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Parents Say It's Ricetastic



Local volunteers with farming backgrounds, including retired preschool teacher Sue Orme (center, in pink), engaged students as Orme explained how a large piece of harvesting equipment processes rice.

Story and photos
by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Ricetastic Day returned to the fields west of Gridley on Tuesday, Oct. 6, marking the fourth year since its return to the Gridley Unified School District as an early fall field trip for area youth.

First-grade students from Manzanita and McKinley elementary schools were invited to the Schohr Family Ranch for a hands-on educational field experience to learn about



Lisa Donati reads "Daddy's Got Dirt," a children's book written by Gridley native and rice farmer Matthew Sligar. Students excitedly recognized the fields and equipment depicted in the book as part of the agricultural landscape surrounding their hometown.

local farming and the rice harvesting process.

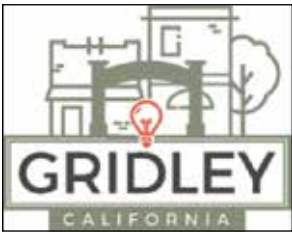
Students were also able to see the "farm-to-fork" process, witnessing rice growing in the fields before harvest while tasting various recipes and food items made with the grain after it had been processed for consumption.

Ricetastic Day was revived by siblings Tracy and Ryan Schohr in 2023 after a long hiatus.

"We did this about 40 years ago and then we started it again here with

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Biggs and Gridley Form Negotiating Committees



By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley and Biggs have appointed city council representatives to negotiate a new electric maintenance agreement, with plans to explore additional opportunities for sharing municipal services, resources and costs.

The Biggs City Council appointed Mayor James "Bo" Sheppard and Councilmember Anita Wilks to its negotiating committee Sept. 22, with Vice Mayor Jerome Squires serving as alternate.

The Gridley City Council followed Oct. 5, appointing Mayor Mike Farr and Councilmember James Roberts to its newly established Inter-Agency Services and Collaboration ad hoc committee.

"Whatever this committee finds will come back for the full council approval," Biggs City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said.

Gridley currently provides electrical maintenance for Biggs under a three-year agreement that expired Sept. 30. Provisions in the existing contract allow services to continue while negotiations proceed. The agreement included annual increases of 3%, raising the monthly payment from \$40,566 to \$43,036 in its final year. Local officials said actual inflation averaged approximately 4% during that period, while Gridley's negotiated labor costs increased about 15%.

The two cities hope to reach terms that reflect those rising expenses while maintaining affordable electric service for Biggs residents, officials said. A five-year agreement is among the options being considered, although Gauthier said both cities remain open to a shorter term.

Gridley's committee will have a broader assignment than the electric contract renewal. City Administrator Elisa

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Orchard Horizon Taking Shape in Gridley

Story and photos
by Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The roof is on, the framework is in place and the hallways are taking shape at Gridley's new 16-bed youth psychiatric facility. What remained for U.S. Rep. James Gallagher and Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue to envision during their Oct. 7 tour were the finished details such as comfortable bedrooms, computer desks for continued schooling, colorful murals and welcoming spaces where families can take part in the treatment and recovery of loved ones facing serious mental health conditions.

Orchard Horizon, the approximately 9,200-square-foot building on the Orchard Hospital campus, is about 85% complete, with construction expected to finish in December, officials said.

Kirstin Storne-Piazza, Orchard Hospital's behavioral health director, said the facility will help fill a critical shortage of inpatient psychiatric care,



Outside the nearly completed Orchard Horizon facility Oct. 7, Hilbers safety coordinator Ashley Carr, from left, Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, U.S. Rep. James Gallagher, Orchard Hospital clinical operations director Julie Bunn, behavioral health director Kirstin Storne-Piazza and Hilbers construction superintendent Travis Smith gather for a photo before touring the nearly complete Orchard Horizon youth psychiatric facility.

particularly in rural Northern California, where families have few nearby options when their child requires intensive treatment.

"This is for youth that need assistance," Storne-Piazza said. "They need help. They're my kids. They're your kids. They're everybody's kids."

Storne-Piazza and construction manager Travis Smith guided the officials and members of their teams through the building, designed for youth

ages 11 to 17 and young adults ages 18 to 24, the latter considered transitional youth under California law. Separate quarters will accommodate both age groups, with medical supervision, psychiatric treatment and therapeutic services available to stabilize their conditions.

The idea of bringing psychiatric inpatient treatment closer to home is not new, officials said. For years, severe mental illness and developmental disabilities

often meant confinement and neglect in large state hospitals. In the 1960s, federal and state leaders promised a more humane system of community-based care, but the local services meant to replace those institutions never fully materialized.

More than six decades later, Gallagher said the consequences of those reforms remain, particularly in rural communities where the critically ill face long

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Parents Say It’s Ricetastic



First-grader Colton Chavez, attending Ricetastic Day with his mother, Nicole Chavez, gets a special peek inside the cab of a John Deere tractor, bringing a big smile to his face.

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Tracey’s inspiration,” said Ryan Schohr. Students who arrived shortly after 9 a.m. were introduced to the day’s purpose, individuals involved and itinerary, then guided through a series of educational stations set along the banks of the rice fields. Participating organizations included the Butte County Farm Bureau, University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), local farmers and FFA volunteers. Eac

h group ran an educational station, from colored rice art to up-close looks at harvesting equipment.

“We have reading, we have art, we have science, including STEM and nutrition, so it’s really a full curriculum day out here that they get to do in the field with rice,” said Tracy Schohr.

Each year, the event grows in popularity as more students, parents and school groups become involved.

“More people are out here today, which is exciting,” said Tracy Schohr. She continued, “I also think that we have more parents than what we have had in the past. It is really exciting as it is an opportunity for them to spend their day with their child, but they also get to come out and learn about rice too.”

Nicole Chavez accompanied her son, Colton, to Ricetastic Day and said she was enjoying the interactive experience.

“This is the first time I’ve been here and I really love how involved everyone is,” said Chavez.

“Learning about the vehicles and equipment, everything that they’re using to



The Butte County Farm Bureau staffed STEM stations at Ricetastic Day, including a rice art activity where children used brightly colored rice to create images of local wildlife.

grow it, and how much time it takes, from beginning months, to the end of the season. It’s a lot,” said Chavez.

Ryan Schohr agreed that he had noticed increased support for the program from both parents and instructors.

“It seems like every year there are more parents that come to this. It’s something that I think they look forward to, maybe hearing stories from their friends or from other children sharing their experiences,” said Ryan Schohr.

Ricetastic Day proved to be a learning experience for all attendees, with the event expected to return in 2027. ★

Orchard Horizon Taking Shape in Gridley

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waits in emergency rooms or must be transported great distances to find inpatient psychiatric care.

“This is going to be a great facility,” Gallagher said. “This is a great asset to have here.”

Although located on the Orchard Hospital campus, Orchard Horizon is being established as a standalone nonprofit that will operate independently while maintaining access to the hospital’s emergency medical services through a separate agreement.

The building is funded through a \$7.9 California Department of Health Care Services grant designated only for construction, leaving the nonprofit responsible for furnishings, equipment and other necessities before patients can be admitted. The facility includes rooms that will accommodate individual counseling, group therapy and family visits. An exercise room, private drone-free outdoor recreation area and full-service kitchen will support daily activities, while a telehealth room will connect patients with therapists or educators.

