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## Farm Stand Tour Returns



The first Farm Stand Tour of the 2026 season takes place this weekend. Pictured, from left, front row: Brenda Kirby of B. St. Blooms and Kylee Canda of Canda Family Farms. Back row: Ethel Byers of Hastings Avenue Veggie Stand, Ashly Siller of The Sheldon Stand, Ashley Garske of Aldrich Farm Cart, Justine Dutra of Reis Ranch Produce and Andrea Mangan of the Social Hall Road Farm Stand. Not pictured is Paula Carli of Windmill Flower Farm. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Three years after its debut, the Farm Stand Tour continues to grow, with locally produced goods remaining in demand throughout the year, not just during the peak summer harvest. The first Farm Stand Tour of the season will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, featuring an expanded list of participants as roadside farm stands and small businesses continue to gain popularity. The Farm Stand Tour began in 2024 as the brainchild of Nicole Allard of Crackleberry Hut, along

with the original participants Ashly Siller, Ashley Garske, Paula Carli, Justine Dutra of Reis Ranch Produce and Ethel Byers. Each year, the tour has expanded, organizing a kickoff event at the start of summer to encourage shoppers to visit local farm stands and discover what each has to offer throughout the season. Visitors are encouraged to stop at every participating stand and collect a stamp on a checklist. Completed checklists are entered into a drawing for a gift basket filled with products from each participating stand. As the event has grown, organizers

have established participation requirements, including that each vendor hold a Cottage Food Permit. "I'm so grateful to Nicole Allard for coming up with the tour idea in 2024," said Justine Dutra of Reis Ranch Produce. "She had a fantastic idea, and we've kept it going last season and this season. It's a great way to showcase all the stands and what we specifically offer." Reis Ranch Produce was one of the original participants in 2024 and has continued to grow. "I'm proud to say that we've been open every single day since June

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### Gridley Police Begin Fiscal Year with Clear Priorities

By Susan Meeker

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Community policing, staffing and outside grant funding remain top priorities for the Gridley Police Department as it begins the 2026-27 fiscal year. Police Chief Todd Farr outlined the department's strategic priorities during an earlier City Council planning session, describing a department focused on maintaining public safety while strengthening community partnerships, expanding technology and pursuing outside funding opportunities. The adopted 2026-27 budget allocates approximately \$4.6 million to police operations. The department includes one chief, one lieutenant, three sergeants, 11 patrol officers, one department detective, one Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force detective, one school resource officer, one records and property technician, one animal control officer, five dispatchers and reserve officers who supplement staffing needs. Farr said recruitment remains a priority as the department works to fill vacant positions while maintaining public safety services throughout the city. The adopted budget funds one department detective and one Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force detective after city officials elected to leave one detective position unfilled to help balance the budget while maintaining patrol operations. The city also continues pursuing outside funding to support public safety operations rather than relying solely on the General Fund. One of the department's primary funding requests was a new patrol vehicle that would be purchased through the federal COPS Grant Program, and includes emergency equipment, radio installation and outfitting costs. "That's the one ask I did have," Farr said. Beyond patrol responsibilities, Farr highlighted the department's ongoing involvement throughout the community. Officers participate in National Night Out, the Teddy Bear Clinic, school presentations, Red Suspenders Day, the Butte County Fair and other events designed to strengthen relationships between residents and law enforcement. The

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## Live Oak Woodshop Named for Beloved Teacher

By Seti Long

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The legacy of a Live Oak High School teacher was commemorated Saturday, June 27, when the school's woodshop classroom was named in honor of Joseph Viscuso Sr. In April 2026, the Live Oak Unified School District Board adopted a resolution honoring retired teacher Joseph Viscuso Sr., describing him as someone who "continuously portrays a dedicated, motivated, caring, fair, excellent role model to the youth of Live Oak." The board expressed its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Viscuso and dedicated the Live Oak High School woodshop classroom to the retired educator. It was the board's hope, along with those who championed having Viscuso Sr.'s name placed on the building, that future generations would recognize his considerable contributions and service to Live Oak students. More than a month later, alumni, family and friends



Joe Duran, left, a former student of Joseph Viscuso Sr., stands beside Viscuso and the commemorative plaque installed at the Live Oak High School woodshop honoring Viscuso's teaching legacy. Photo courtesy of Joe Duran

gathered with Viscuso Sr. to dedicate the plaque honoring his teaching legacy, which was installed on the building. Joe Duran, a 1990 alumnus, spoke during the dedication ceremony. "A building can be constructed out of wood, steel, and concrete, but a teacher builds something far more enduring," said Duran. "A teacher builds character, confidence and gives us opportunity. With his patience, guidance and dedication, he's helped

generations of students discover not only how to work with their hands but to believe in themselves." Viscuso reminisced about the long hours he spent in the building and the fun he shared with students over the years. "I'm really proud of the fact that I've never had a major accident in 35 years," Viscuso said, acknowledging that he was a tough teacher. "I'm proud of the fact that [students] really enjoyed me and what I had to offer. I'll never forget the faces and the love I got from them." Live Oak Unified School District Superintendent Matt Gulbrandsen, who first met Viscuso 30 years ago, also spoke during the ceremony and presented him with a framed copy of the resolution naming the building in his honor. "I truly know how special this community is and truly know the impact this man has made here," said Gulbrandsen. Viscuso was visibly moved and thanked everyone who helped make the honor a reality. ★

# The New Pi-Line



Fire Department Station 5. Their nickname is the Dirty Nickel; it perhaps could be changed to the Speedy Nickel, as they are quick to respond to calls for mutual aid, either North to Gridley or South to Yuba City. Thank you, Sutter County, for being a good neighbor. \*\*\*

By Josh F.W. Cook

Just a note to the socially unaware about kindness and consideration. When someone's house is on fire and 10 fire engines have arrived with dozens of firefighters, courtesy would dictate that you stop setting off illegal aerial fireworks above their temporary workspace. One of the first to respond to the 4th of July house explosion and fire on Magnolia Street in Gridley was none other than the Live Oak

You may see pictures of Dell DeMeyer, Carol Haynes Smith, Louann Choate, Kathy Adams, Colleen Banes, Marci Banes, and other local women associated with Beta Sigma Phi. The other day someone asked me what a BETA SIGMA PHI is. Since these ladies get a lot of ink in the Gridley Herald, I wanted to share a primer on what BETA SIGMA PHI is. Unlike traditional college sororities, Beta Sigma Phi is not affiliated with a university or going to college. It

was founded in Abilene, Kansas, in 1931 by Walter W. Ross "for the social, cultural, and civic enrichment of its members"; the organization now has chapters throughout the United States, Canada, and other countries. In 2024, it had 67,253 members. It is not political and not attached to any religion. They get together and socialize and do nice things like funding scholarships and raising money to end diseases. They do not wear togas, even though they have Greek names. Now you know. America needs more socializing; it is an important part of what makes a community a community. \*\*\*

Josh F.W. Cook played Junior Varsity football alongside Brandon Brothers, one of the greatest GHS student-athletes ever. ★

# In Celebration and Gratitude



Paul V. Scholl, Publisher of Messenger Publishing Group and President of Western Web, Inc.

By Paul V. Scholl, Publisher Messenger Publishing Group

July 1st marked the celebration of Messenger Publishing Group reaching its 20-year anniversary of publishing local news, beginning with the American River Messenger in 2006. It all started in my garage and one converted bedroom into an office in my home in Roseville.

MPG is currently 18 publications strong, 15 of those would not exist if we hadn't rescued them from closure. The Sacramento region would be a local print news desert if these local newspapers hadn't been purchased as the years went on. Through all the tough times, good decisions and bad decisions, oppressive government regulations and overreach, MPG forged on. We did not surrender.

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Sacramento News Ledger, Arden Arcade News. Along with our special publications, we publish 722 issues each year. And we don't work on Sundays.

In January of 2026, I purchased Western Web, Inc., a commercial printing company in Northern California to produce and print our publications. Our new printing team has been awesome, and the products now look fantastic. We also print dozens more local newspapers and publications that serve their communities throughout Northern California all the way up to the Oregon border.

