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Harvest Moon Festival Brings Community Together



A customer receives her purchase from Ashley Garske of Aldrich Farm Stand. Garske was among the local vendors offering fashions and accessories at the second annual Harvest Moon Festival.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The second annual Harvest Moon Festival stopped traffic again as it closed streets in downtown Gridley on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 4 to 7 p.m.

That evening, downtown businesses kept their doors open late and joined approximately 27 vendors for a new yet popular evening of

shopping, food, beverages and community connection.

Hosted by local businesses Eight Six-O and The Mercantile, this year's festival saw increased vendor interest, with organizers Molly McClarinnon and Natalie Ratliff at the helm of planning.

Despite the outpouring of interest from vendors drawn to the Harvest Moon Festival after a highly

successful first event, Ratliff said she considered not having the festival at all.

Ratliff said last year's co-organizers had either closed their downtown businesses or were no longer able to share the planning load. The Mercantile's McClarinnon answered the call, having been an active participant in the 2025 event.

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Highway 99 Safety Plans Spark Debate



By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Fifteen broadside collisions in five years have put Highway 99 and Rio Bonito Road in line for major safety improvements, but one proposed solution is raising concerns that heavy truck traffic could be diverted through Biggs.

Caltrans is considering two alternatives for the intersection, either a single-lane roundabout or a traffic signal. The project, estimated to cost \$7.5 million to \$12 million, was presented to the Biggs City Council on Oct. 13. Caltrans officials said a preferred option will be selected following further environmental and technical review.

Caltrans project manager Mary Fesliyan said both alternatives remain under equal consideration. A roundabout would include a truck apron for oversized vehicles and reduce approach speeds, while a traffic signal would control turning movements and improve visibility. Each option will be evaluated for effects on nearby properties, business access, future development and agricultural traffic.

"We definitely want to be sensitive to the farm vehicles going there because it is a large part of the community," Fesliyan said.

The intersection, located about a mile east of Biggs, has stop signs on Rio Bonito Road while Highway 99 traffic travels without stopping. Fesliyan said the collisions recorded between April 1, 2019, and March 31, 2024, involved vehicles failing to yield. The agency reported a 2024 average daily traffic count of 13,570 vehicles.

Caltrans expects to select an option and complete environmental review by fall 2027, finish final design by fall 2028 and complete construction by fall 2029. Fesliyan said either design would also consider advance warning signs and ways to slow approaching vehicles. Funding will come from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, she said.

Mayor James "Bo" Shephard said concerns about the intersection have persisted for years

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CNA Training Center Coming to Gridley

Story and photo
by Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A new training center in downtown Gridley will soon offer residents an opportunity to enter the healthcare field without paying tuition, while helping two area skilled nursing facilities develop their workforce.

West Harbor Healthcare plans to open the West Harbor Training Center at 891 Hazel St., with its first certified nurse assistant (CNA) class scheduled to begin Jan. 4, 2027. The program will provide classroom instruction, hands-on training and clinical experience for students interested in pursuing healthcare careers.

The center plans to accept approximately 15 students per class and offer four classes annually, with the possibility of a fifth as the program develops. At full capacity, the center could train 60 to 75 students each year.

Mollie Openshaw, a licensed vocational nurse and the center's co-director and lead CNA instructor, said the program aims to help individuals who might otherwise struggle to afford healthcare training.

"There are people right here in Gridley and the surrounding communities who may have always wanted to work in healthcare but haven't known where to start or how to afford the training," Openshaw said. "We

want to help open that door."

The program will provide tuition sponsorship to selected applicants who agree to work at a West Harbor Healthcare facility for 12 months. Students will sign an employment commitment agreement before enrollment.

Openshaw said applicants will receive information about the agreement and any additional expenses, including uniforms, screenings, supplies or certification fees, before committing to the program.

The training center will serve as a workforce development program for Gridley Post Acute in Gridley and Bridgeview Health Care in Yuba City, both operated under West Harbor Healthcare.

Students will complete their clinical training at those facilities, gaining experience assisting residents with daily activities, including meals, dressing, grooming, mobility and personal care.

Openshaw said skilled

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Mollie Openshaw, co-director and lead CNA instructor at West Harbor Training Center, stands inside the new training facility at 891 Hazel St. in downtown Gridley. The center plans to begin offering sponsored certified nurse assistant training in January 2027.

PokaBears Brings Collectibles to Downtown Gridley



The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 14, for PokaBears in downtown Gridley. Pictured from left are Joan Clark, Cathy Mills, Jacob Buckhammer, Sara Buckhammer, Ezekiel Buckhammer (front), Garth Mayberry, Cindy Mayberry, Lisa Van De Hey and Rob Haeberle. Photo courtesy of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce helped welcome a new business to Gridley on Wednesday, Oct. 14, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for PokaBears, the newest addition to historic downtown Gridley.

PokaBears specializes in Pokémon trading cards, figurines and collectibles from the popular franchise featuring anime-style characters.

In addition, the family-friendly PokaBears shares pack-opening videos and “real pulls” on its online platforms.

“We also have Magic: The Gathering ... just a little bit of everything,” said store owner Jacob Buckhammer of the other items in stock.

The family shares a passion for collecting cards and sells extras from its personal collections, along

with other memorabilia, figurines and collectibles in the same genre.

Buckhammer said one of the reasons the family decided to expand to a brick-and-mortar storefront was to share its passion for collecting with other card-collecting enthusiasts and potential customers.

“We want to bring kids and families together through Pokémon,” said Buckhammer, who has instilled a love of Pokémon card collecting in his wife, Sara, and son, Ezekiel.

Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce member Cathy Mills said the store carries a lot of items for youth and that she is excited to see PokaBears join the Gridley business community.

“PokaBears is a fun business to add to the community, especially for gift giving. You don’t have to drive to a specialty shop or take your business online,” said Mills, who added that

she prefers supporting local businesses.

Although the store opened quietly a little over two weeks ago, the family is already looking toward the future.

Buckhammer hopes to expand PokaBears’ offerings to include additional gaming interests, such as Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), a wider selection of memorabilia and gaming cards, and potential gaming nights.

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce’s ribbon-cutting ceremony, held Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m., marked a warm welcome to the local business community as PokaBears begins establishing its place in Gridley.

PokaBears is located at 1051 Hazel St. in Gridley and is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. The store is closed Sunday and Monday. ★

CNA Training Center Coming to Gridley

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nursing facilities care for a broader range of patients than many people realize. In addition to elderly residents requiring long-term care, facilities serve younger patients recovering from surgery, accidents and other medical conditions.

“We are actually taking care of a broad group of people,” Openshaw said. “There are some people that are there that call it their home, but also some short stays too.”

The center expects to offer an eight-week training program, pending final approval of its instructional schedule under California Department of Public Health requirements.

Coursework will cover human anatomy, patient rights, personal care, healthcare procedures and the responsibilities of nursing assistants. Students will also learn about different levels of patient care and the roles of other healthcare professionals.

Openshaw said the classroom instruction will help prepare students for their clinical assignments, where they will put those skills into practice while working with residents and nursing staff.

The center will accept applicants from Gridley and surrounding communities, including Oroville, Chico, Paradise, Marysville, Yuba City and Colusa County.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and meet applicable state requirements. Previous healthcare experience is not required.