To fill the gap in start-up funding, Orchard Horizon has been seeking assistance from faith-based groups and other organizations to cover interior furnishings, and pursuing state and federal grants to cover approximately \$1.5 million in first-year operating expenses. Storne-Piazza said financial projections indicate the nonprofit facility should become self-supporting by the end of the first year, with rural counties already expressing interest in patient placements.

Gallagher and



Surrounded by unfinished walls at Orchard Horizon, Robin Cook, Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelschue and U.S. Rep. James Gallagher on Oct. 7 envision how the space will become a in-patient treatment center for young people struggling with serious mental health conditions.

Kimmelschue offered to help where they can to resolve remaining administrative and funding challenges. Gallagher discussed working with Senator Megan Dahle, while Kimmelschue offered to explore possible county assistance.

Kimmelschue highlighted Butte County’s efforts to expand behavioral health services in southern Butte County, where the need is great, including a separate clinic under construction on Sycamore Street. Unlike Orchard Horizon, the county-ran facility will provide outpatient care, including individual and group counseling. It will not offer overnight accommodation.

The Butte County Behavioral Health Advisory Board endorsed Orchard Horizon in June, with the county’s behavioral health department committing to coordinate referrals, discharge planning and continued care to help patients transition back to their families, schools and their own communities.

Despite that support, some residents remain

uneasy about neighborhood safety, property values and the prospect of bringing patients from outside Gridley for treatment.

Storne-Piazza acknowledged those concerns but emphasized that Orchard Horizon will provide care in a highly secure setting, not operate as a walk-in clinic. Patients will be referred through county behavioral health agencies, including those requiring treatment under California’s Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and related laws, which allow involuntary psychiatric intervention when someone poses a danger to themselves or others or cannot meet basic needs because of a serious mental health condition.

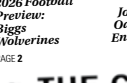
Although construction is nearing completion, an opening date has not been established. Furnishings, equipment and final approvals must be secured before patients can be admitted, Storne-Piazza said. Two open houses, one for invited dignitaries and another for the public, are planned before operations begin. ★

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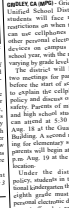
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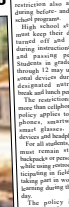
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Bulldogs Celebrate Homecoming Week

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School celebrated homecoming week Oct. 5-9 with dress-up days, lunchtime activities, class competitions and a parade, culminating in Friday night football, the crowning of homecoming royalty and a Saturday evening dance.

The festivities began with the traditional Football Follies, a flag football competition featuring female students coached by members of the boys football team.

According to leadership adviser Jennifer Link, the senior girls defeated the juniors to claim the Football Follies title.

However, the junior class proved it would not let the seniors dominate the week, taking the lead in spirit days and competitions during the homecoming rally Friday, Oct. 9.

This year's homecoming theme was board games, with each class designing a float inspired by a different game. Freshmen selected Operation, sophomores chose The Game of Life, juniors went with Monopoly and seniors brought Candy Land to life.

The floats made their public debut at 3:30 p.m. Friday during the annual homecoming parade, joining a procession of senior students and athletic teams.

Families and community members lined the streets as the Gridley Police Department and CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department escorted the parade along its traditional route, traveling west on Spruce Street before returning east on Sycamore Street.

The winners of the float competition would remain a mystery until halftime of the varsity football game, when the school would also recognize its homecoming court and crown the 2026 king and queen.

Football action began at 6 p.m. at the GHS Boneyard, where the Gridley Bulldogs faced the Las Plumas Thunderbirds.

Following a loss by the junior varsity team, the Gridley High School marching band took the field for a performance featuring music by Radiohead and Nirvana.

In a nod to the school's history, former Gridley cheerleaders joined the current cheer team to welcome the varsity Bulldogs onto the field.

Gridley struck quickly, putting points on the scoreboard within minutes of kick-off and building a strong lead heading into



Miranda Sanchez and Martin Luna were crowned Gridley High School's 2026 homecoming queen and king during halftime of Friday night's football game against Las Plumas.

halftime.

During the break, the long-awaited results of the float competition were announced. The seniors claimed first place with their Candy Land float, followed by the juniors in second, sophomores in third and freshmen in fourth.

The homecoming court included freshman princess Emersyn Moore, sophomore princess Gretchen Routon and junior princess Malayna Ceballos.

Candidates for homecoming king and queen included Ava Campos and Benny Dewsnup, Chloe Schrader and Luke Horn, Josie Stogsdill and Marcus Duncan, and Miranda Sanchez and Martin Luna.

Returning 2025 Homecoming Queen Aubrey Quist participated in the crowning ceremony, with Sanchez and Luna named the 2026 homecoming queen and king.

Despite Gridley's strong first-half performance, Las Plumas rallied to defeat the Bulldogs 39-35, putting a disappointing finish on the homecoming football game.

The week's festivities concluded Saturday, Oct. 10, with a Casino Royale-themed homecoming dance at Farmer Hall.

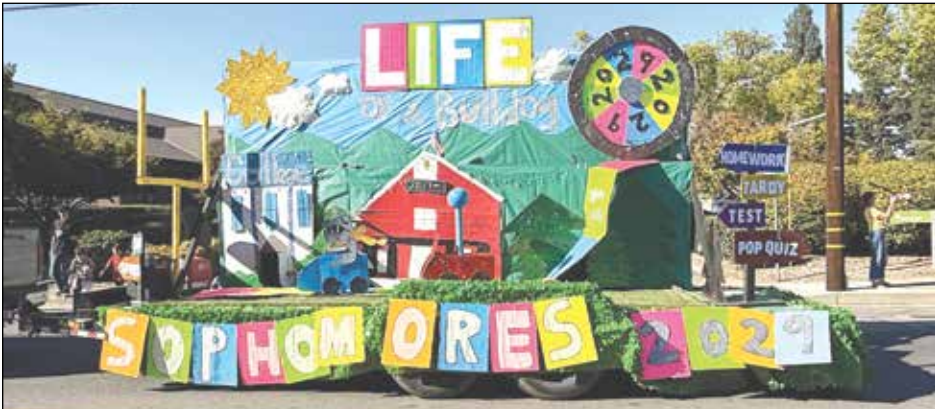
According to GHS Leadership, more than 300 students attended the dance, bringing another year of homecoming traditions to a close. ★



Gridley High School seniors claimed first place in the homecoming float competition with their colorful Candy Land-themed creation, featuring candy decorations and a gingerbread castle.



Gridley High School juniors took second place in the homecoming float competition with their Monopoly-themed display, featuring the game's familiar mascot and properties.



Gridley High School sophomores brought The Game of Life to the streets during the school's annual homecoming parade Friday, Oct. 9. Their float earned third place in the class competition.



Gridley High School freshmen featured the classic board game Operation on their homecoming float, taking fourth place in the annual float competition.



Gridley High School students, including members of the senior class, show their Bulldog spirit in the student cheering section during Friday night's homecoming football game.

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Butte College has an 86% success rate. Success rate means leaving the college with a useful skill, certificate, credential, degree, or transfer credits. For example, someone who completes the nursing program increases their income by 120%. Welding 100%, Heavy Equipment Operator 40%.

The new Butte County Public Works Director, Colt Ensenwein, had his team install flashing cross-walk lights at Manzanita School. This is something

the local Butte County Supervisor requested after some teachers pointed out that back-road goers sometimes think that because they are off the highway, there are no rules. Now the flashing lights will warn them to look out for kids. The Live Oak Police (AKA Sutter Sheriffs) will do the rest, they make a lot of City revenue from Larkin back road speeders coming into town that way, and there is no flashing sign warning about them.

