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‘We’ve Got Your Back’

Gridley Museum Brings Veterans’ Stories to Stage



The “We’ve Got Your Back” backup singers prepare for a performance featuring songs and skits paying homage to USO performances and the 1970s while honoring local veterans. Pictured from left are Barbara Pooler, RuthAnn King, Pat Teague, Joann Hamman and Suzie Dukes. Photo by Seti Long

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Following the successful debut of its Veterans Day fundraising event last year, the Gridley Museum is returning to the stage at the Gridley Moose Lodge once more.

The “We’ve Got Your Back” play is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, and will continue to support the mission of the 2025 event: raising money for the Gridley Museum’s recording studio project, “In Their Own Words” (ITOW).

The Gridley Museum used proceeds from the first play to purchase equipment for a designated recording studio at the museum, with certain programs allowing the ITOW project to go mobile. The equipment has given ITOW committee members the ability to meet with veterans wherever they feel most comfortable sharing their stories.

At the time of this article, the museum board and ITOW committee had collected stories from five local veterans and were arranging future interviews with more veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

Their goal is to create an audio-visual archive of these veterans’ stories for future generations to learn from and understand how war can

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Gridley Celebrates Día de los Muertos



Catrina contestants gather for a group photo following judging in two age groups: juveniles and adults. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Music, art and color flooded Gridley's Daddow Park on Nov. 1 at the sixth annual Día de los Muertos celebration as the community gathered to honor lost loved ones.

For five hours, beginning at 3 p.m., the park filled with families placing photos at the community ofrenda, an area designed to display pictures and offerings of food, drinks or gifts to deceased family members.

Since its beginnings in 2020, the Día de los Muertos celebration has grown each year, with each event following a specific theme, adding to its festive atmosphere.

“Where memories, dreams and love find their wings" was this year's theme, said Lucia Chavez of the Las Catrinas Organizing Committee, who also creates detailed art for the events.

Chavez made a large, winged heart sculpture featuring a traditional blue and white Mexican design for the 2026 event. The monarch butterfly and decorated sugar skull displays also returned, along with two ofrendas displaying photos of community members' loved ones.

Anyone was welcome to bring a photo of a loved one who had died and have it acknowledged on the public display.

“One of the greatest highlights of the evening was bringing so many families from our community together. Despite the many challenges families

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Gridley Advances Pedestrian Safety Improvements

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Plans to improve pedestrian safety near Gridley High School and close a sidewalk gap along Cherry Street are moving forward with $508,000 in federal funding secured for two projects.

The Gridley City Council authorized the city to seek engineering consultants Oct. 19 to develop designs for the improvements, including a possible reconfiguration of the Fairview Drive and East Gridley Road intersection.

City Engineer Dave Harden said the intersection has been a concern for years, particularly because of students crossing East Gridley Road on their way to and from school.

The city received $420,000 to study traffic conditions and develop improvements along Fairview Drive, including the intersections with East Gridley Road and East Hazel Street and pedestrian connections north toward Spruce Street.

Engineers will evaluate ways to reduce vehicle speeds, improve crossings and make the area safer for pedestrians, officials said. Potential changes include new sidewalks, accessible curb ramps and intersection modifications, including a possible small roundabout, depending on the findings of the engineering study.

The remaining $88,000 will fund plans for a sidewalk along the south side of Cherry Street, connecting Haskell Street with Highway 99 and providing access between nearby neighborhoods, businesses and the park.

In a related action, the council approved transferring approximately 242 square feet of Cherry Street right-of-way to Caltrans for improvements at the Highway 99 intersection near the Moose Lodge.

The state project includes a new sidewalk, an ADA-compliant curb ramp and a marked crosswalk that will connect with the city's proposed pedestrian route.

Funding for the two city projects comes through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, with assistance from the Butte County Association of Governments, which redirected transportation funds from other regions to Gridley.

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affect local lives and families. The museum hopes to make these recordings, whether audio only or a combination of video and audio, available for the public to access on-site at the museum.

The public can hear samples of those recordings at the "We've Got Your Back" fundraiser, held in honor of veterans and Veterans Day.

Suzie Dukes, a member of the ITOW committee, said sound bites from interviews with local veterans will be played as voice-overs during portions of the play, which will feature scenes from World War II and the Vietnam War.

The "We've Got Your Back" program will take viewers through serious moments mixed with comic relief, paying homage to pop culture shows popular in the 1970s, such as "M*A*S*H," and period music from World War II, including big band and swing songs such as "In the Mood" by Tommy Dorsey.

Four Gridley women, the "We've Got Your Back" backup singers, will lend their talents to songs such as The Chordettes' "Mr. Sandman."

Not only do the backup singers support the play throughout its multiple acts, but they are also meant to symbolize the support the museum hopes to offer local veterans as it works to preserve their memories.

Doors open for "We've Got Your Back" at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, with a social hour before the play begins. Although the event is a fundraiser, the museum is not charging an admission fee but will accept donations at the door. Veterans are encouraged to attend free of charge.

The Gridley Moose Lodge is located at 1533 Highway 99 in Gridley. ★



The "We've Got Your Back" backup singers prepare backstage for their upcoming performance honoring local veterans. Pictured from left are RuthAnn King, Joann Hamman, Pat Teague, Barbara Pooler and Suzie Dukes. Photo by Seti Long

Gridley Celebrates Día de los Muertos

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are facing today, it was beautiful to see so many people gathered sharing smiles, enjoying our traditions and creating special memories together," Chavez said.

Performances centered around music and dance remained at the core of the event, with special performances by the Las Hijas de Maria dancers and other groups and individuals.

"Through music and dance, we celebrate their life, keep their memories alive, and express the love that remains in our hearts even after they are gone," Chavez said.

After an array of colorful dances featuring smoke and lit, glowing, swirling skirts, the evening came to an end.



A close-up of the community ofrenda at Gridley's Día de los Muertos celebration shows photos of deceased community members surrounded by traditional offerings of food, flowers and marigolds. Photo by Seti Long

The Catrinas costume contestants were then given the spotlight, following Chavez, adorned in blue and white, in a candlelit walk or Catrina parade around the park to signal the end of the evening.

Already looking toward next year's event, Chavez said she knows this year was important for the community.

"I believe this year was especially meaningful for our community. We demonstrated that when we work together, we can create spaces where art, culture and traditions are not only preserved but also grow, bring people together, and open doors of opportunity for future generations."

