroville-Thermalito Complex facilities in a way that supports Central Valley fish populations including Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, which spawn each year in the Feather River below the dam.”

DWR Principal Engineer and Project Manager Jason Brabec said the location and operating requirements

complicated the rehabilitation work.

“Rehabilitating the RVOS was highly complex,” Brabec said. “It required immense coordination with contractors in a small space, all while ensuring that Hyatt Powerplant met its green energy commitments and cold-water release requirements.”

Crews used barges to transport valves, construction materials and equipment during the project. Workers also installed temporary bulkheads that allowed crews to work on portions of the valve system.

“Because this system is

critical to Oroville Dam's operations, all phases of the work required high construction standards and safety protocols,” Brabec said.

Syblon Reid of Folsom and The Dutra Group of San Rafael formed a joint venture to complete the rehabilitation project.

DWR completed commissioning of the valve system in June.

The department said the rehabilitation forms part of its continuing work to modernize Oroville Dam and other State Water Project facilities as infrastructure ages and California faces periods of extreme heat and drought. ★



Contractors use a crane and barge system to move and install a fixed cone valve, part of California Department of Water Resources' refurbished River Valve Outlet System at Oroville Dam in Butte County, California. Photo courtesy of Sara Neviss, California Department of Water Resources

# Community Calendar

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

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

**Friday, 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](http://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.

**Free 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 vaccinations for ages 6 months and older. Participants should wear loose-sleeved clothing. For information, call 530-822-7215.

**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](http://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](http://orovillestatetheater.com/calendar).

**Sunday, Oct. 11**

**Small Animal Field Day**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds Barn Area, 2357 Fair St., Chico. Join us for a day filled with showing, learning, 4-H friends, food, and fun. This Butte County 4-H event provides youth the opportunity to demonstrate showmanship, participate in knowledge bowls, and have their animals judged. Event is free to the public and free admission for non-participants. Event features rabbits, cavies, dogs, poultry, and goats.

**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](http://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.

**Tuesday, Oct. 13**

**Job Fair & Career Expo**

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds Main Hall, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. The event will bring together employers, government agencies, schools and work-force organizations offering information about employment, career training and other opportunities. Registration is available at <http://tinyurl.com/8yfa6dwe>.

**Wednesday, Oct. 14**

**Sutter FFA Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser**

4-7 p.m. with pickup in the front drive-through parking lot by the library at Sutter Union High School. Tickets are \$70 for a dinner serving four, including tri-tip, baked potatoes, salad, rolls and cookies. Proceeds support the Sutter FFA chapter. Contact an FFA adviser or member for tickets and information.

**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.

**Thursday, Oct. 15**

**Downtown Gridley Harvest Moon**

4-7 p.m. on Hazel Street in downtown Gridley. The second annual event will feature live music, vendors, a pumpkin patch, games and food trucks. Hosted by Eight Six O Salon + Boutique and The Mercantile.

**Inspire's Fall Arts & Sciences Open House**

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Inspire School of Arts & Sciences, 1050 Fremont St., Chico. Come experience our vibrant school community. Discover the exciting learning opportunities our public charter school has to offer, explore our Career and Technical Education programs, meet our dedicated staff, and see how Inspire empowers students to pursue their passions in the arts, sciences, and beyond. All are welcome to this free community event, featuring live performances, interactive activities, games, and much more. More information at 530-891-3090.

**Friday, Oct. 16**

**Opening Reception for "Coming Out for Art: Unforgotten Stories"**

3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Museum of Northern California Art (monca), 900

Esplanade, Chico. Join us for this opening reception for "Unforgotten Stories: A Queer Anthology for Our Collective Memory". The event will feature select artisan vendors and many exhibiting artists. The show is hosted by the Stonewall Alliance Center of Chico and will be on view through Sunday, Nov. 1. This opening reception is free and open to the public. Drinks will be available for purchase.

**Oroville Show and Stroll – Halloween Event**

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

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

**Paws for a Cause Bingo**

5-9 p.m., Yuba City Senior Center, 777 Ainsley Ave., Yuba City. ResQpaws Volunteer Organization will hold its annual bingo fundraiser, with dinner catered by La Unica. Dinner-only and bingo-only tickets are \$25, or dinner and bingo is \$30. Attendees must be 13 or older. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 13 and will not be sold at the door. For information, visit [resqpaws.org](http://resqpaws.org).