We are growing. Leadership matters. Commitment matters. Foundational principles matter. We are founded on "God, Country, Family", the same foundation that our great nation is founded upon. We are leaders in local print news because we are dedicated to a higher power. We lift people up. We lift communities up.

My teams at Messenger Publishing Group and Western Web and I want to thank all those who support us through their advertising, subscriptions, readership, printing work and contributions. I want to thank my entire team for all their hard work, especially when deadlines loom. It takes great teamwork at both companies to produce great products.

We will continue to grow. We will continue to serve. God Bless America, Paul V. Scholl

# Lake Oroville Offers Summer Update

By Lloyd Green Jr.

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Visitors planning trips to Lake Oroville and the Feather River this summer are being urged to stay alert around wildlife and prepare for temporary access changes as a major improvement project gets underway at one of the area's popular recreation sites.



A mule deer grazes on vegetation along the Bidwell Canyon Trail in Butte County, California. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Water Resources

on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under the immediate control of their owner.

Visitors should also be aware that the Oroville Wildlife Area Thermalito Afterbay Outlet campground and boat ramp closed June 29 as construction begins on an \$8 million improvement project led by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The project will expand recreational access along the Feather River with a new two-lane concrete boat ramp, an improved gravel launch for non-trailer boats, a 25-site primitive campground, a day-use picnic area, recreational trails and expanded paved parking for both trailered and passenger vehicles.

The Thermalito Afterbay Outlet has long served as a popular launch site for trailered boats, car-top boats and shoreline fishing. During construction,

public access at the site will remain restricted.

Alternative trailered boat launches are available at Riverbend Park, River Reflections RV Park, Vance Avenue Boat Ramp and the Gridley boat ramp. Car-top launches remain available at the Feather River Fish Hatchery, Bedrock Park, Vance Avenue Outlet and the Pacific Heights Weir Ramp. Boaters and floaters are advised to use caution when traveling near the Afterbay Outlet because river flows can vary.

Construction is expected to continue through spring or early summer 2027.

Lake Oroville remains in strong condition for summer recreation. As of July 2, the reservoir stood at 874 feet in elevation with approximately 3.05 million acre-feet of water in storage, or 89 percent of capacity and 114 percent of the historical average.

The Bidwell Canyon and Lime Saddle marinas remain open daily, offering fuel, boat rentals and other visitor services. ★



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# Gridley Senior Celebrates 100th Birthday



Lois Langford celebrates her 100th birthday surrounded by friends during a special celebration at the Gridley Parks and Recreation Center. Photo courtesy of Jamie Luevano.

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - One of Gridley's longtime residents recently reached a remarkable milestone, celebrating her 100th birthday surrounded by friends. Friends at Gridley Parks and Recreation, along with her personal friends, made the special occasion even more memorable with a

breakfast featuring her favorite foods followed by a game of bingo. To the tune of music from the 1930s and 1940s, Lois Langford celebrated with what Jamie Luevano described as "a decadent white cake decorated with pink flowers and gold flakes." "Lois was showered with happy birthday wishes,

flowers and gift cards. Her favorite was the huge sunflower that reminded her of Kansas before moving to California in 1960," Luevano said. "It's not often we get to celebrate such a special occasion as a 100th birthday," Luevano said. "Have a wonderful birthday, Lois, from the Gridley Recreation staff." ★

# Farm Stand Tour Returns



Fresh vegetables, herbs and seasonal produce are available at participating farm stands throughout the tour, including carrots, tomatoes, squash and zucchini from The Sheldon Stand. Photo courtesy of The Sheldon Stand

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2, 2025, even on holidays," Dutra said. "My customers and their appreciation for everything we offer keep me inspired and going." Ethel Byers, owner of Hastings Avenue Veggie Stand, has operated her stand for nine years. She said it began as a way to share produce from her abundant garden but has since expanded to include hand-crafted tallow-based products. "I have pure tallow, body butter and hand cream in different scents," Byers said. "My soaps are all cold-process soaps made with natural ingredients and essential oils." As the farm stands have grown in popularity, so have the products they offer. "With there being no farmers market in our area, I believe people turn to the farm stands for locally grown items," said Ashly Siller. Siller operates The Sheldon Stand, where she has expanded beyond freeze-dried fruits and candies, fresh vegetables, watermelons and eggs to include spices, seasoning blends and raw honey. New participants joining the tour since

its inception include Canda Family Farms, B. St. Blooms and the Social Hall Road Farm Stand. Andrea Mangan, owner of the Social Hall Road Farm Stand, said she enjoys operating directly from her property. "I started with farmers markets, but then my health declined, so I opened a stand in front of our home that my wonderful husband and children built for me," Mangan said. Her stand now offers preserves and jams, sourdough bread and pastries, juice concentrates, tallow products and plants. Eight farm stands throughout the Biggs, Gridley and Manzanita areas will participate in this year's July tour: Reis Ranch Produce, Windmill Flower Farm, Canda Family Farms, Aldrich Farm Cart, The Sheldon Stand, Hastings Avenue Veggie Stand, B. St. Blooms and the Social Hall Road Farm Stand. Maps and checklists are available on the Farm Stand Tour Facebook page and at each participating stand. Instructions for submitting completed checklists to be entered into the gift basket drawing are included on the flyers. ★

# Helicopter Program Expands Across Region



A PG&E Blackhawk helicopter is stationed at the Butte County Fire Department's Chico Air Attack Base for the 2026 wildfire season. The aircraft will support initial wildfire response efforts in Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties through California's Master Mutual Aid system. Photo courtesy of PG&E

By Lloyd Green Jr.

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Residents across Butte, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter counties will have expanded aerial wildfire protection this fire season as Pacific Gas and Electric Co. continues its firefighting helicopter program and extends coverage to additional Northern California counties. For the third consecutive year, PG&E is partnering with local fire agencies to station dedicated Blackhawk firefighting helicopters in key locations throughout the state. This year, the program expands beyond Butte County to include neighboring Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties. A PG&E Blackhawk helicopter equipped for water drops is stationed at the Butte County Fire Department's Chico Air Attack Base through Nov. 15. While based in Chico, the aircraft can quickly respond to wildfires throughout the surrounding region under California's Master Mutual Aid system. The program launched in Marin County in 2023 before expanding to Butte and Merced counties. It is designed to

strengthen initial attack efforts by placing dedicated aerial firefighting resources under the direction of local fire agencies during California's peak wildfire season. The Chico-based helicopter has already been called into action this year, dropping water on the Pentz Fire in Paradise and the Lone Fire in Palermo on June 26. Since the program began, PG&E-supported helicopters have logged more than 445 flight hours, completed more than 2,600 water drops, released more than 2 million gallons of water and supported more than 60 initial wildfire attacks. The program includes four Blackhawk helicopters operating through Nov. 15. Three aircraft are assigned to participating regions while a fourth serves as a standby aircraft if needed. Local fire agencies direct the helicopters during wildfire suppression operations. PG&E said the helicopter program is one part of its broader wildfire mitigation strategy, which also includes undergrounding power lines, Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, AI-enabled wildfire cameras and other wildfire prevention measures. ★

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## Happy Hippie Dog Grooming Opens in Gridley



The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed their newest member Happy Hippie Paws with a ribbon cutting celebration. Happy Hippie Paws is now offering dog grooming services to Gridley. Pictured left to right: Rob Haerberle, John Wilks, Anita Cindy Mayberry, Anita Wilks with Mia, Madalin Sweetman with Belle, Lynne Spencer, Susan Sweetman with Nova, Garth Mayberry and Lisa Van De Hey. Photo courtesy of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

By MPG Staff

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - For Madaline Sweetman, opening Happy Hippie Dog Grooming was an opportunity to combine her passion for caring for dogs with the need she saw in the Gridley community.

Located at 1571 Highway 99, in downtown Gridley, Sweetman brings three years of professional grooming experience while offering a slew of services for all breeds of dogs and temperaments.

Sweetman said creating a positive experience for each dog is just as important as

the grooming itself.