Chavez shared some inspirational words, referring to this year's theme.

"Let us continue building bridges between cultures, uniting hearts and teaching future generations that our roots do not limit us, they give us the strength to fly." ★



A young man shares an emotional moment during a performance overseen by Lucia Chavez, dressed as a Catrina. Photo courtesy of Lucia Chavez





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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W Cook

Local veteran and Police Chief Todd Farr is required, under CA law, to track the gender and race of people his police officers pull over in the City of Gridley, and he posts the data on a website at gridleyca.gov. According to the 2020 Census, Gridley's population was about 49% Hispanic, 41% White, 3.8% Asian, 0.7% Black, with the remainder consisting of smaller shares of Native American, Pacific Islander, multiracial, and other groups. In comparison, the traffic-stop data for Gridley shows a different distribution: White individuals accounted for 53% of stops, Hispanic individuals for 36%, Middle Eastern or South Asian for 5%, Black/African American for 3%, Asian for 2%, Native American for 0.2%, and Pacific Islander for 0.1%. White residents were stopped at a higher rate relative to their share of the city's population, while Hispanic residents were stopped at a lower rate relative to their population. I hope CA Attorney General Rob Bonta does not indict the Chief for this racial disparity. CA law also requires Gridley police to identify the "gender expression" of people pulled over, and honestly, I couldn't make sense of the categories in that part of the report. As far as comparing that to the Census data in Gridley, it would be difficult because the Census does not ask people about their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. I can't imagine being a cop. You have to be afraid of getting shot as you pull someone over, then somehow figure out what race the person is; at the same time, you try to figure out if the person is gay or a gender other than male or female, and after that, figure out if they are drunk or a fleeing felon. Perhaps the next version of body-worn police cameras will have a radar-type add-on to discern these other important issues that the State of California requires reporting on.

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Josh F.W. Cook attended the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and was tutored by the legendary educator Betty Harp. ★

County Spreads Sheriff's Fleet Work Among Businesses

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Maintenance and repair work on more than 200 Butte County Sheriff's Office vehicles will be shared among five businesses in Oroville, Chico and Gridley under contracts approved Oct. 27 by the Board of Supervisors.

The five-year agreements include Gridley Country Ford, which was awarded a contract with a maximum value of $600,000.

Undersheriff Matthew Calkins cited the variety of makes and models used by the department.

"Contracting with multiple vendors is the most efficient and cost-effective method available to maintain our fleet," Calkins said.

Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue said awarding contracts to dealerships in different communities demonstrated good faith by the county.

The supervisors unanimously approved agreements with Oro Dam Auto Center and Oroville Ford in Oroville, Wittmeier Inc. and Ed Wittmeier Ford in Chico, and Gridley Country Ford.

Oro Dam Auto Center received the largest contract, with a maximum value of $1.3 million. Each of the remaining four agreements has a spending limit of $600,000.

Together, the contracts authorize up to $3.7 million over five years, although the amounts represent spending limits rather than guaranteed payments.

Calkins said the Sheriff's Office solicited proposals in June and received six responses. Five businesses were selected to provide routine servicing and repairs.

Under the agreements, work includes oil changes, tire rotations, fluid checks and multipoint inspections. Mechanics will also inspect emergency lighting and siren equipment to ensure the vehicles remain operational.

The contracts provide for scheduled servicing every 5,000 miles or at intervals recommended by manufacturers. Additional repairs require authorization from the Sheriff's Office.

Gridley Country Ford's agreement also includes same-day preventive maintenance and arrangements for picking up and returning county vehicles when requested in advance. The contract anticipates servicing about 10 to 20 vehicles a month, including pickups, SUVs and vans. The dealership must use original manufacturer parts or approved alternatives and receive a vehicle repair request from the Sheriff's Office before beginning scheduled maintenance.

The businesses must provide secure overnight storage when needed and warranties covering parts and labor for two years without mileage restrictions.

Funding for the agreements is included in the Sheriff's Office budget, and no additional personnel are required, officials said. ★

Butte County Seeks Input on Gridley Pool

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Butte County officials are inviting residents to help shape the future of the Gridley swimming pool through a series of community design sessions scheduled for Nov. 16, 19 and 21 at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

The meetings will allow residents to share ideas for the pool and surrounding recreational space as the county prepares an application for a state grant that could provide up to $8.5 million to repair or replace the aging facility.

County officials have scheduled four community design sessions at Butte Hall, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. The meetings will take place Monday, Nov. 16, from noon to 1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 19, from 10-11 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.

The county will also host a meeting Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10-11 a.m., allowing residents to review the conceptual site plan.

All ages are welcome to participate.

The public meetings follow an Oct. 13 decision by the Butte County Board of Supervisors to pursue funding through the fifth round of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program.

The county faces mounting maintenance costs at the pool, which has served Gridley residents for approximately 70 years. Officials have identified structural problems, persistent leaks, excessive chlorine consumption and design issues that make cleaning and maintenance difficult.

Without additional funding, the county may have to consider permanently closing and demolishing the facility.

The Butte County Fair Association manages the pool, which serves local schools, swim teams and community members during the summer.

Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue has emphasized the importance of preserving the pool, which farmers originally constructed to provide children with a safer alternative to swimming in irrigation canals and drainage ditches.

The state grant program offers awards of up to $8.5 million without requiring local matching funds. However, county officials caution that funding is competitive and approval is not guaranteed.

Applications are due Dec. 17.

Residents seeking additional information about the community design sessions can contact Butte County General Services at 530-552-3500 .★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

An interesting relationship exists between Cyclamen and ants. I had read that ants would spread the seeds of Cyclamen. I saw proof positive that something was planting Cyclamen in places I had not put them. It was in a place a bird would not have created this little planting. So, I looked up this interesting mutualistic relationship. A big plus in my world is that it even has a fancy word attached to it , myrmecochory.

After the Cyclamen bloom is pollinated the stem curls down to the ground. A round seedpod develops and inside of it the seeds grow and develop an outer coating called an elaiosome. This is a sweet, lipid and protein coating. Ants carry these seeds into their nests underground, they eat the elaiosome, then the seed is discarded. Ant homes usually are surrounded by rich soil or waste piles that encourage seed growth. In this way ants become little farmers and spread the Cyclamen to new places to grow.