**Slacker Saturday at Gray Lodge's Wildlife Area**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Rd. All birders and nature lovers are welcome, especially those just learning about birds or wanting to learn about the birds of the Pacific Flyway. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, bug repellent and a snack. Contact Skip Augur for questions at [wba@acm.org](mailto:wba@acm.org) or 530-519-4724. To register for this field trip, click on the Zeffy link <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/slacker-saturday-at-gray-lodge-wildlife-area-2>.

**Witch's Market**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 1078 Gallery, 1710 Park Ave., Chico. Join us for the 6th annual event, featuring witch-made pottery, herbal magic, farm-fresh goods, tarot readings, garments, sweet treats, curious creations, and crafts for the kiddos. Free admission.

**Harvest Festival**

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Neighborhood Church of Chico, 2801 Notre Dame Blvd. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of autumn fun, laughter, and festive activities. Kids can enjoy seasonal games, treats, music, and plenty of opportunities to celebrate the fall season with friends and family. There will also be several raffle drawings.

**Halloween Frights & Lights Parade**

Starts at 7 p.m. in Downtown Oroville, 1998 Montgomery St. Grab your best costumes, gather the family, and celebrate Halloween with us. Experience the magic as costumed kids, creative floats, classic Halloween characters, and glowing lights fill the streets for an evening of spooky fun, local shopping, and hometown tradition. Enjoy free, family-friendly fun, safe and exciting for all ages. Costumes are encouraged – wear your favorite spooky, fun, or creative outfit. Explore Downtown Oroville shops and restaurants before and after the parade, and support our local businesses.

**Sunday, Oct. 18**

**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.

**Gridley Moose Lodge Salad Luncheon**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gridley Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$20 and include assorted salads, chicken salad croissant sandwiches and dessert. Raffle tickets will also be available. Proceeds will fund \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors from Gridley, Biggs and Live Oak high schools. For information, call Chris Michelet at 530-301-4916 or Denise Dodson at 530-693-9003.

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**Halloweentown at Meriam Park**

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Lunar Market and Meriam Park Events are

teaming up once again to bring back the ultimate spooky season celebration. Step into a world of 90s Halloween nostalgia, grab your favorite costume, and celebrate the season with our local community. Bring your tote bags and visit participating vendor booths for sweet treats. Shop more than 70 local vendors for Halloween-themed items, handmade goods, art, vintage finds, and more. Costumes are encouraged. Free all-ages event.

**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](mailto: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. 19.

**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. 21.

**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. 21.

**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. 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. 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, Nov. 10. 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, Nov. 10. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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

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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

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THM 10-23-26

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DARKSIDE 10-30-26

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Wild, Brittany, 2687 Grape Way, Chico, CA 95973 Date filed in Butte County: September 24, 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 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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CLEANING 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000988 The following person(s) are doing business as: La Flor De Michoacan Ice Cream, Inc, 1008 West Sacramento Avenue Suite C, Chico, CA 95926

La Flor De Michoacan Ice Cream, Inc, 1008 West Sacramento Avenue Suite C, Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: September 18, 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 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

LA 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000968 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: YY Janitorial Cleaning Service, 5706 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Yia Yang, 5706 Lower Wyandotte, Oroville, CA 95966 Original filing date: July 15, 2022; Statement expires: July 15, 2027. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: An Individual. Date Filed in Butte County: September 15, 2026. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County Publish: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

YY 10-30-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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 CNS-4080293# GRIDLEY HERALD 10-9-26

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.

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## 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](http://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.

