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Bulldogs Flag Football Brings Home Section Title



The Gridley Bulldogs flag football team celebrates the program's first section title and the only Sac-Joaquin Section title in school history after defeating Colfax 39-0 on Saturday, Nov. 7. Photo by Limitless Films, Edgar Orozco

By YSBC Sports

SACRAMENTO, CA (YSBC) - The Gridley Bulldogs flag football team shut out the Colfax Falcons 39-0 on Saturday, Nov. 7 and brought back their first blue banner in program history.

In the program's second year of existence, Gridley achieved something that has never been done before.

The Bulldogs were the first Northern Section to assemble a girl's flag football team in 2025, and they were placed in the Pioneer Valley League of the Sac-Joaquin Section to play their schedule.

The Gridley defense played lights out throughout the game, but the most impressive stop came on Colfax's opening drive of the game.

The Falcons were driving the ball effectively on their first drive of the game, but a goal-line stand by the Bulldogs.

The first quarter was scoreless, and Gridley was the first team to put points on the board in the game as junior quarterback Delanie Cloyd hit senior Valeria Poynor for a six-yard touchdown pass.

Cloyd had two touchdown passes in the win.

On Colfax's next drive, Bulldogs senior defensive back Nayeli Romo intercepted a Falcons pass attempt and gave the Bulldogs great field possession.

Romo's interception was the first of three-straight interceptions on Colfax to end the first half.

Cloyd said that the defense was locked in and they were confident in their ability to see things normal as this was the third meeting between the Gridley and Colfax.

She added that the Bulldogs had full belief in themselves because in the first matchup of the year, the Bulldogs weren't confident when playing one of the most successful small programs in small-school flag football.

The Falcons postseason resume includes a season that hasn't ended before the semifinals, including this year was their third-consecutive trip to a section final.

Gridley had four interceptions in the victory on Saturday and they were by four-different Bulldogs.

Gridley after seniors Kaydenze Pruitt and Ava Campos extended the Bulldogs lead after they each scored on a rushing touchdown and led 19-0 at the half.

Campos had three rushing touchdowns in the win and capped off her career with a 36-yard rushing touchdown in the final minute of the game.

Campos expressed to YSBC that it was an unbelievable feeling to accomplish a section title with this team in their second year.

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A Knight Out in Gridley

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Moose Hall was bursting at the seams with guests Saturday evening, Nov. 7, as the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council No. 12527 and Sacred Heart Catholic Church hosted their annual Harvest Festival.

Parking and seating were hard to find shortly after doors opened at 5:30 p.m. as guests turned out early for a tender prime rib dinner with all the fixings and the opportunity to participate in several prize-winning activities.

Tickets for the dinner and various raffles and prize giveaways were available at the door.



While the Knights of Columbus managed the cooking, volunteers served Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Harvest Festival prime rib dinner. Pictured from left are Maclovia Curiel, Maria Solis (back row), Teres Gonzales, Malba Mota, Sandra Mota and Maria Sanchez.

Whether they intended to dine or play, it was difficult to ignore the smell of the prime rib dinner prepared by cook Javier Solis.

Solis, also a dedicated Knight of Columbus, sourced high-quality cuts of

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Gridley Defines Boundaries for City Officials

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - When residents bring a complaint to a Gridley councilmember, they should get help finding an answer, but not a promise that the official can fix the problem alone, a newly adopted city handbook states.

The City Council approved the document with suggested changes in October to detail how elected officials and planning commissioners should carry out their duties.

Developed with assistance from Regional Government Services, the handbook covers everything from responding to residents to handling disagreements with city employees. City Administrator Elisa Arteaga said it is intended to promote transparency and consistent procedures.

For someone seeking help with a city service, the process may start with the councilmember gathering information and passing the concern to the city administrator. The official should explain what happens next without guaranteeing the outcome, the handbook states.

The document also makes clear that individual councilmembers cannot direct city employees simply because they hold elected office. The council sets policy as a group, while the administrator oversees daily operations, the handbook states. Officials should also not assign employees work or pressure them to change recommendations.

According the the handbook, complaints about an employee's performance should go privately to the administrator, although councilmembers can question facts and professional opinions. Similar boundaries apply when officials speak publicly. Under the handbook's guidelines, residents should be able to distinguish between a councilmember's personal opinion and a position the council has formally taken. City letterhead and employee assistance cannot be used for personal or political purposes, the document states.

The handbook also advises officials to avoid social media discussions about matters that have come before the council or could appear on a future agenda.

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W Cook

Elections truly reflect the conflicted human condition. This election was supposedly all about affordability. People went to the polls in numbers like never before to make a statement: things cost too much. Yet in California, they also voted to raise their own taxes over and over again. Based on the latest statewide count from the November 3rd election, California voters approved 58 city and county sales tax measures and rejected 19. They approved 17 city and county parcel taxes and rejected 7. Sutter County had Measure G on the ballot to raise more revenue. As of today, it's losing 49% to 51%, so the people of Sutter County did not want to raise their taxes. It will be interesting to see how the people of Live Oak voted, since the city relies on the Sheriff's Office for its police services and just had to consolidate a bunch of them because of a shortage of public safety money. Interestingly, these tax increases are always pitched as vital for public safety and nothing else. We're always told police and fire services will be cut if the sales tax measure doesn't pass. So there you have it: an election about affordability, and in most places where people had a chance to raise their taxes locally, they did. The California baseline sales tax is 7.25%. 459 of 483 cities and counties have increased it with a little local add-on, and 117 places are at or above 10%. The highest rate is 11.75%, in Lancaster and Palmdale, followed by Santa Fe Springs at 11.5%. So Gridley is a low-tax haven at 8.25%. Yet another reason to go to Gridley Country Ford and buy a truck. You certainly don't want to buy that truck in Santa Fe Springs.

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There was much (mucho) feedback on the last Pi-Line about the ethnic makeup of traffic stops reported by the Gridley Police Department, the one that revealed white people get pulled over at a higher rate than their share of the population (based on the Census). Since then, I've received numerous requests to get to the real matter: who gets pulled over more in Gridley, men or women? Well, here you go. In 2024, men made up 63% of the people stopped and women 35%, so men get pulled over a lot more than women. That's based on 2,073 people stopped in 2024. It also means that, on average, about six people get stopped by the cops in Gridley every day. That is a great number to remember, because all those patrols really do deter criminals from coming to your house and stealing your stuff. Good work, Gridley PD.

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Josh F.W. Cook is an alumnus of Butte College. ★

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Gridley senior Nayeli Romos (3) makes a flag pull on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Bulldogs' 39-0 win over Colfax. Photo by Steven Bryla

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She added that the amount of work Gridley has put in just contributed so much throughout the year and it couldn't be a better feeling than ending it with a section title.

Bulldogs head coach John Cooprider was ecstatic and couldn't be prouder of his team for everything this season.

Cooprider said that the San Diego tournament was a big eye opener to everyone on the roster.

He said they played well against great competition and that built confidence within the team and helped them believe that they can accomplish a lot together.

Cooprider said this was a special group of athletes, and it's been an exciting ride with this group and just happy they went out with what they have been the entire time, champions.

Since Gridley returned from San Diego in the beginning of September, the Bulldogs went 16-3.

The Gridley community showed out for the girls at Cosumnes River College on Saturday and the girls have felt the endless support over the past two seasons.



Gridley senior Kaydenze Pruitt (00) reaches for the end zone on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Bulldogs' win against Colfax. Photo by Steven Bryla

Bulldogs senior Natalie Mariscal, who had an interception and hauled in a 20-yd touchdown pass from Cloyd, said that her and her teammates couldn't be any happier than bringing a championship back for the community.

Mariscal added that the endless support has been amazing over the past couple years.

Gridley's accomplishment on Saturday should be celebrated to the maximum and it will remain historic as they won a section title as part of a different section.

When this banner gets put into a trophy case on the campus, it will be the only SJS affiliated pennant, but it may not be the last as Cooprider is looking forward to the future of the program. ★

MEMORIAL

GWEN DUNDAS— 02/05/1935 – 11/04/2026

With our hearts full of both gratitude and sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Gwen Dundas.

