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Fall Festival Finds New Life



Families ride through the pumpkin patch on a decorated wagon during the Live Oak Fall Festival, which continued this year through the efforts of community volunteers. Photo by Chris Pedigo

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - A longtime Live Oak tradition continued Saturday, Oct. 24, after community volunteers and local organizations stepped in to organize the annual Fall Festival when the city was unable to host the event.

With just six weeks to prepare, organizers brought together local businesses, volunteers and The Father's House Church to provide a free community celebration featuring food, games, entertainment and family activities.

"The Fall Festival has been a tradition for over



A young festivalgoer poses among pumpkins, hay bales and fall decorations during the Live Oak Fall Festival on Oct. 24. Photo by Chris Pedigo

60 years and unfortunately, the city was unable to put on the weekend event,"

said Laurie Schuster, who helped organize this year's celebration.

Schuster said the city needed to prioritize its spending, leaving the future of the festival uncertain. Rather than allow the tradition to end, she and other community members took on the responsibility of organizing the event.

"Basically, we couldn't allow it to die," Schuster said.

The Live Oak Lions previously helped organize the festival before the city assumed responsibility for planning the event. This year's celebration took on a different format, with a new location and several changes to the traditional activities.

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Biggs Administrator Reports Progress on City Projects

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Less than nine months into his job, City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier is tackling a growing list of projects and financial concerns in a city that has experienced considerable political and leadership turmoil.

Gauthier, appointed in January, inherited a government that had weathered council resignations, leadership changes, whistleblower investigations and controversy.

At the Oct. 13 City Council meeting, Gauthier outlined progress on infrastructure projects, utility improvements and financial planning, along with proposals that could shape the city's future.

"I don't ask people to do something I'm not willing to do myself," Gauthier said, explaining his decision to expand written reports on city operations.

Gauthier has divided his updates into seven reports covering ongoing projects and municipal responsibilities. Department reports will also be included with council agendas, allowing the public to review information before meetings.

The changes follow the city council's efforts to strengthen financial oversight. In September, the council adopted its first formal cash-handling policy, establishing procedures for collecting, depositing and accounting for public money.

Gauthier is also reviewing purchasing procedures, municipal fees and the city's aging utility billing software.

A cost-of-service analysis found the city's water fund is adequately supported, although Gauthier said a more complete evaluation will follow installation of new meters for customers whose usage is not currently measured.

The city's sewer system presents different challenges. Gauthier is preparing recommendations that could reduce approximately 14 to 18 customer classifications to four, while addressing disparities in what customers pay for service.

He said the analysis suggests an average 7% adjustment across the proposed classifications may be necessary, although increases would vary and some customers might see no change.

Beyond municipal finances, Gauthier is exploring major electrical

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Gridley Students Celebrate English Proficiency Milestone

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For dozens of Gridley Unified School District students, a recent awards dinner marked more than the presentation of a certificate or medal. It represented the culmination of years of learning, perseverance and support as they reached an important milestone in their education.

The English Language Development (ELD) reclassification ceremony was held Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Guardian Building, bringing together students, families, educators and community members to recognize the students' accomplishments. A dinner prepared by the local Knights of Columbus was served as part of the evening.

For the students, reclassification marks an important transition in their school careers. It recognizes not only

their growing command of English but also their ability to demonstrate academic readiness while navigating the challenges of learning in two languages.

The ceremony

recognized students who successfully completed the requirements for ELD reclassification, demonstrating the English proficiency and academic readiness necessary to succeed in the classroom

without specialized English-language support.

Marisol Valdez Fermin, whose daughter was among the students being recognized, shared her perspective as a parent on the

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The Fermin family celebrates Ana Fermin's English Language Development (ELD) reclassification with Gridley Unified School District administrators during a special recognition ceremony. Ana's mother, Marisol, spoke about the importance of family support in helping students succeed. Pictured from left are William Fermin, Marisol Valdez Fermin, Ana Fermin, Daniela Fermin, GUSD Superintendent Justin Kern and Wilson Elementary School Principal Minden King. Photo courtesy of Marisol Valdez Fermin

Gridley Students Celebrate English Proficiency Milestone

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significance of the event.
“This is the result of their hard work, dedication and perseverance,” Fermin said.
“Today is a day to feel proud because learning another language is not an easy task. It requires time, patience, courage and a strong desire to succeed. Our students show us that with hard work and support, they can overcome challenges and achieve great things,” Fermin continued.
Fermin underscored the important role families play as students develop English proficiency while continuing to meet the academic expectations of their grade levels.
“As parents, we are a fundamental part of this process. Our participation not only benefits our children, but also helps us grow and become stronger advocates for their education,” Fermin said.
Families in attendance were recognized for the encouragement, patience and support they provide at home, while teachers, ELD specialists and school administrators were thanked for creating inclusive classrooms and maintaining high expectations for English learners.

The ceremony also featured a guest speaker whose life story provided students with an example of how education, perseverance and opportunity can shape a person’s future.
Arnoldo Avalos described growing up in Mexico before moving to Gridley, where his parents worked as migrant laborers. He recalled working in agricultural fields in Oregon, Washington and Montana before pursuing higher education and eventually building a successful professional career.
His academic journey took him from local schools to the University of California, Berkeley, and later Harvard University. He went on to work at Google, where an investment in company stock became a significant financial turning point in his life around May 2012.
He credited teachers for supporting him during his development and helping him recognize the possibilities ahead.
Today, he manages a family foundation that has provided more than \$1 million in support to high-achieving, low-income scholars.
His story offered students a firsthand example of how education and perseverance can open doors, regardless of where