"I want every dog to feel safe and comfortable throughout the appointment," Sweetman said. "Our pets are members of our family and I strive to treat every dog with patience and kindness, while helping them look their best."

Sweetman said while dogs remain her focus, she does not offer grooming services for cats, but offers cat claw trimming.

Appointments can be made by calling 336-453-4199 or visit Happy Hippie Paws on Facebook. ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Last fall I planted a cyclamen garden. I'm learning more and more about this delightful plant. I have three types. I thought I'd have leaves most of the time because it is in the shade and gets watered regularly. I do have leaves except for one type that blooms now and the leaves come later. One type called

colum has some leaves but is mostly dormant right now. What has surprised me the most are the ones that have started blooming again now. I don't know if this is how they are or if the cool downs we've had confused them. I'm not complaining, I love seeing the bright colors as well as the whites with their designer style leaves and their sweet nodding flowers.

When I studied their environment, I realized they are a rocky terrain plant in nature. I've added large pumice and lava rocks that I have as well as pebbles on top. This is very different than other gardens in my yard. This bit of rocky beauty is a delight. Another interesting thing about this plant is how easy they are to collect seeds from. Each

flower makes a little ball that is full of seeds. If left alone they seed themselves with vigor. I have collected seeds from two types and I have baby bulbs from those seeds. We'll see if I can keep them going until they have much larger bulbs. Right now some are BB size and others the size of peas. I am thoroughly enjoying this new garden and learning its ways of being.

We are eating tomatoes like crazy now and our summer squash is happily producing. If we could stay at these 80-90 degrees temperatures all of this could continue all summer. That is not going to happen and even summer vegetables slow down when it is 105 degrees. Stay cool while you can. ★

## Museum Display Honors Nation's Military History

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Museum marked the nation's 250th anniversary with a Fourth of July window display highlighting the major wars fought throughout U.S. history.

Beginning with the Revolutionary War, which lasted from April 19, 1775, to Sept. 3, 1783, the display features "10 Facts" about each conflict, including the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the war in Afghanistan. The historical facts are displayed in the museum's windows, allowing passersby to learn more about the nation's military history.

In addition to the historical information,

the museum has curated photos and biographies of local veterans who served in those conflicts, where applicable. Featured veterans include Henry C. Veatch, who fought in the Civil War and is the namesake of the building that houses the Gridley Museum; Shigeo J. Tanimoto, who served during World War II; and Maj. Cliff Wagner, who has received numerous military honors and awards for his service in the Middle East.

The museum is also encouraging veterans from throughout the region to share their stories of military service for future exhibits.

For more information about the featured veterans or to share a veteran's story, contact the Gridley Museum at 530-846-4482. ★

## Photo Contest Showcases Rural California

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Rural County Representatives of California is inviting photographers to showcase the beauty and character of rural California during its 10th Annual Rural County Photo Contest.

The contest runs from July 1 through July 31 and is open to photographers of all experience levels. Participants are encouraged to submit original photographs highlighting the landscapes,

communities, history, activities and unique features of RCRC's 40 member counties.

Entries may be submitted through the contest webpage or by email to [photocontest@rcrcnet.org](mailto:photocontest@rcrcnet.org). All submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. July 31.

Each entry must include the location where the photo was taken, including the county, along with the photographer's full name and email address.

Last year's contest attracted 320 entries from

155 photographers representing 37 RCRC member counties.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$300 Amazon gift card, with the winning photograph to be unveiled during the RCRC Board of Directors meeting in September. The second-place winner will receive a \$150 Amazon gift card and the third-place winner will receive a \$75 Amazon gift card.

Complete contest rules and additional information are available at <http://www.rcrcnet.org/photo-contest>. ★

## Gridley Police Begin Fiscal Year with Clear Priorities

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department also maintains an active social media presence that provides public safety updates, community information and animal control notices.

Farr also highlighted the city's Citizen RIMS online reporting system, which allows residents to view real-time information about police activity and calls for service throughout the community. The system is intended to improve transparency by giving residents access to current public safety information.

The department's animal control program continues to expand its community role through a trap-neuter-release program

for feral cats that has raised more than \$10,000 for veterinary care and shelter support. Farr said social media has also helped reunite lost pets with their owners more quickly by allowing residents to identify found animals online.

In addition to General Fund support, the department receives revenue through its school resource officer contract with the Gridley Unified School District, police services provided to the City of Biggs, COPS Grant funding, the Public Safety Augmentation Fund and fees generated through records requests, vehicle releases, animal control services and other departmental activities. ★

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# Chico Parking Kiosks Get Mixed Grand Jury Review

By Susan Meeker

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - Chico's downtown parking kiosks have become more reliable, less expensive to maintain and easier to use than the city's previous parking meter system, but the Butte County Civil Grand Jury concluded the city failed to adequately educate the public about the transition.

The report, released in late June, concluded the city's greatest shortcoming was not the kiosk technology itself, but the lack of sustained public education after the system was installed.

"The City's efforts to educate the public and assess community impact after implementation were insufficient," the Grand Jury wrote.

The investigation began after complaints that the parking kiosks were discouraging longtime customers from shopping downtown. Jurors found that some residents avoided the downtown business district because of frustration with the kiosks, while some business owners stepped outside their stores to help customers complete parking transactions. The report also

cited public accounts that parking difficulties contributed to the closures of long-term businesses, although it noted those accounts were anecdotal rather than based on a scientific survey.

The kiosk system was recommended in the city's 2019 Downtown Access Action Plan and went fully into operation in March 2023 after a limited test deployment the previous year. The plan recommended Chico adopt the same Passport payment system already in use at California State University, Chico, reducing confusion for drivers parking in both areas.

The report explains that Chico has used parking meters since 1955 to encourage turnover in the downtown business district, keeping spaces available for shoppers instead of long-term parkers.

"Parking fines and fees are not designed to increase the City's general revenue," jurors wrote. "Rather, the fees aim to encourage efficient use of limited on-street parking."

However, the Grand Jury found the kiosks have delivered substantial operational improvements. Unlike the previous smart parking meters, which served a

single parking space and were vulnerable to battery failures and vandalism, the kiosks serve an entire block face. Maintenance hours have dropped to about one-fourth of what was required for the older meters, none of the kiosks have been broken into, and larger coin vaults require less frequent collections, the report states. Jurors found parking enforcement has also become more efficient because license plate reader-equipped vehicles can compare payment records with parked vehicles while driving through downtown.

Public acceptance, however, has been slower.

The Grand Jury found many complaints centered on the original kiosk screens being difficult to read and containing unnecessary or confusing instructions. In response, Chico's Public Works Department installed new interface software in November 2025 that replaced a distracting background image with a plain screen, simplified data entry requirements and removed or edited instructions that users found confusing.

After Public Works received complaints, the department's

changes appeared to improve compliance. According to the report, complaints declined after the update, and Chico Police Department parking enforcement personnel also reported issuing fewer citations, "suggesting that drivers find it easier to comply."

Despite those improvements, jurors concluded the city never fully carried out the public education campaign envisioned in the 2019 Downtown Access Action Plan.

The plan called for instructional videos, social media outreach, updated parking information on the Go! Downtown Chico website and assistance from Downtown Ambassadors to familiarize residents with the new system. The Grand Jury found those efforts were either incomplete or not sustained. During its investigation, jurors discovered the Go! Downtown Chico parking webpage was two years out of date and found only one instructional video online, which they described as having distracting background noise. After jurors brought the issue to the city's attention, parking information on the city's website was updated.

The report also found that motorists who use the Passport smartphone application generally have a much easier experience paying for parking.

"Smart kiosks offer cost and maintenance advantages to the city," the jurors wrote. "Consumers have commented that the Passport system phone application is easy to use. The city will find it worthwhile to encourage widespread adoption of the application."

To improve public understanding, the Grand Jury recommended the Chico City Council direct the city manager to produce a short instructional video explaining how to use both the kiosks and the Passport smartphone application, work with the Downtown Chico Business Association to improve parking information on the Go! Downtown Chico website and conduct quarterly reviews of parking information on city and partner websites to ensure it remains current whenever the kiosk system is updated.