She took her final bow peacefully at home, surrounded by our love on November 4th, 2026, at the age of 91. She was a woman of extraordinary beauty and grace, who specialized in seeing the good in all things. She taught first and third grade for 32 years, changing lives, one lesson, one student, one conversation at a time. That amounts to over a thousand students, and their families, which is why she is a treasured celebrity in her small town of Gridley, CA. We are planning a memorial service and a celebration of her life in Gridley on 11/19/26.

She is survived by her two children David John Dundas, and Debra Lynn Estrin, 5 grandchildren, and 6 greatgrandchildren.

Her service will be at Gridley Block Funeral Home at 11am, Cemetery at 12 noon and Celebration of Life at 1pm at the Moose Lodge.



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meat, which he began marinating three days in advance of the evening's meal. He also directed crews assisting with meal preparation and service, efficiently running a kitchen that kept plates full throughout the fundraising dinner.

In addition to dinner, guests were welcome to browse an enticing selection of prize giveaways, including air fryers and expensive bottles of wine. The silent auction drew multiple bidders for items such as a brand-new electric scooter.

Winning tickets were drawn every 15 minutes from the raffle drum, with GroverLee Dahl calling out the winning numbers.

It was a tight squeeze to fit all that activity inside the Moose Hall's cozy quarters, and organizers acknowledged that this year's Harvest Festival had to be scaled back.

Raul Leanos, who has worked behind the scenes for years, said organizers planned for around 200 guests because of the smaller venue.

Leanos also reported eliminating the traditional "country store" game and cake booth, popular attractions at the 2025 event, to accommodate the limited space.

Despite the changes, the Harvest Festival appeared to be a success. Guests were visibly enjoying themselves, whether taking a lizard's leap in the older children's area filled with carnival-style games, visiting with friends and community members or simply dining and dashing.

"We believe we served over 250 people," Leanos said, recounting the evening.

Leanos previously said the fundraiser aimed to raise $5,000 for necessary repairs to the church's rectory, where its priest, Father Joyle, lives.

"I think we exceeded that ($5,000 goal) because of the silent auction and the raffles," Leanos said, adding that the final numbers had not yet been totaled.

Substantial donations for the silent auction and prize giveaways came from community members, businesses and individuals within the church.

Leanos recognized Margaret Hughes and Dan Bozzo as major supporters of the church fundraiser. According to Leanos, both donated numerous gifts and bottles of wine to support the church's fundraising efforts.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Leanos thanked everyone in the community who helped make the event a success, from volunteers to those who donated. ★



Getting the cook out of the kitchen for a minute was no easy task. Javier Solis (center), the man behind the dinner, smiles alongside his wife, Maria (left), and daughter Rebecca (right). Javier kept the grill going throughout the evening while Maria worked the serving line and Rebecca checked on guests and delivered salads.



Young Levi Gwinnup eyes his plate with a grin that says it all.

MEMORIAL

WANDA JUNE BORROWMAN SCOTT — 06/22/1926 - 10/31/2026



Wanda June Borrowman Scott, 96, passed away peacefully at home in Gridley on October 31, 2026. The eldest of Wayne and Lily Borrowman's seven children, she attended Gridley schools. She married Marvin Scott in 1949, and they had seven children. She is survived by her sister, Ramona Wakefield of Oroville, CA; her brother, John Borrowman (Rose) of Winterset, Iowa; three children, Sharon Smith (David), Linda Smith, and Brian Scott (Rocio); 15 grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. An avid gardener, Wanda also enjoyed sewing and crafting. She worked at the Gridley Cannery for many years. An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she also served for many years in Cub Scouts, on the Election Board, and in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary. She will be remembered for her dedication and unconditional service to others. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, November 14th, at 11 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 Spruce St, Gridley. Private interment will follow on Monday, November 16th, at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.



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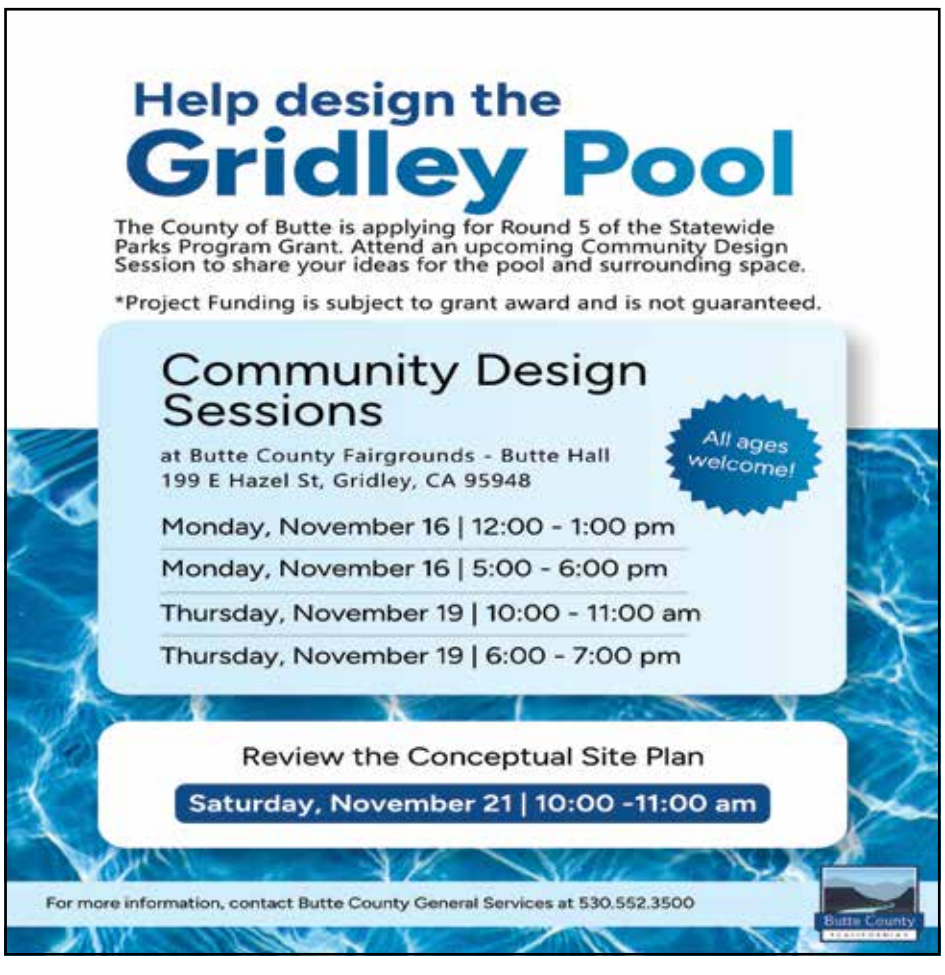
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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The trees are starting their autumn glow show. Yellows, reds and oranges flash forth while going down the streets of our town. The choices of trees in our town for shade and fall color are to be commended. When I lived in the mountains the color would dazzle on my drive home all of autumn. I called the yellows of the large leaf maples, liquid sunshine. I still think of the yellows that way. All that stored spring and summer energy flowing forth in glory celebrating the coming of new growth after the rest of winter. The leaves if allowed to will compost and add to the wealth of the soil. If you leave a few spots in your yard wild and unraked the many beetles, wild bees, moths and butterflies will thank you for nurturing their offspring. I always leave a few places where the cycle of life can be completed without disturbance or sprays.

Watch for the egg cases of the mantis. They are usually attached to branches I prune later on. When I see them, I leave them if possible. If I have to remove the branch, I clip the part with the case and I put it in an area where they can hatch later on. Not every one of them hatches but the gift of almost invisible mantis hatchlings is a surprise everyone should experience at least once in life.

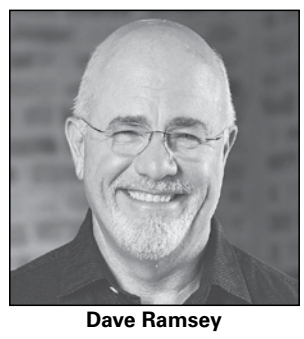
Recently I found out that there are invasive Mantises. It turns out most of the mantis in the garden are of the invasive type. They are large, aggressive predators and do not discriminate between bugs that help the environment and those we want eaten. Everything including beneficial pollinators (like bees and butterflies), hummingbirds, small reptiles, and native insects whenever they find them. Even though I know this now. I'm still saving the egg cases. ★

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provides a guide to city finances, explaining how money for electricity, water and wastewater services is kept in separate funds. Other sections cover the budget process and planning for street repairs, equipment purchases and other major projects.