Gridley Unified School District students receive medals and certificates recognizing their successful reclassification from English Language Development status during an Oct. 20 ceremony. Photo by Seti Long

a person begins.
Following the keynote address, the ceremony transitioned into the presentation of certificates and medals.
Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Justin Kern and members of the administrative staff helped recognize the students for reaching the ELD reclassification milestone.
The honorees were: Sophia Tinoco; Juliana Castellanos Aviles Santiago Tinoco; Adriel Alejandro; Aquiles Canales Martinez; Ana Fermin; Aliyah Marie Martinez; Ariana Huerta Campos; Jasmine Pamaz; Sofia Ramos Torres; Milan Regalado; Quetzal Rodriguez Corona; Kevin Santos Padilla; Arlette Gonzalez; Robert Hernandez; Kenia Ibarra Mejia; Julissa Martinez; Naya Montalvo; Leo Rivera Gutierrez; Mateo Rodriguez Del Rio; Bryan Cervantes Garibay Manden; Dhanoya; Angel Magallanes Llanas Jayden; Armando Martinez; Tadeo Romo; Miguel Rubio; Maria Vazquez Perez; Esmeralda Acosta Ornelas; Janell Graham Jr.; Francisco Marinero Canas; Emma Perez; Galilea Rosales Zaragoza; Jose Miranda Pineda; Alexavier Corona; Aleah Garcia Alcantar; Karely Hernandez Escalante; Emilyn Jimenez Lopez; Benjamin Martinez; Jesus Martinez Bucio; Carlos Mojica Vargas; Crystal Saucedo; Sebastian Saucedo; Fernando Aguilar Garcia; Tulay Lopez; and Berlin Orozco. ★

Fall Festival Finds New Life in Live Oak



Families enjoy a tractor-pulled hayride to the pumpkin patch during the Live Oak Fall Festival, where children could select pumpkins at no cost. Photo by Chris Pedigo

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The annual parade, crowning of Mr. and Ms. Live Oak and car show were absent from this year's festivities. Instead, organizers offered musical performances, dancing, children's activities and a free pumpkin patch.
The pumpkin patch became one of the festival's main attractions, allowing children to ride a decorated tractor to a nearby field and select a pumpkin at no cost. The pumpkins were provided by Steve Fains and Wallace Farms, and families enjoyed a free hayride back from the field.
Co-organizer Ammanda Mendez said providing affordable activities for families was an important part of the event, particularly for those experiencing financial difficulties.
“These families can’t afford to go to a traditional pumpkin patch and spend tons of money on a pumpkin and family outing,” Mendez said. “Having the free hayride and free pumpkin patch made so many parents and children smile, and not feel excluded in the fun. That’s what it’s all about.”
Other activities included free yard games, bounce houses and entertainment for children. The Live Oak Lions contributed four games to the festival, although members were unable to attend and operate them.
Local vendors offered food and refreshments, including tacos, kettle corn, pizza, coffee, lemonade and sweet treats. Complimentary water was also available,



A young girl with tiger face paint smiles while enjoying a hayride during the Live Oak Fall Festival on Oct. 24. Photo by Chris Pedigo

and tables were provided for visitors to sit and enjoy their meals.
This year's theme, “Our community, stronger together,” reflected the volunteer effort behind the celebration.
“Togetherness is what this community needs so desperately,” Mendez said.
Mendez said the participation of volunteers, businesses and residents demonstrated the community support needed to continue the tradition.
Organizers reported attendance of more than 2,000 people and said the response from residents was positive.
“It was simply amazing,” Mendez said. “We’ve received nothing but great feedback from the community.” ★

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infrastructure investments, including a possible solar energy project on city-owned land near the wastewater treatment facility.
The property could potentially support enough generation to exceed the city's existing electrical demand, he said. A proposed electrical connection with neighboring Gridley could also provide opportunities for backup power and shared infrastructure.
Both ideas remain preliminary and would require further engineering, financial analysis and council consideration.
Growth continues to be another sensitive issue in Biggs, where previous expansion proposals have generated community concerns.
Gauthier said he is reviewing the city's long-range annexation plans and believes extending utilities along B Street toward Highway 99 could be less expensive than following previously identified routes.
The concept remains under consideration and would need to be incorporated into future capital improvement planning.
Other projects are moving beyond the planning stages.
The council recently approved a contract for advanced utility meters and authorized replacement of aging batteries at the electrical substation. Sidewalk improvements along Fifth Street are also moving forward.
Gauthier reported progress on updating the municipal code, improving road safety and reviewing city facilities.
Councilmember Anita

Wilks welcomed the expanded reporting, noting that much of the information was new to councilmembers as well as residents.
“It's important that we know and the community knows everything that this council is doing,” Wilks said.
She also acknowledged Gauthier's workload, noting that he handles responsibilities assigned to several departments in larger cities.
Gauthier said he intends to continue updating the reports as projects advance, giving councilmembers and residents a way to track what has been accomplished and what remains to be done. ★

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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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Update on the heavily fortified Moose Lodge crosswalk at the corner of Cherry and Highway 99. The owner of Karina’s furniture has placed orange Pylon cones to stop motorists from turning left, driving through their parking lot, and onto Cherry Street to reach the Norman Street Expressway. Most people believe the furniture store is actually

a safe house for CIA agents working clandestinely, not a furniture store; whether that is true or not, they’re tired of people cutting through their parking lot to use the old Cherry-to-Norman Crosstown no-stoplight expressway.

Speaking of the Moose, it will host the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Harvest Festival on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Gridley Moose Lodge, 1533 Hwy 99 E, Gridley, CA. The evening features a prime rib dinner (\$30 for adults, \$15 for children 10 and under), a raffle mania with a wonderful array of premium prizes, individually raffled for multiple chances to win, plus cash prizes. That sounds like a good time.

Josh F.W. Cook is a graduate of Gridley High School

Biggs Strengthens Wildfire Prevention Measures

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs City Council approved updated wildfire prevention measures Oct. 13 aimed at reducing the risk of fires caused by the city's electrical system, including new standards for vegetation management, inspections and maintenance. The council adopted the city's 2026 Wildfire Mitigation Plan and a companion Vegetation Management Plan, which establish procedures for maintaining safe distances between trees, shrubs and electrical equipment. City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the updates were required under state law and that the city's previous plan had received a favorable review. “The state did find our last year's plan was fully compliant and had no comments of improvement,” Gauthier said.

