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The Miss Butte County Royalty was joined by some special princesses this year! Photo provided by Lillis Spurgeon

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Despite the sweltering heat, smoky skies and fireworks show cancellations throughout the county, locals wouldn't forfeit celebrating Independence Day.

The Thompson Fire outside of Oroville caused officials to halt the fireworks show in Biggs, yet the Biggs Hometown Celebration powered through.

Residents still rose early to support the pancake breakfast and at 10:30 a.m., crowds flanked the sides of B Street for the annual parade.

Participants included locals Wheeler Ranch and Feed, Waste Management pushing garbage cans full of candy and of course, the glittering royalty of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program.

This year, the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program asked honorary princesses Melly Spurgeon and Lincoln Xayarth to join them on the parade route. Both girls have fought harrowing battles with illness and the program wanted to crown them for their bravery and grit.

Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue once again joined the party, waving from the back of his classic blue GMC, his family along for the ride.

As for the evening, festivities continued, although not as originally planned.

Making the best of a not-so-great situation, the City of Biggs closed off downtown B Street in front of the Pheasant Club, the only bar in town. The band Legend set up their sound system and Mayor Brian Bassett

invited the community to come down for an old-fashioned block party.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea made a surprised appearance, speaking to the crowd, thanking them and recognizing Biggs' patriotic spirit.

"(I) love how Biggs represents small-town America and goes all out to celebrate Independence Day and the great things about the United States," Honea said. "The fact is, celebrating with fireworks this year wouldn't have been the right thing to do when half the county is on fire and people are displaced."

Many agreed with him after witnessing how fire has ravaged Butte County over the years.

Honea ended with a new "Honeaism" regarding safety that has since taken hold and merchandise is now

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Gridley Fire Department staff responded to a house fire on July 5 to find that a brave city employee had helped rescue those inside. Photo by Will Sheffield

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - In the early morning hours of July 5, a city employee's valiant actions played a large role in the successful knock down of a fire.

According to CAL FIRE/Butte County/Gridley Fire Department engineer Alex Klein, a call came in at 7:10 a.m. reporting a fire at a residence on E. Gridley Road.

Reports say that City of Gridley employee Michael Clayton observed dark smoke issuing from a home. Clayton immediately stopped and notified the authorities of the emergency while he began trying to wake the residents.

Clayton successfully got seven young adults out of the home and to a safe area on the front lawn of the property as firefighters arrived.

CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department's Klein said that Clayton's quick actions were essential to the safety of the seven individuals and saving the home.

"It changes our operations," Klein told the Herald, explaining that crews could go straight into firefighting mode knowing that all persons/animals were already accountable. He reaffirmed that as part of their training, they always remain vigilant for any potential persons that could be left inside, but in this case, were able to focus on saving the structure.

If Clayton had not stopped and woken the residents, Klein said, the outcome could have been much worse and that he was truly an "unsung hero."

While the cause is under investigation, the fire appeared to have started outside in an attached carport, making its way into the home by the time the fire apparatus arrived. ★

## Thompson Fire Knocked Down



A smoking ridge along the Lake Oroville shoreline shows hot spots still burning 24 hours after the fire blazed through.

Story and photos by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A week later, the Thompson Fire north of Oroville is finally 100% contained.

The fast-moving fire that started on July 2 and threatened heavily populated

areas of Oroville/Kelly Ridge and burned right up to the Oroville Dam shut down power plants, caused evacuations, closed access to the lake and downstream recreation areas and cancelled Fourth of July firework shows, not only in Oroville but in other areas

of Butte County.

For days, large fire-suppression aircraft and helicopters were seen circling in the smoky skies as ground crews and dozers worked to get containment on the fire. Firefighters moved quickly on the blaze and called for support

resources, many arriving from throughout the state.

On July 8, CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) announced that the Thompson Fire had finally been knocked down.

CAL FIRE reported that

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

A representative sample of more than 11,000 American adults who were interviewed in 2020 and then recontacted and surveyed again in 2022 was conducted by professors Schaffner, Ansolabehere, and Shih. The survey tracked which people from which religious tradition gave the same answer about their faith identity in 2020 as in 2022. The numbers are very interesting. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had a 94% sticking with it rate. Catholics and “protestants” 92%, Hindus 91%, Muslims 88%, Buddhists 70% and “Nothing in Particular” 77%, with Agnostics coming in as the biggest switchers at 64%. The study is available on the Harvard Data Verse website. Interestingly, 68% of the Agnostics that switched

moved to “nothing in particular,” but 40% of the nothing in particulars became Protestants, which includes Bible-believing mega-church-type organizations which are still growing. So, the moral of the story is, those who have a faith tradition are not moving around, while at the same time the number of people involved in religions continues to drop steadily in the United States. According to Pew Research, the number of Americans who say they attend religious services at least once a week was 37% in 2009, and in 2024, it stands at 31%.  
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The Fourth of July was quite eventful with all of the commotion created by another wildfire in the foothills of Oroville. The fireworks show that were scheduled in Biggs, Chico, and Oroville were canceled. It will be interesting to see if this causes an increase in the number of firework shows put on by families and a related bump in sales for the various community groups with booths set up in Gridley, Biggs, Live Oak, and Oroville. For many of the civic organizations, the fireworks booths are the largest fundraiser of the

year. Celebrating America was fun.  
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The doublespeak delusional leadership award of the Year goes to the Boys Scouts of America, who are changing their name to “Scouting America.” The press release claims to be making this change to reflect its “ongoing commitment to welcome every youth and family in America to experience the benefits of Scouting.” Oddly, every major change they have made (in less than ten years) has had the opposite effect. The number of “youth” in Scouting has declined 50% from 2 million scouts in 2018 to less than a million in 2024. The changes they have embarked on have excluded hundreds of thousands of boys from having the experience of Scouting. Changing the name and claiming that doing so reflects the opposite - of the pattern of facts is pathetic. They have no commitment to expanding scouting to more young people. They are committed to something else.  
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*Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Views expressed here are solely his own. ★*

# Thompson Fire Knocked Down



Fire suppression efforts continued for days after the start of the Thompson fire. Aerial support seen here, dropped water on the charred area around the Oroville dam after the Thompson Fire tore through the area.

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3,789 acres burned, 13 family residences were destroyed and five sustained damage. Smaller “minor” structures were also affected and 13 smaller structures were destroyed.