The proposed handbook described council stipends, currently $2,400 annually, through a formula tied to state limits but gave a specific amount for planning commissioners: $25 per meeting, up to $50 a month. Both stipends are to be stated clearly, officials said. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Bad Things Happen When You Don't Save Money!

Dear Dave,

How important is saving money when you're young and have a good income? If you're just saving it, you're not really doing anything with it, right? So, what good is money if you don't actually use it for something?

– Garrett

Dear Garrett,

I'm going to shoot straight with you. It worries me that you seem to think that you're not doing anything with your money when you save it. Saving money is one of the most important things you can do with your money, because when you save you're planning for the future *and* the unexpected.

Retirement may seem long way off right now, but think for a second how it would feel to have worked your entire life only to end up broke by the time you're 65. If that thought doesn't scare you, it should. Have you ever seen someone that age, or even older, sweeping floors in a fast food restaurant? Wrangling carts in the rain outside a shopping center? In most cases, it's not because they love the job and meeting people. They're doing it because they have to in order to make ends meet. Why? Because they did not plan for the future and *save some money.*

Let's talk about a few other things. How will you get by if you're laid off, or fired, from your job if you haven't saved any money? What if your air conditioning unit goes out and needs to be replaced? Long story short, bad things happen when people are foolish enough not to save money.

Do you get my point, Garrett? Saving is doing something with your money. It's one of the most important things you can ever do with your money!

– 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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Live Oak Council Approves Stop Signs, Reviews Cash Analysis

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At its Nov. 4 meeting, the Live Oak City Council considered a proposal from City Manager Ben Moody to install stop signs at the intersection of Allen and Linda streets.

Moody said the neighborhood intersection is near the city's soccer field and that vehicles traveling at unsafe speeds or making unsafe turns have nearly struck, and in some cases struck, pedestrians.

City staff can install the stop signs. Thermoplastic road lettering would cost about $3,500, and Moody said the city's streets fund has sufficient money for the project.

Vice Mayor Aaron Pamma asked whether crosswalks would also need to be painted, but Moody did not recommend them because the rest of the neighborhood does not have crosswalks.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said he has seen drivers rushing through the intersection and believes the project will improve safety.

The council voted unanimously to approve the stop signs.

The council also heard a cash analysis report from Finance Director Ethan Gutierrez. The city has faced a structural deficit for years, Gutierrez said, with expenditures increasing faster than revenues.

The city's cash balance fell from about $13.9 million in fiscal year 2009-10 to $3.5 million in 2026-27. Gutierrez said the downward trend preceded the pandemic, which further affected the general fund. One-time federal American Rescue Plan Act funding helped cover operating costs despite insufficient revenue growth.

In fiscal year 2021-22, the Community Facilities District 2004-1 assessment was not approved, leaving the city unable to collect the $900,000 that typically supported police and fire contracts with Sutter County.

Those contract costs continued to rise. In 2022-23, the fire contract increased by $265,000 and the police contract by $300,000. The police contract rose another $190,000 in 2023-24. In 2024-25, the fire contract increased by $500,000 and the police contract by $800,000.

Public safety contract costs increased by a cumulative $2 million over several fiscal years. During the same period, discretionary revenues, including property and sales taxes, increased by only 15%, or $550,000, falling well short of the higher costs.

Turning to the water fund, Gutierrez said rates had not kept pace with operating expenses. The council approved rate increases in 2025-26, the first since 2006, but replenishing the fund will take time. From 2012-13 through 2024-25, the fund lost $5 million in cash as reserves were used to cover operations.

In 2023-24, the council transferred $3.5 million in connection fees as a loan to the water fund. Repayment is required to begin in 2029-30.

Councilmember Nancy Santana suggested the water fund would not be in deficit without salary and benefit costs. Moody explained that employees are needed to operate the water system.

Santana said the city should consider selling its water and sewer operations to a private company if it cannot afford the costs.

Pamma disagreed, saying privatization would not serve residents' interests because it would lead to higher customer rates.

Moody said the city, as a public utility operator, can set rates to cover costs, while a private company would also seek a profit.

The sewer fund is not currently in deficit, but Gutierrez cautioned that it is trending downward because rates are not keeping pace with expenses. "We are depleting reserves," he said.

The city is delaying some sewer improvements and maintenance to save money, although deferring the work could increase future costs.

Gutierrez said a sewer rate study will be needed to determine increases sufficient to cover future operations.

Regarding the streets fund, Gutierrez said its money is restricted, so the city holds it until enough is available for an eligible project. The city also recently began submitting claims for about four years of available Transportation Development Act funding, totaling $2.4 million.

Pamma credited Gutierrez and Moody with discovering the unused funding and beginning the process of claiming it for local projects.

Moody outlined efforts to reduce costs, including delaying capital projects, renegotiating public safety contracts and replacing costly consultants with city employees. To increase revenue, the city has reduced impact fees to encourage development, updated its master fee schedule and pursued grants. The city also supported Sutter County's Measure G, which would have provided funding for public safety costs. At the time of the report, more votes had been cast against Measure G, and the race remained too close to call.

Santana said the city had used $10 million over the past few years and asked whether any of it went toward employee salaries and benefits.

"Where the money has gone is where it was budgeted," Moody said, explaining that some was used to pay city employees.

Pamma praised the detailed presentation and said the city had operated at a loss for years and would have reached this point sooner without the one-time federal funding. "The biggest issue here is that we don't have consistent revenue coming into our city," he said.

Chapdelaine said the structural deficit, with costs exceeding revenue, has existed for years, but recent efforts are beginning to make a difference.

Santana noted that the Parks and Recreation Department budget of $1.12 million exceeds the $1.11 million fire contract and asked why the city was prioritizing parks over fire services.

Moody said the council sets priorities and approves the budget. Further cuts to parks and recreation would reduce expenditures but also decrease revenue from programs and facility fees.

Santana asked additional questions about the budget, including how departmental budgets account for employee salaries and benefits, supplies and services.

Chapdelaine said independent financial audits had predicted the deficit for years. He said the audits had not identified misuse of funds, but rather a structural deficit caused by revenues falling short of costs.

Santana said Measure G appeared unlikely to pass and asked whether Live Oak could pursue its own tax measure.

Moody said failure of Measure G would seriously affect the city's ability to pay for public safety because "there's a million-dollar hole that's going to be very hard to fill." He said the council could direct staff to explore a Live Oak tax measure.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18. ★

Valencia Baryton Project to Perform Nov. 15



The Valencia Baryton Project, a string trio based in Valencia, Spain, will perform in Grass Valley on Sunday, Nov. 15, as part of InConcert Sierra's concert series. The ensemble features the baryton, a rare 18th-century string instrument. Photo courtesy of Valencia Baryton Project

By MPG Staff

GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - An 18th-century string instrument rarely heard in modern concert halls will take center stage Sunday, Nov. 15, when InConcert Sierra presents the Valencia Baryton Project in Grass Valley.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Grass Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, 12889 Osborne Hill Road. A pre-concert talk will begin at 1:15 p.m.

The Valencia Baryton Project, based in Valencia, Spain, introduces audiences to the baryton, a Baroque string instrument that combines bowed strings with a second set of metal strings that musicians can pluck while playing.

Ensemble founder Matthew Baker is among a small number of musicians worldwide who perform on the instrument. He established the group to preserve and perform music written for the baryton and introduce the instrument to new audiences.

The baryton resembles a viola da gamba, an early relative of the cello. Unlike traditional string instruments, however, it features metal strings behind the fingerboard that resonate as the musician plays. Performers can also pluck those strings with their thumb while bowing the main strings, allowing them to produce two distinct sounds simultaneously.

The instrument gained popularity during the 18th century, particularly at the Austrian court of Prince Nikolaus Esterházy, who played the baryton.

Composer Franz Joseph Haydn, who worked at Esterházy's court, wrote 123 trios for baryton, viola and cello. Those compositions remain an important part of the instrument's musical history.