The Gridley Herald 10-2, 10-9-2026

## 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](mailto: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.

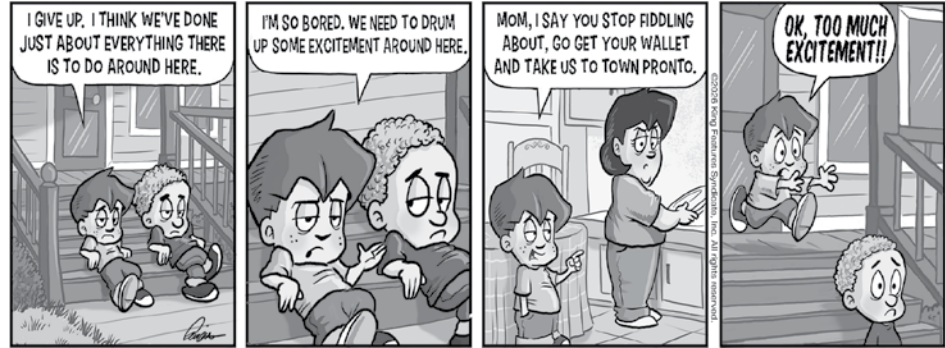
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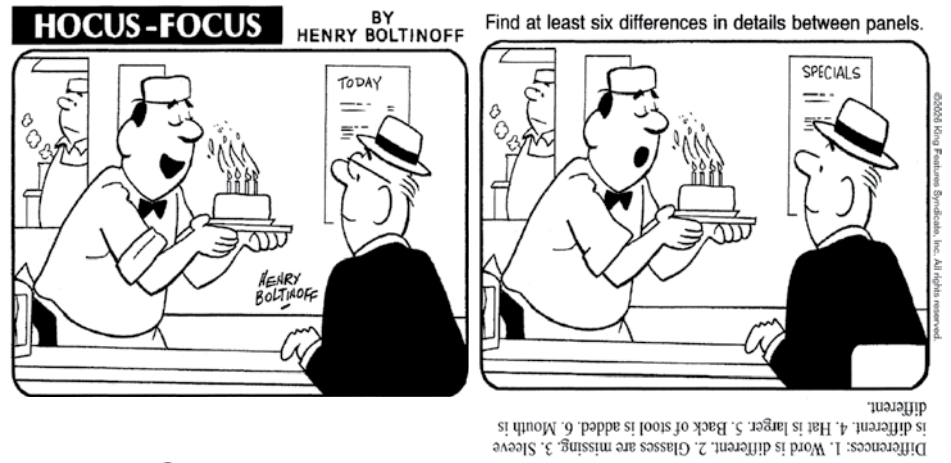
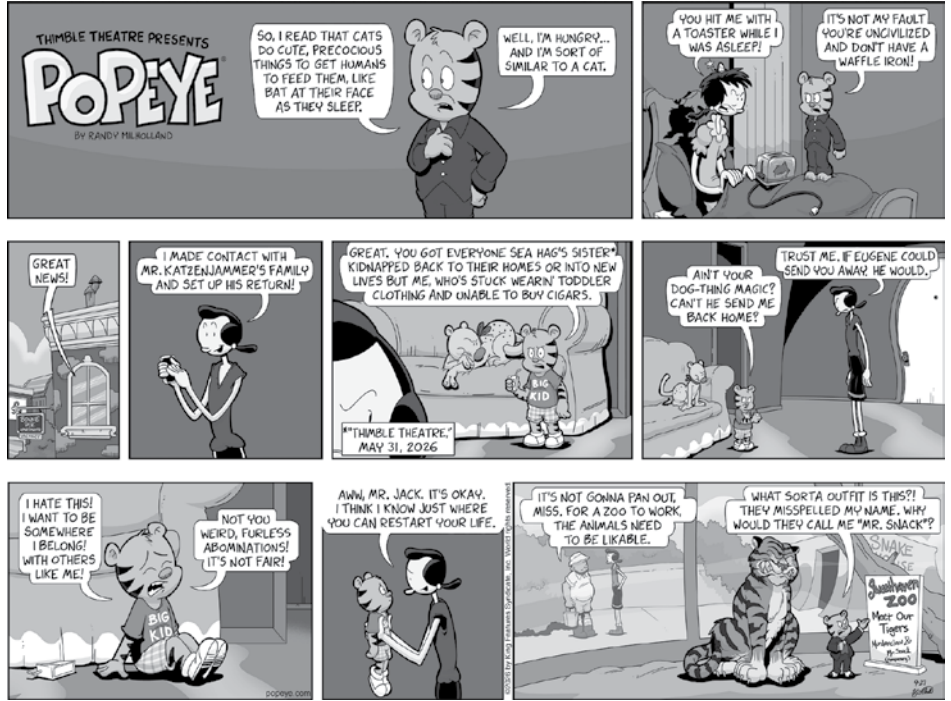
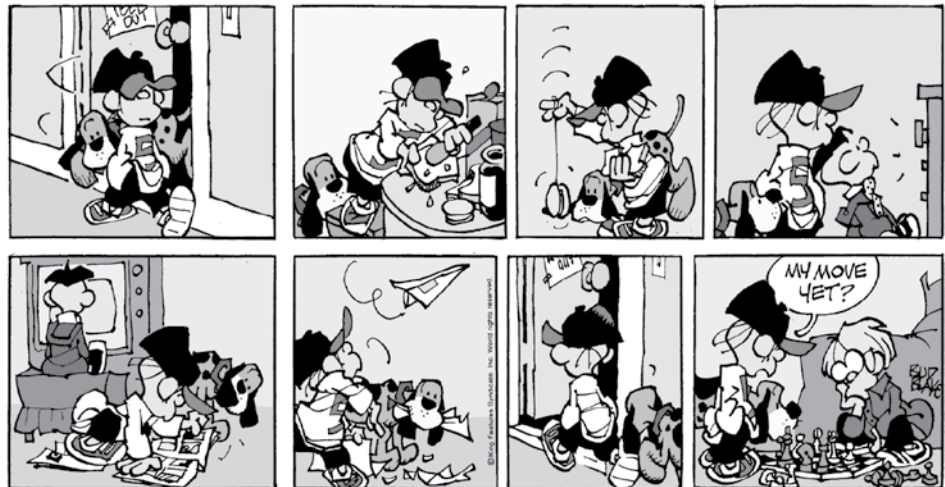
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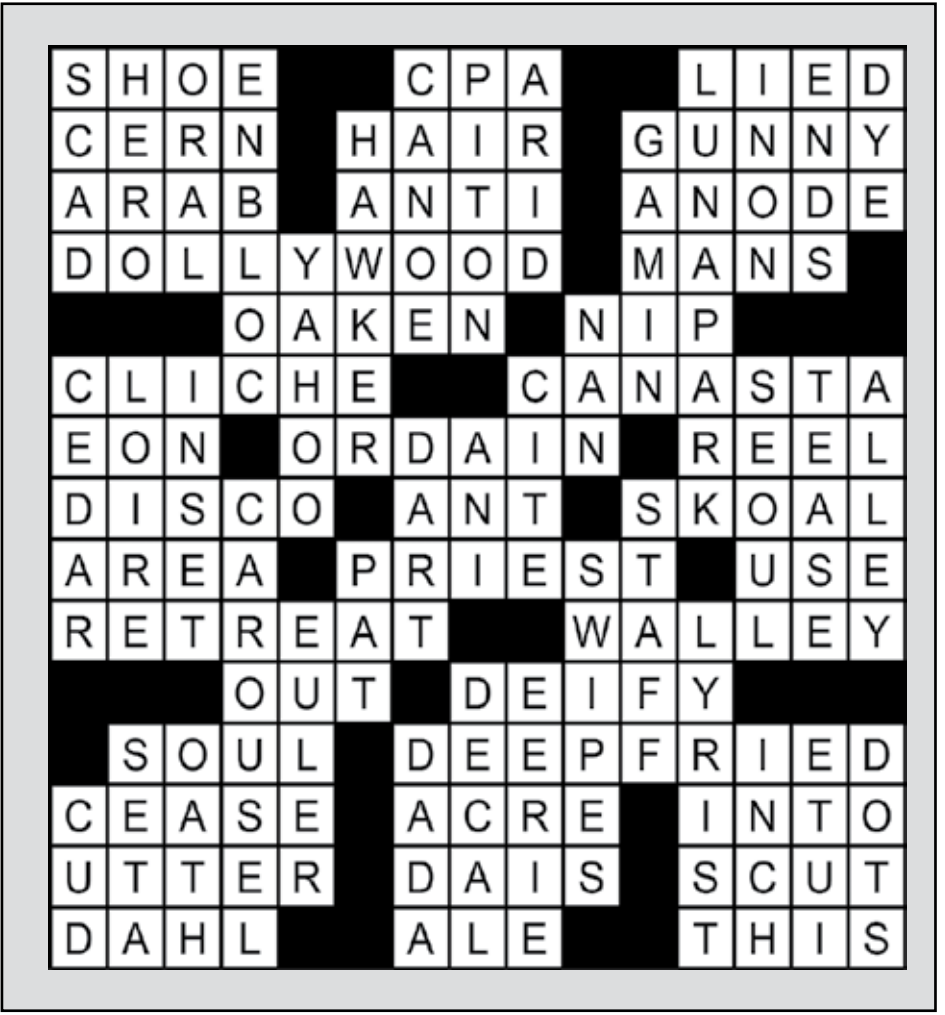
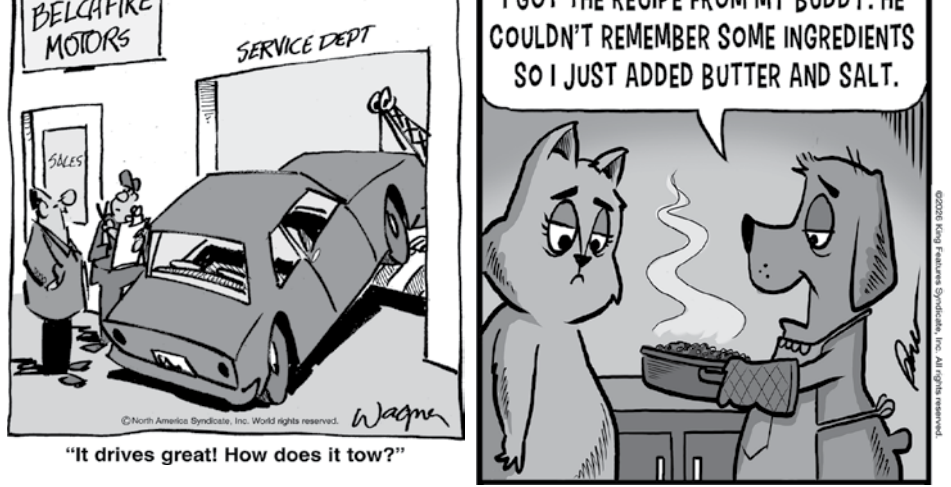
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- Sack fabric
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- Dog is \_\_\_\_ best friend
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- Trite one
- Type of rummy
- Bajillion years
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- Film wheel
- "Saturday Night Fever" music
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- Not in
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- Music genre
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- Halt
- "Disney World in Florida spans over 25,000 of these
- Not out of
- Like complete nonsense
- Podium
- Cottontail's tail
- Willy Wonka's creator
- Bass, e.g.
- Not that

