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Beloved Community Member Turns 100



Community members, family and friends congratulate Lois Langford on her 100th birthday during a community celebration in Live Oak. Pictured, from left, are Dave Anderson, Mary Anderson and Langford. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - A Live Oak woman recently reached a milestone that few achieve, turning 100 years old.

Lois Langford's family shared stories about her life during a celebration Saturday as her remaining siblings gathered to honor her accomplishments.

"Lois Langford was the oldest child of 12 children," Langford's daughter, Janet Benzel, said.

"Lois was a twin. She only weighed 2 pounds at birth," Benzel said. "She was placed in a small wooden grape box near the oven, which was used as an incubator. A woman's wedding band would fit on her wrist."

Despite those early challenges, Langford grew into a strong worker.

Born in Kansas, Langford worked alongside her brothers and father in the wheat fields. After other members of her family moved to California in 1954, Langford followed in 1960 and made Live Oak her home.

Langford became well known in both the Live Oak and Gridley communities. She worked at the Libby's cannery in Gridley processing peaches and cleaned houses during the off-season while raising five children.

She later worked in the Live Oak High School District cafeteria, but many people know her for spending 43 years working the gates at Live Oak High School football and basketball games.

"She's an icon," said Sarina Tilton, a former principal's secretary at Live Oak High School, as she reflected on Langford's years of service to the community.

Tilton said Langford was often the first to arrive and the last to leave football and basketball games. She helped set up, managed ticket sales and stayed until cleanup was complete.

Langford's dedication to the school inspired the creation of a basketball tournament in her honor. The tournament will celebrate its 29th year this season.

Langford's 100th birthday was marked with several celebrations, including a community gathering Saturday, July 18, at the Live Oak Community Center.

Despite her age, Langford still drives and regularly travels to Gridley to play bingo and participate in senior center activities. She also remains a loyal subscriber to the Gridley Herald.

As her daughter Janet said, "To know Lois is to love Lois." ★

Gridley Offers Credit for Paperless Utility Bills

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley utility customers who switch to paperless billing will receive a one-time \$10 credit under a new incentive program the City Council approved Monday, a move city officials hope will reduce long-term operating costs paid through the utility system.

Finance Director Martin Pineda said the city expects to spend about \$38,000 this fiscal year printing, stuffing and mailing more than 3,100 monthly utility bills. If every customer enrolled in paperless billing, the one-time credits would total about \$31,700, less than a single year's mailing costs, with savings continuing well into the future.

Pineda said the incentive was inspired by a presentation at the Government Finance Officers Association annual conference, where one city described achieving a high participation rate after offering customers a one-time credit to receive bills electronically. "They had a huge success," Pineda said, adding that about 95% of customers ultimately enrolled.

Pineda told the council the biggest expense is postage, which now accounts for more than three-quarters of the annual cost after postal rates increased to 78 cents per envelope. Paper, envelopes, printer costs and staff time make up the remaining expenses.

Electronic billing has become increasingly common as more households pay utility bills online or through mobile devices. Besides reducing paper use, it eliminates recurring printing and mailing costs that cities incur each month for every paper statement.

Customers already receiving electronic bills also will qualify for the one-time credit. Those wishing to participate can enroll through the city's website or contact City Hall for assistance. Participation is voluntary, and customers may continue receiving paper bills if they prefer, officials said.

Council members supported the incentive, noting that while the immediate benefit to customers is a \$10 credit, reducing recurring mailing expenses could help lower administrative costs

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Live Oak 10-12 Softball Sweeps Weekend in San Bernardino

By Steven Bryla

SAN BERNARDINO, CA (MPG)

- The Live Oak 10-12 softball team went 2-0 to open the Little League Softball West regionals as they won 2-1 over Honolulu LL on Sunday, July 19.

For the second game in a row, Live Oak pitcher Eveya Martinez scored the first run in the top of the first as she was brought in by a ground ball hit to tJusr he right side by infielder Charlotte Dudek.

Honolulu made Martinez work in the circle as she was at 53 pitches after three innings and Hawaii left five runners stranded on the basepaths through those frames.

On top of the resilience in the circle show by Martinez, the consistent and stellar-defensive by the Live Oak defense showed up again.



Live Oak places their winning name onto Tuesday, July 21'st game slot after their win over Hawaii on Sunday, July 19. Photo by Ryan Dudek

Live Oak catcher Hannah Lancieri threw out a base runner attempting to steal for the second-straight

game.

Additional Live Oak defense plays included heads up plays from

Martinez inside the circle, but infielders Riley Perigo and Juliana Robles along

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W Cook

William Blake Follis is a Modoc Indian. His great-great-grandfather was involved in the Modoc Indian Wars. The Modoc Indian Wars occurred from 1872 to 1873 in the northeast California and Oregon border region; the main problem arose from longstanding land disputes and forced relocation (and some murder, theft, and politics). The Modoc Indians had been confined to the Klamath Reservation alongside rival tribes, which prompted a faction of Modoc led by Captain Jack (Kintpuash) to flee back to their traditional homelands. When the U.S. government demanded their return, the Modoc refused, and the conflict escalated into open warfare. The war became notable for the Modoc's strategic use of the Lava Beds, a volcanic region with natural fortifications that gave them a significant defensive advantage despite facing a better-equipped U.S. Army. The conflict lasted roughly six months, making it one of the costliest Indian Wars relative to the numbers involved and the amount of land being fought over. Tensions during peace negotiations led to violence, including the killing of a general, General Canby, which caused some