Prospective students will complete an application and interview with Openshaw and representatives from the facilities’ human resources departments. The selection process will consider applicants’ commitment to completing the program and their interest in working for West Harbor Healthcare.

Openshaw said interviews could begin in November, with the center expecting to select its first class by mid-December.

While graduates may pursue employment at Gridley Post Acute or Bridgeview Health Care, opportunities will depend on staffing needs and successful completion of training and certification requirements.

Matt Maylin, administrator of Gridley Post Acute, has supported the development of the training center and its goal of removing financial barriers for people interested in healthcare careers.

Maylin said the program will give qualified residents an opportunity to receive sponsored training while helping West Harbor Healthcare develop caregivers for

its facilities. He also views the center as a way for the organization to contribute to the Gridley community.

For Openshaw, the program represents an opportunity to introduce others to a profession she entered as a teenager.

She began working as a CNA in Chico at age 15, carrying a work permit and gaining experience that would lead to a nursing career spanning more than 45 years.

Openshaw graduated from nursing school in 1989 and has worked in hospitals, infusion services, long-term care, consulting and staff education.

She said her early experience as a nursing assistant continues to influence her approach to teaching.

“It was one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of my life, and I haven’t forgotten what it feels like to take those first steps,” Openshaw said.

Openshaw said the center is intended for more than recent high school graduates or those beginning their careers. She hopes to reach people looking for a career change, as well as individuals interested in using CNA certification as a starting point for additional healthcare education.

Some students may continue toward nursing or other medical professions, while others may choose to remain CNAs throughout their careers.

The decision to establish the center in downtown Gridley also reflects the organization’s connection to its local facilities.

Openshaw said the Hazel Street location places students within a short distance of Gridley Post Acute, where they will complete some of their clinical training.

She also hopes the center will become a lasting part of the downtown community.

“We chose Gridley just because it’s a perfect fit,” Openshaw said.

The training center’s motto, “Train Here. Work Here. Grow Here,” reflects the organization’s plans to connect education with employment and career development.

Openshaw encouraged interested residents to apply, even if they have never worked in healthcare.

“Don’t be afraid to apply,” she said. “At least, the very least, make a phone call to me or an email to me.”

Applications are available at gridley-postacute.com. Prospective students can contact Openshaw at 530-975-4040 or mopenshaw@westharborhc.com for information about the program and enrollment requirements. ★

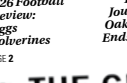
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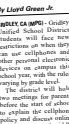
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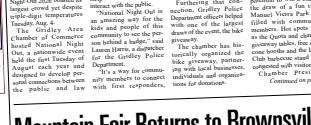
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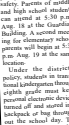
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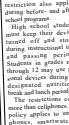
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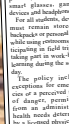
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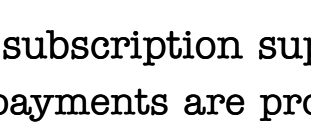
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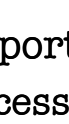
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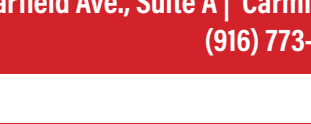
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Harvest Moon Festival Brings Community Together

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Ratliff and McClarinnon began planning in August, and Ratliff said improved preparation helped generate strong interest, ultimately leaving organizers with more vendors



Gridley resident Kyla Pearl receives a tarot card reading from Juanita, a new addition to the Harvest Moon Festival. "It was fun. I needed it," Pearl said afterward.

than they could accommodate. "I had to turn some people away," said Ratliff, who worried about whether the community would support the event as strongly as its first installment.

It did. The event was described as an outstanding success for the downtown area, and people were seen enjoying the evening.

"Seeing our downtown filled with families, friends, laughter and so much community spirit is exactly why we love putting on events like this," Ratliff said.

The Harvest Moon Festival encompassed two blocks of Hazel Street between Virginia and Vermont streets. A pumpkin patch photo booth, courtesy of Wheeler Ranch & Feed, filled the center of the event, spanning a good portion of the Kentucky and Hazel streets intersection.

"It's bigger this year. There are more people," said Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce member and Gridley resident Garth Mayberry as he

and his wife, Cindy, enjoyed refreshments from vendors such as Bastiani Ristorante & Pasticceria.

New vendors included "coming soon" businesses such as Bastiani's, along with tarot readings, pumpkin painting and face painting.

With the second annual festival behind them, organizers are already looking ahead to more opportunities to bring the community together. Ratliff expressed interest in holding an event closer to Christmas, similar to the one she helped organize last year.

"As small business owners, the love and support our community continues to show means more than you know," Ratliff said. "Events like this remind us just how special our little town is." ★



Harvest Moon Festival co-organizer Natalie Ratliff stands beside one of her jewelry displays during the downtown Gridley event.

Gridley Celebrates Día de los Muertos, Nov. 1

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The sixth annual Día de los Muertos celebration will bring the community together Nov. 1 beginning at 3 p.m. in Daddow Park in Gridley for an evening honoring loved ones who have passed away, celebrating cultural traditions and preserving heritage for future generations.

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a Mexican cultural tradition honoring deceased family members and loved ones. Through vibrant colors, flowers, foods, music and meaningful keepsakes, families celebrate the lives and memories of those who have passed.

Lucia Chavez with

NVCSS said what started as a small project organized by Angel Calderon in 2020 with limited funding and resources has developed into a beloved community celebration featuring colorful Mexican art, music and dance.

Chavez is one of the talented artisans who build the increasing number of decorative displays positioned around the park and is an active leader of the folkloric dance group "Las Hijas de Maria."

Chavez said the community can expect an even brighter display than ever, sharing that the evening of remembrance will be filled with song and dance performances, spectacular costumes and vibrant lights.

This year's theme, "Where Memories, Dreams, and Love Find Their Wings," centers on a large heart design, reflecting the enduring connections between loved ones.

The motif will be visible throughout the event, with a large art installation currently being made by Chavez.

Previous celebrations have featured themes such as the monarch butterfly, a central part of Día de los Muertos, which is believed to represent the souls of the dead returning home.

Organizers emphasized the importance of sharing these traditions with younger generations, helping them

maintain a connection to their Hispanic roots and understand the cultural significance behind the celebration.

A central feature will be a community ofrenda, or offering altar.

Attendees are encouraged to bring photographs and meaningful items honoring their deceased loved ones. While families often create personal ofrendas in their homes, this event provides a shared space for public remembrance.

Beyond the music, dancing and costumes, the celebration offers an opportunity for community members to connect through shared memories and traditions, providing a welcoming space to honor those who have passed. ★



Lucia Chavez, member of the planning committee for the Gridley Día de Los Muertos and NVCSS, stands next to a handmade "sugar skull" dressed in full Catrina costume. Photo courtesy of Lucia Chavez

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The intersection of Highway 99 and Rio Bonito Road currently requires motorists on Rio Bonito Road to stop while highway traffic continues without stopping. Caltrans is considering a traffic signal or roundabout to reduce collisions. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

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and questioned whether the 2024 vehicle count accurately reflects current conditions.

“It does seem like traffic on 99 here has really picked up in the last couple years,” Shephard said, suggesting Caltrans gather updated figures before selecting a design.

Councilmember Anita Wilks raised concerns about how a roundabout might affect travel patterns in the agricultural community.

“One of the comments that I’ve heard is that perhaps the truck drivers or

other farm equipment might try to avoid it if it’s a roundabout and come through town,” Wilks said.