I have a new planting of Cyclamen where I would never have put them, thanks to the ants. Funny aside, I moved a gallon pot that was near this area to plant the plant and out roiled an entire colony of ants. They were in the ground and moving to wherever they could go. Obviously, I have happy ants. As long as they stay out of the house, I am fine with them.

So, I have a Cyclamen garden that I planted and I have a mini ant planted Cyclamen garden next to some large pots. We'll see if the ants chose wisely where they were licking the seeds. I'm also interested to see which Cyclamen seeds were planted. The rain has come and I am happy along with the plants. My hope is that we not get too much water this winter. ★

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Biggs PAWS Carnival Draws Halloween Crowd

Story and photos by Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Families filled the Biggs Community Hall on Oct. 21 as Parents Association Working for Students (PAWS) hosted its annual Fall Carnival, bringing together students and families from across the Biggs Unified School District.

The Halloween-themed carnival ran from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and featured games, treats, a cake walk and fundraising activities.

Admission was free, with tickets available for carnival games, including fishing, ring toss and "Pick a Treat," where participants selected candy from a giant nose.

Costumed children and parents crowded the main hall, where volunteers operated games and the cake walk.

Students throughout the district participated in fundraising activities. The Biggs Associated Student Body hosted a haunted house, while sixth graders operated a concession stand. A silent auction offered another fundraising opportunity for families.

Vaughna Schooler, a parent of two Richvale Elementary School students, said the carnival has become an event her children anticipate each year.

"The kids look forward to it, and it's nice because the book fair is always here with it. The kids get to come hang out here, get some treats and then go over and check out the book fair too," Schooler said.

Schooler, who has attended the carnival for four years, said she appreciates the opportunity for families from Biggs and Richvale to participate in a districtwide event.

"It's great because there's a lot of things that we do independently (Biggs Elementary and Richvale Elementary), but I think it's really fantastic that the elementary schools can get together and put on, and support, things like this for the community," Schooler said. ★



Three Richvale Elementary School teachers dressed as bottles of Elmer's glue help operate the cake walk during the annual PAWS Fall Carnival on Oct. 21 at Biggs Community Hall.



Children enjoy a carnival game during the annual PAWS Fall Carnival at Biggs Community Hall on Oct. 21.

Gridley Advances Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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Harden emphasized that the grants cover engineering and planning, not construction. Additional money will be needed before either project can be built.

The Fairview Drive study will include traffic counts and an evaluation of possible intersection configurations. The findings will help establish construction costs and support future applications for transportation funding.

"We want them to do a good job and figure out exactly what it needs to make it much more competitive on future grants," Harden said.

The city expects to begin selecting engineering consultants before the end of the year, with design work anticipated in early 2027.

Harden said the Cherry Street plans could be completed within three or four months after work begins. The Fairview Drive project is expected to take longer because of the more extensive traffic analysis required.

The $508,000 in federal funding covers eligible design expenses without a local matching contribution.

Once engineering work is completed, Gridley will be positioned to pursue the additional grants necessary to turn the proposed improvements into construction projects, officials said. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

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Dear Dave,

My fiancé and I are getting married next spring. This means I'm also going to become stepfather. The only concern I have is that my fiancé's daughter seems to be a little irresponsible. She's 23 and still living at home. She doesn't care about having a steady job, and if she doesn't have money to make her car payment, she expects her mom to make it for her. My fiancé and I both agree that she hasn't expected enough of her daughter in the past, but we're not sure how to change things going forward. Do you have any suggestions?

– Reece

Dear Reece,

This is a tough situation for you and your fiancé. But I think you're both on the right track in wanting to teach her some discipline and maturity. It's also very important that both of you are on the same page and in agreement every step of the way.

Lots of marriage counselors say you have a really good chance of a successful marriage if you're in agreement on four things—religion, money, children and in-laws. So, first things first. I'd strongly suggest you and your fiancé go through pre-marital counseling to make sure you're on the same page when it comes to handling this and other issues. You might also want to read a book called "Boundaries" by Dr. Henry Cloud. And do this together. It's a great book. It will give you several ideas for creating a reasonable timeline aimed at teaching her more responsibility.

Now, I would recommend letting her mom present any changes to her initially. Let her start the process by explaining that she's made mistakes in not teaching her more about personal responsibility and self-reliance. Then, she can begin to lay out a few simple expectations and rules.

If she doesn't currently have a job, there's absolutely nothing wrong with requiring her to get one within 30 days. I'm not talking about a full-blown career necessarily, just something to put her on the road to becoming a little more self-sufficient. During this first phase, looking for work every day of the week should be her job. And it wouldn't be a bad idea to start teaching her about budgeting, saving and everything else that goes into handling money wisely, too.

Phase two might consist of requiring her to help around the house doing chores on her days off. Then, after a month or two of this, phase three might involve her paying a small amount in rent.

Do you see what I'm doing? By stepping up the expectations gradually, you're building a foundation, so she'll have the tools and knowledge to be able to move out in a few months and start living life like a mature, responsible adult!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★





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Biggs Seeks New Approach to Code Enforcement

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs is preparing to seek outside help enforcing municipal codes after the City Council approved changes to its staffing structure Oct. 27.

The council eliminated the code enforcement job classification and established a new Administrative Services Specialist position as part of City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier's ongoing review of municipal operations.

Gauthier said the city previously combined code enforcement and planning assistant responsibilities into one classification, an arrangement he believes has not provided adequate service.

"As of right now, we really don't have code enforcement at all," Gauthier said.

Although Biggs maintains an agreement with Butte County for certain services, Gauthier said he wants to explore other options to address enforcement needs.

He said he plans to solicit proposals from outside providers rather than just fill a dedicated municipal position, allowing the city to evaluate available services and costs before making a commitment. The change does not eliminate the possibility of employing a planning assistant in the future. Gauthier said that position may still be needed as the city's administrative and development responsibilities evolve.

The council last week approved creating the Administrative Services Specialist classification to reflect expanded duties currently associated with an accounting technician position. Gauthier said the new designation more accurately describes the responsibilities involved and provides greater flexibility in managing the city's financial and administrative functions.

The annual salary range for the position is approximately $62,712 to $72,800, officials said. The new classification's entry-level pay is about $630 higher than the starting rate for an accounting technician, Gauthier said. Actual compensation will depend on the qualifications of the applicant selected after the city advertises the opening.