serious overreactions on the part of everyone involved. Ultimately, the Modoc were defeated and forced to surrender. Captain Jack and other leaders were tried and executed; the surviving Modoc were relocated to Indian Territory in Oklahoma. Oddly, the white people who settled in Modoc County had an election to name their county when it was formed. Their choices were Canby, for General Canby, or Modoc, for the Indians they had sent to Oklahoma. They literally voted to name themselves after the Indians they sent to Oklahoma—one of the truly bizarre moments in California history. The psychology of that is worth studying more. The Modoc now own the Tulelake Airport and are in the process of buying back more of their homeland and running businesses as part of their tribal government. Blake Follis is a highly successful attorney and formerly served as the Attorney General of the Modoc Tribe. He also handles legal matters for other tribes, specifically the Wyandot Nation of Indians in Kansas. The Wyandot got to Kansas at gunpoint from their original lands around the Great Lakes and Ohio. This is where it gets really unique. There is a Wyandot Road in Oroville and a Township of Wyandot in Butte County, a Wyandot Creek and a Wyandot Groundwater Sustainability Agency. A group of these Indians, when arriving in Kansas, thought, “we can do better than this.” They had heard about the gold in California, saw people rushing through Kansas to get there, so they packed up and marched across

the country with the other 49ers. They were some of the first to make it to Oroville, stake claims, and settle the area. You may notice another town north of Oroville called Cherokee. Same story again: Cherokee Indians were also a part of the California Gold Rush. Oroville is and was a part of the Maidu Native territory, with three Maidu tribes still living in Oroville today. The Wyandots had about as much luck on a percentage basis as other 49ers; many went home, and others became fabulously wealthy and added their amazing stories to the tapestry that is California. John Rollin Ridge, a Cherokee 49er, had witnessed the murder of his father, John Ridge, a prominent leader in the Cherokee Nation. On the same day, his grandfather, Major Ridge, and his cousin, Elias Boudinot, the former editor of the Cherokee Phoenix Newspaper, were assassinated as well. The three men were members of the Treaty Party, which had taken part in signing away what remained of Cherokee lands, a land grab that the Georgia Gold Rush caused. When Ridge made it to California, he tried his hand at mining. Next, he organized a group of Sacramento business leaders to start a newspaper called The Sacramento Bee, which first published on Feb. 3, 1857. There is much to be learned from the lives of pioneers, including the Indian ones.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley and has been honored to be an advisor to Indian Tribal Governments for more than 25 years. ★

Butte Fair Seeks Stills Entries

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Fair is accepting entries for its stills departments as the 2026 fair approaches.

For those living within Butte County, the fair offers entry fees for adult non-livestock still exhibits starting at \$3, while youth entries are free. Adult exhibitors can win cash prizes, ribbons and rosettes. Youth competitors can earn ribbons and special awards.

"I love winning ribbons," said Julian Connolly, a Manzanita 4-H member and Butte County 4-H ambassador.

Connolly has entered multiple youth stills categories in past fairs, including dried sunflowers, fresh vegetables, photography and floral arrangements.

The stills department covers nearly everything crafted or grown by hand, with nine adult categories, eight youth categories and one family category.

Categories include baking, preserved foods, textiles, crafts, fine art and horticulture.

Each category includes numerous divisions with entry instructions available under the Competitive Exhibits tab at <http://buttecountyfair.org>. Requirements, including the number of entries allowed and exhibit specifications, are listed for each division.

Photography includes both amateur and experienced divisions, including black-and-white competition.

Special photography contests include the Butte County Scenes and



Manzanita 4-H member and Butte County 4-H Ambassador Julian Connolly received the People's Choice Award and a first-place ribbon for his acorn squash at the 2025 Butte County Fair. Photo courtesy of Lena Connolly

California State Parks divisions, where competitors submit photographs highlighting California's landscapes and history.

Registration for many stills categories, including clothing, textiles, quilts, arts and crafts, photography and preserved foods, closes Aug. 9.

Registration for adult and youth baking, confectionery, farm, garden and floriculture entries closes Aug. 16.

Youth categories also include entries from 4-H and Grange members who wish to exhibit homegrown produce, homemade foods, arts and crafts.

"I look forward to showing people what I spend my summer growing in the garden and the places I visit," Connolly said. "I

love taking photos around Butte County and hope people can get out and see the places I love the most."

In addition to competitive exhibits, the fair is inviting children to participate in its "Golden Days and Country Ways" coloring contest.

The contest is open to children throughout Butte County. The farm-themed coloring page is available at the Butte County Fair office or can be printed from the fair's website.

Entries are due by midnight Aug. 24. The contest includes two age divisions: pre-kindergarten and kindergarten through fifth grade. There is no entry fee, and each child may submit one entry.

For more information or to register, visit <http://buttecountyfair.org>. ★

Gridley School District Review Finds Strengths and Gaps

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A district self-evaluation presented to the Gridley Unified School District Board of Trustees in June found improvements in middle school safety and student wellness but identified rising cyberbullying among elementary students and continued challenges engaging parents in school decision-making.

The annual California School Dashboard Local Indicators report, required as part of the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan process, evaluates areas not measured by statewide testing, including school climate, family engagement, access to instructional materials, campus conditions and implementation of state academic standards. The findings are intended to help districts identify strengths and areas needing improvement as they develop goals for the coming school year. The information item required no board action.