CAL FIRE at press time reported two firefighters sustained injuries.

The Thompson Fire prompted closures to the Lake Oroville Recreation area, specifically boat ramps and camping sites in near proximity to the lake and downstream, such as closures to the Thermalito Forebay through the Fourth of July holiday.

Lake Oroville State Recreational Area (LOSRA) announced that Lake Oroville

reopened to the public, including the campgrounds and day use areas.

In an online Facebook post, the Lake Oroville State Recreational Area states, “Spillway ramp and day use, Burma Road along the Diversion Pool, and the Brad Freeman and Dan Beebe trails to Canyon Drive will remain closed for an extended period for damage assessment and repairs.”

On July 5, Lake Oroville State Recreational Area announced the reopening of the North Forebay, with the potential that the parking lot could remain closed until firefighting equipment could be moved. ★

# Hot, Hot, Hot!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - An extended heat warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, Sacramento.

After a triple-digit heat wave smashed records across the region, the National Weather Service has issued another excessive heat warning until Friday, July 12.

The National Weather Service reports that on July 6, Redding had an astonishing high of 119 degrees, with Oroville sitting at a scorching 114 degrees and Marysville at 112 degrees.

In addition, fire risk is increased this week due to the high temperatures, breezy

winds and low humidity that are expected to persist until the weekend.

Currently, the forecast does not look like the temperatures will decrease, with temperatures expected to remain in the triple digits into the weekend.

A cooling center has been established at Gridley Parks and Recreation Building located at 194 Washington St., open from noon to 6 p.m.

For other tips on how to beat the heat and stay safe, visit <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>.

*To see more on staying safe with the extreme weather, see the “Dangerous Heatwave Continues” story on page 3. ★*

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# Hungry? Local Food Closet Here to Help

# Dangerous Heatwave Continues



Volunteers from Gridley Rotary and the community help distribute much needed good at the St. Timothy's Food Closet. Pictured from left are Larry Johnson, Lisa Van De Hey, Lynne Spencer and Anita Lopez.

**Story and photos by Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - During these hard economic times, Gridley Rotary, in partnership with the North Valley Food Bank and Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, is here to help.

The second Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m., local volunteers open the doors of St Timothy's Church to provide access to a food closet for those facing food insecurities in the community.

Rotary's President Lynn Spencer, who helps organize the distribution, told the Herald that meals typically are protein based and include a meat, a carb such as pasta or rice and canned goods.

The meals are grouped



Pictured here are some of the food options at St. Timothy's.

into packages and distributed to anyone in the community in need.

Spencer said that the numbers of people that they serve have grown from 30 when the food closet first opened to more than 100 now.

Those struggling or in need of a little help are

encouraged to come out to the St. Timothy's Church located at 410 Jackson St., Gridley.

If you are unable to make it during open hours, contact the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce at 530-846-3142 to make arrangements for pickup. ★



The National Weather Service forecasts Extreme Heat Risk for much of the state this week. Photo courtesy of Dreamstime

**Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Much of interior California entered its fourth day of temperatures reaching 110 degrees or higher on July 5 and most areas weren't expected to see relief until early next week. Governor Gavin Newsom urged Californians on July 5 to take precautions and directed an all-hands response to the heatwave by state government.

About two weeks ago, the governor directed the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to activate its State Operations Center and move into Phase II of its Extreme Temperature Response Plan. This action ensures a 24/7, coordinated, whole-of-government response to the heatwave.

Excessive heat warnings and watches were in effect for much of California through the week. The National Weather Service forecasted an Extreme Heat Risk for many parts of the state, with hot conditions between 105 and 118 degrees, and little overnight relief.

Extreme heat kills more Americans every year than all other extreme weather, including wildfires and flooding.

"California is in the middle of a record heatwave and now is not the time to let our guard down. We must remain vigilant: stay cool, stay hydrated and check in on loved ones and neighbors," Newsom said.

**What California is Doing to Protect Communities**

Emergency coordination and response. California Office of Emergency Services is coordinating with local governments and emergency managers on regional needs.

Through Listos California, the Office of Emergency Services deployed in-language preparedness messaging to California's most impacted communities and those who might be most at risk during extreme temperatures, including those 65 years of age or older; individuals with chronic illness, disabilities or who are pregnant.

The Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications deployed in-language messaging to higher risk communities through Heat Ready CA, which includes a network of community organizations and outreach to ethnic media.

Through the state's Priority Populations Task Force, the Office of Emergency Services convenes more than 20 agencies to coordinate state and local resources and share information with the public, identify and address unmet needs, and ensure comprehensive preparedness and response in support of Californians at greatest risk and coordinate with local jurisdictions.

**Protecting Workers**

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) reminded employers to protect workers from heat illness during high temperatures by providing water, rest, shade and training.

Field inspectors are conducting targeted inspections at worksites where workers are most vulnerable to heat illness, including in agriculture and construction.

Details on heat illness prevention requirements and training materials are available online at 99calor.org. Cal/OSHA's heat illness prevention standard applies to all outdoor worksites.

The Government Operations Agency has coordinated messaging to all state employees on increased temperature preparedness and worked with building managers to reiterate state efficiencies during warmer days.

**Protecting Public Health and Safety**

The California Department of Public Health created a Heat and Summer Safety toolkit to provide resources and communication tools

that can be shared, including the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

California Department of Public Health also develops heat guidance for schools, local health jurisdictions and other community service providers to protect Californians, particularly heat-vulnerable populations such as children, students, older adults, the unhoused, outdoor workers and those with existing health conditions.

**Increasing Climate Resiliency**

The California Natural Resources Agency and state climate partners are addressing longer-term impacts of climate change and extreme heat events through the Extreme Heat Action Plan to Build Community Resilience.

Efforts include resources for vulnerable and underserved communities, investments in shading communities through green schoolyards and urban forestry initiatives and putting nature-based solutions to work to cool buildings and infrastructure.

**How You Can Stay Safer from Extreme Heat**

Go to ready.ca.gov to find resources and tips to stay safe from extreme heat and other natural disasters.

Stay cool (during the hottest times of the day). Those without air conditioning should consider going to a cooling center. Check out this list of cooling centers across the state or visit a public location such as a library or shopping mall. To find free transportation to cooling centers in certain areas, use this finder tool.