The plans focus on preventing electrical equipment from starting wildfires, improving the reliability of the city's power system and establishing procedures for responding to dangerous weather conditions. Although Biggs is outside the state's designated high-fire-threat districts, the city must maintain prevention measures as a publicly owned electrical utility. During the meeting, Councilmember Anita Wilks questioned whether the city's inspection program included vegetation growing beneath power lines, particularly shrubs and grass that could ignite if an electrical line fell. Gauthier explained that the plans

establish specific clearance requirements around electrical equipment rather than requiring the removal of all vegetation beneath power lines. “The goal is not let the line fall in the first place,” Gauthier said. He explained that removing all vegetation beneath the lines would also have a detrimental effect on landscaping throughout the city. Wilks continued to express concern about potentially hazardous vegetation beneath transmission lines and asked whether the city-maintained inspection schedules and records. Gauthier acknowledged that a formal inspection log had not yet been established, although annual tree inspections had been completed and trimming was nearing completion. He said he was developing written procedures to ensure inspections and maintenance continue consistently, including when personnel changes occur. The updated plans also establish training, documentation and annual reporting requirements, along with coordination with CAL FIRE and the Butte County Fire Safe Council, officials said. An independent auditor will review the city's wildfire prevention and vegetation management programs as required by state law. Gauthier said costs associated with carrying out the plan's provisions are included in the city's electric utility budget. The plans will be submitted to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board through the Northern California Power Agency.

Biggs Approves Citywide Meter Replacement

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs will spend \$841,606 to modernize its electric and water utility systems with technology that allows meters to be read remotely. The Biggs City Council approved the final contract with Vision Metering Solutions LLC on Oct. 13, clearing the way for installation of the advanced metering infrastructure, commonly called AMI. City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the new system will improve utility operations while potentially reducing costs for customers. The project includes approximately 771 electric meters and 735 water meters, along with communications equipment, software and installation services. The replacement program is expected to be substantially completed by Jan. 15, 2027. Gauthier said the final price was slightly higher than the company's original proposal because of insurance requirements and adjustments to the number of meters needed. However, the amount remains below the \$895,000 limit previously authorized by the council. The city awarded the contract to Vision Metering Solutions on Sept. 8, subject to final negotiations. Under the agreement, the contractor must first demonstrate that the technology works throughout the city's service area. A pilot program will place electric and water meters at the northern, southern, eastern and western limits to test communication reliability before full installation begins. Gauthier said the primary concern is ensuring that meters at the farthest locations can communicate with the system. The technology will also allow the city to reconnect electrical service remotely, eliminating the need to dispatch workers after regular business hours. Gauthier said approximately 20 to 40 customers experience electrical disconnections in a typical month, and additional charges for restoring service can create further financial hardship. He said the ability to restore power electronically should reduce city expenses and potentially provide some relief to customers. "Every dollar counts," Gauthier said. Council members also questioned whether the equipment would eliminate the need for Gridley personnel to read meters at Sunwest. Gauthier said the system would substantially reduce the labor required for in-person readings. The administrator said other municipal utilities are watching Biggs as it implements the technology. He has consulted with utility officials in Shasta Lake and elsewhere to learn from their experiences. Several communities have expressed interest in the project and may use Biggs' experience to guide similar improvements, Gauthier said. Funding will come from the city's electric and water enterprise funds through the 2026-27 and 2027-28 capital budgets. No General Fund appropriation is required. The contract also includes testing, training, maintenance and technical support, with annual operating expenses for system integration included in future budgets.

Buyers Elusive for Virginia Street Properties

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After struggling to find buyers for two deteriorating properties on Virginia Street, the City of Gridley may consider purchasing them as a way to resolve longstanding code enforcement problems. The possibility emerged during the Oct. 19 City Council meeting, when City Attorney Landon Little provided an update on the former grain dryer at 110 Virginia St. and a brick warehouse at 390 Virginia St. Both properties are under court-appointed receivership. Councilmember Catalina Sanchez suggested the city explore acquiring the properties, provided the council first examines the legal, financial and environmental implications and invites public input. “Perhaps the city should reconsider again, possible options in purchasing that property,” Sanchez said. Little said purchasing either property is legally possible, although he initially had reservations about a city acquiring property after initiating receivership proceedings. He explained that such an arrangement could create the appearance of using receivership as a backdoor form of eminent domain, but the city's extensive efforts to find private buyers provide a record supporting consideration of other options. The former grain dryer has been under receivership since late 2024. Initially listed for \$450,000 in February 2025, the property underwent several price reductions before attracting an offer of \$205,000 in February 2026. Little said the receiver is now moving to cancel that agreement because the prospective buyer has been unable to complete the purchase. An auction is among the alternatives being considered. The brick warehouse entered receivership in 2026 and was listed for sale in May. One prospective buyer offered \$120,000 but stopped responding after receiving an agreement outlining the improvements necessary to bring the property into compliance with city regulations. Little said the school district also expressed interest in the warehouse, although no formal offer has been submitted. Councilmembers questioned whether the requirements imposed on prospective buyers could be discouraging sales. Little explained that any purchaser would be responsible for correcting the conditions that led to receivership. He acknowledged that the former dryer presents substantially greater challenges, particularly concerning the cost of rehabilitation. Sanchez suggested exploring state grants through the Department of Toxic Substances Control that could help address potential contamination. The councilmember also raised the possibility of eventually using the properties for parks, recreation or commercial development. However, city officials cautioned that purchasing either site could leave taxpayers responsible for substantial cleanup expenses. Any grant funding would need to address acquisition costs as well as rehabilitation. Sanchez emphasized that residents have repeatedly expressed concerns about the properties' appearance and public safety. The council took no formal action on purchasing either site. Further consideration would require examination of potential funding, environmental liabilities and community priorities, officials said.

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Gridley Quota Hosts Annual Tasting Event

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Glasses were half-full Saturday night, Oct. 24, as Gridley Quota hosted its annual tasting event, themed "A Night Out the Quota Way." The three-hour event invited ticketholders to enjoy a variety of charcuterie grazing tables throughout the room, including tables dedicated to artisan sandwiches, a taco bar and desserts. Guests mingled, visited and examined three tables filled with silent auction items while sipping from keepsake stemless wine glasses provided by Jones Flying. The event has been

a community favorite, with multiple generations attending and supporting the fundraiser over the decades. Quotarian Cindy Davis, event committee co-chair, shared that two generations of her family, her daughter and granddaughters, were in attendance to support the fundraiser. A veteran of the event, Davis said it was special to see generations of Gridley families continue supporting Quota's mission of giving back to the community, particularly women and children. The evening featured more than eight tasting stations and vendors, including Cordi Winery,

Feather Falls Brewing and a selection of wines from Gridley Grocery Outlet. Steve and Maggie Hepworth's homemade root beer, a nonalcoholic option for guests, proved popular, with the keg emptied by 7:45 p.m. Quota volunteers also offered a variety of flavored sparkling apple ciders, water and tea. The silent auction, drawings and giveaways drew considerable interest, with guests returning throughout the evening to check on their bids. Among them was Lynne Spencer, who had her eye on a set of pellet guns and was determined to secure them. Bidding began closing



Gridley Quota members gather for a group photo before opening the doors to the annual tasting event, "A Night Out the Quota Way," on Oct. 24. Photo courtesy of Maggie Hepworth

in stages at 7 p.m., starting with the first table. Guests had an additional 15 minutes to bid on items at the second and third tables before bidding closed.