Officials said the reclassification can be accommodated within the city's existing budget.

Gauthier has been reviewing municipal job descriptions and responsibilities as part of broader efforts to reorganize city operations. Changes involving represented employees would require separate negotiations, he said.

The council approved corresponding amendments to its authorized positions and salary schedule, effective Nov. 1.

Gauthier said he intends to seek proposals for an outside code enforcement provider in early November. ★

Biggs Retains On-Call Planning Services

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs plans to continue using an outside planning consultant under a $60,000 agreement approved by the City Council Oct. 27.

The agreement with ECORP Consulting Inc. provides professional planning services through June 30, 2027, allowing the city to obtain assistance as needed without committing to a fixed amount of work.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said ECORP has been providing planning services through Bob Somerville and Scott Friend, and the new agreement maintains the existing arrangement.

"It reflects exactly what was prior agreed," Gauthier said.

The city's previous contract lapsed in June, although planning services continued. Gauthier said the oversight came to light as he reviewed existing agreements and worked to bring their expiration dates into a more organized tracking system.

Mayor James Sheppard acknowledged that the council's action would restore the contractual relationship.

"It's actually putting us back under contract again," Sheppard said.

Under the agreement, ECORP will provide services on a time-and-materials basis, with monthly billing for work requested by the city. The $60,000 limit includes authorized expenses, and Biggs is not obligated to spend the full amount.

The arrangement allows municipal officials to request professional assistance with planning matters as needed. It does not authorize any specific development proposal, construction project or change in land-use policies.

Councilmember Anita Wilks supported Gauthier's plan to track contract approval and expiration dates in a spreadsheet moving forward, noting the difficulty of keeping up with numerous city agreements.

"That would be so helpful so this doesn't happen again and again and again," Wilks said.

Gauthier acknowledged that addressing the city's budget and other financial concerns had taken priority after he became city administrator in January.

The council also authorized Gauthier to execute the agreement after required conditions are resolved, funding is verified and the city attorney approves the final language.

Either party may terminate the contract with 30 days' written notice, with the city responsible for services provided before termination. ★



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.

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. Regis tration 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.

Butte County 4-H Foods Fiesta

8 a.m. to noon at Bidwell Junior High School, 2376 North Ave., Chico. This event provides youth an opportunity to share what they have learned or already know about foods, nutrition, and cooking. Note that participants do not need to be enrolled in a food project to participate at Foods Fiesta. West Gridley 4-H will be collecting canned foods at the event. Please consider a donation.

Holiday Jubilee

10 a.m., Veterans Memorial Building. 249 Sycamore St, in Gridley. The holiday craft show will feature vendors offering wreaths, ornaments, tree skirts and other holiday décor, along with a Mini Stills Competition.

Preserving Food with Friends

10 a.m. at The Garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St. This month's class will be about Christmas jam. Register in advance at preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com or call 530-777-8469 for more information. Limited to 12 students.

Farm City Celebration Harvest Festival

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chico Marketplace, 1950 E. 20th St., Chico. Bring the entire family to learn about agriculture and participate in interactive booths hosted by the Butte County Young Farmers and Ranchers, Chico State Young Cattlemen, California Women for Agriculture, Butte County Ag Department, Dairy Princess, and many more. For more information, call 530-533-1473.

Live Oak Lions Craft Fair

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Live Oak Community Building, 10200 O St., Live Oak. The Live Oak Lions Club will host its 36th annual Craft Fair featuring vendors and holiday gift shopping. Vendor space is limited. For information, call Jackie at 530-218-2155.

Canning Christmas Jam Class

10 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Timothy's Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. The hands-on class will teach participants how to prepare and safely preserve holiday jam using water-bath or steam canning methods. Registration opens Oct. 1 and is limited to 12 participants. To register, email preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com

Harvest Festival and Prime Rib Dinner

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Loyal Order of Moose, 1533 Highway 99. Hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 12527. Dinner, raffle mania, cash prizes and more. Call 530-846-2140 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Durham Grange Farmers Market

8 a.m.-noon, The Midway, behind Dollar General, Durham. The weekly farmers market features local produce, food, flowers, artists, vendors and small businesses. Vendor applications remain open online at https://forms.gle/GLBM8X2BijvkTurs5 for those interested in participating in upcoming markets.

Holiday Jubilee

10 a.m., Veterans Memorial Building. 249 Sycamore St, in Gridley. The holiday craft show will feature vendors offering wreaths, ornaments, tree skirts and other holiday décor, along with a Mini Stills Competition.

Monday, Nov. 9

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. 10

Butte County Board of Supervisors

Generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. More information is available at 530-552-3300.

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.

Biggs City Council

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. More information is available at 530-368-5493.

"Conversations"

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Butte College Black Box Theatre, 3536 Butte Campus Dr., Oroville. Join Butte College Music for an evening of chamber and percussion music featuring the Butte College Chamber Ensemble, directed by Ayako Nakamura, and the Butte College Percussion Ensemble, directed by Dr. Marilyn Clark-Silva. Tickets: $10 general and $5 students, available at the door or online at www.butte.edu/music.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Memorial Hall 100th Anniversary Celebration

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Oroville Veterans Memorial Hall, 2374 Montgomery St., Oroville. Lunch is available following the Veterans Day parade.

Annual Veterans Day Musical Tribute

7 p.m. at Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. The Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee, in association with the Gridley Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 210, will host a free community concert honoring military veterans. The program will feature musical selections performed by the Oroville Community Band. For information, contact Cliff Wagner at 530-321-1388.

Thursday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, Jan. 17

Chico Ice Rink

Open daily at the downtown Chico Plaza, 132 W. 4th St., Chico. A seasonal community destination that brings the joy of ice skating to our community. Open to all ages and skill levels. From open skate sessions and themed events to ice hockey, broomball, birthday parties and field trips, the Chico Ice Rink provides affordable recreation, supports community connection, and adds a little magic to the holiday season. See www.chicorec.gov/chico-ice-rink for full schedule and tickets.

Thursday, Nov. 12 through Wednesday, Nov. 18

"The Thanksgiving Play"

Various times at Larry Wismer Theatre on the Chico State Campus. This play by Larissa FastHorse is a satirical comedy about a few, "woke" teachers trying to create a culturally sensitive Thanksgiving pageant for elementary school students, with the help of a Native American actor who turns out to be "ethnically ambiguous." Schedule and tickets at the CSU Chico box office.