There are 15 ballot measures on the ballot this year. For the next election. I would propose just one, requiring gas stations to have functioning restrooms. Some years back, the state required gas stations to offer free air for your tires if they had gasoline service. At the time, I thought it was overreach; not anymore. I'm convinced the gas station owners in Yuba-Sutter are some of the worst

people in America. Last week, I was coming back from Colusa around 11 o'clock at night. Stopped at four different gas stations, all of which had no functioning bathroom. They act like that is normal. It is not. Gridley, is home to very welcoming and competent (and competitive) gas stations with functioning gas station amenities. The next time you stop in Yuba City or Marysville for fuel - boycott the stations that don't offer the public service of a functioning restroom.

I don't know about you, but the anticipation is killing me. The sign in front of Ace Candelario Hardware Store has been saying "ammunition is coming soon" for quite a while. I just think it's going to be the best ammunition ever when it gets here.

Josh F.W. Cook was a Gridley Planning Commissioner.

Oroville Man Sentenced for Hate Crimes

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man received a two-year, eight-month state prison sentence Oct. 7 for threatening a Hispanic mother and her two young children during a racially motivated confrontation at Palermo Park last year.

Orrin Tyler Colbourn, 40, pleaded no contest in September to felony charges of criminal threats and violating civil rights, a hate crime.

According to the Butte County District Attorney's Office, the charges stemmed from an Aug. 29, 2025, incident in which Colbourn approached a woman and her children as they played at Palermo Park.

Witnesses reported that Colbourn began yelling at the family, repeatedly shouting racial slurs and claiming he controlled the park. Colbourn then threatened to kill the woman while repeatedly touching what appeared to be a weapon at his side. Investigators later determined the object was a screwdriver tucked into his pants.

The woman backed away from Colbourn out of fear for her safety and that of her children, but he continued following her.

A male witness who also encountered Colbourn heard the racial slurs, observed his threatening behavior and reported the incident to the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

The criminal proceedings faced delays after a court-appointed psychologist determined Colbourn was incompetent to stand trial. A judge suspended the case in February while Colbourn received treatment at the Butte County Jail.

On Aug. 19, Butte County Superior Court Judge Michael Deems found Colbourn competent to stand trial. The court scheduled a jury trial for September but canceled it after Colbourn entered his no-contest plea.

At sentencing, prosecutors and the Butte County Probation Department sought the maximum prison term of three years and eight months.

They cited Colbourn's criminal history, which includes eight prior



felony convictions and four previous prison terms.

Colbourn also committed the offenses while under supervised release from prison following two felony cases in 2023 involving vehicle theft and fleeing police.

Deems instead imposed the middle term of two years and eight months, finding that Colbourn's mental condition significantly reduced his culpability and outweighed the factors prosecutors cited in seeking a longer sentence.

According to the probation report, Colbourn has a diagnosis of schizoaffective disorder. He told probation officials that his conduct resulted from not taking his prescribed mental health medication.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the sentence reflected the need to consider mental illness while holding offenders responsible for their actions.

"Hate-motivated threats have no place in our parks or anywhere in Butte County," Ramsey said. "A mother and her young children were subjected to racial abuse and death threats in a public place where they had every right to feel safe."

"Justice requires that mental illness be considered, but justice also requires accountability. This office pursued that accountability and will continue to do so," Ramsey said.

Ramsey also noted that the hate-crime convictions count as strikes under California's sentencing laws and could affect Colbourn's punishment if he commits future offenses.



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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are feeling the Autumn feels, coolness, color, everything winding down in the garden. The sun chokes were over 15 feet tall this year. We'll be harvesting the tubers to use in stir fry, crunchy in salads and for replanting for next year. The bonus as well as food is these plants have wonderful small

"sunflowers" that top them in the fall. I have another interesting tuber plant from my daughter this year, it is called a ground apple. It too is related somehow to sunflowers. Ours was in a shady part of the garden so it didn't get that tall. I'm looking forward to harvesting it and tasting the tuber. Both of these plants are easy to grow, give nutritious food and don't seem to be affected by pests.

Another fall crop that is ready are the Honeynut squash. These winter hard squash are smaller than Butternut. Their flesh is firmer and a deeper orange color. I don't like them as well as Butternut for roasting or baking, but they are the best for whipped squash. I'm guessing they

would make a great pie similar to sweet potato in texture with a great but different taste. I've also sauteed them and used with other vegetables and they are great and quick to cook.

I've started raking up leaves, it is low level at this time but that will change quickly. My cyclamen garden is really waking up. Older plants and new babies from seeds are popping up. The flowers are coming on and will do this most of the winter unless we get so much rain from El Nino that they drown. I've done a special soil mix with lots of pumice and small rocks to help with drainage. We shall see. Happy walking through crunchy leaves to you all.



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A Night Out the Quota Way



Quota of Gridley members share a laugh while serving beverages to guests during the 2025 Quota Tasting Event. This year's event will feature wineries, breweries, food and a silent auction. Photo courtesy of Quota of Gridley

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Quota of Gridley is preparing for its annual fall fundraiser, The Tasting Event, with the theme “A Night Out the Quota Way.” The Tasting Event, formerly known as the Quota Wine Tasting Event, is returning for its 22nd year and is the club’s top fundraiser, according to tasting event committee co-chair Cindy Davis. Davis, a veteran member of the all-women’s service club, shared that the 2026 event is planned to exceed last year’s highly successful affair. “Every year we want it to be bigger and better than the previous,” Davis said. Quota hopes to have at least five wineries and two to three breweries pouring at the event, alongside non-alcoholic beverage options.

Confirmed participants at the time of this article included Feather Falls Brewery, Silicia Winery, Cordi Winery and Grindstone Winery. Davis is hopeful that more will be added to the roster shortly. Steve and Maggie Hepworth will serve their fan-favorite homemade root beer. Other beverage options will include flavored sparkling ciders, coffee and iced tea. “We want to be sure that everyone enjoys themselves and has an enjoyable drink to pair with the grazing tables,” Davis said. Aesthetically pleasing grazing tables will allow guests to sample a wide variety of flavors featuring self-serve finger foods and desserts. Quota’s experience with grazing tables has been highly successful and popular with guests.

In addition to savory bites and spirited sips, a silent auction is planned with more than 200 items to bid on. A wine ring toss game could send lucky winners home with expensive wines, and a photo booth with props will help make the evening memorable. The Quota Tasting Event, “A Night Out the Quota Way,” is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Hall, 249 Sycamore St.. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased through any Quota member or at the door the evening of the event. Proceeds raised by the event go directly back into the Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs communities and further Quota of Gridley’s mission to support women and children in need. ★