**DOWN**

- Tropical marine fish
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- Like traditional storytelling
- All together (2 words)
- Not kayak?
- Mountain climber's spike
- Like dry climate
- \*Coney Island's original (2 words)
- Aware of a secret (2 words)
- Make them meet
- Food coloring, e.g.
- \*a.k.a. game barker
- Gavroche, e.g.
- Cowboy's cry of joy
- Bobbsey twin
- Wood in the closet?
- France's longest river
- Garment insert
- Quote
- "Gangnam Style" capital
- Badger
- \*2021 movie "Nightmare"
- "Balloon popper
- "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
- \*a.k.a. merry-go-round
- Walking stick
- Singer Benatar
- Steals
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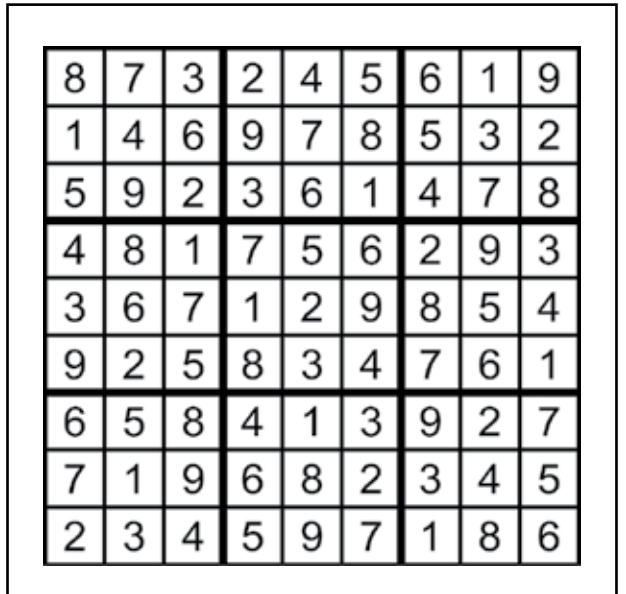
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# Bulldogs Tennis Prepare for League Playoffs

By MPG Staff

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley High School girls tennis team enters its final week of the regular season with two matches remaining before the West Side League Individual Playoffs.