Emcee Mike Erickson kept the atmosphere light with friendly banter among hopeful winners. The total amount raised had not been reported at

the time of publication, but Quota member Tina Haro said she believed the event had a strong turnout. "It turned out wonderfully," Haro said. ★

Sacred Heart Harvest Festival Returns Nov. 7

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council No. 12527 will host their annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Nov. 7, to raise funds for much-needed repairs to the parish rectory. The event will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Gridley Moose Lodge, featuring a prime rib dinner, games, silent auctions and cash prize drawings. Admission is free, with separate purchases required for dinner and games. Organizers hope to raise at least \$5,000 to help modernize the rectory, located next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Hazel Street.

According to volunteer organizer Mike Dahl, the building has not undergone significant updates since the 1940s. Fellow organizer Larry Earley said the aging structure needs electrical and plumbing improvements, along with replacement windows. "All monies we specifically make with this fundraiser this year go back into rectory repair," Dahl said. This year's festival will feature several changes, including a new location at the Gridley Moose Lodge, a designated children's play area and separate entrances for guests who prefer not to enter through the bar area. While longtime attractions such as the cake booth and Country Store will not return this year,

organizers have planned several activities and opportunities for attendees to win prizes. The evening's dinner will feature slow-cooked prime rib prepared by local grill master Javier Solis, who will be joined by members of the Knights of Columbus. Opportunity drawings will be held every 15 minutes, with 20 prizes available throughout the evening. Guests can also bid on silent auction items until 7 p.m., when bidding will close in stages and winners will be announced. "The opportunity drawings are going to have some really wonderful prizes," Dahl said. Additional drawings will offer cash prizes of \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50. Tickets cost \$2 each, and

winners do not need to be present to claim their prizes. A separate \$50 door prize drawing will be held at 8 p.m., with the winner required to be present. Beyond providing an evening of entertainment, organizers hope the festival will generate community support for improvements to the parish property. The Sacred Heart Harvest Festival will be held at the Gridley Moose Lodge, 1533 Highway 99, Gridley. Admission is free, with dinner and games available for purchase. ★



The ticket booth was a popular stop at the 2025 Sacred Heart Harvest Festival, with families purchasing tickets to participate in a variety of games. Organizers expect another evening of games and prizes at this year's event on Nov. 7.



Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council No. 12527, led by Javier Solis, prepare food for the Sacred Heart Harvest Festival. Solis will return to prepare a prime rib dinner for this year's event on Nov. 7.

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Live Oak Cuts Police Contract by \$1 Million

By MPG Staff

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak will have just one sheriff’s deputy on patrol at a time beginning Dec. 1 under a new law enforcement contract that cuts police coverage in half as the city struggles with a budget deficit.

The Live Oak City Council voted 4-0 on Oct. 21 to approve a one-year, \$1.85 million contract with the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office, reducing the city’s annual law enforcement costs by approximately \$1 million. Councilmember Nancy Santana was absent.

The reductions will affect how deputies respond to calls for service, with serious crimes and emergencies taking priority. Some lower-level complaints will be redirected to a city-operated system rather than handled by deputies.

Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes said the reductions are necessary because the city can no longer afford its previous level of police coverage.

"As Sheriff, I cannot subsidize services to the incorporated City of Live Oak, so staffing will have

to be reduced, resulting in a need to prioritize the types of calls we can safely respond to," Barnes said.

Under the new agreement, the Sheriff’s Office will provide four deputy sheriff positions, one sergeant position and dispatch services. Patrol coverage will decrease from two deputies to one deputy around the clock.

Barnes said the new staffing represents approximately half the number of deputies funded under the previous contract.

The change comes after the City Council voted in October 2025 to cancel its existing law enforcement agreement for budgetary reasons. That contract expires Nov. 30.

During the Oct. 21 council meeting, City Manager Ben Moody said the city has been working to address a structural budget deficit by reducing discretionary spending, adjusting water rates, postponing capital projects and renegotiating public safety contracts.

Moody said the reduced police contract brings expenses closer to what the city can sustainably afford.

"This comes at a cost.

Those savings are reduced services," Moody told the council.

The reductions could also mean longer response times, particularly when the lone deputy on patrol needs backup.

Moody acknowledged that the changes would affect residents’ quality of life, particularly when responding to nonemergency complaints.

To help manage those calls, the city has purchased Readyly, an artificial intelligence-powered platform intended to handle routine public inquiries and service requests.

According to the Sheriff’s Office, all calls for service will initially go through sheriff’s dispatchers, who will determine whether a deputy should respond or the call should be transferred to Readyly.

The Sheriff’s Office will begin testing the system Nov. 4, ahead of the Dec. 1 transition. During the testing period, calls involving abandoned vehicles, loud music, parking violations and vandalism may be directed to the platform.

Other nonemergency complaints could

be referred to city code enforcement or public works personnel for follow-up. Depending on the circumstances, some complaints could receive delayed responses or no response.

Under the new service model, the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office will continue responding to emergency and higher-priority incidents, while certain lower-priority calls will no longer receive a deputy response.

Calls that will continue receiving a response include assaults, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, shootings, homicides, kidnappings, child and elder abuse, traffic accidents involving injuries, missing persons, sexual assaults and other serious incidents.

Deputies will also continue responding to certain calls involving suspicious activity, including prowlers, as well as traffic hazards, verbal disturbances, stolen vehicles and other designated service requests.

Calls that will no longer receive a deputy response under their listed priority classifications include noninjury traffic accidents, suspicious persons or vehicles, harassment, trespassing, vandalism, reckless driving, DUI complaints,

welfare checks, theft, shoplifting, noise complaints, parking violations and abandoned vehicles.

Residents can review the full list of calls receiving a response and those excluded under the new contract at suttersheriff.gov under "Services" and "Calls for Service - Live Oak."

Moody said the city has reduced expenditures by \$3.5 million while attempting to maintain essential services.