The Chico City Council has 90 days from receipt of the report to respond to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. ★

# Freedbirds Win First Series Since May

By YSBC Sports

**MARYSVILLE, CA (YSBC)** - The Yuba-Sutter Freedbirds secured their first series win since May as they were victorious over the Long Beach Coast in two out of the three games from Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5.

The Freedbirds have struggled to open the 2026 Pioneer Baseball League season as they had a 14-28 record at the conclusion of play on Sunday.

The Freedbirds went 7-18 in June, which included an eight-game losing streak from June 14-23.

The Freedbirds averaged over 10 runs a game through the conclusion of play on Sunday, but they



The Yuba-Sutter Freedbirds celebrate a 17-12 victory over Long Beach on July 3. Photo by Steven Bryla

were ranked in the bottom part of multiple hitting categories across the PBL.

The Freedbirds manager Frank Gonzales expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it has been a rough go in the first half of the season, but he is looking towards

ending the remainder of the month strong.

During the recent series against Long Beach, the Freedbirds hitters were able to jump on the Coasts' starting pitching early on in the game.

Freedbirds first baseman Andrew Kirchner had a

solid weekend at the plate as he collected eight hits, 12 runs-batted-in and five extra-base hits.

Gonzales told YSBC that some new additions to the roster recently have added great pieces for the second half of the PBL season, which starts on Tuesday, July 14.

The Freedbirds jumped out to an 8-2 and 6-0 lead on July 3rd and 4th against Long Beach and was able to hold onto the lead and denied the Coasts' best efforts on trying to take the lead late.

Kirchner and infielder Kyle Carson have added precision at the plate as both newcomers within the last couple of weeks. They have combined for 21 hits, 21 RBIs and nine



Yuba-Sutter first baseman Andrew Kirchner (18) lines a base hit on Friday, July 3 in the Freedbirds win over Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla

extra-base hits.

The Freedbirds hit the road for the final part of the first half season on the road at Long Beach and

Oakland for a couple of three-game sets.

The Freedbirds opens the second half of the PBL season in Modesto on July 14. ★

# Field of Dreams Takes Shape

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A new baseball field honoring longtime youth coach Baldemar "Balde" Torres is one step closer to becoming reality as the Gridley Rotary Club, Gridley Little League and community supporters work to raise \$75,000 for the project.

The proposed Junior Division baseball field, planned for property at the Butte County Fairgrounds, would provide much needed playing space for older Little League players while honoring Torres' more than 40 years of volunteer coaching and dedication to local youth.

The project began when Brett Rogers and Amanda Schohr sought grant funding through the North Valley Community Foundation and the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund. Although the request was not approved, supporters quickly shifted their focus toward raising the funds through community donations.

The Butte County Fairgrounds had also applied for grant funding to improve lighting throughout its campus, including lighting for the proposed baseball field. While that request was also unsuccessful, project organizers remain committed to moving forward.

Gridley Rotary Club President Efren Del Rio said the proposed field fit perfectly with the club's goal of supporting youth and improving recreational opportunities in the community.

Gridley Rotary had already pledged its support before learning the grant application had been denied.



The need for a dedicated Junior Division field in Gridley has grown as participation continues to increase. Image by photoangel on Magnific

"It was unfortunate that the grant did not work," Del Rio said. "But there are so many gracious people out there who may be able to help. Sports is such a healthy outlet for kids, and this will provide them another space to compete, have fun and make memories."

The new field has been dedicated to Torres, whose decades of volunteer coaching left a lasting impact on generations of young athletes. Supporters hope the project will not only meet a growing need for additional playing space but also serve as a lasting tribute to a coach remembered by many throughout the community.

Rogers said the need for a dedicated Junior Division field has grown as participation continues to increase.

Junior Division includes players ages 13 and 14, who compete on regulation baseball fields using 90-foot base paths and a 60-foot, 6-inch pitching distance, the same dimensions used in high school, college and professional baseball. None of the existing fields at Manuel Vierra Park meet those specifications.

Gridley Little League currently rotates teams through

three baseball and softball fields at Manuel Vierra Park, along with a smaller grass field used primarily for T-ball. With nearly 500 players registered during the 2026 season, field space has become increasingly limited.

Junior Division teams also share the Gridley High School junior varsity field, but the school team receives scheduling priority. Because the field does not have permanent lights, practices early in the season are often shortened or delayed until daylight lasts longer.

Rogers said the league has borrowed portable lighting from the Gridley Titans organization to extend practice time, but the temporary setup creates glare that makes it difficult for players to see the ball.

To help ease scheduling challenges, some teams have also practiced at what has become known as Humble Field on the grounds of Christian Life Church.

Rotary Club members and project supporters hope the new field will give Junior Division players a permanent home while easing the demand on existing facilities.

The fundraising campaign seeks to raise \$75,000 for site preparation, drainage, irrigation, grass, fencing, backstops, dugouts, bleachers, restrooms and a batting cage.

Donations may be made by check payable to the Rotary Club of Gridley with "Little League Field" written in the memo line or by Venmo.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Del Rio at 408-722-5433. ★

# Pioneer Energy Invests in Renewable Biomass

By MPG Staff

**ROCKLIN, CA (MPG)** - Pioneer Community Energy has signed six long-term power purchase agreements valued at nearly \$517 million to support new biomass energy projects across Northern California.

The 20-year agreements, awarded through California's Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program, were signed with renewable energy developers West Biofuels and Phoenix Energy. The projects are designed to expand renewable energy production while supporting wildfire mitigation and electric grid reliability.

Pioneer officials said the contracts were approved before the BioMAT program ended on Dec. 31, 2025, making the agency one of the few Community Choice Aggregators to secure contracts under the program.

"This demonstrates how local energy providers can leverage public policy, market opportunities and long-term planning to deliver meaningful benefits for both customers and communities," Pioneer Chief Operating Officer Sam Kang said.

BioMAT was established by the California Public Utilities Commission under Senate Bill 1122 to encourage development of small-scale bioenergy facilities through long-term fixed-price contracts. Pioneer said it worked to expand the program to Community Choice Aggregators through Assembly Bill 843 in 2021, with the expansion

implemented by the CPUC in 2024.

Five of the projects will be developed by West Biofuels and one by Phoenix Energy. The facilities will be located in Nevada, Mariposa, Plumas, Yuba, Calaveras and Butte counties.

According to Pioneer, five of the projects will use forest-sourced biomass to convert excess woody material into renewable electricity, helping reduce forest fuel loads and support wildfire mitigation efforts. The sixth project, located in Butte County, will use agricultural and organic waste as its fuel source.

Chief Executive Officer Don Eckert said the agreements will strengthen the agency's long-term energy portfolio as Pioneer prepares to expand service in 2027.

"As we prepare to more than double the number of customers we serve in 2027, securing reliable, renewable generation resources today helps ensure we can continue delivering affordable, sustainable energy to the communities that depend on us," Eckert said.

Eckert noted that the Grass Valley and Butte County projects are located within Pioneer's current or planned service areas.

Pioneer Community Energy, a locally owned not-for-profit electricity provider headquartered in Rocklin, began serving customers in 2018. The agency said it has returned more than \$145 million in customer savings while supporting regional economic development and community partnerships. ★

# Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email [lloyd.green@mpg8.com](mailto:lloyd.green@mpg8.com). Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.

## Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11

**VFW Auxiliary 1747 Rummage Sale**  
7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at Oroville VFW Hall, 1901 Elgin St., Oroville. Shop our sale to raise funds for Veterans and Family support. This event is organized by the Auxiliary ladies at Post 1747. For more information, call 530-534-9009.

## Saturday, July 11

### Slice of Chico

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Downtown Chico. Celebrate the 51st annual Slice of Chico with free ice-cold watermelon, shopping, dining, live entertainment and family-friendly activities throughout downtown. Watermelon slicing begins at 10 a.m., with the main station on W. Third Street between Broadway and Main Street. Visitors can also enjoy special sales, local artisans and food from downtown restaurants.