Live Oak Approves Residential Lot Split

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Oct. 7 meeting, the Live Oak City Council considered a resolution to approve a residential lot split for a 0.33-acre parcel located at 2962 Elm St. in the southwest area of the city. If approved, the new parcel maps would be recorded with the county, and the two new parcels would then be available for new residential development. The city code requires improvements associated with new development, including road widening and the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks. However, City Manager Ben Moody said those improvements are often not practical with infill development. The property is surrounded by other small residential parcels that don’t have curbs, gutters or sidewalks. Adding those improvements and widening the road for just two parcels could cause drainage issues for neighboring properties. “Really what it comes down to is it’s just not practical. ... When you have infill development on streets where there’s a block that doesn’t have any other development, it really doesn’t make any sense to put in curb and gutter,” Moody said. Moody said a deferred

improvement agreement would allow the parcels to be developed without immediate installation of the road improvements, but he clarified that the typical deferment follows the property in perpetuity through changes in ownership, which can get complicated down the line. Instead, he proposed a deferment requiring a deposit payment of half the cost of the improvements, which would be \$3,040. The agreement would allow the city five years to determine if it wants the improvements completed. If the improvements are not necessary within five years, the properties would be released from the obligation, and the city would retain the deposit, similar to an in-lieu fee, to be used for other priority improvement projects. Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine said this is an example of a city code that restricts development, so he thought this was a good solution. Since the rest of the street doesn’t have those improvements, he said requiring them would just cause more issues. Councilmember Nancy Santana said if the city is going to allow the development, it should ensure it’s done according to the code requirements, so she didn’t support the deferment. The council voted 4-1 to approve the new parcel maps and the deferred

improvement agreement, with Santana dissenting. Councilmember Bob Woten asked about the likelihood that Elm Street would get those road improvements within the five years outlined in the agreement. Moody said those improvements would probably never happen on that street. The city would likely prioritize improvements along school routes or other more walkable areas of the city, not in infill residential neighborhoods. During city manager updates, Moody said he’s been working with Sutter County on the updated contract with the Sheriff’s Department, and he expects that will come to the council for review at the next meeting. He has also been working on the updated fire services contract and hopes to have some progress to report soon. Santana asked about recent water testing in the city, and Moody said testing is ongoing. He added that a recent test for PFAS, or forever chemicals, showed lower levels than previous tests. The lower levels have brought the city below the notification level, so staff members are working with the state to determine if any next steps are needed. The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Oct. 21. ★

Groundwater Holds Steady Despite Dry Years

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Groundwater supplies across the Butte Subbasin have remained stable despite two dry years that increased pumping demands, according to findings approved Oct. 5 by the Gridley City Council. The evaluation covers 2021 through 2025 and found no significant problems threatening groundwater sustainability. City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said the findings indicate water levels showed little change, groundwater storage showed signs of recovery by 2025, and monitoring found no significant land subsidence, or sinking of the ground. Groundwater officials said the findings reflect how the region manages its water supplies. During wetter years, agriculture relies heavily on surface water from the Feather River, Sacramento River and Butte Creek. When those supplies decline, groundwater helps make up the difference, they said. The review also examined water quality, including nitrate contamination documented southeast of Gridley. Of 107 wells monitored between 2000 and 2025, two recorded maximum nitrate concentrations at or

above the drinking water standard of 10 milligrams per liter during that 25-year period. One was southeast of Gridley, while the other was near Angel Slough in northwestern Butte County, officials said. Nitrate monitoring continues through existing agricultural water quality programs. The evaluation determined that additional nitrate monitoring by the groundwater sustainability agencies was unnecessary at this time. Gridley officials also raised questions about land subsidence and how a potential data center development might obtain water. The evaluation found no significant sinking of the ground, while city officials said water sources for future development would depend on the project’s location and the development review process. The evaluation is part of California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires local agencies to develop and implement long-term plans to prevent groundwater depletion. Eleven agencies participate in managing the Butte Subbasin. Their original groundwater sustainability plan was submitted to the state in 2022 and approved by the California Department of Water Resources in 2023.

According to groundwater officials, the latest assessment also addresses improvements requested by state regulators, including better monitoring of groundwater levels, potential impacts on wells and connections between groundwater and surface water. Although the review found existing management practices remain effective, participating agencies will continue expanding monitoring efforts and gathering information to better understand changing groundwater conditions. Gridley’s participation carries an annual financial obligation. The council approved a supplemental appropriation of \$12,791 for its 2026-27 contribution to the Butte County Groundwater Sustainability Agency because the adopted city budget lacked sufficient funding for the payment. City officials said the money supports regional groundwater monitoring, reporting, planning and implementation of the sustainability program. Once the participating agencies complete their approvals, the five-year evaluation will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources. The final report is due in January 2027. ★

By Lloyd Green Jr.

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Hock's Unlimited Melodrama will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a production of "The Masked Canary ... or Dirty Work at the Lucky Cuss" Nov. 5-8 at the Oroville Monday Club. The musical comedy, directed by longtime Hock's member Dell DeMeyer, takes audiences to Tombstone, Arizona, in the late 1880s, where residents are determined to prove their town is the best in the state. As the townspeople attempt to improve Tombstone's reputation, they set out to uncover the identity of the notorious Masked Canary. The production features Loren Ott as the villainous Judge Mortimer Harshly and Christine Williams as his accomplice, Peachy Jamm. The cast also includes Sarah Pierce, Denise Wright-Tice, Diane Wilkerson, Don Green, Sharyl Backues, Ruby Thomas, David Glover, Brandon Stokes, Mike Fisher and Gina Garcia. Matthew Mitchell provides piano accompaniment. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, through Saturday, Nov. 7, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Nov. 8. Tickets include beer, soda, popcorn and other refreshments, which will be available before the show and during two intermissions.



Members of Hock's Unlimited Melodrama promote their 50th anniversary production of "The Masked Canary ... or Dirty Work at the Lucky Cuss," scheduled for Nov. 5-8 at the Oroville Monday Club. Photo courtesy of Hock's Unlimited Melodrama

A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit the Veterans Memorial Park Fund, Thermalito Bridge Lighting Fund and Monday Club Foundation. Tickets are available at Marcozzi Jewelers in Oroville, through Eventbrite.com and at the door, subject to availability. The Oroville Monday Club is located at 2385 Montgomery St. Parking is available across the street at the Veterans Memorial parking lot. For more information, call 530-308-1431. ★

Gridley Library Happenings



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.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 3 - 4 p.m., Dungeons & Dragons, participants ages 13 and older can take part in a Dungeons & Dragons adventure. All experience levels are welcome.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 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: Pumpkin Painting, children ages 6 to 11 can decorate mini pumpkins on the library patio. Pumpkins and paint will be provided while supplies last.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m., Teen Movie Night: “Five Nights at Freddy’s,” teens ages 13 and older can watch the Halloween-season movie. Snacks will be provided.

Friday, Oct. 30, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Ladies Night Out, participants ages 13 and older can enjoy a movie and light refreshments. Men and teens are also welcome. ★

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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Caltrans Calls for Increased Driver Awareness

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is urging motorists to slow down and follow traffic safety laws after six highway construction workers were struck and killed in work zones across California since Aug. 10.

The fatalities involved contractor employees working on Caltrans highway projects, including three workers killed in a single incident Sept. 25 in Riverside County.

Caltrans officials and transportation safety partners held a news conference to address the recent deaths and remind drivers of their responsibility to protect workers along state highways.

“Behind every cone, every flashing light, every worker in a vest is a person doing a critical job in dangerous conditions,” California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin said. “We are asking every driver in California to slow down, move over, remove any distractions and give crews the space and



attention they deserve. It costs a driver seconds but means everything to the people in our work zones.”

Following the Riverside County deaths, Caltrans ordered an immediate safety stand-down, directing its construction teams and contractors to review roadside safety procedures.

The department also plans to establish an executive-level safety committee with industry partners to examine additional protections for highway workers.

The committee will review existing safety standards, consider new technology and equipment for work zones and identify potential changes to construction contracts that could require additional safety

measures.

Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy said highway safety depends on motorists remaining attentive when approaching construction and maintenance crews.