Despite its popularity among European aristocrats, the baryton eventually fell out of favor. Its complex construction, demanding tuning requirements and challenging playing technique contributed to its decline.

The Valencia Baryton Project has performed more than 100 concerts throughout North, Central and South America and Europe.

The Grass Valley program will feature music spanning more than 300 years, including three baryton trios by Haydn and a trio by Luigi Tomasini.

The ensemble will also perform contemporary compositions by David Gorton, José Zárate and Baker.

Among the selections is Gorton's "How sighs resound," a work commissioned by the Valencia Baryton Project that incorporates music by 17th-century composer John Jenkins.

InConcert Sierra has presented classical music performances and educational programs throughout the Sierra Nevada region since 1946. The organization is also developing Crown Point Venues, a project that will include a concert hall, conference center and black box theater.

Tickets for the Nov. 15 performance cost $50 for general admission and $5 for youth ages 18 and younger.

Tickets are available by calling 530-273-3990, visiting https://www.simpletix.com/e/valencia-baryton-project-tickets-267401 or purchasing them at the venue on concert day. ★

Chico Man Sentenced for Bidwell Park Assault

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A 20-year-old Chico man will serve two years in state prison after pleading guilty to assault with intent to commit rape in connection with an attack on a woman in Upper Bidwell Park in June.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Michael Deems sentenced Kabongo Moses Dingao on Oct. 28, imposing the lower prison term despite prosecutors' request for the maximum six-year sentence.

According to Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, the assault occurred shortly after 11 a.m. June 9 when a 44-year-old woman was sunbathing alone in Upper Bidwell Park.

The woman told investigators that Dingao approached her and began a conversation that turned sexual. After she repeatedly rejected his advances, Dingao grabbed her and attempted to sexually assault her.

The woman reported that Dingao picked her up and began carrying her down a remote path, away from an area where other park visitors might see them.

Dingao stumbled on the rough terrain and put the woman down. He continued making sexual comments and grabbed her wrists, preventing her from leaving, according to prosecutors.

The woman eventually convinced Dingao to walk with her toward the main path, where she escaped and called 911.

Chico police officers responded, but Dingao had left the area.

Detectives with the Chico Police Department's Major Case Unit began investigating the assault. Ramsey said the woman had secretly recorded part of the encounter on her cellphone, capturing an image of Dingao's face.

Working with other law enforcement agencies, detectives identified Dingao and obtained an arrest warrant. Officers arrested him two days after the assault while he was traveling to his part-time job at a grocery store. Ramsey said Dingao briefly struggled with officers during the arrest.

Investigators later searched Dingao's apartment and recovered clothing matching what he wore in the woman's recording.

Dingao pleaded guilty in September to felony assault with intent to commit rape.

During the Oct. 28 sentencing hearing, the victim described how the attack affected her ability to enjoy a place she had visited for years.

Ramsey said the woman told the judge that Upper Bidwell Park had long provided her with relaxation and peace, but the assault had taken away that sense of safety.

Prosecutors sought the maximum six-year sentence, arguing that Dingao targeted a woman alone in an isolated area, physically restrained her and attempted to move her farther into the canyon to avoid detection.

Dingao's public defender requested the two-year minimum sentence, citing his age and lack of known prior criminal convictions. The Butte County Probation Department also recommended two years.

Ramsey said state sentencing laws generally favor the lower prison term for offenders younger than 26. The offense carries possible sentences of two, four or six years.

Deems ultimately imposed the two-year sentence.

Ramsey also said he expects Dingao to face deportation proceedings after completing his prison term. According to the district attorney, Dingao entered the United States as a refugee and had not completed the citizenship process. ★



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Biggs Hires Firm to Review City Finances

By Susan Meeker

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs has hired an independent auditor to review its finances and identify weaknesses in how the city tracks and manages public money.

The City Council approved an agreement with Badawi & Associates on Oct. 27 covering three fiscal years, with total spending capped at $107,549.

City Administrator Nicolas Gauthier said the firm was selected from two companies that responded to the city's request for proposals. The contract matched the firm's original offer without added changes, he said.

"They've been very forthcoming and very responsive to all our discussions," Gauthier said.

The audits will examine the city's financial statements for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, 2027 and 2028. The review covers general government operations and city-run utility services.

Auditors will check financial records, identify accounting corrections and report weaknesses in procedures intended to protect public funds. They also must recommend improvements and follow up on problems identified in the previous year.

The three financial-statement audits will cost $85,015. The contract allows additional spending for compliance reviews and help preparing financial statements, if needed and separately authorized. Biggs is not required to spend the full contract amount, officials said. Travel, other expenses and presentations to the council are included in the fees.

Gauthier said the firm had completed its insurance and bonding paperwork. He also confirmed that references had been checked.

Work on the first audit is scheduled to wrap up by Dec. 31, with final reports and a council presentation due by Jan. 31, 2027. Future audits are scheduled for completion by December following the end of each fiscal year, officials said.

The city could extend the agreement to cover fiscal years 2029 and 2030, but those options would require council approval and funding.

City officials remain responsible for maintaining accurate financial statements and procedures to safeguard public money. If the firm helps prepare those statements, the work must include safeguards to preserve its independence as an auditor.

The agreement also holds back the final 20% of each annual fee until the firm delivers its reports and presents the results to the council. ★

Gridley Library Happenings

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Saturday, Nov. 28, Program Break, regular library programs will be suspended during the Thanksgiving holiday week.

Thursday, Nov. 26 - Friday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Closure, the Gridley Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. ★

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.

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, Nov. 13

Holiday Kick-Off Event

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Enloe Health Gift Shop, 1531 Esplanade, Chico. Find unique gifts and begin your holiday shopping at the Enloe holiday kick-off event. Enjoy hot apple cider, cookies, and spin the wheel for prizes and discounts. The Gift Shop is a fundraiser for Enloe Health Volunteer Services and all proceeds support Enloe Health's programs and projects. This event is open to the public.

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.

Celebration of Community, Legacy & Music

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oroville State Theater, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. Make it a night with blues, jazz fusion, and old-school R&B on the big stage as we raise funds for the South Oroville African American Historical Society (SOAAHS). Grab a drink from the no-host bar (courtesy of the Union), enter the prize drawings, and enjoy a wonderful evening out. Donation at the door: $20 ($10 for ages 6–12, free for 5 & under).

Monday, Nov. 16

Gridley Pool Community Design Sessions

Noon to 1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. at Butte Hall, Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. Butte County invites residents to share ideas for the proposed Gridley Pool and surrounding area. All ages are welcome. Project funding is dependent on a state grant award. For information, call 530-552-3500.

Gridley City Council

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

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. 17

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. 18

ESL Conversation Group

Meets Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esperanza House Family Center, 630 Washington St. Practice speaking English in this free, friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is also a Zoom option from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@buttecounty.net for more information.

Gridley 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.

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.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group

Meets the first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. For more information, call 530-353-5349.

Thursday, Nov. 19

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.

Holiday Craft Auction

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagles Main Hall, 2010 Montgomery St., Oroville. The Delta Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority invites you to join us for an evening of fun and fundraising. This year's event will feature a delicious appetizer and dessert bar for all attendees to enjoy. The sorority sisters have been busy making handmade items, baked goods, and spirits as a fundraiser for our chapter; all auction items going to the highest bidder. $15 admission.

Live Oak Lions Club Annual Turkey Bingo

Doors open at 6 p.m., with games beginning at 7 p.m. at the Community Building, 10200 O St., Live Oak. The event features 12 bingo games, prizes, a turkey dinner door prize and opportunity drawings by Del Kappa Iota. Admission is $15 for six bingo cards, with additional cards available for $1 each, limit four. Food will be available for purchase. Cash, checks and cards are accepted for bingo; food purchases are cash only.