Avoid physical exertion or exercising outdoors.

Wear lightweight, light colored, loose clothing, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, even when not thirsty; drink sports drinks (in moderation with water) to help replace electrolytes lost during exercise.

Avoid sugary, alcoholic, and very cold drinks.

Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Stay connected. Monitor those at higher risk of heat-related illness including infants and young children; people 65 years of age or older; individuals with chronic illness, disabilities or who are pregnant. Determine risk at heatreadyca.com.

Californians are also encouraged to check on their neighbors – call or visit higher risk people and offer to pick up groceries, medication and other necessities. Older adults, young children and babies, people with chronic medical conditions and those who are pregnant are most at risk.

Use a buddy system when working in the heat.

As a precaution, keep all communication and medical devices charged.

Stay informed. Check for weather forecasts, extreme heat alerts and cooling centers at <https://news.caloes.ca.gov/coolingcenters/>.

Stay safe outdoors. Warm summer weather is causing continued snow melt from winter's record snowpack, resulting in colder and faster water that continues today. Remember to always be safe around the water.

Make sure you and your loved ones wear properly fitting, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets. Several public and private entities make life jackets available to the public on a loan basis.

Always supervise children by appointing a designated "water watcher." Know your limits. Swimming in a lake, ocean or river is different than swimming in a pool. If someone is in distress, seek help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1 if one is not available. ★

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# California State Fair Honors the State's Agricultural Industry, with Much to See and Enjoy!

By Carol Feineman

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The 170th California State Fair offers 17 days of old-fashioned fun for the whole family, from July 12 to July 28.

Lucky for us that we don't have to drive too far; the first state fair sponsored by the California State Agricultural Society, was held in San Francisco on Oct. 4, 1854, and rotated to different cities for the next six years. In 1861, however, Sacramento became the permanent location for the extravaganza.

While today's California State Fair still honors the state's agricultural industry, there is much more to see and enjoy at the annual event.

There are plenty of activities for all ages. That

includes eating funnel cakes, waffles to sliders; listening to top musicians; riding Butler Amusements' thrilling Zipper to the classic and calmer Crown Merry Go Round; and checking out competitions and exhibits that feature our neighbors' talents and skills.

Besides the nightly concerts, entertainment is ongoing each day. For starters, there's the Tanzanite African Acrobats, the Stilt Circus and the Salsa Steel Band.



What would a fair be like without going on rides at the carnival? There are rides for the thrill-seekers as well as for those who want a tamer but just as fun experience. Photo courtesy of California State Fair



The many competitions include the Open Livestock Show with beef cattle, sheep, Boer goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, Nigerian dwarf goats, pygmy goats, angora and fiber goats, longhorn cattle, llamas and alpaca.

And the always popular Junior Livestock competition spotlights the dedicated youth FFA members with their beef cattle, sheep, swine, goats, dairy cattle and dairy goats.

Exhibits range from a Candy Maze Selfie Exhibit, a Student Showcase & CA Crafts Exhibit, Animation

Academy to a fine art and photography exhibit.

The California State Fair is open different hours of the week.

Main Gate and Blue Gate hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Green Gate opens at 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Carnival and Skyride hours are from 2 to 11 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday

and Sunday.

Kids Park hours are 1 to 11 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Exhibit Building hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

The Monorail opens at 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and at 10 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

Tickets can be bought online at <https://calexpostatefair.com/tickets> or at the fair's box office. Several ticket prices and packages are offered. Daily tickets to the fair and food festival

start at \$16 for adults (\$14 in advance), \$12 (\$10 in advance) for seniors 62 and older and \$10 (\$8 in advance) for children ages 5 to 12. Fair admission is free for children 4 and under.

In addition, a Family Fun Pack is \$49.99 and includes four single-day general admissions, four ride tickets (each good for one ride in the Carnival or on the Monorail), and a parking pass.

The Toyota Concert Series is free with fair admission ticket in the area behind the General Admission seating area to the first 700 concert-goers. Seats can also be reserved, starting at \$25.

Parking is \$15 a day or three days for \$30.

There are also different prices for the carnival rides, starting at \$1 per ticket and carnival fast passes from \$10 to \$15. An Unlimited Ride Wristband bought at the Carnival is \$39 Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and \$44 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Cal Expo is at 1600 Exposition Blvd. in Sacramento, northeast of the American River.

For more information about the California State Fair, go online to [calexpostatefair.com](http://calexpostatefair.com), call 916-263-3000 or email [info@calexpo.com](mailto:info@calexpo.com). ★

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# A Fire Inside Patriotism Not Cancelled



An oak tree along Colusa Highway in Gridley appears to be burning from the inside out. Photo by Zandon Stinnett

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - With wildfires and others popping up all over the place, the community is hyper-vigilant when it comes to smoke and flames.

Gridley resident Zandon Stinnett stumbled across a strange site on Colusa Highway across from Kofford Road in Gridley — a tree that appeared to be burning from the inside out.

With first responders alerted, Stinnett took a video of the fire and snapped a quick picture before firefighters arrived on scene.

The Herald reached out to Gridley Fire Department Station 74 for more information on the fire.

The incident is still under investigation and was quickly extinguished. No injuries were reported. ★



Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelhue waves to the crowd at Biggs Fourth of July Parade. Photo provided by Tod Kimmelhue

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being sold: "Don't be that idiot."

For the first time, Biggs was one of the three cities in Butte County that was allowed safe and sane fireworks. Of course, the community didn't hold back, celebrating with purchased legal fireworks.

Mayor Basset, who organizes the fireworks show, said that the company will hold the purchased fireworks for next year's event.

Basset told the Herald that as Biggs approaches Independence Day 2025,

community event organizers and the city might reevaluate how they would like to celebrate since the block party seemed to be a hit. Locals brought their safe and sane fireworks and set them off in the streets.

The same could not be said for everyone.

Reports say that the Fourth of July celebrations in neighboring Gridley caused noise that one observer compared to a "warzone." Illegal fireworks, large bomb-sounding blasts, gunshots and more filled the night. ★

## Butte County and Surrounding Areas Have Experienced Devastating Wildfires

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Butte County and surrounding areas have experienced devastating wildfires over the past few years, with fire activity remaining strong in 2024.

The CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire

Protection) website lists incident reports for fires that occur throughout the state.