### Stars, Stripes & Bikes

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feather Falls Casino, 3 Alverda Drive, Oroville. The American Legion Riders will host a motorcycle show featuring bikes from across Northern California, along with vendors, food, raffles and awards. Motorcycle registration is \$30 in advance or \$40 the day of the event. Proceeds benefit veterans, community and patriotic programs. For information, call Missy at 530-903-1840.

### Preserving Food with Friends

Limited to 12 students. 10 a.m. at The Garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St. This month's class will be about stone fruit. Register in advance at 530-777-8469 or email [preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com](mailto:preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com) for more information.

**July Movies in the Pool: "Shark Tale"**  
7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Pool, 2320 North Ave., Chico. Jump on in at the PV Pool for a movie night with a splash. Float, swim, and relax while enjoying our movie at sundown. Bring your crew and your favorite pool float, then grab movie snacks available for purchase and settle in for a fun summer night. Tickets and more information at [www.chicorec.gov](http://www.chicorec.gov).

### Murder Mystery Magic Show

7 p.m., Oroville State Theatre, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. Experience an interactive evening of magic, mentalism and mystery as audience members work to solve clues and influence the outcome of the show. Magician and mentalist Robert Vogel presents illusions, mind-reading and psychological effects in this immersive performance. Tickets and information are available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## Wednesday, July 15

### Bingo Luau Night

6 to 8 p.m., Durham Veterans Memorial

Hall, 9319 Midway, Durham. Enjoy a luau-themed evening of bingo, snacks and drinks. Pre-registration is \$10 per person for 10 cards or \$15 at the door. Daubers will be available for purchase for \$3. Register at [www.durhamrecreation.recreationdesk.com](http://www.durhamrecreation.recreationdesk.com).

### Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

7 p.m., Vierra Park Recreation Building, Gridley. Those who have lost a loved one to suicide are invited to attend this confidential support group meeting. Participants are encouraged to find support and connection with others who have experienced a similar loss.

## Thursday, July 16

### Storytime in the Little Red Barn

10 to 11:15 a.m., Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy a story read by a local artist, author or storyteller, followed by a craft and outdoor activity. Some activities may include water play. Admission is free.

## Friday, July 17

### Oroville Show and Stroll

5 to 8 p.m., 1998 Montgomery St., Oroville. Downtown Oroville comes alive with a classic car show, local shopping, street vendors, food and beverages from area restaurants, and live music. Stroll through downtown and enjoy an evening of classic cars, entertainment and community.

## Monday, July 20 through Sunday, July 26

### Let Freedom Ring Kids Music Camp

Gridley Christian Church, 580 Washington St., Gridley. Children ages 4 through eighth grade are invited to a free week of music, sign language, hand bells, Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and snacks. Camp meets from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a dress rehearsal Saturday and performances at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Registration is required. To register, call Bonnie at 530-933-9845. For information, call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002.

## Friday, July 21

### Tossin' for a Cause

10345 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Support the Live Oak High School Cheer program by dining at Pizza Factory. Twenty percent of eligible food and beverage sales will be donated to the team. Use code "PIZZA" when ordering online or present the event flyer when ordering in person.

## Friday, July 22

### Movie & Ice Cream Night

6 p.m., Pool Park, Live Oak Memorial Park, Live Oak. Live Oak Parks and Recreation invites families to enjoy an outdoor showing of "Lilo & Stitch." Bring lawn chairs and blankets for an evening under the stars. Ice cream will be available for 50 cents per scoop and popcorn for \$1. Fun for the whole family.

## Saturday, July 25

### Rhinos 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Check-in at 7 a.m., Table Mountain Golf Course, 2700 Oro Dam Blvd. W, Oroville. Support Oroville Rhinos youth football and cheer at this fundraising golf tournament. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome for a day of competition, contests, raffle prizes and fun, with proceeds benefiting equipment and opportunities for local athletes. Registration and information: [www.oroillerhinos.com](http://www.oroillerhinos.com)

## Saturday, Aug. 22

### Warren McCutcheon Poker Run

Registration begins at 8 a.m., American Legion Post 210, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. The ride benefits veteran causes and includes a meal ticket and poker hand with registration. First bike out is at 10 a.m. and the last bike out is at 1 p.m. Registration is \$25 for riders and \$15 for passengers. For information, text Josh at 530-455-9925. All proceeds benefit veteran causes.

### Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

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

**Biggs City Council** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

**Butte County Board of Supervisors** generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

**Downtown Chico Thursday Night Market** continues every Thursday night, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through September 24. You'll find the market on Broadway between 2nd and 4th Streets, including side streets and City Plaza, Chico. Enjoy more than 100 vendors along the streets, a certified farmers' market, weekly live performances by entertainers of all kinds, and lots of family fun. For more information call 530-345-6500.

**Durham Grange Farmers' Market**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at 9386 Midway in Durham, behind Dollar General. This vibrant market promises an array of fresh produce, delicious foods, handmade goods and more, making it the perfect spot to shop local and support small businesses.

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

**Friday Night Concerts**, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chico City Plaza, 132 W. 4th St., every Friday through August 28. Grab takeout from your favorite downtown restaurant and enjoy your meal picnic-style in the Plaza while the band plays. Support local restaurants and soak up the music-filled summer atmosphere.

**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>.

**Gridley Friends of the Library**, first Monday each month, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 299 Spruce St.

**Gridley Senior Group Breakfast** every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. includes Bingo at 9:30 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

**Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board** meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 530-846-4721 for more information. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22.

**Live Oak City Council** usually meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information.

**Live Oak Lions Club** meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Train Depot, 9826 Hwy. 99. Club mailing address is P.O. Box 325. Phone 530-701-3722.

**Rotary Club of Gridley** meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** meets the first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. For more information, call 530-353-5349. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15.

## Community Resources – Find Food

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

**First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry**, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be June 28. 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, July 7 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, July 7. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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

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## Gridley Library Summer Event Schedule

**JULY 11 - Summer Adventure Journals** – 2 to 3:30 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults can create and decorate personalized journals to document summer memories.

**JULY 14-18 - Friends of the Library Book Sale** – During library hours, Gridley Library. Shop used books, DVDs and more. Proceeds support library programs and materials.

**JULY 15 - Edible Planter Boxes** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can create and enjoy edible planter box treats.

**JULY 17 - Family Storytime** – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 22 - Pokemon Extravaganza** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can enjoy Pokemon-themed crafts, a scavenger hunt and activities celebrating their favorite characters.

**JULY 23 - Dungeons & Dragons Movie Day** – 1 to 3 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults are invited to watch "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor

Among Thieves."

**JULY 24 - Sure Start Family Playtime** – 9 a.m. to noon, Gridley Library. Families with children ages 0 to 5 are invited to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

**JULY 25 - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign** – Time to be announced, Gridley Library. Teens and adults of all experience levels are invited to participate in a Dungeons & Dragons adventure.

**JULY 29 - Book Soundtrack Dance Party** – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens can dance to music featured in film and television adaptations of popular books.

**JULY 31 - Family Storytime** – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

**JULY 31 - Lip Sync Battle** – 3 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens are invited to perform and compete in a friendly lip sync competition featuring their favorite songs. ★

The Gridley Library is located at 299 Spruce St. For information, call 530-552-5652. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. A complete calendar of events is available at <https://buttecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month>.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000654**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: American Remodeling, 487 Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

John Franklyn Britt, 487 Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: June 12, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026  
**AMERICAN** 7-31-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000723**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Raytek Industries, 3289 Highway 70 Space 18 B, Oroville, CA 95965

Raymond T Barreras, 3289 Highway 70 Space 18 B, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: June 30, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 30, 2026

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026  
**RAYTEK** 7-31-26

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000648**

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Cleaners and Alterations, 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Cleaners 1380 East Avenue Suite 128, Chico, CA 95926  
A and P Clean Group LLC, 1565 Hasley Court, Dixon, CA 95620  
Original filing date: August 28, 2024; Statement expires: August 28, 2029. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. Date Filed in Butte County: June 11, 2026.