"We remain committed to responsible financial management, exploring new revenue opportunities, and ensuring our residents continue to receive the public safety services they deserve," Moody said.

Barnes, who also lives in Live Oak, addressed the council Oct. 21 and described the new contract as a "minimum level of service."

He acknowledged that the staffing reductions are "not optimal," but expressed hope that the arrangement would be temporary.

"I’m not going to let the City of Live Oak suffer. ... We hope to get through this rough patch and continue on as good partners," Barnes told the council.

Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma expressed concerns about how the

reduced staffing would affect residents, while Councilmember Ashley Hernandez said the city was attempting "to do the best we can with what we have."

Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine described the situation as "a lose-lose" but said continuing to fund services the city cannot afford would be irresponsible.

"We’re in a terrible spot," Chapdelaine said, adding that the city had already reduced other spending to a minimum.

The agreement runs through Nov. 30, 2027, giving the city an opportunity to reconsider staffing levels if additional funding becomes available.

One potential funding source is Sutter County’s Measure G, a proposed 1% sales tax for public safety services on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Moody said approval of the measure could eventually provide additional revenue to help support public safety costs.

The Sheriff’s Office has provided law enforcement services to Live Oak since December 1979. Despite the reductions, Barnes said his office remains committed to its partnership with the city and hopes future revenues will allow police staffing to increase. ★

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. 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.

Trunk or Treat – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Country Crest Senior Living, 50 and 55 Concordia Lane, Oroville. Dress up in costume and join us for snacks, music, and candy.

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, scentwork demonstrations and a Day of the Dead theme. Children’s activities include guided tours, a scavenger hunt and collar decorating. Information: bkennelclub.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.

Moose Lodge Haunted House – 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. First hour is not scary, for the little ones. Scary time starts an hour later. Brought to you by the Loyal Order of Moose, 1533 Highway 99, Gridley.

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. 1

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.

Monday, Nov. 2

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 and Thursday, Nov. 5

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board Meeting – 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.

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.

Live Oak City Council Meeting – 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.

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

Thursday, Nov. 5

Farm City Celebration Kids’ Day on the Farm – Local 3rd graders descend on the Chico State Farm at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St. for a fun day of learning at 8-10 agricultural education stations. Kids get to experience farm life up close. Pre-registration is required for this event. For more information, contact Joan Webster at 530-228-5455 or email at joanwebster33@msn.com.

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.

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

Gridley City Council Meeting – 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>

Saturday, Nov. 7

Ruck for Vets – Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with the 22-mile ruck starting at 8 a.m. at 10th and Jay streets in Colusa. The Garage Fitness & Nutrition event represents the estimated 22 veterans who die by suicide each day. Ruck packs are optional, and participants are not required to complete the entire distance. Registration is \$35, with proceeds benefiting the Colusa County VFW Hall. Veterans may have their registration fee covered. Information and registration are available at <http://laurensgarage.com/ruck26>.



MEMORIAL

MARY JOAN CARLSON MATTSON • 10/18/1930 - 10/18/2026



Mary Joan Carlson Mattson left us for her Heavenly home at age 96 on October 18, 2026, after a battle with cancer. She was born Oct. 18, 1930, the first child of 10 children born to Leonard Carlson & Bernice Cochran Carlson. She was born in her Cochran grandparents’ farmhouse near Annandale, MN. She attended 1st through 12th grade in the same school building in Annandale. Graduating in 1948 where she was an Honor Student and Vice President of the class. In 1949 while working for Wyeth, Inc. she lived with her aunt & uncle in St. Paul. One weekend back in Annandale her good friends had her go on a blind date with them. She met the love of her life, Raymond Mattson, who was originally from Cokato, MN who had joined the Marine Corps Nov. 23, 1941, serving for 5 years during World War 2. He was living in CA but had come back to MN to help his parents move. Three months after they met, he went to put in the rice crop in Richvale, CA and then they married on June 10, 1950, in Annandale. She moved to Richvale, CA with Ray They raised 4 sons and a daughter together. Mary was head of the Richvale Elementary School Parents Assoc. involved in the Biggs PTA and a leader in Biggs 4H. Also serving on the district 13 PTA board. She drove her sons and other members of their Little League teams to practices and games in Biggs. She also kept scores for all their games. 1965 she and Ray started attending all the sporting events in Biggs. In 2009 they were honored with a lifetime pass to all sporting events in Biggs. They loved getting hugs from the kids. Ray passed away in 2011, they were married 61 years. Then Mary started meeting with widow friends for lunch once a month, in Richvale and in Biggs. Mary continued going to games after Ray passed getting rides with friends. Then In Feb. 2015 the High School crowned her Homecoming Forever Queen of Biggs High and they also honored her by dedicating the 2015 yearbook to her. At 84 yrs. she started volunteering to listen to children with reading problems at Richvale School once a week. In 1978 their daughter, Cathy, at age 16, was in a terrible car accident which left her with a traumatic brain injury and a quadriplegic and in a coma for 7 months. They took care of her at home for about 9 yrs. after she came out of the coma. Then they found a group home for the disabled in Chico where she lived 20 yrs. Then she moved to a care home in Richvale Dec. 2007 two miles from their home. After Cathy had moved to Chico Mary started volunteering during the lunch hour at the Richvale Café for a few years. She always said more rice was planted and harvested by the farmers in the café than out in the field. She loved to read and do flower gardening. One year she took Floral Arranging classes at Butte College.

Ray raised the best watermelons & cantaloupes. One bumper year Mary picked over 1000 melons by herself. For many years Mary was a Poll Worker on the Election boards first in Richvale and then in Biggs retiring in 2014.

In 2017 she was one of the Grand Marshalls in the Biggs July 4th Parade. That Fall she was honored by riding in the Biggs Homecoming Football Parade.

Mary is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Raymond and her only daughter, Catherine.

She is also survived by her four sons and their wives, and children: Steven (Jane), Randall (Luci), Kevin (Janice), Brian, and granddaughter, Michelle, grandsons, Alex, Adam, Michael, Christopher and Ian. Numerous step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

Also surviving are her brother, Robert Carlson, and her sisters and their husbands, Kathy, Glenda (Dean) and Laurie (Ivan), and sister-in-law Fran Madsen; as well as sister-in laws Joy Carlson and Marlys Carlson. Additionally, Mary had numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Ron.