The district reported all students had access to standards-aligned instructional materials during the 2023-24 school year and identified no school facilities that failed to meet the state's "good repair" standard. The report also found students had access to instructional materials both at school and at home, another measure used by the state to evaluate district performance.



Administrators reported continued progress implementing state academic standards. English language arts, English language development and mathematics remained at "full implementation," while instructional materials for science and history-social science improved to that level. However, teacher professional development for Next Generation Science Standards and history-social science declined from "full implementation" to "initial implementation." The report said the decline reflected a training gap rather than a shortage of curriculum materials and identified additional professional development and instructional coaching as priorities.

Parent survey results were mixed. The district reported stronger communication with families and increased parent involvement at the middle and high school levels. However, only 24% of parents said their input was actively sought, and 27% said they felt strongly encouraged to participate at their schools. The report also identified declining parent engagement at elementary schools and particularly low

participation at the middle school level, where only 12% of parents reported feeling welcome to participate in school activities.

Results from the California Healthy Kids Survey also varied by grade level. Among fifth-grade students, cyberbullying increased from 18% to 30%, and students reporting they had been hit or pushed rose from 31% to 38%, despite gains in respect, relationships with caring adults and overall wellness. Seventh-grade students reported substantial improvements, with school safety increasing from 45% to 67% and chronic sadness and hopelessness dropping from 35% to 17%. At the high school level, Grade 11 students' perception of school safety declined from 71% to 60%, although meaningful participation in school increased from 16% to 27%.

The district plans to strengthen multilingual communication, expand opportunities for parent participation and increase professional development in science and history-social science as part of its continuous improvement process and development of the next Local Control and Accountability Plan. ★

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Community Gathers Over Classic Cars

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The parking lot at Grace Lutheran Church filled with classic cars, trucks and community members on Saturday, July 18, as the church hosted its third Cars and Coffee gathering.

The informal event brought together vehicle enthusiasts and local residents for coffee, conversation and a chance to admire a variety of cars with no schedule or competition.

Michael Doehrman, a deacon at Grace Lutheran Church, said the church wanted to create a wholesome way for the community to come together.

"It's a great opportunity to come out and shoot the breeze," said Doehrman, who brought his 1973 Ford Ranchero to the gathering.

The event welcomes all



Community members gather to admire a variety of vehicles during the Cars and Coffee gathering at Grace Lutheran Church in Gridley on Saturday, July 18. The informal event brought together car enthusiasts and residents for coffee, conversation and fellowship. Photo courtesy of Michael Doehrman

types of vehicles.

"If it's cool, bring it," Doehrman said. "There's no pressure. This is not a show."

Doehrman said previous

gatherings have attracted about 20 to 30 participants. Attendance remained similar this month, but he noticed more Gridley residents stopping by to look

at the vehicles, visit with neighbors and enjoy coffee and doughnuts.

"We had about the same number of cars, maybe a few more," Doehrman said.

"The increase we noted at this Cars and Coffee event was more people from the Gridley community coming to check out the cars, have some fun and

fellowship, and maybe a doughnut."

Organizers are considering making Cars and Coffee an official monthly event.

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Gridley Delays Waste Management Liens

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council on Monday delayed placing liens on properties with delinquent Waste Management accounts after residents raised concerns about billing errors, ownership changes and a lack of notification.

The council directed city staff and Waste Management to verify the accounts before returning the matter Aug. 3.

The proposed liens totaled about \$180,132 across more than 170 accounts that were at least 120 days delinquent. Individual accounts ranged from about \$93 to more than \$2,300. Most of the proposed liens were for a few hundred dollars, while a smaller number exceeded \$1,000 after multiple years of unpaid service and the city's 1% administrative fee were added.

The public hearing drew several property owners who said they had already paid their accounts, recently purchased properties listed for liens or never received notices that garbage bills had gone unpaid. Several told the council they were incorrectly listed because the delinquent balances belonged to former owners or former tenants, leaving current property owners to challenge the proposed liens.

A Waste Management representative outlined the company's collection process, explaining that customers receive multiple notices before accounts are referred for the lien process and that payment plans are available for those who contact the company.

"The letters that go out in February, March and April are sent not only to the

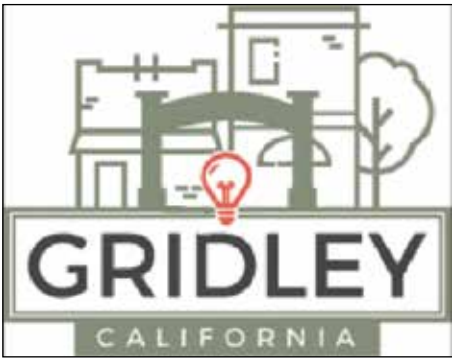
customer who is receiving the garbage, but also the owner of the property," the representative said. "If they contact us and try to make it right, then we give them a payment plan."

The representative said the largest balances reflect two years of unpaid bills because the lien process was not completed last year.

Residents described a variety of billing problems during the hearing. One property owner said he received seven lien notices totaling more than \$5,500 but had never been notified his tenants were behind on their garbage bills. Another homeowner said Waste Management confirmed her account had a zero balance, yet her property still appeared on the proposed lien list. Others said they purchased their homes after the delinquent charges were incurred by previous owners.

Councilmember Catalina Sanchez urged the city to review every account before approving any liens, citing concerns that outdated ownership and tenant information could result in errors.