Friday, Nov. 20

The Gobble Games

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Chico Ice Rink, 132 W. 4th St., Chico. Celebrate Thanksgiving with a little frozen fun. Join us at the Chico Ice Rink for festive activities, turkey trot-inspired ice rink games with fun prizes and fall crafts. The evening wraps up with the ultimate showdown with the 2nd Turkey Bowl. Watch as two community teams use a frozen turkey as a bowling ball to knock down all the pins in this hilarious and friendly competition on ice. Free admission: activities, music, and crafts included. Ice skating $15 per person, includes participation in the Gobble Games.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Birding at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 3207 Rutherford Rd. This trip is located within the Grey Lodge Wildlife Area. We will meet at Parking Lot 14. The two-mile flat trail begins with a large pond where cormorants and many duck species take shelter. A Lands Pass $5.97 for the day of the trip is required unless you have a hunting or fishing license. You may purchase a lands pass here: https://wildlife.ca.gov/ Licensing/Lands-Pass or by phone 800-565-1458 or wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. For questions, contact Noah Ramsey at noahramsey16@gmail.com.

Colusa Holiday Craft Faire

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Colusa Fairgrounds, Colusa. The annual holiday event will feature more than 100 vendors offering handmade gifts and other items, along with food concessions, entertainment and photos with Santa. Admission is free. For information, visit http://colusafairgrounds.com.

Gridley Pool Conceptual Site Plan Review

10-11 a.m. at Butte Hall, Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. Butte County invites residents to review the conceptual site plan for the proposed Gridley Pool. Project funding is dependent on a state grant award. For information, call 530-552-3500.

FBC Clothes Closet Annual Coat Drive

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. FBC Clothes Closet will hold its fourth annual coat drive for children and adults, partnering with Something For Nothing to serve the Live Oak, Gridley and Biggs communities. Donations may also be dropped off Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the same location.

Fall Wreath-Making Class

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Durham Veterans Memorial Hall, 9319 Midway, Durham. Join the Durham Recreation & Park District as make festive fall wreaths. Our instructor will teach you how to make a beautiful wreath with fresh cut fall foliage. Each designer will take home an 18"-24" wreath. Snacks will be provided. $75 per person, all supplies included.

Holiday Barketplace

Noon to 4 p.m. at the Butte Humane Society Education Center, 13391 Garner Lane, Chico. Join us for a festive day filled with fun activities perfect for family and friends. Find unique gifts from local artisans. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Colusa Holiday Craft Faire

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Colusa Fairgrounds, Colusa. The annual holiday event will feature more than 100 vendors offering handmade gifts and other items, along with food concessions, entertainment and photos with Santa. Admission is free. For information, visit http://colusafairgrounds.com.

Pumpkin Succulent Centerpiece Workshop

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Hosted by UC Master Gardeners of Butte County in partnership with Patrick Ranch Museum. $55 (materials included).

Christmas Preview, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Downtown Chico. Since 1978, Christmas Preview has been a Downtown Chico tradition, drawing folks together in the heart of our community to officially kick off the holiday season. Downtown merchants roll out the red carpet with hospitality, festive decorations, entertainment, and a visit from Santa for family photos. Welcome Center at 338 Broadway, Chico.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Holiday Pie Pre-Sale

Presented by the Durham Women's Club and Patrick Ranch Museum. 9-inch pies are $25 each: choose apple, pumpkin, or maple pecan. Order now, then drive through to pick up your pies at Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham, on Tuesday, November 24 from 2–6 pm. Online ordering at www.patrickranchmuseum.org/events/

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. Next distribution on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution on Tuesday, Dec. 8. 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. ★

Magalia Man Convicted of Rape, Domestic Violence

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A Butte County jury convicted a 25-year-old Magalia man of multiple sexual assault and domestic violence charges involving three women following a two-week trial.

Christopher Lawrence Killion faces 98 years to life in prison when he returns to court for sentencing Dec. 9, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

Jurors deliberated for less than two hours before finding Killion guilty Friday, Nov. 6, of two counts of forcible rape, forcible sodomy and domestic violence charges. The convictions stem from incidents involving three women who had been in relationships with Killion between 2021 and 2023.

The Chico Police Department began investigating Killion in 2023 after a woman reported that he raped her in her home. Investigators subsequently uncovered allegations of physical and sexual abuse involving two other women who had previously dated him.

All three women testified during the trial, describing incidents of sexual assault, physical violence and controlling behavior throughout their relationships with Killion.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said prosecutors Jessica Miller and Alexander Bigwood presented evidence showing how Killion used various forms of abuse to control the women.

"The trial prosecutors had to educate the jury about the degrading and abusive techniques an abuser uses to obtain and maintain control over a victim," Ramsey said.

According to prosecutors, Killion repeatedly used physical and psychological abuse to manipulate the women during their relationships.

Ramsey also praised the three women for testifying and continuing with the case despite years of court delays.

Killion had previously been placed on formal probation for threatening neighbors in Magalia in 2022. According to the District Attorney's Office, the neighbors contacted police after hearing a domestic violence incident at Killion's residence.

Prosecutors said the prior conviction subjects Killion to California's three-strikes sentencing law, which will double his sentence.

Killion remains in custody at the Butte County Jail pending his Dec. 9 sentencing hearing. ★

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This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000971
The following person(s) are doing business as: Marchuks Equipment Repair, 1206 Losser Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Cort W Marchuk, 1206 Losser Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948.
Date filed in Butte County: September 15, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 23, 2026
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Blue Whale Soul, 393 Little Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Elizabeth L Nunes-Mabray, PO Box 1012, Gridley, CA 95948.
Date filed in Butte County: October 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 3, 2020
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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0001156
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Orthodontics, 250 Vallombrosa Avenue Suite 300, Chico, CA 95926
Galen M Fillmore, DDS, MS, Inc., 558 Prather Road, Gridley, CA 95948.
Date filed in Butte County: November 4, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 4, 2026
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #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
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THE GRIDLEY HERALD 11-13-26



RDP FOR THE CHERRY ST. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

"The City of Gridley is seeking proposals from qualified professional engineering firms to provide design services for the Cherry Street Sidewalk Improvements Project, a federally funded effort to close the only remaining gap in an otherwise continuous walking route in central Gridley. Cherry Street currently has no sidewalk on its south side between State Route 99 and Haskell Street. This gap affects residents of nearby townhomes, senior housing, and apartments who walk to the elementary school, the public park, and local businesses. The project will add approximately 2,650 square feet of new five-foot-wide sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, about 765 feet of new curb and gutter, six driveway approaches, and new crosswalk and pavement markings. It is funded through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and administered by Caltrans.

The selected firm will complete preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, utility coordination, and construction-ready plans and specifications. The Request for Proposals was released October 30, 2026, and is available on the City's website at gridley.ca.us. Written questions are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2026, and proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. on January 15, 2027. The City anticipates awarding the contract in February 2027, with design completion expected by the end of August 2027.

For more information, contact City Engineer Dave Harden, PE, at **dharden@ben-en.com**."

The Gridley Herald 11-13-2026

RFP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE FAIRVIEW GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

"The City of Gridley is seeking proposals from qualified professional engineering firms to provide design services for the Fairview Gap Closure Project, a federally funded effort to fill missing sections of sidewalk along Fairview Drive and East Gridley Road. Funded through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and administered by Caltrans, the project will add approximately 6,600 square feet of new sidewalk, 12 ADA-compliant curb ramps, and about 1,415 feet of new curb and gutter, giving residents, seniors, and schoolchildren a continuous, safe walking route instead of walking in the roadway.

The selected firm will also evaluate potential safety improvements at the Fairview Drive and East Gridley Road intersection and will complete environmental clearance and 90% construction plans so the City can compete for future Active Transportation Program construction funding. The Request for Proposals was released October 30, 2026, and is available on the City's website at gridley.ca.us. Written questions are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2026, and proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. on January 15, 2027. The City anticipates awarding the contract in February 2027, with design completion expected by the end of August 2027.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, November 25th, 2026**, at **6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on **Wednesday, November 25th, 2026**, via email to **planningdept@gridley.ca.us** or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Sunday, November 22nd, 2026, located on the City of Gridley website.

Tentative Subdivision Map 1-22 (Edler Estates): the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider a request by Mike Vasquez, PE, PLS, Vasquez Engineering, on behalf of property owner James M. Ratliff, for a three-year extension of time for Tentative Subdivision Map 1-22, approved by the City Council on September 19, 2022 (Resolution No. 2022-R-032) and previously extended by the Planning Commission on November 20, 2024. The map subdivides approximately 8.49 acres into forty-six (46) single-family residential lots. The property is located on the west side of Randolph Avenue at the westerly terminus of Laurel Street, Assessor's Parcel Number 010-270-076. It is designated Residential, Medium Density in the General Plan and zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential.