She is predeceased by her parents, Leonard and Bernice, a sister (Patsy), a still born son, her brothers, Jerald, Daniel, David, and Gordon, as well as her in-laws, Robert Mattson, Lois Carlson, Ron Kittelson, Sharon Carlson, Jackie Mattson, Isabelle Mattson, Ed Mattson and Fern Mattson, Ernie Mattson, Chester Mattson, Mabel Bowie and Fran Mattson.

Visitation will be at Newton-Bracewell Funeral Home in Chico from 5-7 pm, Thursday, October 29, 2026. Graveside service will be held at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery at 10:00 am, Friday, October 30, 2026. Following will be a Memorial Service will be held at Richvale Community Church at 12:00 pm. A Celebration of Life - Luncheon to follow.

In Lieu of flowers, please make monetary donations to: Cathy’s Christian Cottage, PO Box 392, Richvale, CA 95974.

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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

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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 FILE NO. 2026-0001089
The following person(s) are doing business as: Amber and Flint Press, 446 W Sacramento Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Funk-White, Makaya, 446 W Sacramento Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: October 14, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 13, 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 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
AMBER 11-20-26

Gridley City Council ORDINANCE 851-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE GRIDLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT 2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS AND COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 17.04, 17.12, 17.21, 17.22, 17.25, 17.26, 17.27, 17.28, 17.36, 17.53, 17.54, 17.76, AND 17.82, AND THE ADDITION OF NEW CHAPTERS 17.10, 17.90, 17.91, 17.92, 17.94, AND 17.95

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on October 19, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts, Farr, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion passed, 5-0

A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.

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Gridley City Council ORDINANCE 852-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY AMENDING SECTION 17.78.020 OF THE GRIDLEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on October 19, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts, Farr, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion passed, 5-0

A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.

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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.

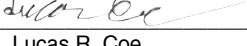
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$23.95 from July 16, 2026 through October 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges due as of September 2026 of \$226.27, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge 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.

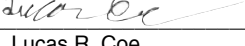
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$17.72 from July 16, 2026 through October 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges due as of September 2026 of \$51.68, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge 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 ORDISPOSITION. 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.

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Gridley Animal Control Receives Grant

By Lloyd Green Jr.

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Sixteen organizations across five Northern California counties received a combined \$53,437 in grants from the Mike and Dotty Collett Animal Care Fund at the North Valley Community Foundation to support animal shelters, rescue operations, veterinary care and spay-and-neuter programs.

The foundation accepted applications in September and distributed the awards this week. Organizations in Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Plumas and Colusa counties qualified for the annual grant program. The foundation did not report any awards to organizations based in Yuba or Sutter counties.

Longtime Chico residents Mike and Dotty Collett established the fund to support programs that improve animals' quality of life through food, shelter, medical treatment and other services. Nonprofit organizations and local government agencies, including animal shelters, could apply.

Among the recipients, Gridley Animal Control received \$2,000 for a trap-neuter-return program aimed at reducing the number of unwanted feral cats and kittens in the community.

Bidwell Wildlife Rehabilitation received \$1,000 to purchase milk replacement formula for orphaned and injured baby squirrels, opossums and other mammals. The organization rehabilitates wildlife for release in Butte, Glenn, Colusa and Plumas counties.

Several Chico-area organizations also received funding.

The Butte Humane Society received \$5,000 for its Shelter Care Fund, which covers animal intake, medical treatment and



Gridley Animal Control received a \$2,000 grant from the Mike and Dotty Collett Animal Care Fund at the North Valley Community Foundation. The funding will support a trap-neuter-return program aimed at reducing the number of feral cats and unwanted kittens in the community. File photo

preparation for adoption.

Chico Cat Coalition received \$5,000 to care for cats whose owners can no longer provide for them because of illness, age, relocation to assisted living or death.

Companion Animal Welfare Alliance received \$1,237 to purchase humane cat traps. The Chico-based organization oversees Neighborhood Cat Advocates, a volunteer group that traps, sterilizes and returns feral and unowned cats.

Durham Doggie Posse and Kittens received \$5,000 to support its work fostering and finding homes for abandoned animals and those living in unsafe conditions or at risk in shelters.

Friends of the Chico Animal Shelter

received \$2,800 to purchase an autoclave, a device used to sterilize medical equipment at its spay-and-neuter clinic.

True North Housing Alliance received \$5,000 for Duke's Happy Tails, a program at Chico's Torres Shelter that provides pet food and supplies for animals belonging to people experiencing homelessness.

In Paradise, Kastlerock Ranch Foundation received \$5,000 to cover feed, bedding, hoof care and veterinary services for 10 horses participating in its equine therapy program.

TOPCats on the Ridge, also based in Paradise, received \$2,800 for vouchers to help low-income residents spay or neuter their cats.

Other recipients included Catnip and

Cattitude in Willows, which received \$4,700 for cat sterilization efforts, and Friends United in Rescue, which received \$1,500 to trap, treat and find homes for approximately 80 stray cats at two mobile home parks in Los Molinos.

Serene Strides in Los Molinos received \$2,400 to expand its equine therapy program.

In Plumas County, Friends of Plumas County Animals received \$1,500 to construct two enclosed outdoor cat patios at its Quincy facility. High Sierra Animal Rescue in Portola received \$3,500 to provide spay-and-neuter vouchers to local pet owners.

Jan's Rails to Trails received \$5,000 to provide feed and medical care for abused and unwanted horses.

Kristin Pankhurst, an adviser to the Collett Animal Care Fund, said the couple's commitment to animals continues through the annual grants.

“Even beyond their life here on earth, Mike and Dotty continue to bless the animals of Butte County,” Pankhurst said.

She recalled that the couple cared for a variety of animals, including dogs, cats, snakes, tarantulas and an iguana that Dotty brought into her classroom while teaching at Chico Unified.

“Their love for all creatures is shown annually through the Mike and Dotty Collett Animal Care Fund that they established to donate to local charities helping animals,” Pankhurst said.

The foundation plans to continue the grant program annually.