Wilks warned such a detour would send more heavy vehicles past the elementary school, a possibility that has raised concerns among residents.

Donna Bayless, who lives near the proposed project, urged Caltrans to address vehicle speeds now, regardless of which alternative is chosen.

“I mean, it’s a race-track out there and nobody knows the speed limit,” Bayless said.

Another speaker

requested flashing warning signs as an interim safety measure until construction begins.

Residents can submit comments through a survey open through Dec. 31 at engage.dot.ca.gov/03-0n010. Wilks encouraged residents to participate in the Caltrans survey to ensure their concerns and preferences are considered before a final decision is made.

Caltrans said public input will be considered, although the agency will make the final selection based on technical studies and other factors. ★



An aerial illustration shows a proposed single-lane roundabout at Highway 99 and Rio Bonito Road. Some Biggs officials worry the design could divert trucks and agricultural equipment through city streets. Photo courtesy of Caltrans



A traffic signal is one of two alternatives Caltrans is considering to improve safety at the intersection of Highway 99 and Rio Bonito Road east of Biggs. The project follows 15 broadside collisions recorded over five years. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Oroville Man Sentenced for Causing Fire

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A 68-year-old Oroville man received a three-year state prison sentence after a fire he started while cooking in a field of dry grass

threatened a nearby residential neighborhood.

John Matthew Francis was sentenced Oct. 15 in Butte County Superior Court after pleading no contest in September to one count of recklessly causing a fire.

According to Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, Cal Fire firefighters responded to a vegetation fire near Lincoln Boulevard and Ophir Road in Oroville at approximately 9:22 p.m. Aug. 18.

Arson investigators determined that Francis had been cooking food over an open flame in a field of tall, dry grass when a piece of hot debris



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Vineyards Turn to UV-C Light to Fight Powdery Mildew

Nonchemical, ultraviolet disinfection systems originally designed for industrial and medical uses have begun to take root in winegrape vineyards to manage powdery mildew. Norway-based Saga Robotics introduced its Thorvald autonomous ultraviolet-C light-application robot to Central Coast winegrapes three years ago. Applied at night, the low-dose UV-C light disrupts the powdery mildew’s DNA without damaging plant tissue. Norm Peters, director of vineyard operations for Oakville-based Silver Oak, said he was attracted to the system because it met the company’s sustainability priorities of putting people first and producing quality vines and wines. “It’s nice when you try something and trial it and it does what it’s supposed to do,” he said. Silver Oak’s winemaker is fermenting the fruit and will determine whether the light treatments affected wine quality, and if so, how.

Commentary: Roadless Rule has Kept Forests from Being Managed

In a recent Ag Alert® commentary, California Farm Bureau Vice President Shaun Crook applauded a proposal from the U.S. Forest Service to rescind the federal Roadless Area Conservation Rule, or Roadless Rule. Enacted by the Clinton administration in 2001, the policy prohibits road construction, road reconstruction and commercial timber harvesting across millions of acres of undeveloped national forests. “I believe it is an important step toward ending a rigid, one-size-fits-all approach and returning management decisions back to local forests,” said Crook, who is a logger in Tuolumne County. He

said some of the criticism of the proposal has been unfounded. “Some conservation groups are acting as if the sky is falling and that the last untouched areas are about to be paved over. This is simply not the case,” Crook said. “If rescinded, active management, mechanical thinning, fuel reduction and all modern efforts to create fire resiliency would once again be allowed on the 4 million acres of California land that have been off limits for a quarter of a century.”

Calls Open for Agricultural Educator of the Year Award

The California FFA Foundation, in partnership with Nationwide and the California Farm Bureau, is accepting nominations for California’s top agricultural teachers for a chance to be named Agricultural Educator of the Year. Nominate any California agricultural educator for the 2026-2027 Golden Owl Award through Dec. 15. Since its inception, the Golden Owl Award has given more than \$800,000 to support teachers, students and FFA programs. California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass, an FFA alum, highlighted the youth organization’s lasting influence on the agricultural community and the leaders who serve it. “Farm Bureau sees firsthand the tremendous impact that FFA makes, as many of our current leaders across agriculture have roots in FFA,” Douglass said. “We are so appreciative of the hard-working ag teachers who provide a great foundation for FFA members that in turn benefits all of agriculture.” To nominate, visit www.cognitiforums.com/CaliforniaFFAAssociation/GoldenOwlAwardApplication3. ★

Gridley Library Happenings

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:

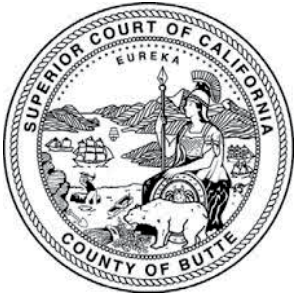
Pumpkin Painting, children ages 6 to 11 can decorate mini pumpkins on the library patio. Pumpkins and paint will be provided while supplies last.

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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Scammers Turn to AI Voice Cloning

BBB Warns of Fake Emergency Calls

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - A familiar voice on the telephone may no longer be enough to confirm who is calling.

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers that scammers can use artificial intelligence to clone a person's voice and create convincing telephone calls or voicemail messages designed to steal money or personal information.

Voice-cloning technology can reproduce a person's voice using a small audio sample, according to BBB. Scammers can then use the cloned voice to impersonate relatives, employers or others a victim trusts.

The technology adds another layer to impersonation and emergency scams, which often rely on creating a sense of urgency before a victim has time to verify the caller's story.

In one workplace scenario described by BBB, an employee receives what appears to be a voicemail from a supervisor directing the employee to wire thousands of dollars to a vendor for an urgent project. The employee follows the instructions only to later discover the supervisor never made the request.

Similar schemes can target families.

A scammer may impersonate a child, grandchild or other relative and claim to have been injured, arrested or involved in another emergency. The caller may provide convincing details before asking the victim to immediately send money through a digital payment service, gift card or other method.



BBB warns that scammers can use artificial intelligence to clone familiar voices and impersonate relatives, employers or others to request money or personal information. Photo courtesy of Better Business Bureau.

One consumer told BBB Scam Tracker that a caller sounded like her daughter-in-law and claimed she had been pulled over and suffered a broken nose. The caller repeatedly asked the woman to write down the name and telephone number of a supposed attorney.

"Her voice sounded just like my daughter-in-law," the consumer reported.

BBB recommends resisting pressure to act immediately, regardless of how convincing the caller sounds. Consumers should hang up and contact the person directly using a telephone number they already know rather than a number supplied by the caller or displayed through caller ID.

Families can add another safeguard by establishing a secret word or phrase that can be used to verify someone's identity during an unexpected or urgent call.

The phrase should be memorable to family members but difficult for someone else to discover. BBB cautions against using information that may be available online, including birthdays, addresses, street names or pets. A

family verification phrase should also remain separate from passwords used for online accounts.

Families should avoid mentioning or sharing the phrase on social media, through public posts or in other places where a scammer could find it.

Businesses face similar risks from scammers impersonating executives, supervisors or vendors. BBB recommends establishing procedures requiring employees to independently verify unexpected requests to transfer money or change payment information rather than relying solely on a telephone call, voicemail or email.

Consumers should also consider requests for immediate payment through gift cards, wire transfers or digital payment applications a warning sign and verify the request before sending money.