Thursday, Nov. 12

Gridley Senior Group Breakfast

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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.

Friday, Nov. 13

Yuba-Sutter Ducks Unlimited Banquet

5 p.m. at the Five30 Event Center in Marysville. The Ducks Unlimited fundraising banquet supports wetland and wildlife conservation efforts. Tickets are available at norcaldu.org. For more information, call Brian at 530-300-3570.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Fall 2026 5K Fun Run

7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Sycamore Field in Lower Bidwell Park, 500 South Park Dr., Chico. Celebrating 16 years of empowering girls across the North State. To sign up or volunteer, http://gotrnorthstate.org.

Artisan Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 9319 Midway, Durham. Join the Durham Recreation & Park District as we feature artisans and businesses from the area showcasing their goods.

Fall Holiday Bazaar

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 210 will host a bazaar featuring local vendors, crafts and handmade goods. Vendors are welcome. Information: 530-403-6545 or 408-599-8998.

Triple B Dinner & Chili Cook-Off

Chili tasting and dinner from 4-7 p.m., with entertainment until 10 p.m., at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley. Tickets are $40 and include chili tasting, a barbecue rib and chicken dinner, and two drink tickets. Proceeds benefit Gridley FFA. For sponsorship information or to enter the chili competition, contact gridleyffa at gridleyffatripleb@gmail.com.

Community Resources – Find Food

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

First 5 Family Center at Esperanza House, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.Wednesdays at 630 Washington St., Gridley. Must be pregnant or live with and actively care for a child up to age 17. Call to schedule an appointment: 530-720-2255.

First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

Gridley Senior Food Distribution, 801 Washington Street, Room B. Once a month, call ahead for details: 530-846-4233.

Gridley United Methodist Church, 285 Magnolia St. Monday through Friday, during daytime hours. Come by the church and if they have food they will give client a box. Call 530-846-2520 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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

Veterans Day Musical Tribute Planned in Gridley

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee will honor local military veterans with its annual Veterans Day Musical Tribute on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall.

The free community concert will feature the Oroville Community Band performing musical selections in recognition of veterans and their military service.

The committee, in association with the Gridley Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 210, invites residents to attend the annual event and join in honoring those who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

The concert will take place at the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore St. in Gridley.

Admission is free and open to the public. ★

Gridley Finalizes State-Mandated Housing Changes

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley has revised its zoning regulations to comply with California housing laws governing residential development, emergency shelters and other housing uses.

The City Council finalized two ordinances Oct. 19, including extensive amendments required under the city's 2022-2030 Housing Element.

The changes follow public concerns raised before the council over the state's growing influence on local land-use decisions. The debate reflects a divide between California's efforts to address housing shortages and homelessness and residents' desire to retain control over development in their communities.

The broader ordinance revises 13 existing zoning chapters and adds six more, addressing 10 housing programs. It allows emergency shelters in designated commercial areas and supportive housing in districts permitting multifamily residences, subject to applicable standards, officials said. Other provisions update regulations for accessory dwelling units, commonly called backyard apartments, employee housing, residential care facilities and density bonuses for qualifying developments.

Principal Planner Christopher Smith reported that several deadlines for complying with state requirements had passed. Failure to comply can jeopardize Gridley's eligibility for housing and infrastructure grants and expose the city to legal consequences, he said.

In a separate action, the council removed an additional three-foot side-yard setback requirement for each story of a residential building. City planning officials said the restriction complicated construction of two-story homes on smaller lots and contained ambiguous language about how setbacks should be measured.

Existing standards based on lot width remain in effect, along with other residential building requirements.

Both ordinances were introduced Sept. 21 following public hearings and received unanimous council approval before final adoption. They establish rules for future housing applications but do not authorize any particular development.

The changes take effect Nov. 18. ★

Gridley Library Happenings

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m., Rocky Horror Picture Show Party, adults ages 18 and older can enjoy a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" with audience participation, costumes and snacks. The film is rated R.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Saturday, Nov. 14, during library hours, Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt, all ages can celebrate Dinovember by searching for hidden dinosaurs throughout the library to earn a prize.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day Closure, the Gridley Library will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., Dino-Magic Show, magician Kirby Romine will present a family-friendly dinosaur-themed magic show for all ages.

Friday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. - noon, Sure Start Family Playtime, families with children ages 0 to 5 can learn through play and meet other families in an educational setting.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Ugly Art Club: Scratch Board, adults ages 18 and older can experiment with scratch board art in a casual setting. Materials are provided and no experience is necessary.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Cozy Gamers Club, participants ages 12 and older can gather to play video games.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. - noon, Color Your World, adults ages 18 and older can enjoy a relaxing hour of coloring with others.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Afternoon Kids Club: Game Day, children ages 6 to 11 can play board games and meet new friends.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m., Movie Night: "The Good Dinosaur," all ages can enjoy a screening of the Disney-Pixar animated film. The movie is rated PG, and snacks will be provided.

Friday, Nov. 20, 10 - 11 a.m., Sure Start Family Storytime, children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

Friday, Nov. 20, 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.

Gridley Relief Group Seeks Holiday Donations

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Emergency Relief Services (GERS) is preparing to distribute Christmas food baskets to 120 local families this holiday season and is seeking donations and volunteers to support the effort.

The annual food basket distribution will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 100 Vermont St. in Gridley. Recipients must present a photo ID to receive a basket.

GERS works with local churches to provide emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing unexpected financial difficulties. The organization also partners with churches each Christmas to distribute food baskets to families in need.

Organizers say the demand for assistance remains high as families struggle financially and local food pantries face additional pressure to meet community needs.

To help meet its goal of serving 120 families, GERS is accepting contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations. Donations will support the Christmas food basket program and the organization's emergency relief services throughout the year.

Those wishing to contribute may mail donations payable to GERS to 580 Washington St., Gridley, CA 95948. Donations may also be made through participating local churches.

Community members interested in helping prepare or distribute the baskets may contact their church pastor. Additional information is available by emailing gcc-pastor@sbcglobal.net. ★



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ROGERS 11-27-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Biggs invites proposals from qualified attorneys and law firms to provide contract City Attorney services. The City seeks an experienced, responsive attorney who will provide clear, understandable, independent, and practical legal advice to the City Council, City Administrator, departments, and other authorized City bodies and officials.