“Whether they are Caltrans workers, contractors or anyone who works on the state’s transportation system, they deserve attention from all travelers driving through work zones,” El-Tawansy said. “Safer driving habits can mean the difference between a family greeting their loved one at the end of a workday or never seeing them again.”

Caltrans identified distracted, impaired and inattentive driving as major contributing factors in highway worker fatalities.

The department is reminding motorists of California's Move Over law, which requires drivers approaching stopped vehicles displaying flashing warning lights or other warning devices to change lanes when safe or reduce their speed if changing lanes is unsafe.

Since Jan. 1, the

requirements have extended to any stationary vehicle covered by the law, including marked Caltrans vehicles, emergency vehicles and tow trucks displaying warning lights.

Transportation officials also recommend reducing speed when approaching construction areas, watching for changing traffic patterns and maintaining a safe distance from workers and equipment.

Drivers should avoid using mobile phones, adjusting radios or engaging in other activities that divert attention from the roadway. Motorists should also avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Work zones may include highway construction, maintenance or utility operations. Traffic cones, barrels, barriers, pavement markings and warning signs generally identify these areas.

Caltrans officials said reducing speed gives drivers additional time to react to unexpected hazards and helps protect workers operating near moving vehicles. ★

Biggs and Gridley Form Negotiating Committees

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Arteaga proposed reviewing existing agreements with neighboring cities, Butte County and other public agencies to determine whether service levels, responsibilities and expenses are appropriately distributed.

The review could also identify opportunities to share equipment, personnel and professional services, collaborate on community events, pursue grants or undertake joint projects. Existing partnerships involving building and permitting services, police services and maintenance could also be examined, she said.

Both committees will work with administrative and technical personnel from their respective cities, and their responsibilities are limited to reviewing arrangements, discussing potential changes and developing recommendations.

Neither committee has authority to approve contracts, commit public funds or establish policy independently, officials said.

Any proposed agreements or financial commitments will return to the full city councils for consideration and approval at public meetings. ★

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. 16

Opening Reception for “Coming Out for Art: Unforgotten Stories”

3 to 8:30 p.m. at the Museum of Northern California Art, 900 Esplanade, Chico. Free reception featuring artists and artisan vendors. Hosted by Stonewall Alliance Center. Exhibit runs through Nov. 1.

Oroville Show and Stroll

5 to 8 p.m. on Myers Street in downtown Oroville. Halloween-themed event featuring classic cars, street vendors, shopping, food and live music.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Paws for a Cause Bingo

5 to 9 p.m. at Yuba City Senior Center, 777 Ainsley Ave., Yuba City. ResQpaws fundraiser featuring bingo and dinner by La Unica. Tickets are \$25 for dinner or bingo, \$30 for both. Ages 13 and older. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 13 at resqpaws.org.

Slacker Saturday at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3207 Rutherford Road. Birdwatching field trip for beginners and experienced birders. Bring binoculars, lunch and water. Registration at zeffy.com. Information: 530-519-4724.

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 Spooktacular

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Azad’s Martial Arts Center, 313 Walnut St., #150, Chico. Join us for a Halloween Bash! Come enjoy a trunk-or-treat, obstacle bounce course, vendors, raffles and more. We’re getting spooky for a cause: this free community event benefits Bright Future For Kids Foundation making a direct local impact. Admission is free.

Oroville Frights & Lights Parade

7 p.m. in historic downtown Oroville. The illuminated Halloween parade is part of Oroville’s Spooktacular Weekend.

Sunday, Oct. 18

Durham Grange Farmers Market

8 a.m. to noon at The Midway, behind Dollar General, Durham. Weekly market featuring local produce, food, flowers, artists and vendors. Vendor applications at forms.gle/GLBM8X2BijvkTurs5.

Gridley Moose Lodge Salad Luncheon

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gridley Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$20 and include assorted

salads, chicken salad sandwiches and dessert. Raffle proceeds benefit scholarships for local graduating seniors. Information: 530-301-4916 or 530-693-9003.

Fall Concerts in the Park

2 to 4 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville. Free live music featuring Blu Egyptian, playing reggae, funk and rock. Food and merchandise vendors available.

Halloweentown at Meriam Park

4 to 8 p.m. at The Barn, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Free Halloween event featuring more than 70 vendors, treats, handmade goods, art and vintage items. Costumes encouraged.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Biggs Fall Carnival

5 to 7:30 p.m. at Biggs Community Hall, 280 B St., Biggs. Hosted by PAWS, the event features a haunted house, cake walk, music, photo booth, silent auction and concessions. Cash and Venmo accepted.

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Halloween Bingo & Costume Contest

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Durham Memorial Hall, 9319 Midway, Durham. All ages welcome for games, treats, and fun. Join our costume contest, there will be prizes for best adult and kid. \$10 pre-registration, \$15 at the door, \$5 for kids accompanied by an adult. Register online at durhamrecreation.recdesk.com.

Friday, Oct. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 25

Downtown Oroville Ghost Tours

Step into the darker side of Oroville’s history this spooky season. The tours are hosted by Daniel Ballard and start at the Oroville State Theater, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. Two tours each evening. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com.

Saturday, Oct. 24

Christian Life Assembly Harvest Festival

5 to 8 p.m. at 1526 Humble Ave., Gridley. Features food trucks, vendors, trunk-or-treating and games for children.

Live Oak Community Fall Festival

3 to 9 p.m. at The Fathers House, 10720 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Free family event featuring music, games, candy, water, activities, tractor rides, food trucks and vendors.

Free Mammogram Screening

8 a.m.-noon, Sutter Medical Foundation Radiology, 440 Plumas Blvd., Yuba City. No-cost mammograms will be offered to uninsured women ages 40 and older. Appointments are required, space is limited and patients must have an established primary care provider. Call 530-749-3301.

30th Anniversary Pumpkinhead Competition & Fall Fest

The Pumpkinhead Competition begins at 8 a.m., followed by the Fall Fest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Held at the Chico City Plaza, 132 W. 4th St. The event will feature a magic show by Kris Bentz, trick-or-treating at vendor booths, pumpkin-themed food, a photo booth, kids’ pumpkin crafts and other activities. For more information visit <https://zrockfm.com/pumpkinhead-2026>

Live Oak Community Fall Festival

3 to 9 p.m. at 10720 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. This free family event will

feature music, games, candy, activities, tractor rides, food trucks and vendors. Attendees may bring blankets, lawn chairs and their own picnic.

Annual Harvest Festival

5-8 p.m. at Christian Life Assembly, 1526 Humble Ave., Gridley. The community event will feature vendors, a food truck, trunk-or-treat activities and games for children. Clubs, groups, ministries and businesses interested in participating in the trunk-or-treat may contact Debbie at 530-693-1977.

A Night Out the Quota Way

6 to 9 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. Quota of Gridley will host a tasting event featuring wine, beer, homemade root beer and cider tastings, grazing tables, auctions, games and raffles. Tickets are \$30.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Durham Grange Farmers Market

8 a.m. to noon at The Midway, behind Dollar General, Durham. Weekly market featuring local produce, food, flowers, artists and vendors. Vendor applications at forms.gle/GLBM8X2BijvkTurs5.

Pokémon & Sports Card Expo

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Oroville Convention Center parking lot, 1200 Myers St., Oroville. Features more than 100 tables of Pokémon, sports cards, trading cards and collectibles. Costumes encouraged. Tickets and information at chicooroocto-expo.eventbrite.com.