Most recently, this area has experienced the Apache, Bar, Thompson and Lumpkin fires but multiple others have occurred throughout Lassen, Shasta, Butte, Tehema, Colusa, Yuba, Placer and Sacramento

counties for a total of 27 documented on the CALFIRE website since June 11, as of July 10.

The following are the statistics of those that occurred within the immediate area, as of press time July 10.

**Butte County**  
Junes Fire – 1,056 acres

Rocky Fire – 18 acres  
Apache Fire – 691 acres  
Bar Fire – 36 acres  
Thompson Fire – 3,789 acres  
Grubbs Fire – 10 acres  
Lumpkin Fire – 8 acres  
**Yuba County**  
Spenceville Fire – 23 acres  
Double Fire – 13 acres  
**Colusa County**

Sites Fire – 19,195 acres  
CAL FIRE current emergency incidents page lists that there have been 3,543 wildfires and 207,415 acres burned as of July 10.  
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Book 90 Of Deeds, At Page 301, And In Book 197 Of Deeds, At Page 128, Records Of Butte County, California. Also Excepting Therefrom The Following Described Property: Parcel 1, As Shown On That Certain Parcel Map Of A Portion Of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M., Which Map Was Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Butte, State Of California, On December 2, 1977 In Book 63 Of Parcel Maps, At Page 38. Also Excepting Therefrom That Certain Parcel Described As Follows: Parcel 1, As Shown On That Certain Parcel Map Of A Portion Of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M., Which Parcel Map Was Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Butte, State Of California, January 20, 1982 In Book 87 Of Parcel Maps, At Page 43. Excepting Therefrom The Mobile Home Located Thereon. Parcel E: A Part Of The Northeast Quarter Of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M., More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At The Northwest Corner Of Lot "H" Of The Subdivision Of Land Formerly Owned By Andrew W. Campbell, As Shown On A Map Of Said Subdivision, Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Butte, State Of California; Thence South 0° 20' West, 1673.6 Feet, Along The West Line Of Said Lot "H" To The North Line Of Lot "G" Of Said Subdivision; Thence South 89° 44' West, Along The North Line Of Lot "G" And "F" Of Said Subdivision, A Distance Of 669.6 Feet To A Point; Thence North 0° 16' West, 2690.95 Feet To A Point On The Section Line Between Sections 9 And 16, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M.; Thence North 89° 05' East, 866.0 Feet, Along Said Section Line To A Point On The West Bank Of The Feather River; Thence Along The West Bank Of The Feather River, South 4° 01' East, 392.9 Feet; Thence South 12° 33' East, 651.2 Feet To A Point On The North Line Of Lot "1" Of The Aforementioned Subdivision; Thence South 88° 59' West, 343.2 Feet, Along The North Line Of Said Lot "1" And Lot "H" Of Said Subdivision, To The Point Of Beginning. Excepting Therefrom The Portions Thereof Heretofore Conveyed To The Butte County Canal Company By Deeds Of Record In Book 80 Of Deeds, At Page 371, And In Book 90 Of Deeds, At Page 301, And In Book 197 Of Deeds, At Page 128, Records Of Butte County, California. Also Excepting Therefrom The Following Described Parcel Of Land: Beginning At A Point Being On The North Line Of Said Section And Also Being The Northeast Corner Of That Certain Parcel Conveyed To The Sacramento And San Joaquin Drainage District By Joe Cox, Et Al, By Deed Dated February 20, 1946 And Recorded In Book 347 Of Official Records Of Butte County, At Page 159, And Also Being South 88° 00' 00" East, 128.40 Feet From The Brass-Capped Iron Pipe Monument Marked "B.M. Fe4-1" Set By The Corps Of Engineers, U.S. Army; Thence From Said Point Of Beginning, Along The Easterly Line Of Said Certain Parcel Conveyed To The Sacramento And San Joaquin Drainage District, South 23°

27° 20" East, 135.0 Feet To A Point; Thence Leaving Said Easterly Line Of That Certain Parcel Conveyed To The Sacramento And San Joaquin Drainage District, North 51° 47' 30" East, 205.20 Feet To A Point On The West High Bank Of The Feather River; Thence Leaving Said Point On The West High Bank Of The Feather River, South 89° 10' 40" West, 215.0 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Also Excepting Therefrom The Following Described Property: Parcel 1, As Shown On That Certain Parcel Map Of A Portion Of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M., Which Map Was Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Butte, State Of California, On December 2, 1977 In Book 63 Of Parcel Maps, At Page 38. Also Excepting Therefrom That Certain Parcel Described As Follows: Parcel 1, As Shown On That Certain Parcel Map Of A Portion Of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, M.D.M., Which Parcel Map Was Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Butte, State Of California, January 20, 1982 In Book 87 Of Parcel Maps, At Page 43. Apn(S): 024-210-033-000 // 024-210-034-000 // 024-040-051-000 // 024-180-060-000 // 024-180-036-000 Directions may be obtained by written request submitted to the beneficiary within 10 days after the first publication of this notice at the following address: AgWest Farm Credit, FLCA c/o Mortgage Lender Services, 7844 Madison Ave, Ste 145, Fair Oaks CA 95628 BENEFICIARY HEREBY ELECTS TO CONDUCT A UNIFIED FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL CODE SECTION 9604(a)(1) (B) AND TO INCLUDE IN THE NON - J U D I C I A L FORECLOSURE OF THE ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE ALL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FIXTURES, TOGETHER WITH REPLACEMENTS AND PROCEEDS, IF APPLICABLE, DESCRIBED IN THE SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED 05/29/2019 AND IN A UCC-1 FINANCING STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON 05/30/2019 AS DOCUMENT NO. 197714616032 & 197714616416 AND BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL TRUSTOR AND THE ORIGINAL BENEFICIARY, AS IT MAY HAVE BEEN AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER INSTRUMENTS BETWEEN THE TRUSTOR AND BENEFICIARY REFERENCING A SECURITY INTEREST IN PERSONAL PROPERTY. BENEFICIARY RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO REVOKE ITS ELECTION AS TO SOME OR ALL OF SAID PERSONAL PROPERTY AND/OR FIXTURES, OR TO ADD ADDITIONAL PERSONAL PROPERTY AND/OR FIXTURES TO THE ELECTION HEREIN EXPRESSED, AT BENEFICIARY'S SOLE ELECTION, FROM TIME TO TIME AND AT ANY TIME UNTIL THE CONSUMATION OF THE TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE DEED OF TRUST AND THIS NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S

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# California Capital Airshow Returns with Dazzling Night Show

## California Capital Airshow News Release

**MATHER, CA (MPG)** - The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, runs from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 and 14 at Mather Airport in Sacramento.