This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk-Recorder of Butte County Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
**CLEANERS** 7-10-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000653**

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Aspen Dental Practice of Judge Dental PC, 1931 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Judge Dental PC, 281 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Original filing date: July 23, 2024; Statement expires: July 23, 2029. The Registrant began transacting business on: June 1, 2024. Business conducted by: A Corporation.

Date Filed in Butte County: June 11, 2026.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
**ASPEN** 7-24-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000694**

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965, Heidi E Hoskins, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Original filing date: March 10, 2025; Statement expires: March 10, 2030. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: An Individual.

Date Filed in Butte County: June 23, 2026.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
**SISTERS** 7-24-26

## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01855**

Petitioner Maximiliano Garcia Alfaro filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Maximiliano Garcia Alfaro to Maximiliano Alfaro.

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 July 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 5, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
**ALFARO** 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01819**

Petitioner Juanita Matilde Montoya filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Juanita Matilde Montoya to Juanita Matilde Underwood.

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 July 22, 2026 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on May 29, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
**MONTAYA** 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01820**

Petitioner Anne Marie Underwood filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Anne Marie Underwood to Ana Maria Montoya.

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 July 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on May 29, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
**UNDERWOOD** 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01874**

Petitioner Melanie Alene Collins filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lyla Laney Reimer to Lyla Laney Collins.

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 July 22, 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 June 2, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
**COLLINS** 7-10-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01916**

Petitioner Hunter Mangan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hunter Mangan to Hunter Wayne Brazzel.

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 August 19, 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 June 8, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
**MANGAN** 7-24-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #26CV01915**

Petitioner Chloe Elizabeth Ryan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chloe Elizabeth Ryan to Chloe Elizabeth Brazzel.

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 August 19, 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 June 8, 2026  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
**RYAN** 7-24-26

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUSTIN R. NEVA AKA JUSTIN RAY NEVA CASE NO. 26PR00279**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Justin R. Neva aka Justin Ray Neva.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Valerie K. Allison, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Valerie K. Allison be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661  
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 2026  
**NEVA** 7-24-26

## SUMMONS

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 25CV02099**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Juan Juarez dba Ace Plumbing; Does 1 to 20, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Colony Insurance Company.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos ex-entos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Haley Little-Savage, 13 Stratford Way, Chico, CA 95975; 530-864-1802  
Date: (Fecha) March 18, 2026  
By: Sharif Elmallah, Clerk of Court

A. Becerra Silva, Deputy STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

#106, Westlake Village, CA 91362. 818-735-9570  
Date: (Fecha) May 28, 2025  
Clerk (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah, Deputy (Adjunto) June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2026  
**COLONY** 7-10-26

**SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 26FL00425**

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Shawn Savage**

**YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.** Read the information below and on the next page. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Haley Little-Savage.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association.

Usted tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una respuesta (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados. Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o comunicándose con el colegio de abogados de su condado local.

NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

AVISO: LAS ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁN EN LA PÁGINA 2: Estas órdenes de restricción son efectivas contra ambos cónyuges o parejas domésticas hasta que se desestime la petición, se dicte una sentencia o el tribunal dicte más órdenes. Son exigibles en cualquier lugar de California por cualquier oficial de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de ellos.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCIÓN DE TARIFAS: Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídale al secretario un formulario de exención de tarifas. El tribunal puede ordenarle que devuelva la totalidad o parte de los honorarios y costos que el tribunal renunció para usted o la otra parte.

The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Haley Little-Savage, 13 Stratford Way, Chico, CA 95975; 530-864-1802  
Date: (Fecha) March 18, 2026  
By: Sharif Elmallah, Clerk of Court

A. Becerra Silva, Deputy STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS

Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;  
2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;  
3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Gridley on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the following officers:

- Two members of the City Council (full term of four years)

Butte County election polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Election Day.

Candidate qualifications for office, before pulling nomination documents, must be 18+ years old or older, reside within the City of Gridley and be registered to vote.

**Candidates MUST make an appointment to obtain nomination documents by calling (530) 846-3631.** Candidates are encouraged to call as early as possible to ensure candidacy nomination paperwork is completed prior to the filing deadline.

The first day to secure and file nomination papers is Monday, July 13, 2026, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The last day to secure and file nomination papers is Friday, August 7, 2026, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nomination papers will be available at City Hall, 685 Kentucky St. Gridley, CA 95948.

If no one, or only one person, is nominated for any elected office, appointment to such elective office may be made as prescribed by the California Elections Code Section 10229.

  
Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator

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## SUMMONS

the necessities of life; and 4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party.

You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your

own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or pay court costs.

NOTICE: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE:

Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com). Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506

## WARNING IMPORANT INFORMATION

California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community

property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language in the deed that characterizes how title is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property.

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## Two Arrested in July 4 Concow Shooting

By MPG Staff

**CONCOW, CA (MPG)** - Two Concow residents were arrested following a Fourth of July shooting investigation that led detectives to seek arrest warrants for attempted murder and felony vandalism.

Deputies with the Butte County Sheriff's Office responded during the afternoon of July 4 to a reported shooting in the 3000 block of Patengil Way.

Investigators determined that Kevin Medeiros, 29, and Kya Weaver, 25, had been involved in a verbal altercation with another person earlier that day.

According to the sheriff's



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KORY L. HONEA, SHERIFF-CORONER

office, deputies found evidence that the victim's vehicle had been vandalized during the incident and that Medeiros fired multiple rounds from a handgun. Medeiros and Weaver then left the area.

No injuries were reported.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Medeiros' residence in the 3000 block of Patengil Way. During the search, investigators found multiple firearms and ammunition.

Based on evidence gathered during the investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant charging Medeiros with attempted murder and an arrest warrant charging Weaver with felony vandalism.

On the morning of July 5, deputies and detectives located Medeiros and Weaver driving in the Concow area. Authorities conducted a traffic stop and took both suspects into custody without incident.

The investigation remains ongoing. ★

## Gridley, Marysville Receive Hunger Grants

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Two local school districts are among 14 organizations across California receiving grant funding from No Kid Hungry California to help expand access to free summer meals for children in rural communities.

Gridley Unified School District and Marysville Joint Unified School District received grants as part of a statewide investment totaling \$194,205. The funding will help schools and community organizations strengthen flexible summer meal programs that provide food to children when school is not in session.

For many families, school meals provide a dependable source of nutrition during the academic year. During summer break, those meals are unavailable, placing additional financial pressure on household food budgets.

According to No Kid Hungry California, children in rural communities often face greater barriers to accessing summer meal sites because of long travel distances, transportation costs, extreme weather and work schedules that limit parents' ability to visit meal locations.



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Traditionally, federally funded summer meal programs have required children to eat meals at designated sites. The organization estimates that about six of every seven eligible children have historically missed out on summer meal programs under that model.

The grants will help local partners expand non-congregate meal programs through services such as home meal delivery, transportation, food storage and refrigeration, staffing and other operational needs.

"There's long been a huge gap between the number of kids getting meals in the summertime and the kids who really need them, particularly in rural communities," said Kathy Saile, director of No Kid Hungry California. "These flexibilities for summer meals in rural communities means that no longer has to

be the case."

Saile said the grants are intended to increase the ability of local organizations to reach children with nutritious meals while school is out.

"Working in concert with SUN Bucks, these programs help to ensure that summer is no longer the hungriest time of the year for kids," she said.

No Kid Hungry also cited findings from a recent survey of rural families. More than half of respondents said they do not have enough money for food during the summer, while more than 80% reported spending an average of \$168 more each month on groceries when children are home from school.

Families seeking information about free summer meals, SUN Bucks and CalFresh can visit <http://NoKidHungry.org/Help> or <http://NoKidHungry.org/Ayuda>. ★

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## Darius Acuff Debut

By V.G. Harris

A new era has begun, and Darius Acuff Jr. will be a focal point in that new era.

Beginning with a rousing 79-76 victory on the Fourth of July over the visiting Nets, Darius Acuff Jr. received by far the most rousing applause from a frenetic Golden One crowd poised to see what the future will look like.