Fall Concerts in the Park

2 to 4 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville. Free concert featuring Grindstone playing country, Southern, modern and classic rock. Food and merchandise vendors available.

Moose Lodge Trunk or Treat

3 to 5 p.m. at Yuba City Moose Lodge. Features trick-or-treating, treat bags and a hot dog lunch for children. Open to Moose members and qualified guests only. Members may sign up to decorate vehicles in the lodge lobby.

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 for Oct. 27, 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. 27 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. 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

Christian Life Assembly Compassion Plus Food Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon, 1526 Humble Ave Gridley every Wednesday. Please park in the back lot.

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, 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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The Handy Man Services Inc, 2585 Azevedo Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
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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
NURSERY 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000969
The following person(s) are doing business as: Ygreen8 Cleaning Service LLC, 1279 Feather Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965
Ygreen8 Cleaning Service LLC, 1279 Feather Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: September 15, 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 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
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. 2026-0001041
The following person(s) are doing business as: Heritage Rose, 113 Winchester Court, Chico, CA 95926
Brook A Ritter, 113 Winchester Court, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: October 5, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 5, 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: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026
HERITAGE 11-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000950
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bamford, 4288 State Highway 70, Oroville, CA 95965
J.W. Bamford, Inc, Bamford Enterprises, Inc., Bamford Transport, Inc., Bamford Cattle, LLC, 4288 State Highway 70, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: September 8, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 30, 2020
This Business is conducted by: A Joint Venture. 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 ficti-

tious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026
BAMFORD 11-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0001073
The following person(s) are doing business as: Firefly Yards, 930 Cedar Street, Chico, CA 95928
Redding Direct LLC, 1558 Andromeda Way, Lathrop, CA 95330
Date filed in Butte County: October 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 2025
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: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026
FIREFLY 11-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
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

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE #2026-0000952
The following person(s) has/ have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME “Guiding Hands Senior Living Referral and Placement Service” located at 6516 Jack Hill Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.
Secunda Y Conway, PO Box 23, Palermo, CA 95968.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the partnership was filed on April 8, 2026 in the County of Butte.
Filed with the Clerk of Butte County on September 8, 2026.
Publish: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026
GUIDING 11-6-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING REGARDING THE
PROPOSED BIGGS WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT AND
SUTTER EXTENSION WATER DISTRICT - ONE YEAR WATER TRANSFERS

Notice is hereby given that the Biggs West Gridley Water District (BWGWD) and the Sutter Extension Water District (SEWD) (Districts) will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). BWGWD and SEWD will be the joint Lead Agencies. The EIR will address the Districts' One Year Water Transfers from 2027 to 2036 Project (Project). The Districts have determined that an EIR must be prepared for the Project prior to making any final decision regarding whether to approve the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Districts' Boards of Directors will consider the EIR when determining how to move forward with the Project. The Districts are requesting any responsible, trustee or cooperating agency or interested person to participate, review, and provide input on how the Project may affect the environment. If you are an authorized representative of an agency with facilities that may be affected, the Districts would like to know the views of your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project. If you provide comments in response to this Notice of Preparation (NOP), please provide the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the contact person for your agency.

Project Title: One Year Water Transfers from 2027 through 2036 Project
Project Proponents: Biggs-West Gridley Water District
1713 W Biggs Gridley Road
Gridley, CA. 95948

Sutter Extension Water District
4525 Franklin Road
Yuba City, CA 95993

Project Location:
The Project area, which would provide the water for the proposed transfer, encompasses the boundaries of BWGWD and SEWD. BWGWD and SEWD are located approximately 60 and 50 miles north of Sacramento, respectively, and 100 and 130 miles south of Redding, respectively.

Project Description:
The Districts are proposing to conduct a series of one-year water transfers over a 10-year period from 2027 through 2036. The water to be transferred may be for environmental enhancement or by one or more buyers with temporary unmet consumptive water demands due to dry conditions or other factors. Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) would have the first right of refusal for the water transfers from BWGWD and SEWD.

A water transfer temporarily moves water from a willing seller (in this case, BWGWD or SEWD) to an environmental purpose or willing buyer. To make water supplies available for transfer, the seller must take an action to reduce consumptive use such as fallowing crops. Additionally, water transfers must comply with all applicable State and federal laws.

Public Review and Scoping Meeting:
Comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIR may be submitted in writing to the attention of:

Mr. Danny Robinson, General Manager
Biggs-West Gridley Water District
1713 W Biggs Gridley Road
Gridley, CA. 95948
Phone: (530) 846-3317
Email: drobinson@bwgwater.com

Mr. Lynn Phillips, General Manager
Sutter Extension Water District
4525 Franklin Road
Yuba City, CA 95993
Phone: (530) 673-7138
Email: lp Phillips@sutterewd.com

Ms. Dawn E. Marple, Principal Planner, Environmental Project Manager
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
120 N. Floral St.
Visalia, CA 93291
Phone: (559) 636-1166
Email: dmarple@ppeng.com

Comments in response to the Notice of Preparation will be accepted from October 16, 2026, through November 16, 2026. Persons with questions or requests for information may also use the above contact information.

All written scoping comments should reference Biggs-West Gridley Water District's and Sutter Extension Water District's - One Year Water Transfers from 2027 to 2036 Project. Please include your name, address, and phone number, and/or email so that we may contact you for clarification, if necessary.

All supporting documents can also be found at <https://www.bwgwater.com/> for BWGWD and <https://sutterewd.com/> for SEWD.

Pursuant to Section 15083 of the CEQA Guidelines, Public Scoping Meetings will be held to solicit public comments on the scope and content of the EIR. Each District will hold a separate scoping meeting. The Public Scoping Meeting for [BWGWD][SEWD] will be held as follows:

Biggs-West Gridley Water District – Butte County Fairgrounds – Butte Hall
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Place: Butte County Fairgrounds – Butte Hall, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley, CA 95948

and

Sutter Extension Water District – Sutter Youth Organization – Elwood Munger Hall
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Place: Sutter Youth Organization – Elwood Munger Hall, 7740 Butte House Rd, Sutter, CA 95982

Summary

Potential Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR will describe any significant direct and indirect environmental impacts of the Project. The Draft EIR also will evaluate the cumulative impacts of the Project, defined as impacts that could be exacerbated when considered in conjunction with other related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects. The Districts anticipate that the Project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts in the following resource areas, which will be further evaluated in the Draft EIR: Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality.

These potential impacts will be analyzed and discussed in detail in the Draft EIR, and feasible and practicable mitigation measures will be recommended for implementation by the Districts to reduce any identified significant or potentially significant impacts. The discussion in the Draft EIR will also include a required alternatives analysis.

The Districts anticipate that the Project would not result in significant environmental impacts in the following resource areas, which will also be evaluated in the Draft EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.

Potential Approvals and Permits Required: Elements of the Project could be subject to permitting and/or approval authority of other agencies. As the lead agency pursuant to CEQA, BWGWD is responsible for considering the adequacy of the Draft EIR. Other potential approvals and/or permits required from other agencies could include:

- Sutter Extension Water District
- Department of Water Resources
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- United States Bureau of Reclamation

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

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
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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

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Publish: September 11, 18, 25, 2026
GONZALEZ 10-25-26



Local Leaders Tour Beale Air Force Base

By MPG Staff

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - Civic and business leaders from across Northern California gathered at Beale Air Force Base on Sept. 25 for the annual Beale 360 Tour, offering participants a behind-the-scenes look at the installation's aircraft, military operations and global defense mission.