Recommended Action(s):

a. City staff recommends the Planning Commission approve a three-year extension of Tentative Subdivision Map 1-22 (Edler Estates), APN 010-270-076-000, extending the map's expiration date to September 19, 2029.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Christopher Smith, Principal Planner at (530) 846-3631 or email at **planningdept@gridley.ca.us**.

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Tentative Subdivision Map 2-20 (Chandler Park): the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider a two-year extension request for Tentative Subdivision Map 2-20 (Chandler Park), APN 022-210-092-000, a 41.92-acre subdivision, pursuant to Government Code Section 66452.6. The tentative map was previously set to expire on June 19, 2026; the requested extension would extend the map's expiration date to June 19, 2028.

Recommended Action(s):

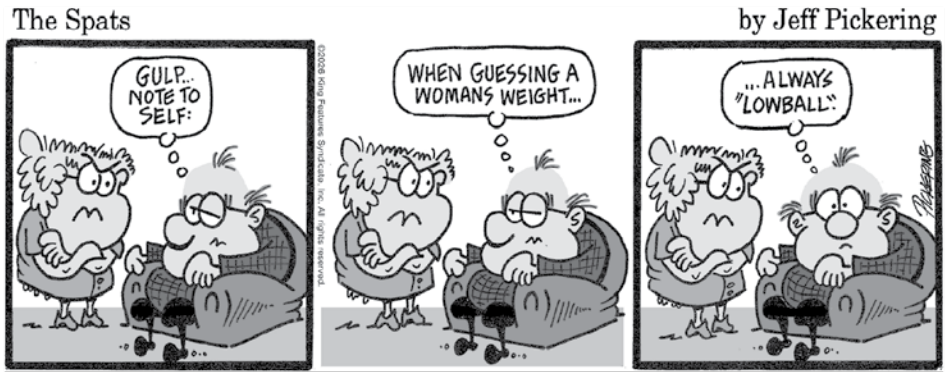
a. City staff recommends the Planning Commission approve a two-year extension of Tentative Subdivision Map 2-20 (Chandler Park), APN 022-210-092-000, extending the map's expiration date to June 19, 2028.

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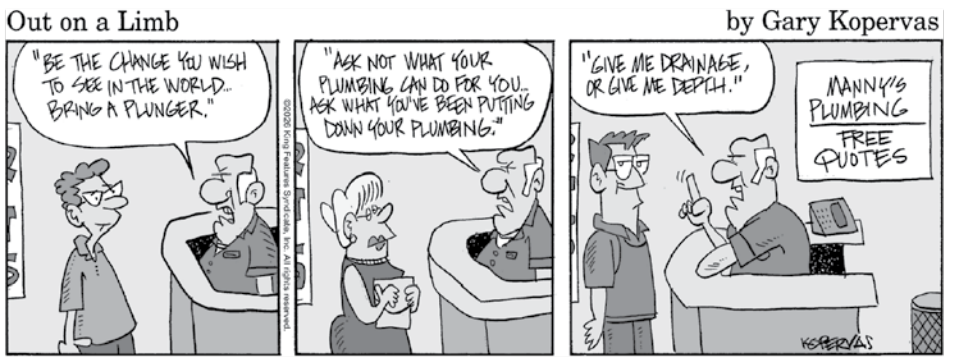
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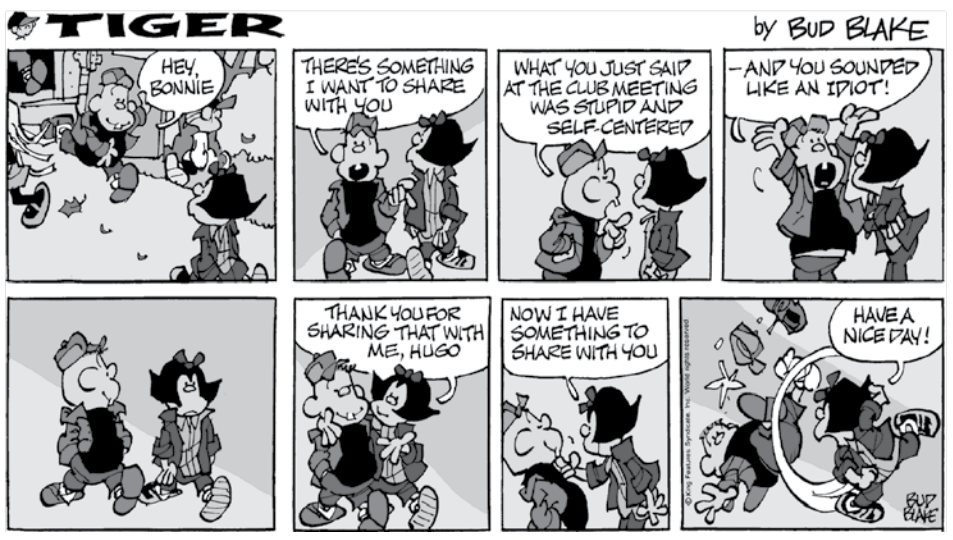
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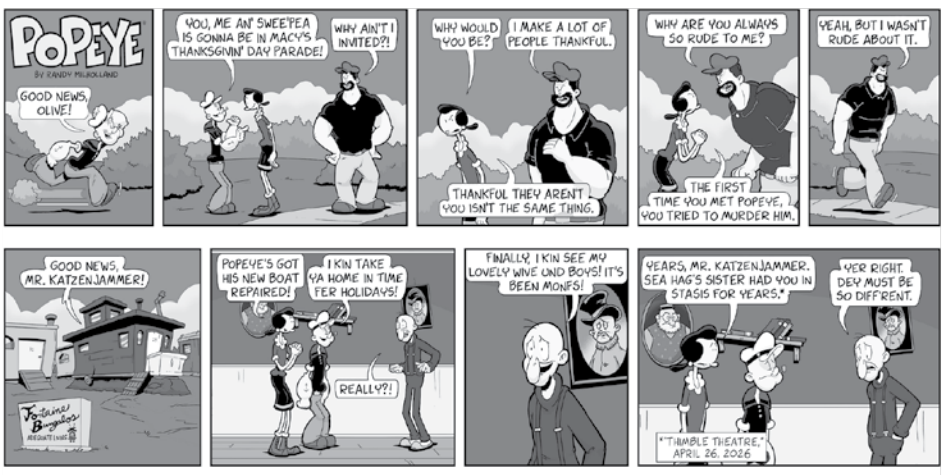


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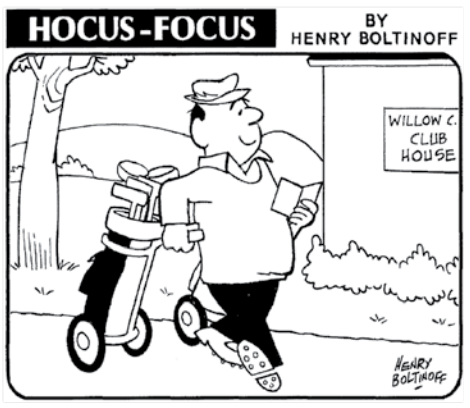


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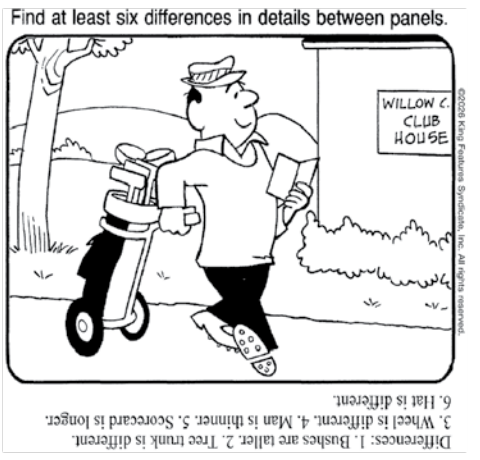