The two-day event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, including the Italian jet team, Frece Tricolori, and the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, plus miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances concluding with a massive pyro-musical fireworks and 500-drone show.

The Airshow is part of Frece Tricolori's first North American tour in more than 30 years and is the only location in the Western United States where spectators can witness its full performance. Frece Tricolori consists of 10 high-flying Aermacchi MB-339 aircraft, making it the Guinness World Record holder of the most jet aircraft in a military aerobatic display team.

Aerial performances will run 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. both days and will begin with the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, followed by Frece Tricolori, U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams, and an impressive roster of highly-skilled civilian performers.



California Capital Airshow will offer four hours of non-stop aerial performances from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 and 14. Photo courtesy of the California Capital Airshow

Tickets are still available for purchase at [CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com](http://CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com) and will not be sold at the gate. Adult General Admission tickets start at \$42.50 and each ticket includes free admission for up to six youth (ages 15 and under) and free parking. A

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## Deadly Wrong Way DUI Driver Sentenced to State Prison

### Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A 26-year-old single mother was sentenced to four years in state prison at the Butte County Superior Court on June 26 for her conviction of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for a head-on collision on the Highway 99 freeway in Chico.

Shelby Alvarez, 27, of Chico, had previously pleaded guilty as charged, admitting that on December 16, 2023, at approximately 11 p.m., she drove with a 0.25% blood alcohol content, while texting on her cell phone, the wrong way on Highway 99 near Highway 32 in Chico. Her 2009 Subaru Outback sedan crashed head-on into a northbound 2007 Chevrolet Corvette driven by Octavio Alcaraz-Jimenez, 21, of Maxwell.

California Highway Patrol officers who responded to the crash scene found Alvarez had been traveling southbound in the northbound section of the freeway, when her Subaru hit the front of Alcaraz-Jimenez's Corvette, riding over the front of his car, ejecting him out of his car, and killing him at the scene. The Subaru was found on its side, but Alvarez suffered only minor seat-belt injuries and lacerations. Alvarez said she was texting on her phone at the time of the collision and did not see the on-coming car.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said as part of the sentencing hearing in court June 26, Alcaraz-Jimenez's sister spoke and stated the family felt that Alvarez's actions amounted to murder and the defendant should be sentenced to at least 15 years. She asked the judge "for

justice" and that she would leave it in the judge's hands.

Alvarez spoke as well, initially in Spanish, so the Spanish-speaking members of Alcaraz-Jimenez's family could understand, and then repeated herself in English. She told the judge that she would never forget the life that she took and tearfully expressed her remorse.

Ramsey said his office urged the judge to follow the recommendation of both the local probation department and a state prison associate warden that the defendant be sentenced to the upper term of 10 years in state prison – pointing out the egregiousness of her actions that night. The probation department also doubted Alvarez's remorse was genuine.

Alvarez's public defender requested the judge follow the recommendation of a state prison psychologist who recommended the defendant receive probation and go into an 18-month Salvation Army Treatment Program. The public defender pointed out Alvarez had pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity and had no criminal record.

Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway however was not swayed by the arguments for probation and determined Alvarez's actions deserved prison. The judge then decided, after reviewing the factors in mitigation and aggravation, that the defendant's young age, lack of criminal history, and early acceptance of responsibility outweighed the factors in aggravation and sentenced her to the lower term of four years in state prison.

The judge further ordered Alvarez to pay over \$45,000 in restitution to members of Alcaraz-Jimenez's family for burial and counseling expenses. ★

## Oroville Man Charged with Setting Fire During Thompson Fire

### Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man was charged July 5 in Butte County Superior Court for setting his "own backfire" during the Thompson Fire in eastern Oroville on July 2.

Harold G. Pulley, 61, of Oroville, was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on July 5 on a single count of arson, alleging that Pulley deliberately set fire to grass and forest land off of Oro Quincy Highway during the Thompson Fire emergency.

Butte County District Attorney Ramsey said that at approximately 4 p.m. July 2, CAL FIRE dispatch received a report of a man lighting grass on fire near the intersection of Oro Quincy Highway and Glen Drive. The location was within an area where the Butte County Sheriff had already issued an evacuation order two hours earlier because of the Thompson Fire.

A CAL FIRE engine responded to the location and observed an active fire burning in the grass to the east of a house in the 2900 block of Oro Quincy Highway. The engine crew also observed a male and a propane torch near the fire. The engine crew quickly put out the fire. Investigators from the CAL FIRE law enforcement division then arrived at the location and contacted and detained Pulley on the property.

Also on the property, CAL FIRE law enforcement personnel contacted a witness who stated Pulley was using the propane torch to light backfires allegedly to protect the house in the area.

Ramsey said at the time of the homemade backfire, the Thompson Fire was being pushed hard by winds blowing west to east, and CAL FIRE personnel and equipment

were setting up to defend the Kelly Ridge area of Oroville to the east of the backfire. Without quick intervention by the first responding fire engine, the backfire could have trapped fire personnel setting up to fight the fire to the east, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

Setting a backfire is a tactic utilized by trained firefighting personnel only in extreme circumstances when the weather and topography are favorable and only after extensive planning and communication, according to Ramsey.

"What Pulley was doing was extremely dangerous and stupid. There was no planning, no communication and no safety precautions in place. The wind was blowing hard from west to east and the location where Pulley was lighting fires was south of (behind) Cal Fire's established lines," Ramsey said. "Those fires had catastrophic potential for the firefighters and structures to the east and potentially could have shut down Olive Highway, delaying the personnel and equipment needed to defend Kelly Ridge."

CAL FIRE law enforcement personnel contacted the owner of the home in the area, who identified Pulley as a person he hired to do odd jobs around the property. The property owner said he had asked Pulley to do some fire mitigation work around the house but had neither instructed nor authorized Pulley to light backfires on the property.