City Manager Elisia Arteaga said the city's role under its Franchise Agreement with Waste Management is limited to administering the lien process and does not include collecting garbage bills or



arranging payment plans.

"This service is provided by Waste Management," Arteaga said. "As far as the city's involved, our role in this is just following our code for the lien. If they need to make arrangements or extensions, they should reach out to Waste Management because it's their utility bill."

Councilmember Angel Calderon said he would also like the city to explore ways to better assist residents facing financial hardship and develop a protocol for helping residents navigate billing issues before delinquent accounts reach the lien stage.

Rather than approving the liens, the council directed city staff and Waste Management to continue reviewing the disputed accounts and bring the matter back for consideration Aug. 3, or at a special meeting if necessary, to meet the county's Aug. 7 deadline for placing delinquent charges on the property tax roll.

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with Dudek made key plays throughout the game.

Lancieri led the fourth off with a single to right. Lancieri was relieved on the base paths by Robles at second after Robles struck out for the second out of the inning.

Live Oak outfielder Olivia Smith hit a run-batted-in single up the middle that scored Robles from second.

Honolulu's first two hitters in the fourth reached base safely and Martinez was relieved by Dudek in the circle.

Martinez finished the game with three innings in the circle where she surrendered five hits, one run and two strikeouts.

Dudek came into the circle and dominated inside the circle as she retired the first seven hitters she faced.

Honolulu threatened in the sixth with two-straight hits with two outs.

Dudek had two strikes on Honolulu catcher Reona Takamori and she attempted a bunt with two strikes and it grazed her bat. Strike three was



Live Oak celebrates their 2-1 victory against Hawaii on Sunday, July 19. Photo by Ryan Dudek

originally called and Hawaii challenged the rule.

It was deemed that play was unreviewable and Live Oak took the victory.

With the win, Live Oak mimicked their same path from

2025. Live Oak was two victories away from punching their ticket to the Little League Softball World Series in Greenville, North Carolina.

Live Oak played Nevada on Tuesday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

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Live Oak pitcher Charlotte Dudek (11) tosses a pitch on Sunday, July 19 in the win over Hawaii. Photo by Ryan Dudek

Sheriff Honea Welcomes Two New Deputies



Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea, left, administers the oath of office to Correctional Deputy Brian Orozco and Deputy Priscilla Betancourt during a swearing-in ceremony last week. Orozco and Betancourt officially joined the Butte County Sheriff's Office as they begin their law enforcement careers. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office

Live Oak Stabbing Leads to Arrest

By Lloyd Green Jr.

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - One man is in custody after allegedly stabbing another man at a Live Oak gas station.

Deputies with the Sutter County Sheriff's Office responded at about 3 a.m. Monday, July 20, to L & R Gas Station on Highway 99 after receiving a report of a stabbing.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the victim reported he had been stabbed and identified the suspect, who was known to him.

Deputies immediately searched the surrounding area and located Lester Nelson, 45, of Live Oak, near Pennington Road and Highway 99. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Sutter County Jail on suspicion of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

The victim was transported to Adventist Health and Rideout for treatment. The Sheriff's Office said he is expected to make a full recovery.

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SUSAN ANN SORENSON — 9/9/1946 – 7/7/2026

Susan Ann Sorenson, born September 9, 1946, passed peacefully at home in her sleep in her bed on July 7, 2026. Sue was the co-founder of Sorenson Pest Control along with her loving husband and life partner Lloyd Sorenson who had passed away on July 4, 2021.

Sue was a loving mother, grandmother, and matriarch of the Sorenson family. Sue loved fishing, gardening, reading and spending her days outside in the sun. Anyone who has met Sue absolutely remembers her. She had a lasting impact with all interactions she had with people and the Gridley community. She has been reunited with her loving husband whom she missed dearly.

Sue is survived by her sons Kevin and Kim Sorenson and her six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Sue wished to have a small ceremony with immediate family only.



Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Everything in the vegetable garden has taken off. Lots of tomatoes, lots of squash both crook neck and zucchini. Artichokes still going strong without aphids which is a miracle. Grapes have taken on a second wind. The abutilons are blooming with vim and vigor. A maroon and cream

tree lily is putting on a show, and the double tiger lilies out back are fluffy clouds of orange shining forth especially in the morning sun. I have a clematis that is heat hardy and it is going like gang busters. My alstroemerias are blooming with bright happy colors.

All of the fruit trees need a haircut. To keep them at 5 or so feet I have to prune regularly. Fortunately, it doesn't take all that much time. I simply have to get out early in the morning and get it done. I'm always amazed this time of year when I go out and realize the trees have taken off. One day they are trim and the next wild and wooly. The mandarin has really decided to grow its branches in wacky ways. My O Henry

peach has some beauties. I love their rich reddish color.

The cyclamen garden in front has a lot of blooms. I did not expect that. I thought they would be dormant all summer. I'm loving that garden, and learning so much. I'm adding more rocks because it turns out cyclamen in the wild like rocky areas. Plus, the contrast of the big rocks and the flower colors is perfect for viewing.