A lot of pressure on young Darius produced a shot that wasn't falling, and after one quarter Acuff missed all but one shot from the field and contributed a paltry three points.

But this crowd was inspired, and as it turns out, so was Darius. Putting doubters to rest, Darius showcased excellent ball handling skills throughout and exhibited court management like a veteran.

What impressed me the most as I sat and watched the Kings No. 1 draft choice in action, was his determination to get the job done, and seemingly no number of missed shots was going to deter him.

Playing alongside older and more experienced players, this young 19-year-old looked like a much older player as he simply put his head down and refused to quit.

The Nets led this game nearly the entire way, but with less than three minutes to play, Acuff sank his first NBA 3-pointer, and would prove to be the margin of victory.

Last year's No. 1 draft choice Nique Clifford made the deciding bucket with a "nothing but net" three-pointer on an assist from Acuff, but without a doubt Darius had made his presence felt, and his first NBA action ended with a win.

Criticized to some degree for his lack of defense coming in, Acuff showed a natural ability and even looked comfortable on the defensive end of the court.

Overall, the Kings fans were treated to an NBA debut that few will forget, and in spite of not having his best shooting night, Acuff finished the contest with a game high 25 points.

Not to be lost in all of this drama was the electric play of Dylan Cardwell, who picked up where he left off from last year, and kept the Kings in the game with his high intensity

play. Without question, Cardwell is an intrinsic key into the success of this year's team, and his joy for the game is contagious and enthusiastic.

Stepping from the shadows was the almost forgotten man, 45th in the draft Emanuel Sharp, who added a well received 13 points and played a brand of defense the Sacramento Kings have been hoping to see for ages.

Defense seemed to come naturally for young Sharp, and he seemed to be everywhere at once. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds., Emanuel looked every bit of the NBA ready guard he appears to be, and what a welcome sight that is for a team that has struggled with defense like few other teams.

Although Alex Karaban did not see action due to a rolled ankle, both Acuff and Sharp carried the day and opened more than a few eyes, as the Kings did something that the Sacramento fans saw little of a year ago. They actually closed out a game.

The second game of summer league saw the Kings face their archrival, the Golden State Warriors, and although Darius Acuff was given the night off, once again Emanuel Sharp came to play, and just as the Kings had done the night before, they came from behind to post a solid 91-85 victory.

The final game at Golden One will take place on Monday night, and I expect to see Darius Acuff back in action. Look for attendance to be good as Kings fans are feeling the crescendo that is taking place with a bevy of rookies that are vying for a spot of the big squad.

It's hard to wish for more positivity than this young squad has presented to the Sacramento faithful in the first two games, but if you haven't been paying close attention so far, it's not too soon to get excited.

These guys don't like to lose, and that kind of energy is contagious.

Now surround them with the likes of Domantas Sabonis, Keegan Murray and Zach Lavine, and watch the temperature go up.

The real question is how many times will this new unit light the beam this year?

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the fun is just getting started!

All the best! ★

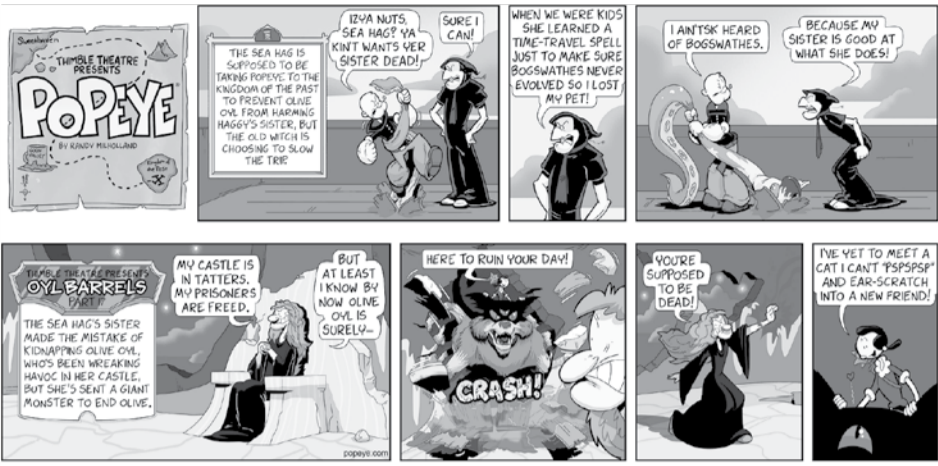


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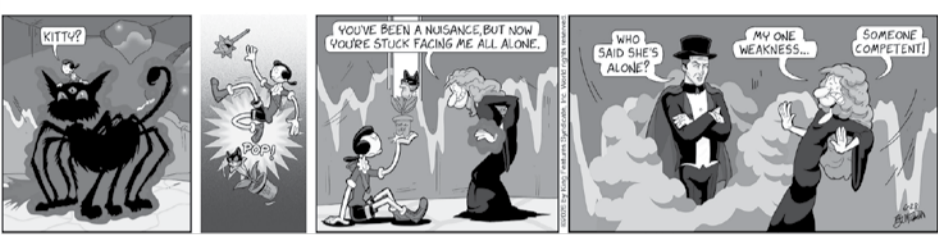
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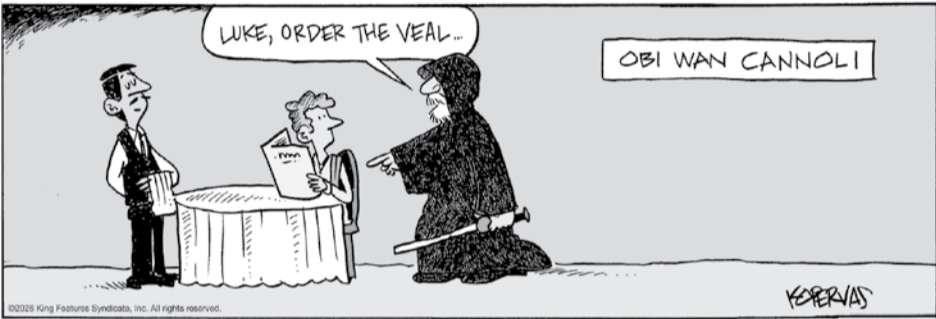
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by Gary Kopervas