Gridley will face Live Oak on Tuesday before closing the regular season Thursday against Orland. The league individual play-offs are scheduled for Oct. 10 in Orland.

The Bulldogs enter the week in fifth place in the West Side League with a 1-7 record. Coaches Linda and Robert McDowell have watched a young roster develop throughout the season.

Robert McDowell said the coaches have been impressed by the growth and dedication of the team's 17 players as they condition, learn and practice together.

All five players from last season returned, while Gridley added one senior, two juniors, one sophomore and eight freshmen. The additions have given the Bulldogs more depth across the lineup.

Gridley has also relied on several players at the top of its order.

Senior Isabella Gutierrez



Gridley High School tennis players Rio Espino, Jenna Cleland, Shawnacy McGilvray, Brooke Jones, Sarah Huerta-Campos, Abigail Cruz, Gemma Ramirez and Melissa Ramirez are pictured during competition against Corning. Photo courtesy of Robert McDowell

has played in the No. 1 position six times. Senior Shawnacy McGilvray has played there twice, while junior Brooke Jones has played at No. 1 once as the Bulldogs adjusted their lineup because of health issues.

Jones' appearance at the top spot came against an undefeated Oroville player, Maia.

McDowell said the

shifting lineup has occasionally matched Gridley's younger players against older opponents. He said the Bulldogs have handled those situations well, with several games reaching deuce at 40-40 before being decided.

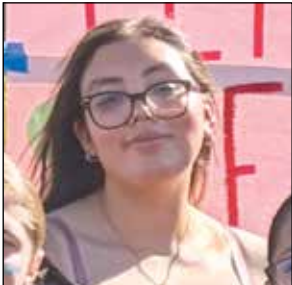
"We always stress that competition is an event where two teams or individuals agree to do their best, and if they do their best, we

will not be disappointed," McDowell said. "Win or lose, we love them."

Gridley will use its final two league matches to prepare for the individual postseason competition in Orland.

Gridley tennis roster: Isabella Gutierrez, senior; Jenna Cleland, senior; Shawnacy McGilvray, senior; Ali Khan, junior; Aubrey Mangan, junior;

Brooke Jones, junior; Elexa Sherer, junior; Ruby Angel, junior; Sarah Huerta-Campos, sophomore; Abigail Cruz, freshman; Alyssa Mangan, freshman; Gemma Ramirez, freshman; Lea Yahuaca, freshman; Lydia Thompson, freshman; Mary Lybrand, freshman; Melissa Ramirez, freshman; Rio Espino, freshman. ★



Gridley senior Isabella Gutierrez competes during the Bulldogs' girls tennis season. Gutierrez has played at the No. 1 position six times this season.

# BBB Warns of Gift Card Scam

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about postcards promising hundreds of dollars in free gas and grocery cards that may instead lead to unauthorized charges.

BBB said it has received multiple reports through its Scam Tracker from consumers who received postcards claiming gas and grocery cards or vouchers were being held in their names.

In one report, a Northwest Georgia resident received a postcard from an organization identified as "AAPP" claiming \$309.64 in gas and grocery vouchers was being held for him. The resident researched the offer before responding and found reports through BBB Scam Tracker.

Other consumers reported losing money after responding to similar offers, according to BBB. Some said they initially agreed to pay a small processing fee, only to discover additional charges on

their accounts.

One woman reported that her sister received a postcard from AAPP offering gas and grocery cards.

"Sister received a postcard from AAPP, Presorted 1st class mail from Tampa phone #," the woman reported through BBB Scam Tracker. "Postcard stated she was eligible for gas & grocery cards. She agreed to the \$5 processing fee, then immediately after they took another \$46. Total dollars lost: \$51."

BBB said it has found no indication that consumers who reported the offers received the promised vouchers.