Additional information about the fund and its grant program is available at www.nvfc.org/mike-and-dotty-collett-animal-care-grant-program. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0001108 The following person(s) are doing business as: Triple R Vending, 5725 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966 Triple R Venture, LLC, 5725 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: October 21, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 21, 2026

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 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026 TRIPLE 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000968 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name:

YY Janitorial Cleaning Service, 5706 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966 Yia Yang, 5706 Lower Wyandotte, Oroville, CA 95966 Original filing date: July 15, 2022; Statement expires: July 15, 2027. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: An Individual. Date Filed in Butte County: September 15, 2026. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County Publish: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 YY 10-30-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV03484 Petitioner Angela Ponce filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jairo Mariano Torres to Jairo Mariano Torres-Ponce. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must

appear at the hearing November 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on September 10, 2026 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026 PONCE 10-23-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV03054 Petitioner Chyna Wall and Jacob Maldonado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jonathan James Wall to Isaac Daniel Maldonado.

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 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Filed on September 28, 2026

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026 MALDONADO 11-20-26

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. Filed with the Clerk of Butte County on September 8, 2026. Publish: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026 GUIDING 11-6-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TIM EDWARD WOODHAM, III CASE NO. 26PR00424 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Tim Edward Woodham, III. A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Butte County Public Administrator, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Butte County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBA Room TBA. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim

with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Butte County Public Administrator, P.O. Box 1649, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-552-6165 Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 2026 WOODHAM 10-16-26



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on November 10, 2026, at 10:00 am, or shortly thereafter, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, to consider the projects listed below. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to view or listen to the meeting remotely.

Project Information

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

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

Location: County-wide

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

This code amendment has been determined to exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Project Information

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

Location: County-wide

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

This code amendment has been determined to exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.

Comments regarding the projects listed above may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above. Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board; voicemail at (530) 552.3303; or by email to: ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.ca.gov. Please include the agenda item number when submitting public comments.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3300. Notification at least 72 hours before the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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@nrmrdesign.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.

COMICS & PUZZLES

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by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves



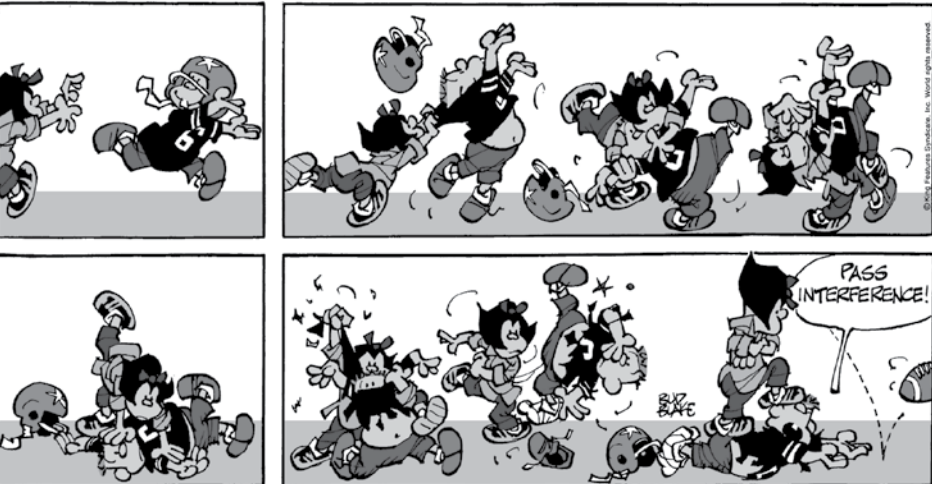
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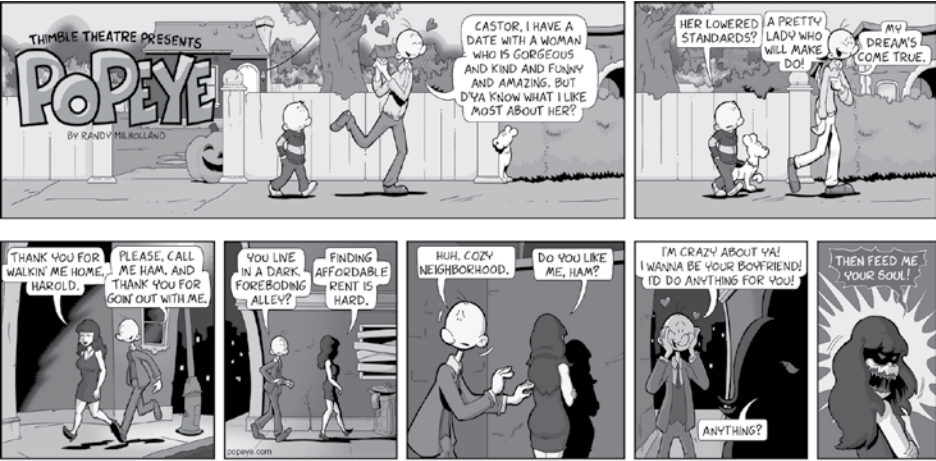


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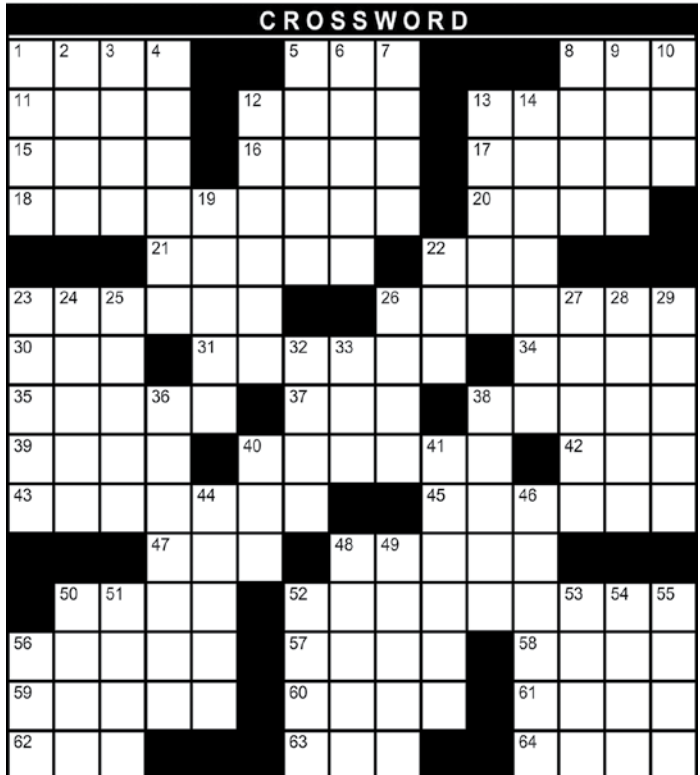
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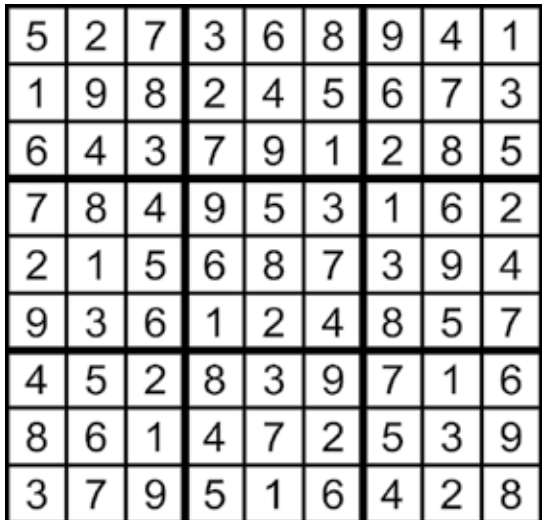
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Biggs Secures Win Streak on Homecoming