Suspected scams can be reported through BBB Scam Tracker at <http://BBB.org/ScamTracker>. Additional information about artificial intelligence and scams is available at <http://BBB.org>. ★

Gridley Pool Faces Closure Without New Funding

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Butte County supervisors took a step toward saving Gridley's aging public swimming pool Oct. 13, authorizing an application for a state grant that could provide up to \$8.5 million to repair or replace the facility.

Without additional funding, the county may have to consider permanently closing and demolishing the pool, General Services Director Tara Repka Flores said. Existing reserves are insufficient to cover the extensive improvements needed to keep it operating.

Robin Cook, a long-time Gridley resident and assistant to Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, emphasized the importance of preserving one of the community's few public recreational facilities.

"The schools use this pool. The swim team uses this pool. The community uses this pool. And it's one of the only places in the community in the summertime for kids to go and cool off," Cook said.

Butte officials said the facility was constructed to provide children with a safer alternative to swimming in irrigation canals and drainage ditches.

"This pool actually was built by farmers probably 70 years ago, and it's extremely inefficient and needs renovation," Kimmelshue said.

Cook recalled using those waterways herself while growing up in Gridley, despite hazards that include broken glass, debris and shallow water.

Kimmelshue, who has advocated improvements to the facility, said the aging pool has become increasingly expensive to maintain. Among the challenges are structural problems, persistent leaks, excessive chlorine consumption and design flaws that make routine cleaning difficult and time-consuming.

Repka Flores said the county hopes to address those problems through the Statewide



The Gridley swimming pool, managed by the Butte County Fair Association, faces possible permanent closure unless Butte County secures funding for repairs or replacement. County officials are seeking a state grant of up to \$8.5 million to preserve the aging facility. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Fair

Park Development and Community Revitalization Program, which provides competitive grants to improve recreational opportunities in underserved communities. Awards can reach \$8.5 million, require no local matching funds and allow up to 25% of the money to be used for design.

Repka Flores said estimates prepared more than a decade ago placed the cost of replacing the existing facilities between \$2 million and \$4.5 million. Construction expenses have increased substantially since then, officials said.

The county plans to use California Consulting, a grant-writing firm already under contract, to prepare the application. Supervisors will be asked later to approve a \$15,000 budget adjustment using money from County Service Area 034, which funds the swimming pool, officials said.

That expense would leave an estimated year-end balance of \$319,191, according to Repka Flores.

Kimmelshue said reserves must be preserved because the county could ultimately need the money to decommission and demolish the pool if repairs or replacement become financially impossible.

The application process

will include outreach to the Butte County Fair Association, which manages the pool, and opportunities for community participation. County officials cautioned that submitting an application does not guarantee funding because projects will compete against many proposals from throughout California.

The Gridley Pool application is part of the fifth round of the statewide program, funded by Proposition 4, the climate bond approved by California voters in 2024. California State Parks has \$188.5 million available statewide, with applications due Dec. 17.

Previous recipients include three projects located in Butte County that were awarded grants in 2021. The Chico Area Recreation and Park District received \$2.95 million for Chapman Park renovations, Oroville received \$4.58 million for improvements to Hewitt Park, and the Paradise Recreation and Park District received \$5.23 million to develop Lakeridge Park in Magalia.

Kimmelshue expressed optimism that Gridley residents would support the effort to preserve a facility that has served generations of local families.

"And let's all keep our fingers crossed," he said. ★

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Biggs Returns Animal Control to Gridley

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs residents could see faster responses to animal control complaints after the City Council approved an agreement Oct. 13 returning services to neighboring Gridley following several years under contract with Butte County.

The change follows the county's decision not to participate in Biggs' competitive bidding process. Gridley was the only agency to submit a proposal and agreed to provide the same services at the same cost, City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said.

"We're hoping that we get a good quality service with this," Gauthier said.

Animal control complaints in Biggs now exceed 100 calls a month, according to Gauthier. Although he did not provide figures on how frequently Butte County responded, councilmembers expressed frustration with the level of service residents have

received.

Mayor Bo Sheppard said Gridley's proximity should improve response times, particularly compared with county personnel traveling from Oroville. He said the city previously had good experiences with Gridley's animal control operations.

Councilmember Anita Wilks described problems involving an aggressive dog in her neighborhood that had bitten several residents. She recalled being chased toward her house and having to leave groceries outside to avoid being bitten.

"The response time, I think, is going to be much better," Wilks said.

Under the agreement, the Gridley Police Department will provide animal control patrols, investigate animal cruelty and other violations, transport stray animals and handle rabies-control activities. Residents needing assistance should contact the department's dispatch center.

Animals requiring shelter will be

housed at the Gridley Animal Shelter.

Regular service hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weekend, holiday and after-hours responses will be provided if deemed necessary by Gridley police supervisors.

The agreement carries an annual cost of \$27,228, payable in monthly installments of \$2,269. Gauthier said the expense remains within the city's existing budget.

The contract runs from Oct. 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, with provisions allowing annual fee adjustments. Total compensation cannot exceed \$150,500 without a formal amendment.

Additional charges could apply for unusually extensive investigations, certain veterinary expenses and other specialized services.

Biggs will continue handling animal licensing and collecting fees while providing Gridley with updated licensing records each month. Gridley will furnish reports on its animal control activities.

The agreement still requires approval by the Gridley City Council, Gauthier said.

Two Arrested in Live Oak Armed Robbery

By MPG Staff

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Two Live Oak men were arrested following an armed robbery near the Live Oak Skate Park on Oct. 13, according to the Sutter County Sheriff's Office.

Hugo Diaz Chavez, 22, was arrested on suspicion of assault with a firearm, robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime, probation violations and several narcotics possession offenses.

Francisco Ramos, 25, was arrested on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy to commit a crime.

According to the Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to a report of an armed robbery late Tuesday evening near the Live Oak Skate Park.

The victim reported that two men threatened them with a firearm and robbed them before fleeing the area.

Deputies subsequently took both suspects into custody. The Sheriff's Office did not provide details about how deputies located the suspects, what property was stolen or whether anyone suffered injuries.

Authorities set bail at \$50,000 for each suspect. Both men had initial court appearances scheduled for Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.

The Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the robbery. Authorities have not released additional details about the circumstances surrounding the incident.

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. 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](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Saturday, Oct. 24
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>

Howl-O-Ween Pup Crawl
Noon in downtown Chico. Butte Humane Society will host a fundraising event featuring participating downtown businesses, costume fun and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and include an event T-shirt and passport. For tickets and information, visit www.buttehumane.org/events.

Victorian Mourning Tours
1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the C.F. Lott Historic Home, 41067 Montgomery St., Oroville. Explore Victorian-era mourning customs and traditions during guided tours. Admission is \$5 cash at the door, with tours limited to 10 guests each. For information, email museums@cityoforoville.org.

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.

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.

Samhain Festival
Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with performances beginning at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Northern California Art (monca), 900 Esplanade, Chico. The Celtic Halloween celebration will feature traditional music and storytelling, with performances by Celtic Knights of the Sea, Corrib, and Eamonn Flynn and Dublinesque. Drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit monca.

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 chicoorooctexpo.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.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
General Loss Grief Support Group
6-7 p.m., Be Xtra Community Event Center, 1251 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. Grief with Hope hosts a weekly support group for people experiencing loss. The group provides a space to share, connect and receive support from others experiencing grief.