The selected Firm shall designate a lead attorney for appointment as City Attorney and a qualified backup attorney. This solicitation is for contracted professional legal services, not a City employee position. The City seeks preventive legal advice, effective risk mitigation, sound professional judgment, and cost-conscious service suited to a small municipality with electric, water, and sewer operations. Counsel must distinguish legal requirements from discretionary policy choices, explain material risks, and identify workable alternatives rather than merely identify obstacles. The anticipated initial agreement is three years, with up to two additional two-year extensions by mutual written agreement and City Council approval. Project No.: 2026-004, Contract N0.: 004-26, Issue Date: 20 Oct 2026 Questions Deadline: 27 Nov 2026 Proposal Due Date: 11 Dec 2026 @ 4pm PST Anticipated Award Date: 29 Dec 2026

Issuing Department: City of Biggs, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917
RFP Contact: Nicolas Gauthier, City Administrator, Email: ngauthier@biggs-ca.gov
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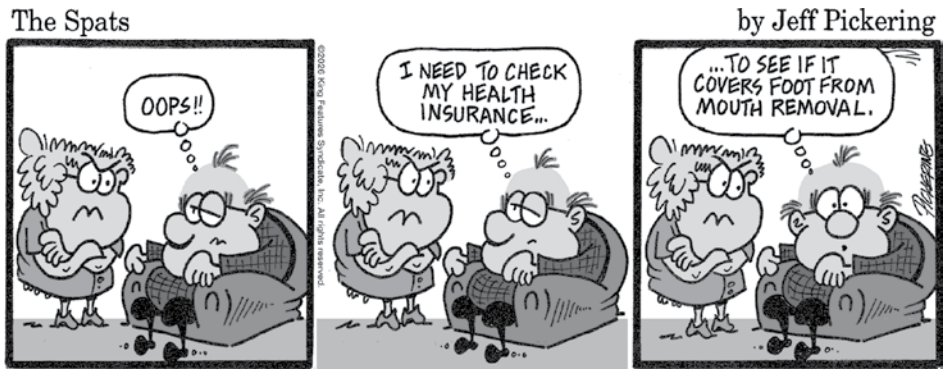
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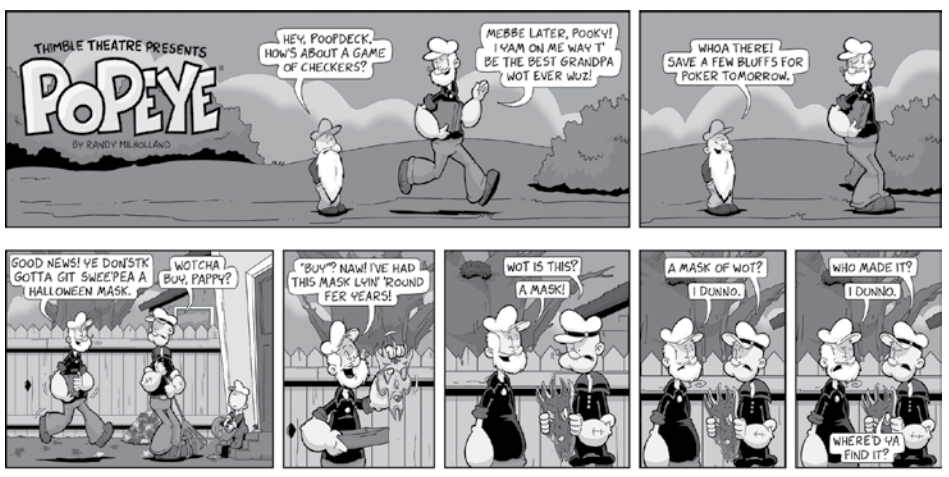
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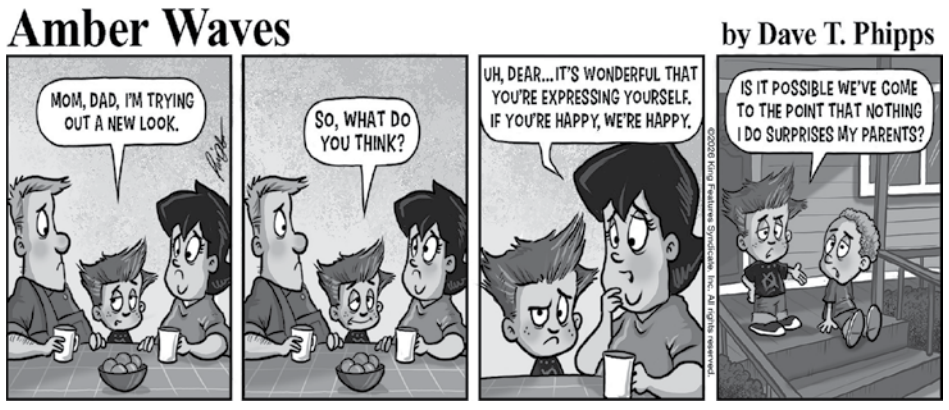
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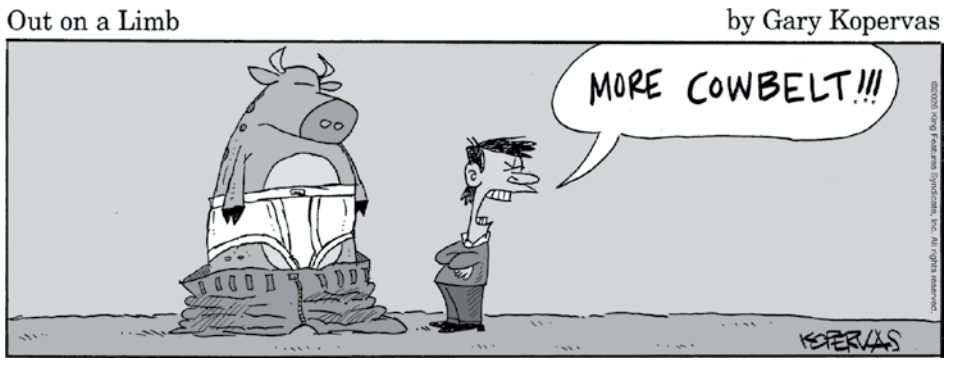
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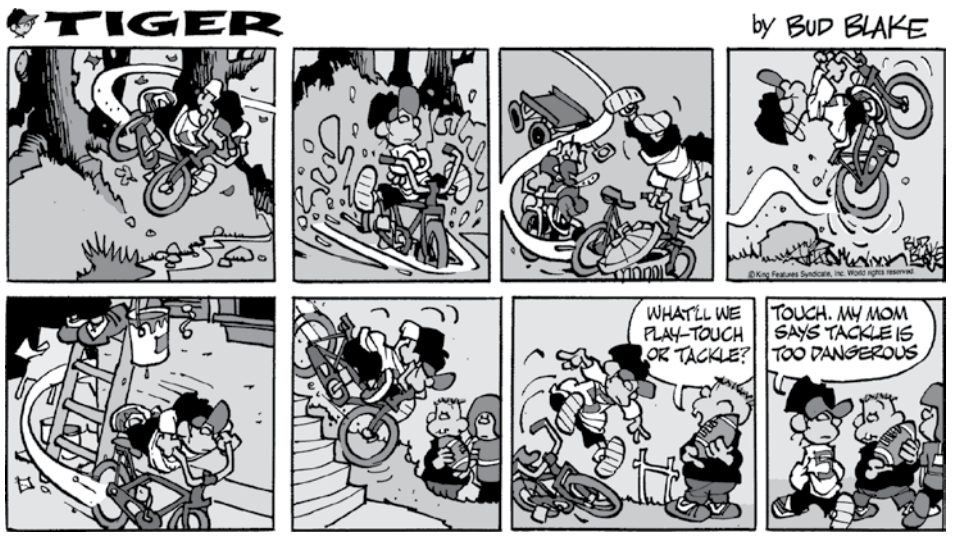
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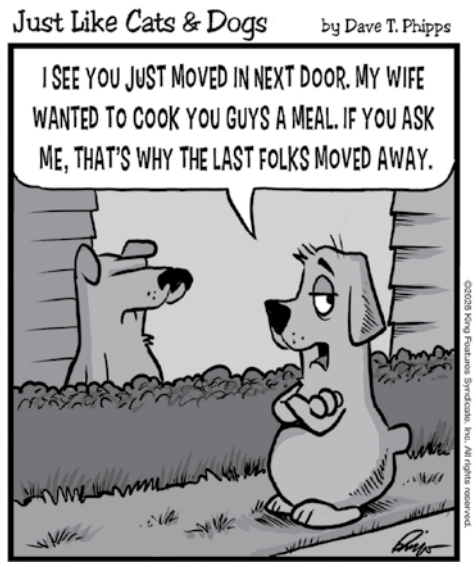
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ACROSS
1. "As the World Turns" and such
6. Hundredweight, acr.
9. Notable achievement
13. Keep a threat ____ ____, or away
14. Across, in verse
15. Jiggly dessert
16. Opposite of bow
17. Sch. grp.
18. Kidman's ex
19. *HomeExchange story, with The
21. *Rudolph's father
23. *Kevin to Buzz in "Home Alone"
24. "Dickens!"
25. Quantity, acr.
28. *"Candy ____ Lane" starring Eddie Murphy
30. Opposite of an-aerobe
35. Russian mountain range
37. Coxae, sing.
39. Tori, sing.
40. Goals
41. Famous Mac & Cheese manufacturer
43. One of auto pioneers
44. Letter-shaped girder
46. Home to Taj Mahal
47. A la _____, with ice cream
48. Relating to teeth
50. "My bad"
52. Eucharist vessel
53. Multicolored horse
55. NHL court
57. *Bailey of Bedford Falls
60. *Mount ____, Grinch's home
64. Supercharger
65. Ewe's mate
67. Alice Halsey on "Little House on the Prairie"
68. Ammo in a quiver, sing.
69. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
70. Sensory threshold, in psychology
71. Artist's inspiration
72. Bajillion years
73. Guns N' Roses lead guitarist