If you have not signed up to enter the fair do it now. Check out how many different items you can enter. I have bonsai and succulents entered. Go online and check it out at Butte County Fair exhibit book. This year you can also go into the office to get help signing up. ★



Wildfire Mitigation Tool Threatened as Goat Herder Wage Soars to \$240k

California's minimum wage for goat herders quadrupled this month due to a shift in the state's interpretation of its labor code and the expiration of a temporary solution. As of July 1, employees who graze goats on fire-prone landscapes will earn \$240,000 a year, according to an estimate by the California Farm Bureau. The regulatory accident, which unintentionally differentiated sheepherders from goat herders, could soon have real consequences. If the mistake is not fixed, ranchers said that within weeks they will be forced to shut down their businesses and sell off tens of thousands of animals. They said the loss of goats could result in hundreds of herders losing their jobs, and it could cripple one of the primary tools California uses to reduce wildfire fuels. "We will ship all the goats out of California and have them slaughtered," said Robert McGrew, vice president and CEO of Dixon-based vegetation management company Ecosystem Concepts Inc. in Solano County.

Growers Look to Grafted Watermelons to Battle Pests

There is increasing interest among California farmers in seedless watermelon production using scion varieties grafted onto hardy rootstocks, according to researchers and plant nurseries. By grafting a desirable fruit-producing scion onto a rootstock that's resistant to soil-borne pathogens, producers can sustainably manage pests

without a yield or quality loss. Hande Saganak, who is responsible for grafting at California Masterplant, a wholesale nursery near Tracy, said she's definitely seen increased grower interest. "It's been growing really fast," she said. "It seems we have producers that don't want to go back to regular plants again." University of California Cooperative Extension vegetable farm adviser Zheng Wang estimated about 3,000 of the state's approximately 10,000 acres of seedless watermelons were grafted this year. Driving the growth are the increasing costs and reduced availability of fumigation.

From the Fields: Table Grape Harvest Kicks Off in Kern County

California table grapes have begun arriving in grocery stores after harvest got off to an early start in the San Joaquin Valley. "Normally, I don't start harvesting Flame grapes until around the Fourth of July and the green grapes about a week later. This year, I'm almost finished with the green grapes, so we started about two weeks earlier than normal," Kern County grower Mark Hall said in a field report earlier this month. "We're the first grapes in the San Joaquin Valley because it's a little warmer down here at the southern end of the valley. We like to harvest early and get our fruit off before the market gets flooded with grapes from the rest of the growing regions. The warm weather early in the season brought the crop on ahead of schedule, but it wasn't excessively hot." ★

Gridley Rancher Joins EPA Committee

By Lloyd Green Jr.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gridley rancher Ryan Schohr has been appointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee for the 2026-2027 term, according to a joint announcement from the California Farm Bureau, California Cattlemen's Association and Butte County Farm Bureau.

The committee advises the EPA on policies affecting farms, ranches and rural communities across the country.

Schohr is managing partner of Schohr Ranch, a multigenerational Northern California operation that produces rice, walnuts and timber while also raising commercial cattle. The organizations said his agricultural background and leadership experience will help provide practical input on federal environmental policy.

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass said Schohr brings experience in production agriculture, environmental stewardship and rural communities.

"His experience at the intersection of intensive production



Ryan Schohr's experience will help connect federal environmental policy with the practical needs of farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Farm Bureau

agriculture, environmental stewardship, and rural community vitality will help ensure EPA policies are workable, science-based, and supportive of the country's family farms and ranches," Douglass said.

California Cattlemen's Association President Rick Roberti said Schohr's experience in crop protection, resource management and grazing practices makes him a strong addition to the committee.

"Appointing active producers like Ryan is critical so that EPA programs deliver workable solutions that support the agriculture

sector and America's rural communities," Roberti said.

Former Congressman Doug LaMalfa Chief of Staff Mark Spannagel said Schohr understands the need for environmental policies that work for agricultural communities while supporting the long-term future of farming.

Butte County Farm Bureau Executive Director Colleen Cecil noted Schohr has served the organization for nearly 30 years, including as president. She also cited his work on water policy, agricultural protection and rural advocacy, as well as his participation in the California Agricultural Leadership Program and his service on the board of the Farm Foundation.

In addition to his industry leadership, Schohr serves on the Butte County Water Commission and supports local FFA and 4-H programs. He also hosts agricultural research trials with university and industry partners and educational tours for students, conservation groups, trade delegations and food companies.

The organizations said Schohr's experience will help connect federal environmental policy with the practical needs of farmers, ranchers and rural communities. ★

Woman Sentenced in Gridley Bank Robbery

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A Marysville woman was sentenced to state prison July 15 for robbing a Gridley bank at gunpoint last year and leading police on a high-speed pursuit before her arrest.

Jennifer Flores, 22, was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court to four years and eight months in state prison after previously pleading guilty to robbery with use of a firearm and felony evading.

The charges stem from the July 17, 2025, robbery of the BMO Bank in Gridley.

According to the Butte County District Attorney's Office, Gridley police responded to a report of a robbery in progress and saw Flores, dressed in black with a face covering and carrying a handgun, get into a vehicle without license plates. Officers pursued the vehicle on Larkin Road, where investigators said Flores drove more than 90 mph in a 45-mph zone before crashing into an orchard and running from the vehicle. Officers caught and arrested her after a brief foot pursuit. Authorities said they

recovered a substantial amount of cash stolen from the bank.

Investigators said Flores entered the bank with a pistol, demanded money and ordered four employees to open the bank's safe. She was collecting stacks of \$100 bills when police sirens sounded, prompting her to flee. Officers later determined the handgun was unloaded.