"Toss for Tails" Cornhole Event
6:30 p.m. at Gold Country Casino, 4020 Olive Highway, Oroville. This monthly cornhole fundraiser benefits the Northwest SPCA. No partner is needed, and all participants play every round. Cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle will be offered. Held the last Wednesday of each month.

Swing, Soul, Samba & Beyond
7-9 p.m. at Butte College Black Box Theatre, 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville. The Butte College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos will perform swing, soul, Brazilian jazz and modern big band music. Admission is \$10 general and \$5 for students. Tickets at www.butte.edu/music.

Friday, Oct. 30
Biggs PAWS Trunk or Treat
9 a.m. to noon at Biggs Elementary School parking lot, 300 B St., Biggs. School-appropriate costumes required. Sign-up sheets available in the school office. Information: 530-990-1283

Treat Street
2 to 6 p.m. in downtown Chico. Annual Halloween event featuring trick-or-treating at participating businesses, live music, costume contests and photos with Chico Police and Fire.

Movie in the Park: "Hocus Pocus 2"
Activities begin at 5 p.m. at DeGarmo Park, 3428 Esplanade, Chico. Features food trucks, free popcorn and a costume parade at 6:15 p.m., followed by a free outdoor movie at dusk, approximately 6:45 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1
Butte County Kennel Club Dog Show
6 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days at Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St. Features dog shows, canine trials, scent-work demonstrations and a Day of the Dead theme. Children's activities include guided tours, a scavenger hunt and collar decorating. Information: bckennelclub.org.

Saturday, Oct. 31
Día de los Muertos
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in historic downtown Oroville, 1998 Montgomery St. Free celebration featuring mariachi music, Ballet Folklórico, traditional altars, children's activities and a screening of Disney-Pixar's "Coco" at the Oroville State Theatre. Free movie tickets available at 1365 Myers St.

Trick-or-Treat Along Museum Mile
3 to 7 p.m. along Montgomery Street, Oroville. Free trick-or-treating at historic museums, including the C.F. Lott Home, Pioneer History Museum, Chinese Temple and Ehmann Home. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Trunk or Treat
4 to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Gridley, 100 Vermont St., Gridley. Free food, treats, games, music and a fall-themed photo backdrop.

Project Biggs Trunk or Treat
6 to 8 p.m. in downtown Biggs. Features trick-or-treating from decorated vehicles and awards for the best decorations. Vehicle setup begins at 5 p.m. No registration required.

Sunday, Nov. 01
Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 7-11 a.m. at 1561 Hazel St., south of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley. The Knights of Columbus hosts its monthly breakfast with plates available for \$10. Children younger than 12 eat for \$5.

Chico Day of the Dead Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico. Free celebration featuring a lowrider car show, parade, Catrina pageant, dancers and live music. Free parking.

Día de los Muertos Celebration, 3 to 8 p.m. at Nick Daddow Plaza on Hazel Street, Gridley. Features traditional altars, sculptures, cultural dances, food vendors, family activities and a Catrina costume contest.

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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@buttecounty.net for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <https://www.gridleyca.gov/168/Gridley-Mayor-City-Council>. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2.

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, Nov. 4.

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, Nov. 4.

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000905
The following person(s) are doing business as: Trunorth Tree Service, 1163 Palermo Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Trunorth Vegetation Management LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95818

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

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

TRUNORTH 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000910
The following person(s) are doing business as: Folio & Chronicle, 17 Glenshire Lane, Chico, CA 95973

Johnson, Robert Glen, 17 Glenshire Lane, Chico, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: August 25, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

FOLIO 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000992
The following person(s) are doing business as: THM Restoration

and Construction, 2585 Azevedo Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
The Handy Man Services Inc, 2585 Azevedo Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917

Date filed in Butte County: September 22, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

THM 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000948
The following person(s) are doing business as: Thepokabears, 1051 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Buckhammer, Jacob Daniel, 3011 Corinne Court, Live Oak, CA 95953

Date filed in Butte County: September 8, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 2, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

THEPOKABEARS 10-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0001028
The following person(s) are doing business as: Darkside Developers, 580 Fairview Drive, Gridley, CA 95948

Mell, David Franklin, 2 E Gridley Road Suite B PMB #545, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: September 29, 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

DARKSIDE 10-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0001007
The following person(s) are doing business as: Nursery Nook Studio, 2687 Grape Way, Chico, CA 95973

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 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

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 FILE NO. 2026-0001016
The following person(s) are doing business as: DRMUDD Consulting, 350 Picholine Way, Chico, CA 95928

Mudd, Kristopher David, James, 350 Picholine Way, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: September 28, 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: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026

DRMUDD 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000977
The following person(s) are doing business as: South Fork Enterprises, 117 Elsa Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

Brett M Berger, 117 Elsa Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: September 16, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 16, 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 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026

SOUTH 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0001076
The following person(s) are doing business as: LRT Graphics, 1401 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Leis, Dennis A., 1401 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: October 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 7, 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 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026

LRT 11-13-26

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

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME

CASE #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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY AND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT Manzanita Elementary School District

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to California Education Code Section 5092, that a vacancy has occurred on the Manzanita Elementary School District Board of Trustees due to the resignation of John Cooprider effective September 24, 2026.

The Manzanita Elementary School District Board of Trustees intends to fill this vacancy by provisional appointment in accordance with California Education Code Section 5091.

Residents of the Manzanita Elementary School District who are at least 18 years of age, registered to vote, and otherwise eligible to hold office are encouraged to apply for consideration.

Qualified individuals who wish to be considered for appointment should submit an application for appointment to the Manzanita Elementary School District Office at 627 E. Evans Reimer Rd., Gridley, CA 95948. Applications must be received no later than October 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees will review applications and interview qualified candidates during a public meeting at 627 E. Evans Reimer Rd. on November 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board intends to make a provisional appointment immediately following the interviews.

Unless a petition calling for a special election, signed by a sufficient number of registered voters, is filed with the Butte County Superintendent of Schools at 1859 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965, within 30 days of the provisional appointment, the appointment will become final.

For more information, please contact the Manzanita Elementary School District Office at (530) 846-5594 or mcahoon@mesd.net.

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE [CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]

TO REGISTERED OWNERS BRUCE WILSON, ROBERTA TILTON, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:

A 1976 mobilehome, Manufacturer Guerdon, Tradename Embassy;
HCD Decal Number LBB7810, Serial numbers 2742A and 2742B; HUD Label/Insignia Numbers CAL001951 and CAL006469 measuring 40 feet in length and 10 feet in width per section.

SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210(2) by **Cobblestone II OLH LLC** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Bruce Wilson and Roberta Tilton, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, **notice is hereby given** said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2026 at 168 Willow Parkway, Oroville, CA 95966**. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

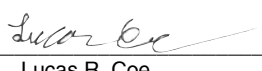
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$23.95 from July 16, 2026 through October 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges due as of September 2026 of \$226.27, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$3,118.32. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$23.95 per day accruing on or after October 3, 2026, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after September 2026 and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.

Please take further notice all third-party bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within three (3) days after the sale or disposition of the same. THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN OLIVE HILL MHP AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION. Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.

COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC

Dated: October 17, 2026, at San Jose, California

BY:


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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE [CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]

TO REGISTERED OWNERS JAMES GILBERT, JR, PATTIE GRISWOLD, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:

A 1976 mobilehome, Manufacturer Silvercrest, Tradename Silvercrest;
HCD Decal Number LAY1210, Serial numbers WS1521A and WS1521B; HUD Label/Insignia Numbers MH245302 and MH245303 measuring 63 feet in length and 12 feet in width per section.

SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210(2) by **Cobblestone SPC MHP I L.P.** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of James Gilbert, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, **notice is hereby given** said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2026 at 6368 Lincoln Boulevard, Space 57, Oroville, CA 95965**. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

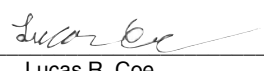
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$17.72 from July 16, 2026 through October 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges due as of September 2026 of \$51.68, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$2,451.56. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$17.72 per day accruing on or after October 3, 2026, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after September 2026 and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.

Please take further notice all third-party bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within three (3) days after the sale or disposition of the same. THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN LAKE VISTA MOBILEHOME COMMUNITY AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION. Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.

COBBLESTONE SPC MHP I L.P.

Dated: October 17, 2026, at San Jose, California

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Gridley Titans Claim Two Victories



By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans youth football program collected two victories over the Las Plumas Jr. Thunderbirds on Saturday, Oct. 17, with the 8U and 12U teams earning wins while the 14U squad suffered a loss.

The Titans' 12U team continued its winning streak, defeating Las Plumas 42-6 at home under head coach Jason Davis Sr.

The Titans took control early when Holden Papa returned the opening kickoff to the 5-yard line. Kobe Neal scored a few plays later, and Levi Mowles added the extra points.

Gridley's defense helped extend the lead when



Gridley Titans 12U player Isaac Cote (89) scores his first career rushing touchdown during the team's 40-0 victory over the Central Valley Jr. Falcons on Oct. 10 in Shasta Lake. Photo courtesy of Gridley Titans

defensive lineman Jesse Heredia recovered a fumble and returned it 35 yards to the Las Plumas 3-yard line. Boss Davis scored on the following play, giving the Titans a 16-0 advantage.

Davis also contributed

through the air, connecting with Jacob Ceballos for a 41-yard touchdown pass and Papa for an 18-yard score.

Casen Gruber added another touchdown pass, finding Tyler Smith for a 43-yard scoring play.

The Titans' defense recorded two interceptions. Mowles intercepted one pass, while Gruber returned another 68 yards for the team's final touchdown.

The victory followed a 40-0 shutout of the Central Valley Jr. Falcons on Oct. 10 in Shasta Lake.

During that contest, four Titans recorded the first rushing touchdowns of their youth football careers. Nova Sharrock, Oscar Navarro, Rush Cooprider and Isaac Cote each reached the end zone for the first time. Ashton Hospers and Holden Papa also scored touchdowns.

The 12U Titans will close their regular season Saturday, Oct. 24, when they host Corning at 5 p.m.

in Gridley. The team hopes to continue its season with a playoff appearance Oct. 31.

The 8U Titans also delivered a defensive performance against Las Plumas, securing a 13-0 shutout under head coach Jesse Vasquez.

Quarterback AJ Luquin scored on a designed running play, while Jeremiah Enriquez added a touchdown on a 4-yard run.

Gridley's defense held the Jr. Thunderbirds to just two first downs throughout the game and forced three turnovers.

Adrian Vasquez led the defensive effort with three sacks and two forced fumbles. John Whitney added a sack, while Jake Ryan recorded a tackle for loss.

The shutout marked the second consecutive scoreless game for the 8U defense following a 29-0 victory over Central Valley on Oct. 10.

In 14U action, the Titans struggled with turnovers in their 32-0 loss to Las Plumas.

Head coach Aaron Lumsden reported that his team competed throughout the contest but committed six turnovers, preventing the Titans from establishing momentum against the Jr. Thunderbirds.

Alan Amador, Anthony Flores-Hernandez and Lane Mowles served as team captains for the game. ★

Wolverines Lone Team to Snag Road Victory in Week Eight

By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY (YSBC) - It was a rough week for our teams in the Westside League as both squads fell to 0-2 in league play. Biggs picked up a big road victory.

Las Plumas (Oroville) 41, Live Oak 6

It was another rough week offensively for the Live Oak Lions as they accumulated less than 200 yards of total offense while Las Plumas doubled the amount of yardage towards the win.

Live Oak had three turnovers, but a positive sign was sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone completed seven passes for 127 yards in the air.

Lions junior Izzy Jurado had the most all-purpose yards (133) for Live Oak in the loss as most of his offense came from hauling in four receptions from Petrone, including the only touchdown for the Lions in the first half.

Live Oak will get their first Westside League win as Oroville no longer fields a varsity team.



Live Oak senior Bryce Spencer (2) makes a tackle on Sept. 11 in the Lions' win over Anderson. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley senior Benny Dewsnup (33) breaks through Lassen tackles on Oct. 2. Photo by Steven Bryla

The Lions next game will be on Oct. 30 as they host Orland with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Orland 34, Gridley 28

The Bulldogs dropped their second-straight league game that was within reach of a victory.

Gridley head coach Dan Zumwalt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the Bulldogs had a slow first half that was uncharacteristic.

The Bulldogs trailed by 21 at the half and grinded their way back into the game.

Gridley's comeback came a little too late against the Trojans but Zumwalt was happy that his team ended better than they did the previous week against Las Plumas.

Bulldogs senior running backs Manny Sandoval and Benny Dewsnup both

rushed over 90-yards each in the loss. Dewsnup also led Gridley with 13 tackles defensively and a pass deflection.

Gridley looks to get its first league win on Friday as they host Corning with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Biggs 24, Williams 12

Biggs was the lone squad in the area that picked up a win on the road and it was a big one in the Mid-Valley League.

The Wolverines victory over Williams kept them in contention for an MVL title, but more importantly kept their ability to get a home playoff game possible in the postseason.

Biggs regained some comfort and health back on the sidelines as they healthy Wolverines clipped the Yellowjackets to a shutout in the second half.



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

Biggs junior quarterback Hudson Brewer controlled the offense with some completed passes and grit runs across the board. Brewer finished with 46 yards passing and 54 rushing.

Wolverines senior running back Cashten Acosta ran for 77 yards on the ground and had nine tackles in the win.

The Biggs defense frustrated and pressured Williams with 13 tackles for loss in the win.

Wolverines head coach Eddie Del Rio told YSBC that it was a big win for the program over a competitive team like the Yellowjackets.

Biggs hosts Portola on Friday with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ★

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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING 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.
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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: 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 de-

ceased, 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
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BIGGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of BUTTE , State of California, will receive up to and no later than November 12, 2026 1:30 P.M. sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the construction of the Subgrade and Building Pad Work preparatory for constructing a new Gym and Classroom Building at BIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and such bids shall be received at the office of the Biggs School District, 300 B Street, Biggs, CA, 95917 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A non mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 5, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. Meet at 3046 2nd Street, Biggs, California 95917.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Contractor may request PDFs of the Contract Documents at no charge by emailing Cassandra Liebig: liebig@nmrdesign.com.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Biggs School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it be awarded to them in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under them, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workers in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of worker or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.

Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.

Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.

The District has set an overall goal for this Project that Bidders obtain a minimum 3% of their bid amount in participation by certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises ("DVBE"). The participation may be through work or supply of materials. If a Bidder is unable to obtain the full 3% participation by one or more DVBEs, then the bid may be found responsive only if it establishes "good faith efforts" to meet the goal. The requirements for good faith efforts are set forth in Section 00 48 00 DVBE Requirements in the project specifications.