Among those in attendance were Yuba City Mayor Marc Boomgaarden, Yuba City Councilmember Dave Shaw, Habitat for Humanity Yuba-Sutter Chief Operating Officer John Nicoletti, Yuba-Sutter Food Bank Executive Director Maria Ball, Hilbers Inc. CEO Kurt Hilbers and Sutter Buttes Brewing co-owner Scott Sargent.

The full-day event brought together members of Beale's Honorary Commander Program, which pairs civilian leaders with military commanders to strengthen relationships between the base and surrounding communities.

"The Honorary Commander Program is an invaluable, voluntary initiative designed to build lasting personal and professional bridges between Beale Air Force Base and our surrounding Northern California communities," said U.S. Air Force Col. Kenneth Joseph, 940th Mission Support Group commander. "We pair civic leaders and business owners with military commanders to exchange ideas, share experiences, and foster mutual understanding. It demystifies the military

mission for our civilian neighbors, while giving our military personnel a deep appreciation for the community we call home."

One of the tour's highlights was an up-close look at two of Beale's aircraft: the U-2 Dragon Lady and the T-38 Talon. The U-2 is a high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft capable of flying above 70,000 feet, gathering intelligence through specialized sensors and imaging technology. Pilots must wear full-pressure suits similar to those worn by astronauts to operate in the extreme conditions at those altitudes. The T-38 Talon, a twin-engine supersonic jet trainer, plays an important role in maintaining pilot proficiency. At Beale, the aircraft has been used to support training for U-2

pilots.

Visitors had the opportunity to speak with pilots and technicians about the aircraft, their unique flight characteristics and the specialized equipment required to operate them.

"The two aircraft and the missions they fly are all impressive," said Boomgaarden, who serves as honorary commander of the 9th Intelligence Squadron.

Beyond the flight line, participants witnessed demonstrations of the base's emergency response and defense capabilities. At Fire Station 1, personnel from the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight and 9th Security Forces Squadron demonstrated coordinated emergency



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Typolt, 9th Reconnaissance Wing deputy commander, examines protective equipment used by explosive ordnance disposal personnel during the Beale 360 Tour on Sept. 25. Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shaei Rodriguez

response procedures, bomb disposal robotics and military working dog operations.

Additional stops introduced visitors to Beale's aerial refueling capabilities, combat ammunition operations and intelligence gathering and distribution systems, illustrating the range of military missions conducted at the installation.

Throughout the day, military leadership emphasized the importance of cooperation between active-duty personnel, reserve forces and the civilian communities surrounding Beale. The event concluded with an informal gathering at Moos & Brews, an on-base restaurant, where participants continued conversations about community partnerships and quality-of-life priorities for military families.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Chad Raney, 9th

Intelligence Squadron commander, emphasized that strong relationships with neighboring communities ultimately support military readiness.

"Being able to relate to the community ensures our neighbors understand what our Airmen are going through, and that support helps them so that when they need to show up for work—at whatever time of the day—they are prepared and ready to focus on the mission."

The annual tour is part of Beale's ongoing efforts to connect Northern California civic leaders with the airmen and military operations based in their region.

This article was adapted from reporting by Senior Airman Victoria Johnson, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs, published Sept. 29, 2026. Additional local attendee information was provided to the Gridley Herald. ★



Airmen from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing join honorary commanders and community leaders for a group photo during the Beale 360 Tour at Beale Air Force Base on Sept. 25. Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shaei Rodriguez

Gridley Titans Sweep Jr. Falcons

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans youth football program collected three victories over the Central Valley Jr. Falcons on Saturday, Oct. 10, with the 8U, 10U and 14U teams combining for 99 points while holding their opponents to 21.

The Titans' 14U team secured a 40-8 victory in a game that gave the players their first opportunity to compete under the lights.

Head coach Aaron Lumsden's squad relied on its rushing attack, with Julian Lopez, Lane Mowles and Cal Lumsden each finding the end zone.

The Titans also scored through the air when Cal Lumsden connected with Caleb Oakley for a touchdown pass. Blake Craven added a touchdown on a punt return.

Kayla Teruel, Cooper



Brown, Walker Seale and Reece Phillips served as team captains for the game.

The 10U Titans continued their undefeated season, defeating the Jr. Falcons 30-13 to improve to 8-0.

Head coach Randall Huff credited the team's defensive performance, which produced two touchdowns and helped secure the victory.

The Titans will look to maintain their unbeaten record when they face the Las Plumas Jr. Thunderbirds Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Boneyard.

Gridley's 8U team also delivered a shutout against

Central Valley, defeating the Jr. Falcons 29-0 behind its defensive effort and contributions from several offensive players.

Under head coach Jesse Vasquez, the Titans controlled the clock and found success on the ground and through the air.

AJ Luquin broke free for a 60-yard touchdown run, while Jeremiah Enriquez scored on a short rushing play. John Henry Whitney added a touchdown on a long reception, and Tatum Zavala scored from the 3-yard line.

The Titans' defense contributed to the scoring by forcing a safety, completing the shutout.

The three victories marked a successful Saturday for the Gridley youth football program, with all three teams producing touchdowns on offense and making contributions on defense. ★

Seniors Urged to Watch for Scams

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Older adults face scams ranging from fraudulent investments and romance schemes to home improvement fraud and government impostors, prompting the Better Business Bureau to urge consumers to recognize common warning signs.

According to the BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, investment and cryptocurrency scams remain among the riskiest for consumers 55 and older. Online purchase scams ranked second for those ages 55 to 64, while romance scams ranked second among consumers 65 and older. Home improvement scams ranked third for both groups.

BBB warns consumers to use caution when receiving unsolicited telephone calls, particularly from callers claiming to represent a government agency or financial institution.

Scammers may manipulate caller ID information to make calls appear legitimate. BBB recommends hanging up and contacting an agency, bank or other organization directly using a verified telephone number.

Consumers should also watch for offers that appear too good to be true, demands for immediate action and requests for payment through gift cards, prepaid debit cards or wire transfers.

Home improvement scams present another concern. BBB recommends against hiring contractors who unexpectedly arrive at a home offering repairs or inspections. Consumers should research contractors,

verify required licenses and avoid paying the entire cost of a project upfront.

Emergency scams may involve callers posing as grandchildren or other relatives who claim they have been arrested, injured or stranded and urgently need money. Scammers may gather names, travel plans and other family information from social media to make their stories more convincing.

Government impostor scams use similar tactics. Callers may claim to represent agencies such as the IRS, Social Security Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs and threaten the loss of benefits or other consequences unless the consumer provides personal information or makes an immediate payment.

BBB also warns about unsolicited offers for medical equipment. Scammers may contact Medicare recipients offering supposedly free equipment, such as braces or walkers, and then bill Medicare.

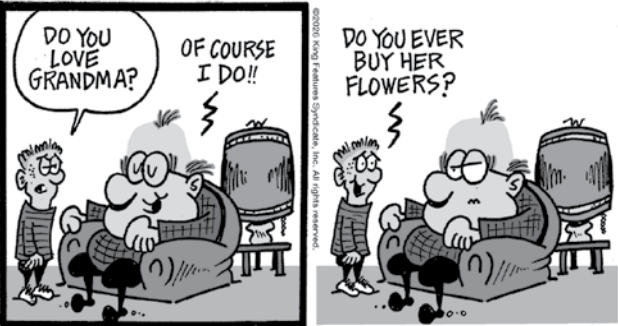
Romance and investment scams can develop over longer periods as scammers work to gain a victim's trust before requesting money.