Ramsey said that Pulley faces 12 years in state prison if convicted as charged as he has a previous "strike" on his record for felony assault. At his July 5 arraignment, the judge set his bail at \$175,000.

Pulley will be back in court on July 11, after press time, for entry of plea and setting of a preliminary hearing. ★

## Chico Man Charged with Attempted Arson Near Chico Airport

### Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was arraigned July 8 in Butte County Superior Court for a felony count of attempted arson in rural north Chico.

Marc Traylor, 56, a transient man in Chico, was arrested on July 3 after a witness called the Butte County Sheriff's Office shortly after 8 p.m. to report

that a man was attempting to set fire to a 100-acre field to the southeast of the Chico Airport.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Sheriff's deputies and Chico Police responded to the location near an industrial park in the area north of Thorntree Drive. The witness told officers that he observed Traylor standing at a fence that bordered the 100-acre vacant lot full of dry grass and brush using a lighter in an

attempt to light a handful of dry grass on fire. When the witness questioned what Traylor was doing, Traylor allegedly responded he was lighting it on fire. The witness took Traylor's statement to mean Traylor was attempting to light the vacant lot on fire. The witness called the Butte County Sheriff and chased Traylor away.

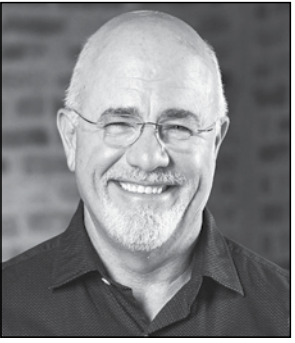
Chico Police officers and Butte County Sheriff deputies responded to the location. Chico

officers located Traylor first in the area. Traylor refused officers' orders to sit on the ground, according to the District Attorney's Office. Traylor attempted a confrontation with police but he was detained and arrested for resisting arrest and attempted arson, according to the District Attorney's Office. Traylor had a lighter and dry grass in his pocket, the District Attorney's Office added.

Ramsey noted the incident

occurred on a day in which the high temperature was more than 107 degrees at 4 p.m. and the relative humidity was in the single digits.

Ramsey said Traylor faces up to three years in state prison if convicted. At his arraignment on July 8, the judge set his bail at \$15,000. Traylor will be back in court on July 11, after press time, for entry of plea and setting of a preliminary hearing. ★



That's Not Okay

## Dave Ramsey Says

not to use credit cards, and why they shouldn't. So, I can't very well go around encouraging folks to just swipe their credit cards when they buy from my company.

For starters, that client is way out of bounds. It's not their place to tell you how to run your business. But you're lucky to only have one person getting pushy about the whole credit card deal. Everything about the credit industry today is out of control. But even though your case is a little different than mine, you have every right to not accept credit cards—especially if you have a moral or values-related issue with the product.

As time goes by, you'll probably have a few other people turn up their noses at the idea of not being able to pay with a credit card, but if you consistently offer great services or products at great prices, those experiences will only be a bump in the road. You don't want to be argumentative when things like this happen, so maybe you can just smile, and let them know you always appreciate input from your clients.

I'm sure you and your husband work hard to make your business the best it can

be. The fact that you're still around over a decade after opening up shop is proof of that. You've probably realized, too, that being in business for yourself isn't all sunshine and rainbows every day. Regardless, no one has the right to get in your face over how your business is structured or try to push you into doing things differently. Listening to, and evaluating, suggestions from clients only makes sense. It's a smart thing for any business owner to do. But this one client is saying you should change a long-standing operating principle based on a whim—their whim.

And that's not okay

—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.* ★

Dear Dave,

My husband and I own a small business. We've been open for 12 years, and fortunately we've been very successful. We made the decision when we first opened to run the business debt-free. Along with that, we only accept cash, checks and debit cards for payment. Recently, we've had a client become very insistent that we start accepting credit cards. Our relationship with this client is becoming a little contentious over the issue. How should we address the situation?

—Debra

Dear Debra

Like we, as entrepreneurs, don't have enough things to worry about every single day, right?

As you might imagine, I have a bunch of people who are mad at me all the time because I don't accept credit cards. But in my case, it's not just a business decision. I teach people all the time

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

“Why are you cloud gazing?” the angel asked. “Get up! Get going. Go tell the world what the Christ taught you!”

As Jesus left this earthly world, through the clouds, those around Him stared in awe. Too stunned to say, “Now He is gone what's going to happen now? Angels nearby told them to go and wait for the Comforter, the Holy Spirit and get prepared to spread the gospel to all that would hear.

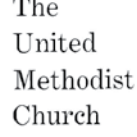
After three years of walking, talking, eating, and sleeping with this man, Jesus' followers were now alone. For ten more days they waited until the day of Jewish celebration, the Pentecost. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit came and brought with Him, the powers of healing, discernment, preaching, and above all courage.

Now it was time to hit the road. Walk the walk. Talk the talk Now was the time to tell others what God had sent Jesus to do, to bring a plan of salvation bought by love.

It wasn't going to be easy. Some of these followers would be stoned to death, cut in half, crucified, boiled in oil, and imprisoned for years. But still they went. It was their mission.

Some who followed the way were put in the den of lions, used as stand ins for

the gladiators, or buried up to their neck and stoned, They had to stay hidden as they gathered together in Rome, in the catacombs, in tunnels and caves, and behind closed doors. But they spread the Word The citizenship of the way grew and even spread outside of Israel to the gentiles.



Twelve became twenty, twenty became two thousand, and soon all the known world. They would hear about this prophet,

who died, came back to life, and left instructions for us to follow.

Peace be still! Peace I leave with you. Not a warring king but one of kindness, love, hope, and faith. Old, young, rich, poor, ruler, and slave. All were welcomed to God's Kingdom. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, free the prisoner, and heal the sick, . Love your God, love those near and far. The word spread.

Now over two thousand years later, Jesus' Word still echoes through the clouds and creation. Cloud gazing is ok because that is how Jesus is going to return to collect His Kingdom. Rise up! Lift up! The King cometh.

Come join us in love, hope, joy, peace, and faith as we gaze at the clouds. We now meet at a new time each Sunday at 11 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are another week at 105 or more. We did have at least two 101 which feels so much cooler. If you want to plant a vegetable that loves the high heat, plant Armenian cucumbers. They thrive in the hottest of temperatures and keep on producing. One plus to the mega-hot is that the snails are laying low. No

slime trails. Too warm even at night is my guess. Or the moisture they need to move around evaporates instantly.