The mailings can appear official and may contain barcodes, tracking numbers, expiration dates and customer service telephone numbers. Some use phrases such as "limited time offer" or "final notice" to encourage recipients to respond quickly.

The offers are not always limited to gas and groceries. Similar mailings may promise rebates, shopping rewards or other

benefits.

Recipients typically receive instructions to call a telephone number or visit a website to claim the offer. Consumers may then face a request for a processing, activation, shipping or handling fee, often around \$5, in exchange for gift cards or vouchers purportedly worth hundreds of dollars.

BBB said consumers who provide payment information may later find unauthorized charges on their accounts. Others may unknowingly enroll in monthly subscription programs, receive low-value coupons or promotional materials instead of the promised gift cards, or have difficulty contacting the company for a refund.

BBB recommends consumers treat requests for upfront payments as a warning sign, particularly when someone claims the payment is necessary to receive a prize or reward.

Consumers should independently research companies before responding to an offer and should not rely solely on



BBB warns consumers to use caution with offers promising free gas or grocery gift cards that require upfront fees or payment information. Photo courtesy of Better Business Bureau

information provided on a postcard. BBB also advises against providing payment information when callers pressure consumers to act immediately.

People who have already provided payment information should monitor their bank and credit card statements for unauthorized transactions and contact their financial institution if they find suspicious charges.

BBB also cautions consumers about providing personal information. In addition to payment details, questionable offers may seek addresses, dates of birth,

banking information or other information that could be used in future fraud attempts.

Consumers who receive questionable postcards can report them through BBB Scam Tracker at <http://BBB.org/ScamTracker>.

Those who have lost money should contact their bank or credit card company as soon as possible to dispute unauthorized charges. BBB also recommends reporting suspected fraud to the appropriate state consumer protection agency and the Federal Trade Commission at <http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>. ★

# Salmon Expeditions Return to Yuba

By South Yuba River Citizens League

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Families will have an opportunity to raft the lower Yuba River this fall while learning about Chinook salmon, river ecology and restoration work through two public expeditions offered by the South Yuba River Citizens League.

SYRCL will hold its 2026 Public Salmon Expeditions on Oct. 25 and Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The trips, organized by SYRCL's Education Department in partnership with H2O Adventures, are open to participants ages 4 and older.

SYRCL staff and raft guides will take participants along the lower Yuba River, where they can observe Chinook salmon spawning and learn about the river's ecosystem. The trips will include educational stops, commentary from guides and visits to restoration sites along the river.

The public outings



Participants raft along the lower Yuba River during a South Yuba River Citizens League Salmon Expedition. SYRCL will offer public expeditions Oct. 25 and Nov. 7, giving participants an opportunity to observe Chinook salmon and learn about river ecology and restoration work. Photo courtesy of South Yuba River Citizens League.

follow a format similar to SYRCL's school Salmon Expeditions, which provide science education outside the classroom.

Funding for the school program faced uncertainty this year following the February failure of

a penstock pipe at Yuba Water Agency's Colgate Powerhouse. According to SYRCL, the incident sent water and mud down the mountain and forced the agency to direct resources toward repairs.

The resulting pause

in community grant programs affected funding used to send Yuba County fourth graders on annual Salmon Expeditions. SYRCL and the Yuba County Educational Foundation raised \$150,000 to continue the school program this season.

"Our goal is to help people of all ages see themselves as part of the watershed ecosystem," SYRCL Education Director Monique Streit said. "When folks come together, observe salmon, and see restoration in action, that connection deepens. That is where real stewardship begins."

Registration is required for the public expeditions and space is limited. Participants should bring water, lunch, sun protection and clothing suitable for river conditions. Professional rafting teams will provide safety instruction, personal flotation devices and paddles.

Additional information and registration are available at <http://yubariver.org>. ★

# Residents Urge Gridley to Challenge Housing Mandates

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transitional housing and supportive housing would mean locally.

State law requires cities to allow transitional and supportive housing in residential neighborhoods, including single-family homes, under the same zoning rules as comparable residences. SB 9 and broader state housing mandates have prompted some cities to explore charter status.

"A charter maximizes local control," Hogan said.

Underwood said he purchased his home in a single-family neighborhood because he wanted it to retain that character. He questioned the possibility of a two-story accessory dwelling unit near his fence and how "employee housing" could affect occupancy and parking.