Earlier this year, Flores petitioned the court for mental health diversion, arguing postpartum mood disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder contributed to the robbery. Prosecutors opposed the request, and Commissioner Leah Sears denied the petition, ruling Flores posed an unreasonable risk to public safety.

During sentencing, Flores' attorney argued California law favored a lower prison term because she was younger than 26. Judge Kimberly Merrifield instead imposed the middle term of four years and eight months, citing letters submitted by bank employees describing the fear they experienced during the robbery and the lasting impact the crime had on their lives, according to the district attorney's office. ★

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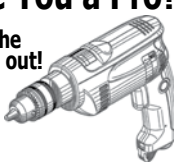
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West Nile Virus Detected in Yuba County

By MPG Staff

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District has confirmed the first evidence of West Nile virus activity in Yuba County this year after two mosquito samples tested positive for the virus.

The mosquito samples were collected July 7 in the Hallwood and Wheatland areas. District officials said surveillance traps show Culex mosquitoes, the primary carriers of West Nile virus, are at peak abundance.

The district said its surveillance program remains active and mosquito control operations are underway in areas where virus activity has been detected.

Health officials are



Mosquito samples in Hallwood and Wheatland area tested positive for West Nile virus. Photo courtesy of Magnific

urging residents throughout Yuba County to take precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito bites, regardless of where they live. Officials said avoiding mosquito bites remains the most effective way to prevent West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

The district recommends four key prevention measures: Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535. Limit outdoor activities during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Keep window

and door screens in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering homes. Eliminate standing water from items such as flowerpot saucers, buckets, tires and birdbaths where mosquitoes can breed.

Residents are also encouraged to report dead birds, which can indicate West Nile virus activity, through the California Department of Public Health website at west-nile.ca.gov or by calling 877-968-2473.

For more information about West Nile virus or mosquito control efforts, visit sutter-yubamvd.org or contact the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District at 530-674-5456, ext. 0, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Live Oak Man Arrested in Stolen Semi-Truck Case

By Lloyd Green Jr.

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - A Live Oak man was arrested Monday after deputies located a stolen semi-truck that had been taken from Sacramento.

On Monday, July 20, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office said the owner of the semi-truck was actively tracking its location after reporting it stolen.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Treatment Plant Access Road, where they found Keith Jensen, 63, of Live Oak, inside the stolen semi-truck.

Jensen was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Sutter County Jail on



charges related to the stolen vehicle.

"The SCSO maintains strong working relationships with members of the trucking community to assist in locating stolen or tampered vehicles and equipment," Sheriff Brandon Barnes said. "These partnerships are invaluable in quickly recovering property and identifying those responsible."

Community Calendar

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

Running through Sunday, July 26

Let Freedom Ring Kids Music Camp
3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 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. A dress rehearsal will be held Saturday, followed by 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.

Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, Aug. 2

Reverse Coed Quads Volleyball Tournaments

Cowan Gymnasium, Butte College, 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville. Players of all skill levels are invited to compete in this indoor volleyball tournament benefiting the Butte College Volleyball Team. The event offers competitive play, prizes and a chance to support the program. Registration and additional information are available at www.nor-calvbacademy.com.

Saturday, July 25

Pioneer Day Celebration

9 a.m., Liberty Pavilion, Gridley. The Gridley Stake will host a Pioneer Day Celebration featuring a free community breakfast with pancakes, sausage, breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, donuts, fresh fruit, juice and milk. The family-friendly event will also include pioneer games, cornhole, 9 square and other activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, July 26

2026 Happy Hippie Summer

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Enjoy a day filled with handmade goods, delicious food, and fun activities for the whole family. The event is free to enter and fun for all ages. Enjoy face painting and balloon tying, free arts and crafts section, live music, more than 50 local makers, artists and food vendors.

Wednesday, July 29

Sunsweet Hiring Event

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunsweet Gridley Dryer, 26 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley. RUSH Personnel Services and Sunsweet Growers will host a hiring event for seasonal positions at the Gridley Dryer. Openings include general laborers, machine operators and forklift operators. Applicants can apply in person with no appointment necessary and meet with recruiters on-site. For information, call RUSH Personnel Services at 530-770-3790.

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.

Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31

"Tartuffe"

7 p.m. Thursday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Chico Women's Club, 592 E. Third St., Chico. Third Eye Playhouse presents Molière's classic comedy "Tartuffe," directed by Kristian Power. The PG-13 production features wit, humor and larger-than-life characters. Recommended for ages 13 and older due to crude humor. Tickets are \$20 at the door or through the event's Facebook page.

Thursday, July 30

Storytime in the Little Red Barn

10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Enjoy a story read by a local artist, author, or storyteller, make a craft and have some fun. Expect a short outdoor activity for kids which may include getting wet. No cost and open to kids of all ages. For more information, call 530-342-4359.

Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2

SFDGA Annual Dairy Goat Show

9 a.m. Saturday through 4 p.m. Sunday at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St. Join the Sierra Foothills Dairy Goat Association for both junior and senior doe shows, showmanship competitions and more.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Preserving Food with Friends

10 a.m., The Garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Learn the basics of preserving fresh produce during this hands-on class focused on tomatoes. Space is limited to 12 participants. Register in advance by emailing preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com or call 530-777-8469 for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

National Night Out

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Manuel Vierra Park, 194 Washington St. Join us for backpack and school supplies giveaways, waterpark and kids' games, live music, food and crafts vendors, and more. It's a great time to connect with our community.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Dog Days of Summer

10 a.m. to noon at Butte Humane Society Education Center, 13391 Garner Lane, Chico. Take a break from the heat – stop by for a morning of arts & crafts, adoptable dogs, and refreshing drinks for purchase from Sippy Hippie Co. We hope to see you here to enjoy all the fun!