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by BUD BLAKE

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  - "Lights out" tune
  - "Sweet" villa (2025)
  - Leo, in Moscow
  - Mood disorder
  - Blooming bulb
  - \*It happened on how many nights? (1934)
  - Follow up on (2 words)
  - \*Sleepless where? (1993)
  - \*Certain London Hill (1999)
  - "\_\_\_ Te Ching"
  - Future J.D.'s hurdle, acr.
  - Chips accompaniment
  - Tibetan monk
  - Celebrity
  - Please do not delay, acr.
  - S.A.T. section
  - Polynesian island country
  - Scarlet O'Hara's home
  - Singing femme fatale
  - Rig or truck
  - Artist's support
  - Italian money, 1861-2002
  - Petri dish gel
  - Like a longer route?
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  - \*They were reaping benefits (2011)
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  - Gone by
  - Generational divide
  - Oodles
  - Each one for himself?
  - Ouzo flavor
  - A whole lot
  - Pertinent
  - Not rights
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  - Hip bones
  - \*Actor Foley of #13
  - Kind of block
  - Healing gel producing plant
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  - Diplomat's forte
  - \_\_\_perspirant
  - One quark plus one antiquark
  - Spilled the beans
  - Dull surfaces
  - Fertile topsoil, pl.
  - Boat propeller
  - Army bathroom
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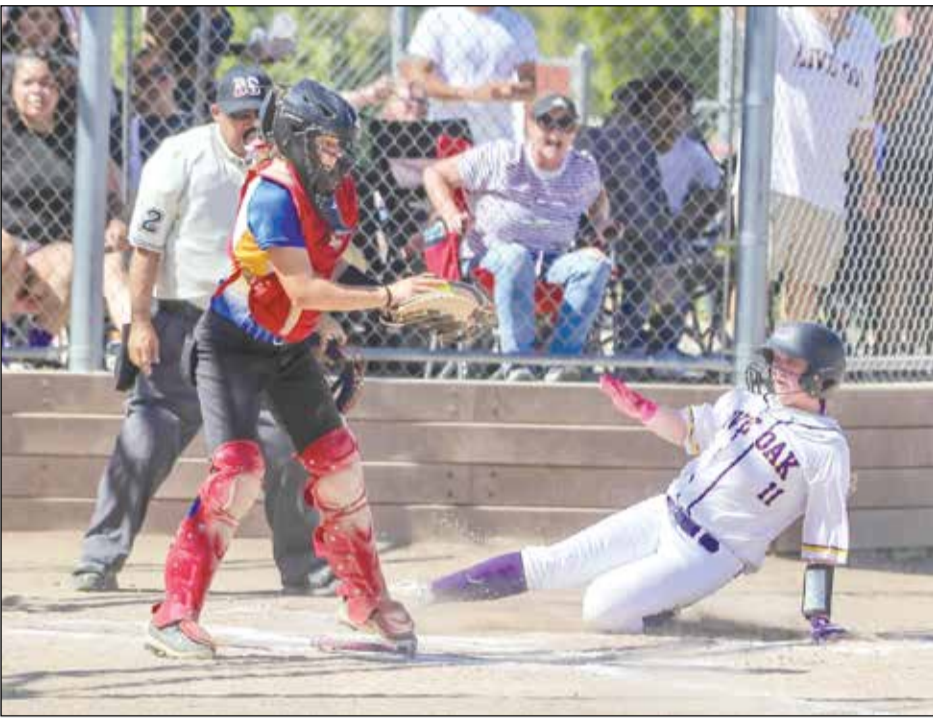
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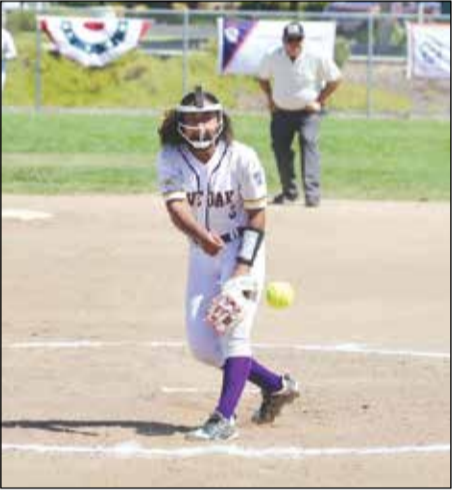
# Live Oak Softball One Win Away from Championship



Live Oak infielder Charlotte Dudek (11) slides into home safely on Saturday, July 4 in the victory over Pinole. Photo by Ryan Dudek

By Steven Bryla

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Little League 10-12 softball All-Star team is one win away from clinching their second-straight Northern California Championship.



Live Oak pitcher Eveya Martinez (2) tosses a pitch on Saturday, July 4 in a 5-0 win over Pinole. Photo by Ryan Dudek

LOLL clinched the CA Shasta Section Championship on July 1 after they had to beat Chico LL twice to secure that crown.

The short turn around onto the United States of America's 250th birthday celebration started with a 5-0 win over Pinole.

LO pitcher Eveya Martinez was dominant in the circle once again as she pitched a complete-game one hitter with 11 strikeouts and zero walks in the win.

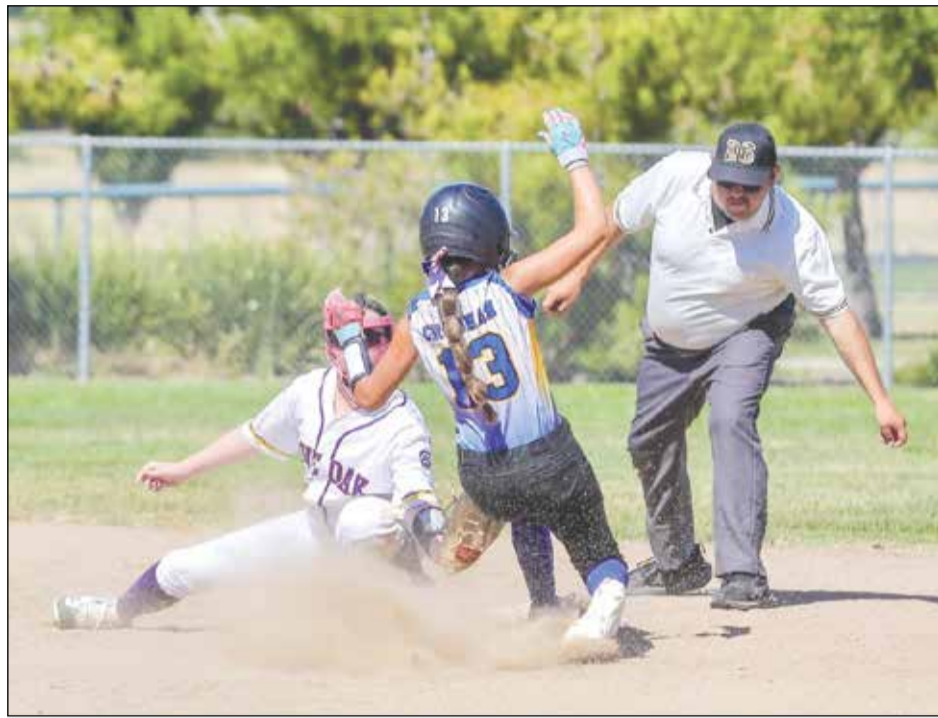
The LO hitters displayed discipline at the plate as they drew seven walks and infielder Charlotte Dudek led the way with two hits.

LO outfielder Athena Hough brought in the first run of the game with a bases-loaded walk in the first and lined a run-batted-in (RBI) single in the fourth.

Martinez lined a double down the left-field line in the second to help her cause in the circle.

On Sunday, LO faced a gritty Turlock LL team in the semifinals where the game went down to the wire.

LO took a 1-0 lead in the second when Olivia Smith hit the ball to the right side.



Live Oak infielder Charlotte Dudek (11) tags out a Pinole steal attempt on LO catcher Hannah Lancieri on Saturday, July 4. Photo by Ryan Dudek

They extended their lead 2-0 in the third when catcher Hannah Lancieri lined a ball up the middle for an RBI single.

Turlock answered back in the fourth with two-RBI singles off Martinez to tie the game.

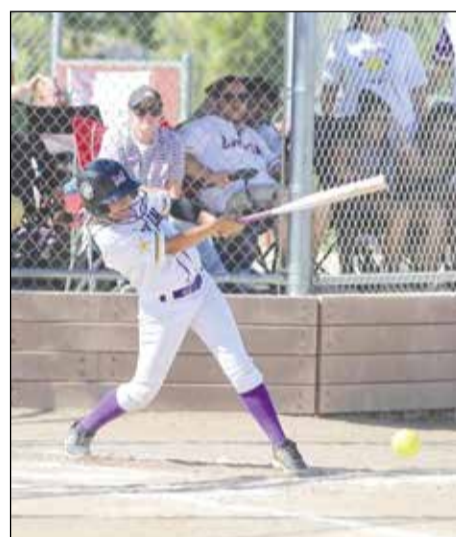
Turlock took a late 3-2 lead in the seventh on a sacrifice bunt back to Martinez.

In the bottom half of the seventh, down to their final out and runners on second and third Smith hit a hard line drive as a diving Turlock second baseman that scored infielder Riley Perigo to tie the game.

LO head coach Mitchell Perigo waved infielder Juliana Robles the whole way from second base even though the right fielder attempted to throw Smith out at first.

It was a bang-bang play at the plate, but Robles clearly beat the ball home and slid under the tag that advanced LO to its second-straight Northern California Championship.


Pinole and Turlock played Monday and the winner would have had to beat LO



Live Oak outfielder Athena Hough (5) hits a ground ball down the first-base line on Saturday, July 4 in the victory over Pinole. Photo by Ryan Dudek

twice to win the bracket and move on.

If LO won on Tuesday or Wednesday, they would compete in the Little League Softball West Regional Tournament in San Bernardino on July 18-23. ★




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