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1. Chevy of "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
6. Broadcast breaks
9. Electrical current unit, pl.
13. Mineral veins
14. Neighbor of Ger.
15. Gem state
16. 1960s abstractionism
17. "I" mania
18. *The only First Lady to issue official Thanksgiving Day proclamation
19. *First department store to host Thanksgiving parade
21. *Keeping turkey juicy
23. Use one's eyes
24. Same as island
25. Chasing game
28. 4th planet from sun
30. Milk-related
35. 1952 Olympic site
37. *Brad who starred in a Friends Thanksgiving episode
39. Remus Lupin's nickname
40. Continent
41. Most common vowel in English language
43. Try
44. Ascetic holy Hindu
46. Fail to mention
47. Ditty
48. Interruptions
50. "Do ____ others..."
52. P in m.p.g.
53. Partiality
55. Pie ____ ____ mode
57. *Gizzard, heart, liver, neck
61. *Soaking turkey
65. Heart chambers
66. Polite form of address
68. Outspoken
69. Behave like a coquette
70. "But I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight..."
71. Allergic reaction to bee sting
72. Bloodsucking hopper
73. "Ideas worth spreading" talk
74. Counseled

DOWN
1. Heidi's shoe
2. Kachina doll maker
3. *"The Thanksgiving Song" performer
4. Some Slavs
5. Put on a pedestal
6. Gorillas and orangutans
7. *National ____ Show
8. Pigsty dwellers
9. Mine passage
10. Neither mini nor midi
11. What phonics and cacophony have in common
12. Playlist item
15. Trouser measurement
20. Bounds' partners
22. Opposite of nothing
24. Isthmi, sing.
25. *Charlie Brown's meal: ____, popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans
26. Allegro ____, in music
27. Move like on ice
29. Organized crime-related ____ Act, acr.
31. Selling price minus profit
32. Add (2 words)
33. Absurd
34. *____ Monday after Thanksgiving
36. Hawaiian island
38. "The Parent Trap" child
42. Rose oil
45. Cheerful
49. Dog command
51. Dickens' Twist
54. Opposite of liability
56. Positive electrode
57. Gamecock's spur
58. It will
59. French hors d'oeuvre staple
60. Turkish money
61. Raised
62. Like some cakes
63. ID info
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Tractor Supply Faces Five-Year Pesticide Probation

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Pesticide Regulation has placed Tractor Supply Company on five years of probation following repeated violations of state pesticide sales and licensing laws at stores across California.

The probation, which takes effect Dec. 7, prohibits the retailer from selling restricted pesticide materials and requires quarterly sales reports to state regulators.

According to the department, inspections conducted by county agricultural commissioners in 32 counties between Jan. 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025, identified violations at 65 of the company's 99 California locations.

Violations included purchasing, selling and delivering restricted pesticide products without obtaining required permit, license or certification information. Several locations also sold pesticides without the required dealer license.

"California has strict pesticide regulations on the sale of restricted materials to protect human health and the environment," said DPR Director Karen Morrison. "Tractor Supply Company has repeatedly disregarded these requirements and DPR is holding them accountable for their actions."

The department's disciplinary action stems from violations involving restricted pesticide sales in Placer County and through the company's online store.

A separate review of company sales records from April 2022 through April 2026 identified 123 sales of unregistered pesticide products in California. Those transactions included 75 sales of restricted materials for which the company failed to obtain the purchasers' required permits.

A coalition of district attorneys from several California counties pursued a separate enforcement action that resolved most of the violations identified during county inspections.

"Californians deserve a marketplace where every seller plays by the rules," Morrison said. "When companies cut corners, it puts our communities at risk and undermines businesses that follow the law."

Under the probation agreement, Tractor Supply must comply with all applicable laws, stop selling restricted pesticide materials and submit quarterly sales reports to the department.

If the company violates the agreement, the department may suspend its California pesticide dealer licenses.

The probation period begins Dec. 7 and continues for five years. ★

County Approves January Fee Increases

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte County residents and businesses will pay more for marriage licenses, building permits and other county services beginning Jan. 1 under changes approved by Butte County supervisors.

The board adopted the revised fee schedule following an Oct. 27 public hearing. Eligible fees will increase 1.87% in departments such as the Clerk-Recorder's Office and Sheriff's Office, and 1.37% for land-use services.

County Administration Management Analyst Heather Mutony said the adjustments follow a policy adopted in 2017 that ties annual increases to the federal Employment Cost Index.

"This annual adjustment ensures continuous cost recovery and prevents sudden large fee hikes between comprehensive fee studies," Mutony said.

For couples obtaining a marriage license, the fee will increase from $99 to $100. A confidential marriage license will rise from $110 to $111.

Homeowners seeking permits for improvements will also see changes. The listed fee for replacing up to 10 windows, skylights, doors or sliders will increase from $195 to $197. A permit for an in-ground gunite swimming pool will rise from $1,186 to $1,202.

Not every charge will increase. Annual dog licenses will remain $25 for spayed or neutered animals and $50 for unaltered dogs.

County officials said departments may round adjusted fees down to whole-dollar amounts. Where that practice applies, the percentages are too small to increase non-land-use fees of $53 or less and land-use fees of $72 or less.

The adjustments follow a comprehensive fee study approved by supervisors in May 2025. Those changes took effect in July and October of that year, depending on the department.

The different starting dates account for the two percentage increases, officials said. Both are based on changes in the Employment Cost Index, which tracks compensation costs.

County officials said comprehensive studies generally occur every five to seven years. The fees help recover the expense of providing services to individual customers.

The changes are expected to generate an additional $48,225 annually for the General Fund and $17,828 for the Public Health Fund. ★

Gridley Pool Funding Search Gains Support

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Butte County supervisors have committed $15,000 to help prepare a state grant application that could determine the future of the county-owned Gridley Swimming Pool.

Approved as part of the Oct. 27 consent agenda, the budget amendment will pay for professional grant-writing assistance as the county seeks funding for improvements beyond what the pool's available reserves can cover.

Supervisors authorized the application Oct. 13. The latest action provides money for drafting and coordinating the submission to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program.

County officials said the pool needs significant repairs or replacement, and without a grant or another funding source, supervisors may eventually have to consider closing it.

The consultant expense will come from County Service Area 34, which supports the pool, with no impact on the county's General Fund. The amendment leaves an estimated $319,191 available at the end of the fiscal year.

The pool also finished fiscal year 2025-26 with a $13,230 budget shortfall because of higher utility, supply and maintenance costs, along with unexpected repairs. County officials proposed covering those expenses with reserves as part of separate year-end budget adjustments.

The state program offers grants of up to $8.5 million without requiring matching local funds. It supports new parks and improvements to existing recreational facilities in critically underserved communities.

Replacement estimates prepared more than a decade ago ranged from $2 million to $4.5 million. Construction costs have since increased substantially, officials said, making those figures an outdated measure of what the work would cost today.

Depending on the award and project costs, funding could replace existing facilities and potentially address additional community priorities. The program allows up to 25% of an award to cover design.

In outlining the application effort earlier in October, the Department of General Services identified California Consulting, a grant-writing firm already under contract with the county and familiar with the program, to assist.

The department also outlined plans to involve the Butte County Fair Association and other stakeholders in preparation for community meetings and public communications.

The application will compete against proposals from across California, and funding is not guaranteed, officials said. ★

SPARKY'S CORNER

Safe Charging Is a Superpower

By Captain Dustin Mattos, Fire Captain – Station 74

This year's Fire Prevention theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," focuses on the simple steps people can take to recharge safely. Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in.

Many devices used in our daily lives - phones, tablets, laptops, tools, toys, e-bikes, and scooters—run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. If they are damaged or charged the wrong way, they can overheat, start a fire, or even explode.

"The way you charge your lithium-ion battery devices can make a difference in helping prevent home fires," say Sparky. "It comes down to using simple habits each time you plug in."

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

Charge devices on a table, desk, or other hard, flat surface. Do not charge them on beds, couches, or under pillows. Devices and chargers produce heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell. These are warning signs that the battery may be damaged or failing.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery.

Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.

When on a plane, keep your device where you can see it while charging. Do not charge devices in overhead compartments. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on a plane. If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to respond quickly.



Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74

Nearly $60 Million Recommended for Butte County Projects

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Two transportation projects in Oroville and Paradise could receive nearly $60 million in state funding after the California Transportation Commission released its recommendations for the 2027 Active Transportation Program.

The Butte County Association of Governments announced Nov. 3 that commission staff recommended a combined $59.4 million for projects aimed at improving pedestrian and bicycle access, transportation safety and connections within the two communities.

The commission will consider the funding recommendations at its Dec. 3 meeting. If approved, the two projects would represent a combined investment of approximately $74.7 million, including funding from other sources.

Oroville's Washington Avenue and Table Mountain Boulevard Complete Streets Project accounts for the majority of the recommended funding. The project has an estimated total cost of $65.4 million, with $51.7 million recommended through the state program.

The Oroville application received a score of 96, exceeding the statewide funding cutoff score of 94.

In Paradise, the Oliver Curve Community Pathway Project could receive $7.8 million toward its estimated $9.3 million cost. The project received a score of 94, exceeding the cutoff score of 93 for the program's small urban and rural funding category.

Both projects would support improvements intended to provide safer transportation options for pedestrians, bicyclists and other users.

"The significance of securing these funds through the competitive process cannot be understated," said Ivan Garcia, programming director for the Butte County Association of Governments. "We are looking forward to the positive impacts of the projects on these local communities and visitors to our region."

The recommendations follow a competitive statewide application process. The California Transportation Commission received 317 applications requesting approximately $2.9 billion, nearly five times the funding available.

Both Butte County proposals scored above the funding thresholds established for their respective categories.

California established the Active Transportation Program in 2013 to support transportation projects that encourage walking and bicycling, improve public health and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand transportation options.

The program provides dedicated state funding for improvements designed to accommodate transportation options beyond motor vehicles.

The Butte County Association of Governments serves as the regional transportation planning agency for Butte County. The organization works with local governments and state and federal agencies to coordinate transportation planning and investments throughout the region.

The commission's December decision will determine whether the two projects receive the recommended state funding. ★



Gridley Titans Claim 12U Football Championship

By Jason Davis Sr., Gridley Titans Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans 12U football team captured the Northern Athletic League (NAL) divisional championship Saturday, Nov. 7, defeating the Corning Lions 41-28 at Harrison Stadium in Oroville.

The championship capped a season that began in July when 36 players came together to prepare for the season.

Under the direction of head coach Jason Davis Sr. and the coaching staff, the Titans spent months practicing, developing their skills and working together toward a championship.

Davis credited the team's success to the contributions of every player, rather than individual performances during the championship game.

The victory reflected the work of the entire roster, including players who contributed throughout the season on offense, defense and special teams.

Davis also recognized the volunteer coaches who dedicated their time to the team, often arriving at practices after working full days.

The championship roster included Kobe Neal, Ashton Hospers, Holden Papa, Jesse Delgado, Madden Jackson, Boss Davis, Rush Cooprider, Casen Gruber, Tyler Smith, Deandre Carothers, Levi Mowles, Weston Pequette, Bryant Haywood, Rilee Felkins, Oscar Navarro, Brantley Howell, Owen Brunet and Bladen Thomas, Nash Benson, Israel Hernandez, Jesse Hudson, Adam Hudson, Zachary Alejo, Nova Sharrock, Jayden Mendieta, Truett Crislip, Siaosi Iuli, Julian Gonzalez, Kai Carter, Michael Zaragoza, Esaias Valdes, Jacob Ceballos, Isaac Cote, Chris Johnson, Jesse "JJ" Heredia and Quinton Ontiveros.



Members of the Gridley Titans 12U football team celebrate their Northern Athletic League divisional championship following their victory over the Corning Lions on Nov. 7 at Harrison Stadium in Oroville. The team included 36 players who began preparing for the season in July. Courtesy photo

The coaching staff included Jason Davis Sr., Sean Neal, Jesse Heredia, Grant Benson, Billy Jackson, Shawn Carter and John Cooprider.

The championship marked the culmination of months of preparation and teamwork for the Titans, who finished their season as NAL 12U divisional champions.

"Hard work and dedication paid off for the 12U Gridley Titans this year," Davis said. ★

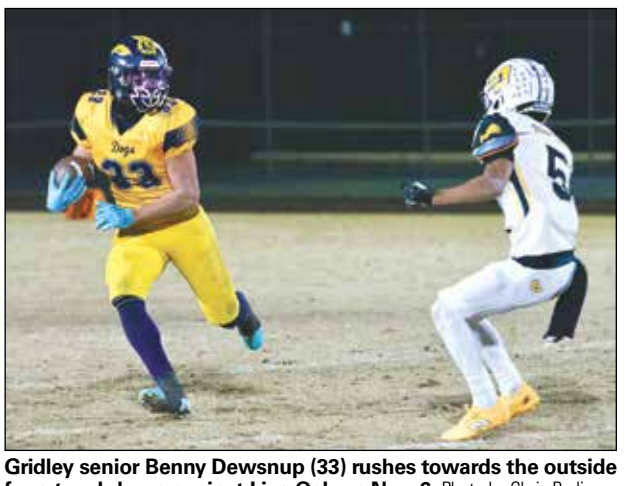
Biggs and Gridley Football Earn Playoff Bids

By YSBC Sports

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (YSBC) - The CIF Northern Section released their football-postseason brackets on Saturday, Nov. 7 where two of our three local area squads were given the opportunity for a blue plaque.

Gridley - The Bulldogs were given the second-overall seed in the Division III bracket and will host the Corning Cardinals on Friday at 7 p.m.

Gridley beat Corning 21-0 on October 23, but Gridley head coach Dan Zumwalt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it's going to be a different game this time around.



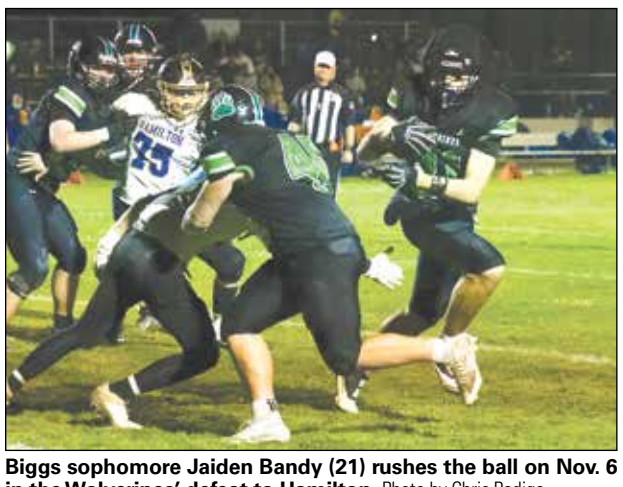
Gridley senior Benny Dewsnup (33) rushes towards the outside for a touchdown against Live Oak on Nov. 6. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Zumwalt said the Cardinals progressed a lot better in the fourth quarter of their victory during the season.

The Bulldogs finished third in the Westside League as their two losses came to Orland and Las Plumas during the regular season.

Zumwalt told YSBC he is excited for the postseason as they are going into it with a healthy squad.

Biggs - The Wolverines were given the No. 6 seed in the Division V playoffs as they hit the road and play at Etna with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

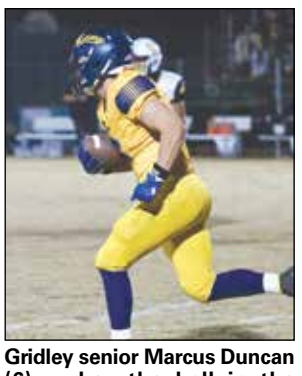


Biggs sophomore Jaiden Bandy (21) rushes the ball on Nov. 6 in the Wolverines' defeat to Hamilton. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Biggs had a rough beginning of the year as they started out 1-4.

In the second half of the season, the Wolverines won three Mid-Valley games in a row over a couple playoff teams and had close losses in the final two weeks of the season.

These squads haven't played one another since the 2019 season



Gridley senior Marcus Duncan (6) rushes the ball in the Bulldogs' win over Live Oak on Nov. 6. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Biggs is primarily a run-first team but they have the capability of burning defenses with the pass as junior Hudson Brewer has continuously improved each week getting more comfortable under center.★