DOWN
1. "Away to the window I flew like a flash, ... and threw up the _____"
2. "Beetle Bailey" pooch
3. Cain's brother
4. *The McCallisters' travel destination
5. Trustee
6. Printer button
7. *Harry and Marv, a.k.a. the ____ Bandits
8. Pro move
9. Shade-loving plant
10. Hamburg river
11. Winglike
12. Freight weight
15. Official work trip
20. Taken where?
22. South American tuber
24. Six-sided polygon
25. *Cousin Eddie actor
26. Human social group
27. Mandarin's headquarters
29. *Luther Krank's wife
31. Living space
32. Lowest deck
33. *Will Ferrell's famous holiday role
34. English county
36. Future J.D.'s hurdle
38. Like Bob Ross' do
42. Short-trunked ungulate
45. Bone filler
49. Yule treat
51. Type of racing boat, pl.
54. Nest for an eagle
56. Not your grandmother's mail?
57. Spiritual leader
58. Makes a mistake
59. Double reed woodwind
60. Slangy "Follow me!"
61. Cat on a shoe
62. Wraths
63. Hyperbolic tangent
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66. Fuss, to Shakespeare

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Bulldogs Volleyball, Flag Football Remaining Squads in Postseason

By YSBC Sports

SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - The CIF postseason for girls athletics began on Oct. 26 and we still have half of our teams competing. Here's how everyone did with their first-round matchups.

Girls Volleyball

Live Oak - The Live Oak Lions fell in four sets on the road to Yreka in the opening round of the Northern Section Division III bracket.

The Lions battled hard and took the opening set of the match before the Miners took control of the match and won the final three.

Live Oak has a lot to be proud of this season as their 13 wins were the most since 2009.

The Lions bring back a big majority of their roster next season, which helps continue the growth of the program.

Biggs - Biggs fell in four sets in the opening round of the NSCIF D-VI tournament to Plumas Charter.

The Wolverines took the first set 25-23, but contended throughout the remaining sets as Plumas Charter took the final three.

Biggs was very senior heavy this past season as eight players will graduate from the roster this upcoming spring.

The benefit for the Wolverines is they will relinquish the program will add players from its junior varsity roster that won 14 games this past season.

Gridley - Gridley moved onto the second round of the Division III bracket as they swept Lassen in straight sets on Oct. 27.