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 28 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 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, Aug. 12.

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, Aug. 5.

Community Resources – Find Food

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

First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be July 26. 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, Aug. 11. 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, Aug. 11. 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.

Gridley Library Summer Event Schedule

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

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>.

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.



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NAME STATEMENTS

WFCITITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000691
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Griselda G Medrano, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, 95965
Date filed in Butte County: June 23, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 23, 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

SISTERS
7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000656
The following person(s) are doing business as: Summit Welding Services, 245 Ohio Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Dayton A Ramoz, 245 Ohio Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: June 12 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 12, 2024
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SUMMIT
7-24-26

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 FILE NO. 2026-0000613
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gold Coast Nut, 1126 Hixson Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
Gold Coast Nut, LLC, 700 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: June 3, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2026
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

GOLD
8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000630
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Certified Farmers Market, 2525 Oro Dam Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
Joyce B Townsend, 20 Sutter View Court, Oroville, CA 95966 and Tracy Grant, 6625 Citrus Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: June 8, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 6, 2026
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

OROVILLE
8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000684
The following person(s) are doing business as: Strive Dance, 1920 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Strive Dance LLC, 1920 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: June 22, 2026. The Registrant com-

menced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

STRIVE
8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000716
The following person(s) are doing business as: El Patron Mexican Cocina, 1354 East Avenue Suite E, Chico, CA 95926
ATMD LLC, 1354 East Avenue Suite E, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: June 29, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 7, 2023
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

EL
8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000747
The following person(s) are doing business as: Thicc Bunz Sociaty, 745 Yuba Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965
Alexandria M Robbins and Tyler B Tillman, 745 Yuba Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: July 9, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 9, 2026
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. 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 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

THICC
8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000754
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Dryer Vent Plus, 1141 Honey Run Road, Chico, CA 95928
Heinz, Brent, 1141 Honey Run Road, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: July 9, 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 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026

CHICO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME – STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT

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. 20th 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
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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
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SISTERS
7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
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The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: El Patron Mexican Cocina, 1354 East Avenue Suite E, Chico, CA 95926
ATMD LLC, 1354 East Avenue Suite E, Chico, CA 95926
Original filing date: June 7, 2023; Statement expires: June 7, 2028. The Registrant began transacting business on: June 7, 2023. Business conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
Date Filed in Butte County: June 29, 2026.

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EL
8-14-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

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
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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
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RYAN
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #26CV01931

Petitioner Melissa Rose Hanover filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Melissa Rose Hanover to Melissa Rose Hanover Summerfeld.

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
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HANOVER
8-14-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #26CV01932

Petitioner Elazar Vilensky filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Elazar Vilensky to Elazar Vilensky Summerfeld.

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 24, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #26CV01934

Petitioner Melissa Rose Hanover and Elazar Vilensky filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jasper Evan Vilensky to Jasper Evan Summerfeld.

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
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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

NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE
[CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]

TO REGISTERED OWNERS LISA KLANJAC, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:

A 1972 mobilehome, Manufacturer Golden West, Tradename Kingston; HCD Decal Number LBJ4599, Serial number S1320; HUD Label/Insignia Number 63794 measuring 60 feet in length and 12 feet in width per section.

SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210(2) by Cobblestone II OLH LLC dba Olive Hill MHP (“Community Owner”) for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Lisa Klanjac, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, notice is hereby given said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at 10:00 a.m. on August 10, 2026 at 125 Sycamore Parkway, Oroville, CA 95966. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, “as-is” without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

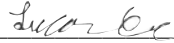
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$22.96 from May 7, 2026 through June 1, 2026, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$1,596.96. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$22.96 per day accruing on or after June 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after June 2026 and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.

Please take further notice all third-party bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within three (3) days after the sale or disposition of the same. THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN OLIVE HILL MHP AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION. Any purchaser of

the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.

COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC DBA
OLIVE HILL MHP

Dated: July 14, 2026, at San Jose, California

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 100
(One position of Director)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Drainage District 100 will conduct a General District Election on the 3rd day of November, 2026 for the purpose of electing one position of Director. The term for the position of Director shall be for four (4) years or until the Director's successor qualifies and takes office.

1. To be qualified as a candidate for the position of Director, a person must be a holder of title to land within District boundaries, or the Legal Representative of a holder of title to land within District boundaries, and an elector.

2. If insufficient nominations are received and a petition for election is not filed within the time period stipulated in Election Code section 10515, appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed within the Election Code section 10515.

3. Declarations of Candidacy may be obtained at the District's office located at 1205 School Street, Richvale, CA 95974, and must be returned and filed at the same location no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2026, and no candidate shall withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after that date. If the incumbent elective officers do not file Declarations of Candidacy by the indicated deadline, the time to file is extended to August 12, 2026.

4. The election will be conducted by Drainage District 100 and its designated representatives. Information regarding the election may be obtained by calling District's Counsel, Andrew McClure at (530) 533-2885.