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 Biggs School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

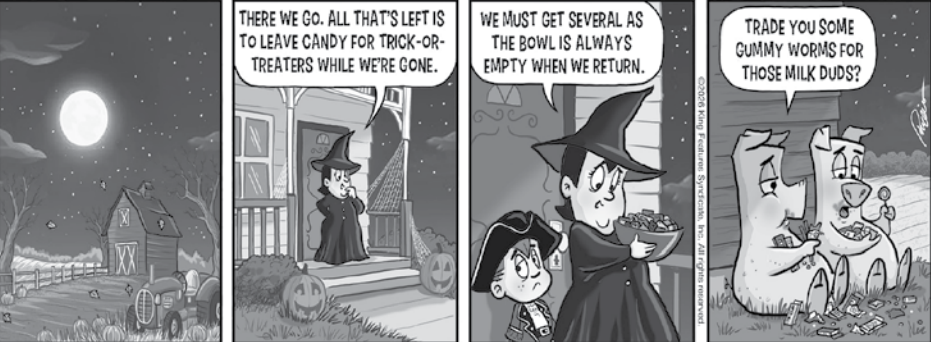
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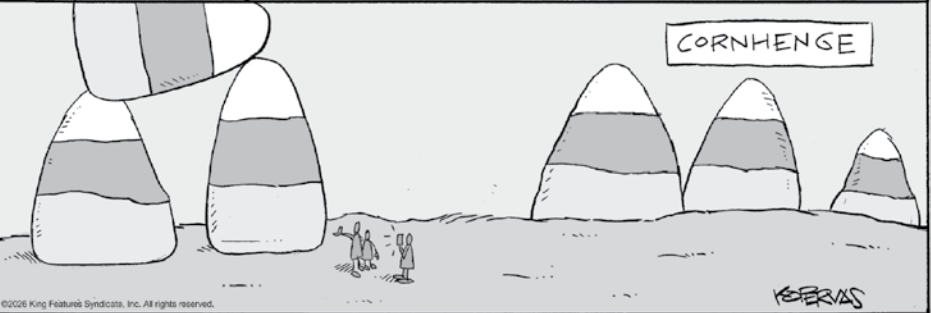
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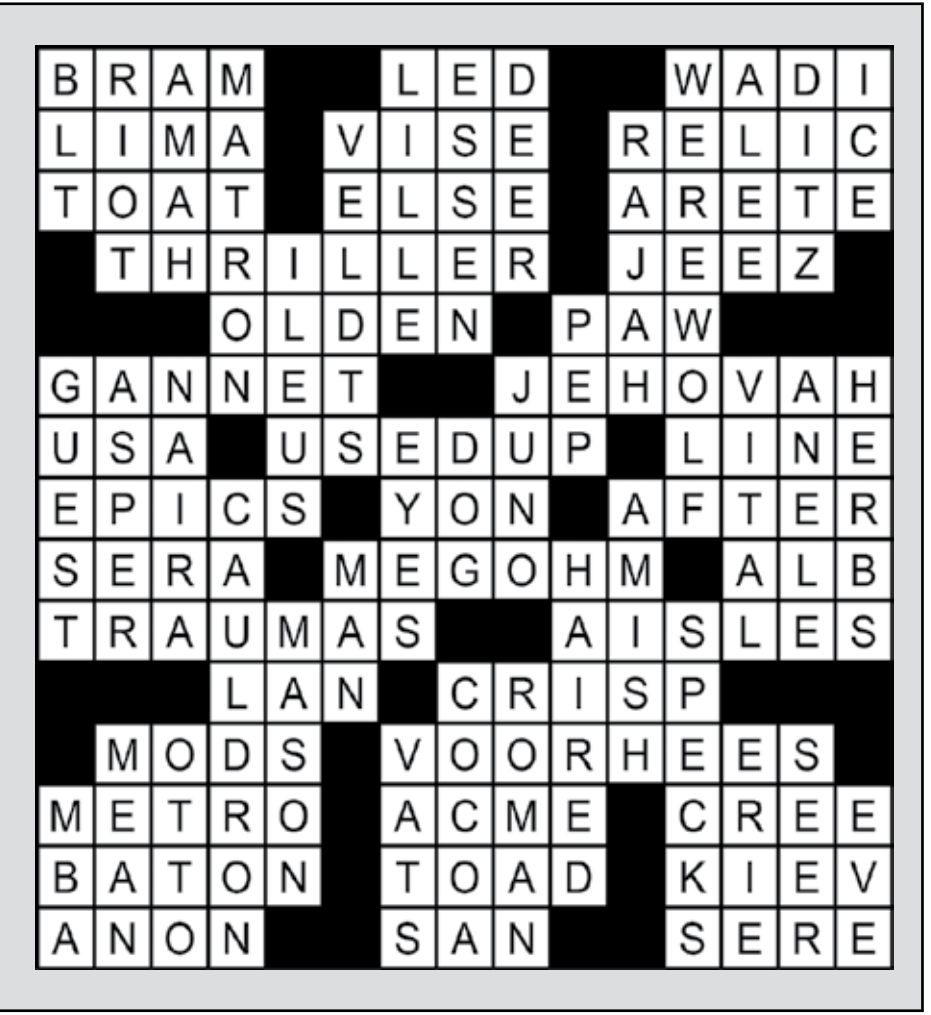
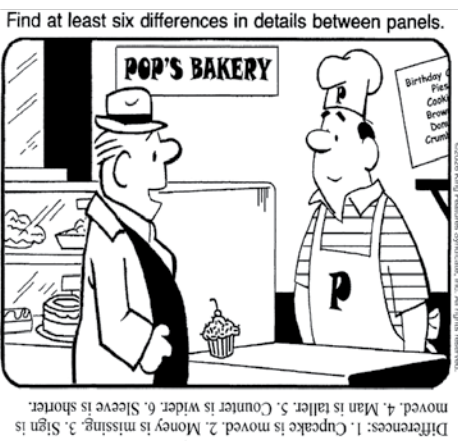
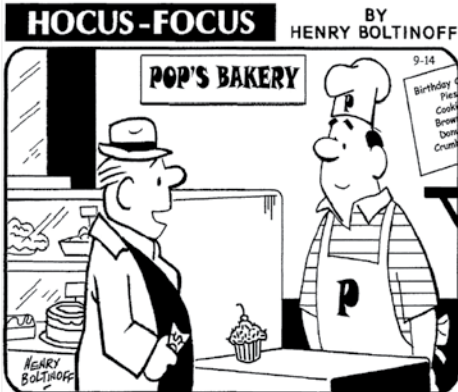
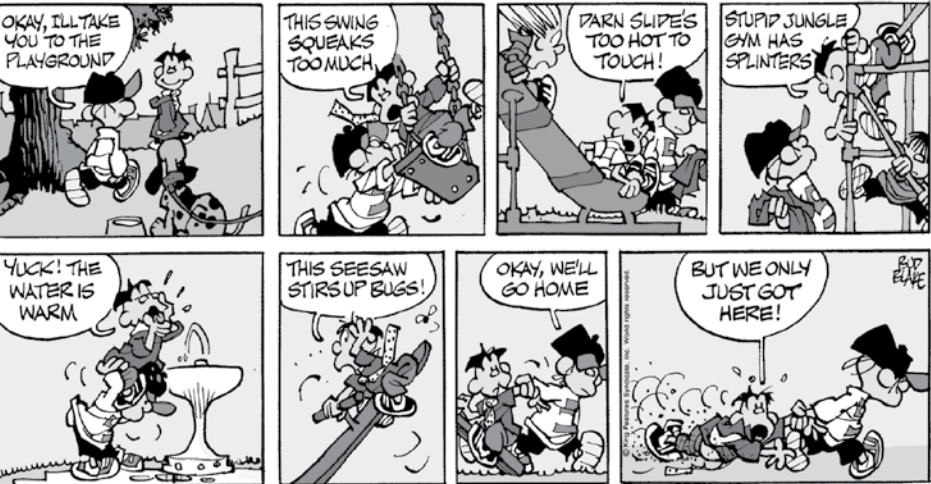
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- *Count Dracula's creator
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- Dry riverbed
- Stew bean
- Workbench holding device
- Thing of the past
- Just right (3 words)
- "If all ____ fails..."
- Thin mountain ridge
- *Michael Jackson's Halloween party song
- Exclamation, with Louise
- Like days long gone
- Lion's "hand"
- Large seabird
- YHWH
- 50 states, acr.
- Gone (2 words)
- Drawn in the sand?
- Long stories
- Over there
- Subsequently
- Doris Day's "Que"
- One million ohms
- Vatican vestment
- Causes of PTSD
- Theater passages
- Local Area Network
- Like autumn air
- '60s British teen-agers
- *Jason's last name
- Subway in Paris
- Pinnacle
- First Nation nation
- Cheerleader's prop
- *_____'s "swelter'd venom" in #36 Down
- Capital of Ukraine
- Any day now
- Francisco lead-in
- Dried-up