Bulldogs juniors Kambelle Tolman and Iris Counihan each had 15 kills each and Counihan lead the team with 16 digs.

Gridley junior Madison Carey had 15 digs and freshman Austyn Deal had 11 in the win against the Grizzlies.

The Bulldogs played at Orland in the second round of the playoffs on Tuesday where the winner will play in the D-III final at Foothill Hugh School on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Girls Flag Football

Gridley - The Bulldogs flag football team is achieving multiple firsts' this year as they are clicking at the right time on the field.

They easily took care of Waterford 46-0 in the Sac-Joaquin Section Playoffs Division V opener on Oct. 28.

Gridley followed up the blowout victory with another impressive offensive outpour on Monday, Nov. 2 as they beat Sacramento Adventist 46-20.

The Bulldogs hosted Sonora on Wednesday night in hopes of reaching their first section final.

If Gridley topped Sonora on Wednesday, they will play the D-V championship on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento at 10 a.m. ★



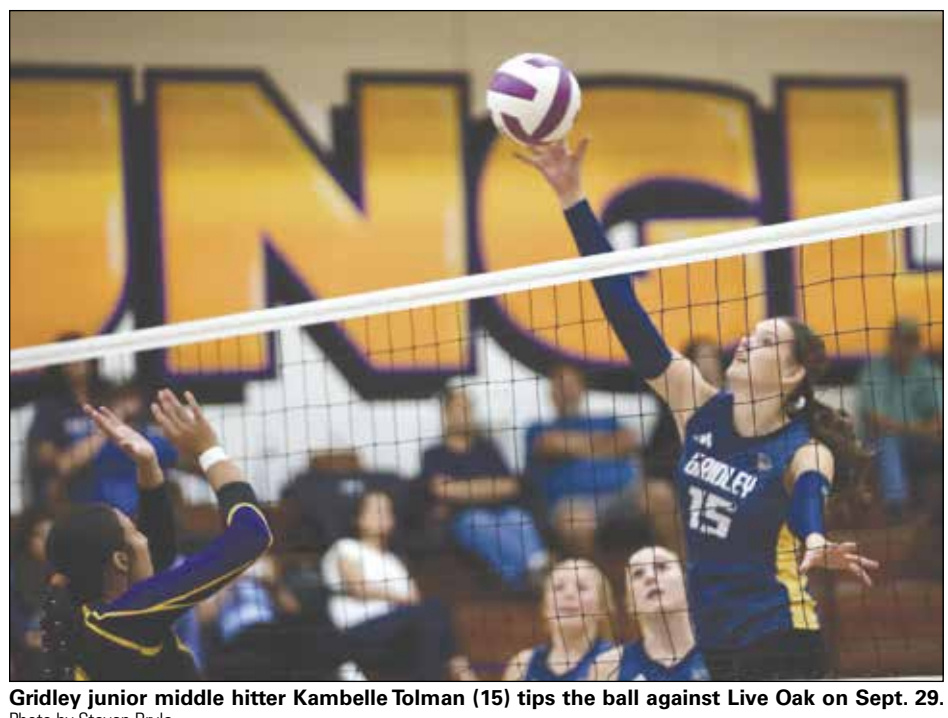
Live Oak senior libero Camila Del Rio Rodriguez (1) saves a ball on Sept. 29 in the Lions' defeat to Gridley. Photo by Steven Bryla



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



Biggs senior Rhegan Jones (29) taps the ball on Sept. 1 during a defeat to Live Oak. Photo by Steven Bryla



Gridley junior middle hitter Kambelle Tolman (15) tips the ball against Live Oak on Sept. 29. Photo by Steven Bryla

Biggs Drops Heartbreaker, Orland Drives Through Live Oak in Second Half



Live Oak senior lineman Chase Ehrke (71) gets a push on the line on Sept. 12 during the Lions' victory against Anderson. Photo by Steven Bryla



Biggs sophomore Jaiden Bandy runs the ball against Portola on Oct. 23 in the Wolverines' win. Photo by Steven Bryla



Live Oak sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone throws a pass on Sept. 11 in the Lions' win over Anderson. Photo by Steven Bryla

By YSBC Sports

SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) -The Biggs Wolverines and Live Oak Lions football programs both took losses on Oct. 30 that will impact their placement in the 2026 NSCIF Postseason. Here's how things went last week for the Wolverines and Lions.

Maxwell 20, Biggs 19

The Wolverines fell victim to a few mistakes costing them productive opportunities in getting a win on the road at Maxwell last week.

Currently the loss puts Biggs on the road to play at the Panthers in the first-round of the NSCIF playoffs that begin on Nov. 14.

Wolverines junior Hudson Brewer found the end zone twice on the ground and ended with 74 rushing yards in the loss.

Biggs sophomore Jaiden Bandy added 60 rushing yards and had a rushing touchdown during the defeat.

Bandy has been on a tear the past few weeks defensively as he did it once again versus Maxwell.

He had six tackles, three for a loss and two sacks.

The Wolverines defense had another solid outing as senior Cameron Kroupa led the way with 11 tackles.

They forced three in the loss. As Biggs heads into the final week of the regular week of the season.

The battle against Hamilton is a must-win game for Biggs.

Orland 42, Live Oak 14

The late-season struggles continued for the Live Oak Lions as a quiet second half was the result in their fifth loss in the last six weeks.

Live Oak trailed at the half 21-14 as they were in the game and battled against Orland.

Lions sophomore quarterback Ethan Petrone found junior Izzy Jurado for a touchdown pass.

Petrone completed seven passes for 101 yards in the air. His accuracy was on point as he only had two misses.

Jurado had 92 rushing yards and fellow junior running back Joseph Martinez had 73 yards on the ground as well.

Live Oak senior lineman. Chase Ehrke had 12 tackles defensively, including two for a loss.

The Lions head to Gridley for the Harvest Bowl to close out the 2026 season.

Live Oak will look to break the losing streak against the Bulldogs as it currently stands at 12.

Kickoff from the Boneyard is scheduled for 7:30 p.m, on Friday. ★

Building a Better B-Line

Butte County Association of Governments operates B-Line and is requesting comments from the community on unmet transit needs as part of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) process. Members of the public are invited to submit comments via mail, email, phone, online, or in person at our public hearing.

For consideration in the 2027/28 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment, comments need to be received by:

5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2026

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Date: Thursday, December 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
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