He also supported researching charter status, while acknowledging that he did not know what benefits it might provide.

Although charter cities have greater authority over municipal affairs, according to the League of California Cities, that authority has limits and does not automatically exempt a city from state housing requirements. The California Attorney General's Office has successfully defended enforcement of Housing Element Law against charter-city challenges.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson, who was the lone dissent against the ordinance, acknowledged the residents' concern, said the charter-city suggestion deserved further examination.

Meanwhile, Gridley Principal Planner Christopher Smith said the ordinance puts state requirements Gridley already follows into its zoning code.

"We can always do more than what the state asks, but we have to at least do what the state asks," Smith said. ★

# Bulldogs Muscles Through a Battle with Lassen

By YSBC Sports

**GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC)** - The Gridley Bulldogs football team ended the 2026 pre-season with a gritty 14-7 victory over the Lassen Grizzlies on Oct. 2 and head into Westside League play with a ton of confidence.

Gridley head coach Dan Zumwalt told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports he wanted to limit the amount of turnovers they had the previous week where the Bulldogs were handed their first loss of the season to Colfax.

Gridley had six total turnovers in the 35-28 defeat to the Falcons.

Zumwalt added the game against Lassen has been a battle over the past few seasons, especially with both teams trading home victories in the past couple of postseasons.

The Bulldogs had a great opening drive that moved downfield and Lassen had trouble stopping the run, but Gridley had its first of two fumbles recovered by the Grizzlies on the night.

Despite Gridley’s offense committing two turnovers in the game, the



Gridley senior running back Manny Sandoval (2) rushes the ball during the Bulldogs’ win over Lassen on Oct. 2. Photo by Steven Bryla

Bulldogs’ defense is not strangers to force their opponents to cough up and turn the ball over.

After a scoreless first quarter in the game, Gridley senior linebacker Benny Dewsnup intercepted a pass inside the Lassen 40-yard line.

The Bulldogs struck the scoreboard first with a little more than eight minutes remaining in the second quarter as junior quarterback Michael Sandoval rushed the ball from a yard out for a touchdown.

Sandoval would make multiple other key rushes throughout the game, but after a couple drives were passed back-and-forth, Zumwalt called on Sandoval to go in at safety on defense.

The next play, Sandoval picked off a pass and ended a threat by Lassen towards the end of the first half.

Sandoval finished 18 yards on the ground and the first score of the game:

There is multiple words to describe the Gridley football team, but selfless

is the best way Zumwalt can describe it.

“It’s something that has been building over the past couple of years, but this season the guys are just out there for one another,” Zumwalt said.

Dewsnup and senior running backs Manny Sandoval and Marcus Duncan expressed to YSBC vividly about the selfless team they are.

The said that they don’t care about individual stars but the common goal they all have as a team is to get the W at the end of the night.

Duncan and Manny get a good amount of carries on a nightly basis, but the fluidity of the running backs of the Bulldogs says it all in the stat sheet.

Duncan finished the game with 80 yards on the ground while Manny was right behind with 70 yards rushing. Dewsnup ended with 51 rushing yards and led the team with nine tackles in the win.

Gridley has five players who average more than



Gridley senior Marcus Duncan rushes the ball on Oct. 2 in the Bulldogs’ win over Lassen. Photo by Steven Bryla

29.2 yards per game on the ground and the Bulldogs average more than 271 yards on the ground per game.

Gridley senior Jace Griggs extended the Bulldogs lead 14-0 after he punched in an eight-yard touchdown rush with five and a half minutes to go in the third.

The lone Lassen score came on the next drive as Grizzlies junior running back Royce Waltman scored on a one-yard touchdown rush with a little more than three minutes to go in the third.

It was a defensive battle for the rest of the game as both teams turned the

ball over within the last five minutes of the game before Gridley lined up in victory formation to end the game.

The Bulldogs start Westside League play this week as they host Las Plumas on Friday, Oct. 9 with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ★



Gridley senior Jace Griggs (88) gets the corner on Oct. 2. The Bulldogs’ victory against Lassen. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley senior linebacker Benny Dewsnup (33) makes a tackle on Oct. 2 during the Bulldogs’ win over Lassen. Photo by Steven Bryla





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