By YSBC Sports

BIGGS, CA (YSBC) - The Biggs Wolverines celebrated their first winning streak of the 2026 season as they held on for a gritty 17-7 win over the Portola Tigers on Oct. 23.

It was a must-win game for Biggs after they came off two-big road games at Quincy and Williams in previous weeks.

Portola ended a lengthy-opening drive of the game with a one-yard touchdown rush by Tigers senior running back Oscar Rocha.

Rocha was the primary rusher for Portola in the game as he profusely had success of running the ball straight up the gut until the Wolverines stopped him.

Biggs’ offense took a few drives to get in rhythm in the first half as they struggled through a couple of turnovers.

The Wolverines got on the scoreboard in the second quarter in the final minute as junior Hudson Brewer prepared for the homecoming dance early as he dazzled the Tigers with a couple spins and quick steps to the end zone from 28-yards out.

Brewer had 75 rushing yards in the game as Biggs and Portola were tied at the half.

The Wolverines turned the ball over in the first snaps of the second half as the Tigers recovered a fumble on the Biggs 42-yard line.

Portola was able to drive down to the Wolverines one-yard line but the defense by Biggs came up with a huge goal-line stand that forced the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs.

Wolverines head coach Eddie Del Rio expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the defense has been a vital part in keeping Biggs in games throughout the past few weeks.

The Wolverines have multiple two-way athletes that play both sides of the ball each Friday night.

Biggs’ seniors Cameron Kroupa and Ayden Owen led the charge for the Wolverines defensively in the win as they combined for 24 tackles, eight for a loss.

Biggs took the lead in the opening minute of the fourth when Brewer hit senior wide receiver Brayden Martin for

a 57-yard touchdown pass down the left sideline.

Kroupa and the Wolverines defense broke through the Portola line and forced a turnover on downs on the following possession.

Brewer extended the Biggs lead 17-7 after he kicked a 19-yard field goal inside of three minutes left in the game.

Brewer ended the game with an interception and the Wolverines cruised into victory formation for the win. He threw two interceptions on the offensive side of the ball.

He completed four passes for 107 yards in the air. Brewer told YSBC that tossing interceptions is going to be something he tries to limit moving forward as he is still adjusting to the position.

“I’ve been throwing too many, I have to read the field better and make better decisions,” Brewer said.

Up next for Biggs is another gritty rival as they hit the road and play at Maxwell on Friday.

This game has implications on seeding in the Division V where it can be assumed



Biggs junior Hudson Brewer (44) rushes the ball during the Wolverines’ victory against Portola on Oct. 23. Photo by Steven Bryla

the winner will get the fourth seed and final home game for the postseason.

These squads met twice last season in Maxwell and the Panthers edged out close wins over the Wolverines.

Kroupa told YSBC the game against Maxwell is exciting because of the rivalry between the two squads.

“We’re a better team at facing adversity last year because we’ve done it all year, so we want to keep adding to it,” Kroupa said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ★

All Girls’ Squads Make Postseason Berth

By YSBC Sports

SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - The CIF Northern Section released their girls volleyball brackets on Oct. 23 and all three of our teams were placed in a postseason bracket.

Additionally, the Gridley girls flag football team qualified for the COF Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs.

Here’s where they landed!

Volleyball Division III

Gridley - The Bulldogs were given the No.3 seed in the bracket after finishing second in the Westside League.

Gridley’s two league losses came off the hands of Orland, which grabbed

the second seed in the D-III bracket.

The Bulldogs hosted Lassen on Tuesday night. Gridley defeated Lassen in straight sets during the Red Bluff tournament in September

If the Bulldogs were successful on Tuesday, they will play the winner of Orland/Central Valley on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Live Oak - The Live Oak Lions volleyball team were given the No. 5 seed in the Division III bracket after a .500 season with 13 wins.

This was the first time Live Oak finished .500 in the regular season since 2009. This is also their first trip to the playoffs since 2009.

The Lions took a long road trip up north and took

on Yreka Tuesday night.

Despite this being the first postseason in the program in 17 years, Live Oak brings back more than 75% of its roster back next season.

Division VI Biggs - The Wolverines were given the No. 10 seed in the Division VI bracket as they traveled to Greenville and played at Plumas Charter on Tuesday.

Biggs finished in a tie for last in the Mid-Valley League with CORE Butte with a 2-8 record.

The Wolverines had a positive outlook scenario as they have already seen Plumas Charter in a non-league matchup on Sept. 30 where Biggs won in five sets.



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

If the Wolverines won on Tuesday, they would have traveled to Etna on Thursday.

Flag Football Gridley - In the program's second season, Gridley has already made their stamp in the Sac-Joaquin Section as they won the Pioneer Valley League outright and

grabbed the No. 1 overall seed in the Division V bracket.

The Bulldogs were the No. 16 in last year’s SJS D-V bracket as they won a play-in game to get knocked out by Orestimba last year.

Gridley picked up huge wins over Wheatland and Colfax in the final

couple weeks of the regular season.

Gridley hosted Waterford in a 1/16 matchup and if the Bulldogs were successful in grabbing their first playoff victory for the program, they would host the winner of Destiny Christian/Sacramento Adventist on Monday, Nov. 2. ★





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