DOWN

- Club alternative
- '80s band "Quiet"
- Wet nurse
- Maid, after getting married
- City in Northern France
- Ruhr's industrial center
- Hunted ruminant
- *Full moon shapeshifter
- Sheltered, nautically speaking
- Flighty one
- Skater's turf
- South African grass-lands
- Indian prince
- Intestinal obstruction
- Liveliness in one's step
- *Ghost at a Halloween party
- According to
- Nigerian money
- Jupiter's sister and wife
- Essential to life
- Anoint
- *Witches' hemlock and belladonna, e.g.
- *Pennywise's are mismatched
- *"Wool of bat, and tongue of ____"
- *"____toil and trouble; fire burn and ____ bubble"
- Anabaptist group
- Gingerbread shape
- *Red-____, like Winifred Sanderson of "Hocus Pocus"
- Wide-mouth jar inventor
- Small spots
- *"Cuckoo for ____ Puffs"
- Kieran Culkin as ____ Roy
- Not nice
- Von Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.
- Giant kettles
- Great Lake
- Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
- Business degree, acr.
- *All Hallow's ____

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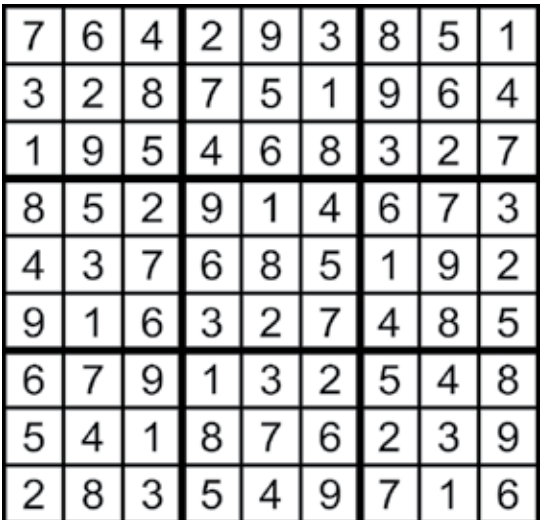
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Gridley Rolls Past Wheatland, 33-13

By YSBC Sports

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs girls flag football team remained in the mix for the Pioneer Valley League pennant as they defeated the Wheatland Pirates 33-13 on Oct. 13.

Both teams battled in the first PVL matchup on September 17 where Wheatland came out with a one-possession victory.

On Oct. 13, the Pirates scored quickly on the first possession of the game as freshman quarterback Caylee Hansen found freshman wide receiver Evelyn Tillotson on a short pass and she went for a 66-yard touchdown that gave Wheatland a 7-0 lead.

Gridley responded with their first drive of the game as junior quarterback Delanie Cloyd scored on a 17-yard touchdown rush.

The Bulldogs missed the extra-point attempt and trailed 7-6.

Cloyd fluidly moved the offense downfield throughout the game as she converted multiple short passes to Gridley senior



Wheatland freshman Caylee Hansen (22) rushes the ball on Oct. 13 during the Pirates' defeat to Gridley. Photo by Steven Bryla

Natalie Mariscal across the middle.

The Bulldogs took a 12-7 lead after senior running back Ava Campos scored on a 19-yard rushing touchdown.

Campos had two touchdown rushes in the victory.

The Pirates regained the lead for the final time in the game a little under six minutes of the first half after a touchdown for a 13-12 lead.

Gridley took the lead back quickly as Cloyd connected with senior wide receiver Nayeli Romo for

a 26-yard touchdown pass.

The Bulldogs added a couple more scores in the second half and defensively tamed the high-powered Pirates' offense.

Wheatland head coach Mike Bartolomei told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they were dealing with a short roster at the time, but the Bulldogs are a great competitor and it's always a battle with them when they get together.

He added their offense is explosive and difficult to contain on a regular basis.



Gridley senior Natalie Mariscal (8) rushes the ball during the Bulldogs' win over Wheatland on Oct. 13. Photo by Steven Bryla

Campos and Cloyd expressed to YSBC that Gridley is excited for the opportunity to get back into the postseason for the Sac-Joaquin Section.

Although the Bulldogs are sanctioned in the CIF Northern Section, they competed in the SJS play-offs in 2025 because they were the only flag football team in the NS.

The Bulldogs qualified for the SJS playoffs and won their play-in game and were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Orestimba.

Cloyd and Campos said as Gridley is in its second season as a program, the transition in between years went smoother because a lot of the girls are returners and didn't have to start from scratch as opposed to 2025.

They added that the Bulldogs were fortunate to play at a tournament in San Diego at the beginning of September that really brought the team closer as a unit.

Gridley had one final PVL game on Monday versus Colfax. If the Bulldogs



Gridley junior quarterback Delanie Cloyd (6) throws a pass downfield during the Bulldogs' win over Wheatland on Oct. 13. Photo by Steven Bryla

were successful in defeating the Falcons; they would have clinched at least a share of the PVL crown.

The Pirates have the opportunity to clinch a share of the PVL title if they were victorious in their final two games against Mira Loma and Lincoln.

Wheatland picked up a big win over Colfax on Oct. 15 that kept them in the hunt for a league title.

The SJS playoffs are scheduled to begin on Monday, Oct. 28. ★



Wheatland freshman Evelyn Tillotson (5) scores on a short pass on Oct. 13 during the Pirates' defeat to Gridley. Photo by Steven Bryla



Wheatland sophomore Daphne Martin (16) runs the ball on Oct. 14 during the Pirates' defeat to Gridley. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley senior running back Ava Campos (5) rushes the ball during the Bulldogs' win over Wheatland on Oct. 13. Photo by Steven Bryla





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