BBB recommends that consumers avoid providing personal or financial information to unsolicited callers, regularly review financial statements and discuss questionable offers with someone they trust before sending money.

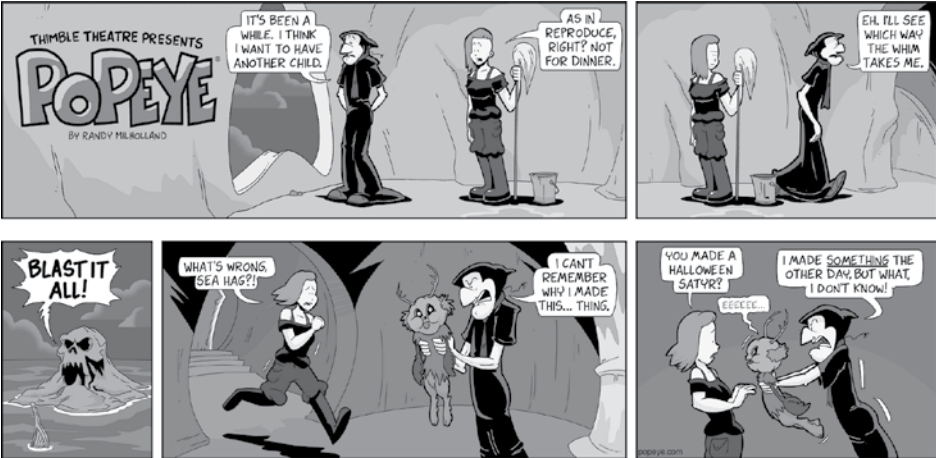
Consumers can learn more at <http://BBB.org/AvoidScams>. Suspected scams can be reported through BBB Scam Tracker at <http://BBB.org/ScamTracker>. ★

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by Jeff Pickering



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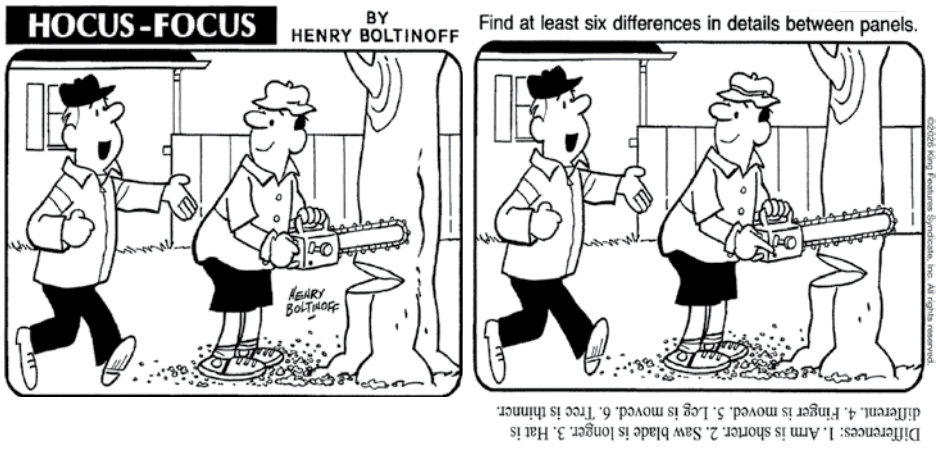
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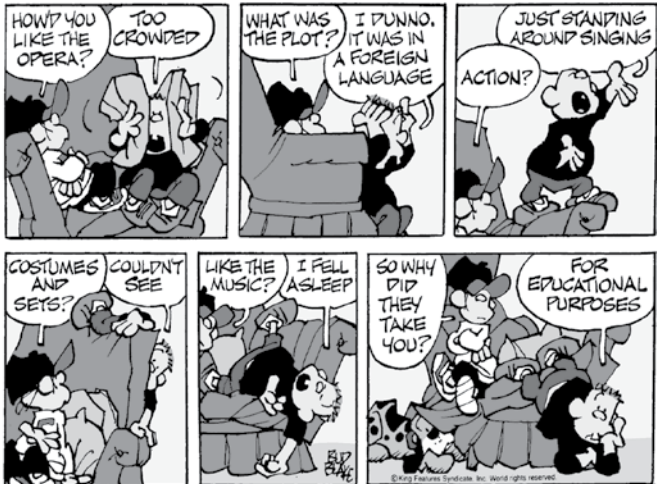
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by Dave T. Phipps



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Wolverines Hold Off Trojans

Live Oak and Gridley Drop Westside League Openers

By YSBC Sports

SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - As Westside League play opened up last week, it was a rough go for our two competitors as we had a team pick up a victory since the first week of the season.

Las Plumas 39, Gridley 35

The Bulldogs started out strong as they hit a two-score lead in the first quarter, but in the end it was the ThunderBirds with the late fourth-quarter attack that sealed their win.

Gridley senior running back Manny Sandoval ran the ball for 200 yards on the ground and found the end zone three times in the loss.

Bulldogs head coach Dan Zumwalt told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the ball-control issues they have had over the last few weeks has improved



Live Oak junior running back Jesus Martinez (23) rushes the ball on Sept. 11 in the Lions' win over Anderson. Photo by Steven Bryla

and been better.

Senior running back Marcus Duncan added 81 yards on the ground and two scores in the end zone.

Zumwalt said they were able to move the ball efficiently throughout the game, but so was Las Plumas.

Thunderbirds junior quarterback Branden

Robinson completed seven passes for 247 yards in the air.

Gridley was able to pick off four passes off Robinson but he found a way late in the game to steal the victory.

The Bulldogs have a tough road test this week as they travel to Orland with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Corning 21, Live Oak 0

Live Oak dropped their third game in a row and were held scoreless in this stretch for the second time.

The Lions had more than 220 yards of offense in the loss and head coach Robert Tilton expressed to YSBC they struggled when they were in the red zone.

Tilton added that they came out of the game with no major injuries from the game.

Live Oak sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone completed six passes for 72 yards in the loss.

Lions junior running back Jesus Martinez rushed for 81 yards in the defeat and junior running back Izzy Jurado rushed for 55 yards and hauled in three catches for 44 yards.

The Live Oak rushing attack will need their big offensive-line push this week as the Lions will travel to Harrison Stadium the next two weeks in Oroville.

On Friday, they take on



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

Las Plumas, who defeated Gridley 39-35 on Oct. 9.

Biggs 21, Quincy 13

The Wolverines snapped their four-game losing streak and ended up in the win column for the first time since the end of August.

Biggs head coach Eddie Del Rio told YSBC that it was good to see his group get a hard-fought road win and one intends to continue the positive momentum.

Wolverines junior Hudson Brewer completed three passes for 97 yards in the air and rushed the ball eight times for 55 yards on the ground.

Biggs senior running back Cashten Actosa had a

major offensive day as he rushed for 100 yards and hauled in a 50-yard catch from Brewer.

Defensively the Wolverines got after the quarterback as they had eight total sacks and 11 tackles for loss in the win.

Biggs has a shorter road trip this week as they head to Williams and take on a heavy-run offense.

Del Rio told YSBC that this is a good opportunity for them to make a turn of pace in the Mid-Valley League. He added that he believes they are still in the mix and anything can happen in the MVL. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday. ★



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

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