We upped the amount of time watering with the drip system. Everything seems to be showing appreciation. While we went through our emergency I lost three bonsai. One might come back. This happens when a watering is missed in very hot weather. A couple of others have crisp leaves but they are alive and will more than likely grow new leaves. I noticed the blueberry plants were looking scorched. I need to add a bit more water to them on hot days. I do that with the sprinkler. I was already watering the fruit trees

a bit more. Somehow, I missed the blueberries. They will survive because I will baby them for a while. Maybe even put shade cloth over them.

While my husband was down his vegetable garden grew great weeds. He is a weed free gardener. His vegetable garden is usually very neat and tidy. He was so down about the weeds that I hired someone to weed the vegetable garden. That was great. With my back being whacked out I might just have to hire this person to help me too. It is so hard to admit that one can not do something so essential in their lives. Something that they've always been strong doing. Adapting to changes is an important part of life. ★



### USDA begins accepting applications to help dairies impacted by Avian flu

The U.S. Department of Agriculture began accepting applications Monday for financial assistance to dairy producers who incur losses due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. The funds, to be provided through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program, would assist in covering a portion of financial losses resulting from reduced milk production when cattle are removed from commercial milking in dairy herds after a confirmed positive avian influenza test. Twelve states have reported dairy cattle infections.

### Study Examines Improved Tomato Storage to Curb Postharvest Loss

Some 30% of harvested fruits and vegetables worldwide are never eaten due to damage, spoiling or appearance. Now researchers at University of California, Davis, are studying ways to extend shelf life to help California tomato growers avoid postharvest crop loss. New published research examines changes in tomatoes at the molecular level to better understand what happens during postharvest handling and cold storage. Researchers say the findings may help establish optimal tomato handling and storage guidelines to reduce food loss and waste.

### Researchers Study Biochar Filtration for Purifying Reclaimed Water for Crops

Researchers in California are testing potential low-cost technology to make reclaimed water safer for agricultural use. A \$1 million project being undertaken by scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Salinity Laboratory at University of California, Riverside, is testing the effectiveness of biochar in filtering the reclaimed water. Researchers say using biochar polishers could potentially remove the need to detect antibiotics, assisting treatment plants that do not have advanced detection or treatment technologies.

### American Farm Bureau Federation: Fourth of July Cookout gets more Costly

Families celebrating the Fourth of July holiday will continue to find stubbornly high prices at the grocery store, according to the 2024 American Farm Bureau Federation annual market basket survey. An Independence Day cookout will cost \$71.22 for 10 guests this year, with the grocery bill up 5% from 2023 and almost 30% from just five years ago. A \$7.12 per-person cost represents a record high since AFBF began the survey in 2013. The cookout favorites include cheeseburgers, chicken breasts, pork chops, homemade potato salad, strawberries and ice cream. ★

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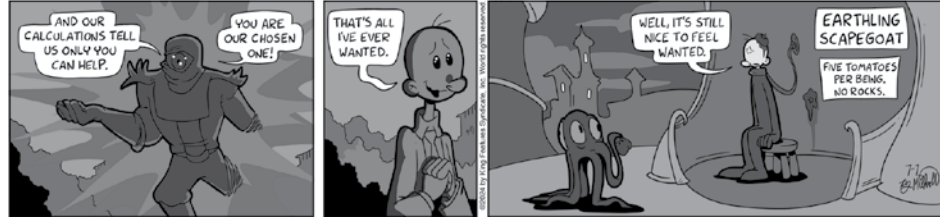
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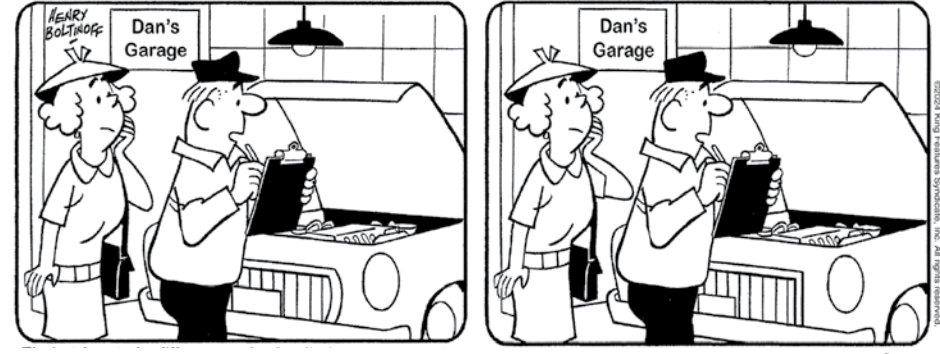
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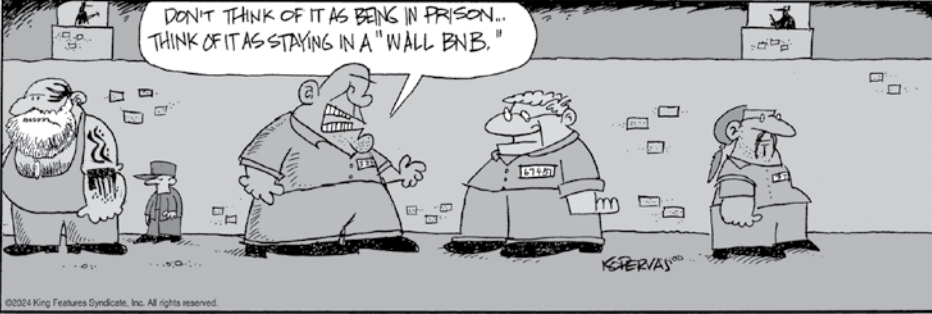
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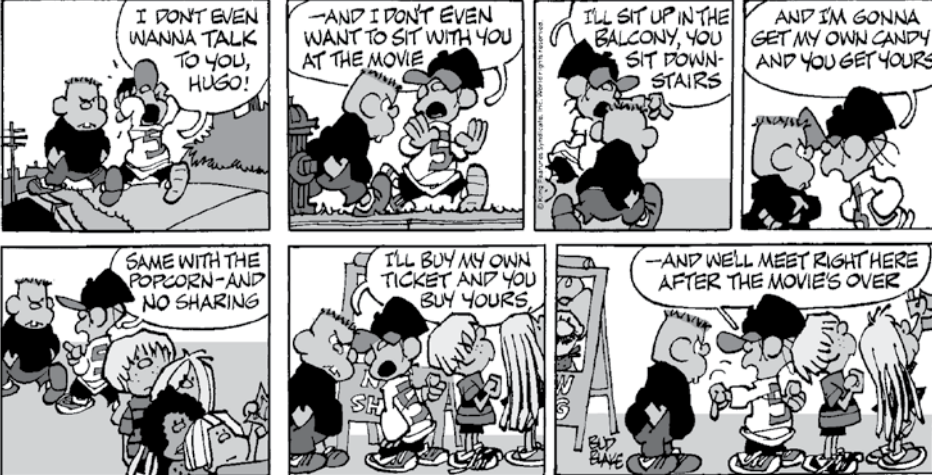
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# Live Oak 8-10 Softball Run Ends in Sections



The Live Oak 8-10 All-Star team celebrates as they won the District 2 Championship on June 19 against Sutter Area Little League.



The Live Oak Little League huddles during the District 2 Championship on June 19.

Story by Steven Bryla, photos by Ryan Dudek

**ANDERSON, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Little League 8-10 softball team's magical ride came to an end as they were eliminated from the 2024 California Shasta Section tournament on Monday, July 1. Live Oak needed to beat Redding LL twice to advance to the next round of the tournament for their All-Star season to continue. In the end, LOLL was beaten 3-0 in the game and the run ended. Although Live Oak was eliminated, there is no doubt that the city and league are proud of everything these girls accomplished over the last month, as they let everyone know they were from LIVE OAK!



Live Oak pitcher Eveya Martinez (2) attempts to throw a runner out at first base on June 19 in the 2-0 District 2 Championship over Sutter Area Little League.



Live Oak pitcher Eveya Martinez (2) jumps up in excitement as the final out is recorded in the District 2 Championship game on June 19.

# Drakes Control Their Destiny, Peterson Hits Milestone

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Drakes of the Pecos League continued their winning ways and control their own destiny toward a playoff run as the season dwindles down at the end of this month.

Marysville went 4-1 from Tuesday, July 2, through Saturday, July 6, and 8-2 in their previous 10 contests.

The Drakes clearly turned the page from their 3-7 start at the beginning of the season to be in the second spot of the Pacific Division standings at the end of the first weekend in July with a 22-15 record as play concluded on July 6.

The Marysville manager expressed to MPG that they are coming into the ballpark on a daily basis with a great confident attitude.

"We expect to win now," Rogan said.

Rogan added that the play of infielder Josh Leslie has added to the overall confidence of the entire team. Leslie was acquired by Marysville in the second week of June after he was released by the Yolo High Wheelers of the Pioneer League towards the end of May.

In the 22 games Leslie has played in a Drakes uniform up to July 6, he had a batting average of .336, hit 25 runs-batted-in (RBIs) and has made multiple defensive web gems from the infield.

Rogan told MPG Leslie shouldn't be in the Pecos League, but he is blessed to have him on the roster as he is an asset to the team in multiple ways.

Although his play on the field is phenomenal, Rogan said that Leslie is a great teammate.

"He may not be the rah rah guy, but you see him throughout



Marysville pitcher Rodrigo Sanchez tosses a pitch in the Drakes' 6-5 win on Wednesday, July 3, against Martinez.

the night giving pointers here and there," Rogan said. "He's a leader by example."

Leslie's teammates are a huge support system as when he makes one of those SportsCenter top 10 plays on the field, they are right there to let everyone in the stands and the opposing team know that you made a mistake hitting the ball in Leslie's direction.

Marysville silenced the Martinez Sturgeon in the first two games of the week from July 2 to 3. July 3 was a historical night for the leader of the Drakes team as infielder Declan Peterson got his 100th career hit in the Pecos League.

Peterson is in his fourth season and second in Marysville, but has also been coached by Rogan throughout his entire Pecos League career.

Rogan and Peterson both joked with MPG that they come as a package deal and they are stuck with one another, but it hasn't been an easy ride for Peterson in the Pecos League.

Injuries plagued and put Peterson on the injury list a lot

last season for his first year on the Drakes, but the leadership skills he displays on and off the field make it no question he is the leader of the clubhouse.

Peterson got his 100th career hit on a bunt in the later innings of the Marysville win against Martinez on July 3. Postgame, Peterson laughed and joked that Rogan knew he was on career number 99, so he was going to have him bunt every at-bat until he got to 100.

Peterson told MPG that it wasn't much of a thought until Rogan brought it up that he was creeping towards the milestone a couple weeks ago. He added that it's a great accomplishment and he was able to enjoy telling his family and former coaches that he appreciated the opportunities they gave him.

Rogan expressed to MPG that Peterson is a "glue guy," who is a person that just does anything to help you win.

"He's always positive, always working and upbeat," Rogan said. He added that Peterson is a clutch player because whenever you



Marysville outfielder Drake Ayala connects with a pitch during the Drakes' 6-5 victory against Martinez on Wednesday, July 3.

need a run or a key play done, Peterson is the player who would do whatever is best for the team to get the successful play.

The only loss for the Drakes came on July 6 at San Rafael in a 2-0 loss. Marysville had 17 games left in the regular season on Sunday, July 7, and had seven more victories ahead of the fourth place in the Pacific Division standings for the final playoff spot.

Also on July 7, the Pecos League Pacific Division All-Star teams were announced, as Marysville had seven representatives named. Pitchers Garret Mos, Michael Vochelli, Bryan Krolikowski, Earl Johnson Jr.; infielders Josh Leslie, Jumpei Ohashi; and outfielder Joe Starick were named to the team as they are scheduled to play the game this weekend on Sunday, July 14, in Martinez at Waterfront Park with first pitch at 2 p.m.



Marysville infielder Josh Leslie fields a ball and throws a ball to first base on Friday, July 5, in the Drakes' 6-1 win.



Marysville infielder Declan Peterson hits a ball during the Drakes' 6-1 victory on Friday, July 5, against Vallejo.



Marysville pitcher AJ Cordova throws a pitch in the Drakes' 6-1 win against Vallejo on Friday, July 5.