Dated: July 13, 2026

Drainage District 100

By: 
Jason Skaggs, District Manager

The Gridley Herald 7-24-2026

NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER PURSUANT
TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 3440.1(H)(2):

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Carpet Center, Inc., Transferor, whose address is 2750 Bayview Drive Fremont, CA 94538, intends to transfer the personal property described below to WESTLAKE RYDER SQUARE, LLC, Transferee, whose address is 520 SOUTH EL CAMINO REAL. BSMTA, SAN MATEO, CA 94402, on or after 07/28/2026. Note: Publication must be complete not less than 10 days before the date of transfer, Civ. Code § 3440.1(h)(2)]. The personal property is currently stored and located at 195 Washington St. Gridley, CA 95948-3124 and will remain at that location following transfer. The personal property to be transferred generally consists of the following: Unit Kitchen Backsplash Tile, and Unit Shower Tile Surround per RFI 12, RFI 16

UT2 - Unit Kitchen Backsplash Tile: Daltile HV20RCT412GL Glossy White, 4x12, Glossy
UT1 - Unit Shower Tile Surround: Daltile AV17RCT1224MTJ1 White, Rectangle, 12x24, Matte

Dated this July 16, 2026

By The Carpet Center, Inc.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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
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SUMMONS

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

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
(Name): AVO 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 associa-

tion. 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 replace-

ment 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 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:

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NOTIC OF PUBLIC HEARING
Amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **August 11, 2026, at 10:00 am**, or shortly thereafter, to consider an amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, to adopt a Mobile Food Court Zoning Ordinance Section. The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, California.

Summary of Ordinance

A County-initiated Zoning Code Amendment (PROJ-26-0035) to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance seeking to adopt the proposed section (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, Section 24.176 – Mobile Food Courts). This amendment shall establish mobile food courts as land use allowable in Mixed-Use, Commercial, and Industrial Zones subject to an administrative permit. The zoning code amendment is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a) under a ministerial project exemption.

The amendment summarized above is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Comments regarding the project may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above. Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board; voicemail at (530) 552-3300, or by email to clerkoftheboard@buttecounty.ca.gov. Please include the agenda item number when submitting public comments.

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

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NOTIC OF PUBLIC HEARING
Amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **August 11, 2026, at 10:15 am**, or shortly thereafter, to consider an amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, Section 24.172.1 (Short-Term Rental Ordinance). The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, California.

Summary of Ordinance

A County-initiated Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA25-0005) to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, Section 24.172.1 – Short-Term Rental Ordinance). The ordinance was originally adopted in 2019, with minor amendments since the original adoption. The ordinance has been in effect for over 6 years and the proposed amendments are based on community outreach and the changes over the last 6 years.

The zoning code amendment is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as a common-sense exemption.

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Peach Festival Fills Marysville Streets

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Thousands flocked to downtown Marysville for another packed weekend of food, entertainment and family activities during the annual Marysville Peach Festival.

The free two-day event featured hundreds of vendors and exhibitors, with streets full of peach-themed foods, drinks, crafts and merchandise. By far, one of the most popular offerings this year was the peach cobbler milkshake from Everything's Just Peachy. Despite the midday heat, the novelty dessert attracted a line of customers that stretched nearly an entire block.



Everything's peachy! One young festivalgoer embraces the spirit of the Marysville Peach Festival in full peach attire. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Carnival rides were also a popular new addition to the festival, joining longtime favorites

such as the Sadorus Orchards fruit stand, live music and the annual peach pie-eating contest.



Festivalgoers sample different peach varieties while browsing a vendor's stand during the Marysville Peach Festival. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

Darren Myers claimed this year's pie-eating title.

From frozen peach treats and fresh fruit to music, contests and carnival rides, the festival once again gave visitors plenty of ways

to celebrate one of the region's sweetest summer traditions. The following photos capture some of the sights, flavors and festivities from this year's Marysville Peach Festival. ★

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Local Athletes Shine at Summer Games

By MPG Staff

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Athletes from Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties returned home with an impressive medal haul after competing in the 2026 Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games, earning multiple gold medals in bocce and track and field.

After months of training, local athletes competed against teams from across Northern California, showcasing their skills, determination and sportsmanship throughout the multi-day competition. The Yuba/Sutter/Colusa

delegation entered three bocce teams, and each captured a gold medal in its division.

The Rolling Rhinos team of James Hensley, Amanda Manes, Stephanie Johnson and Haley Cunningham was coached by Caryn Burke.

The Valkyries team of Karen Young, Haley Sinn, Elizabeth Crockett and Sai Vang was coached by Rylee Dysart.

The Smack Talkers team of John Melin, Peter Culverson, Theo Riedel and Cory Sangston was coached by Courtney Burke.

The area's track and field

Special Olympics Northern California



team also earned numerous medals under coaches Brayden Dysart, Jason Dysart and Mikeal Dysart.

Matt Amaro won a gold medal in the Turbo Javelin, a bronze medal in the 100-meter walk and placed sixth in the 400-meter walk.

Damyan Dysart earned gold in the Turbo Javelin, silver in the running long jump and bronze in the 100-meter run.

James "Bubba" Godwin won silver medals in the 400-meter walk and Turbo Javelin, along with a bronze medal in the shot put.

Alex Kaney earned silver in the shot put, bronze in the Turbo Javelin and finished fourth in the 100-meter run.

TJ Nash captured gold in the 100-meter walk, silver in the shot put and placed fourth in the 25-meter run.

Tegan Ruiz won gold in

the 50-meter run and silver medals in the 100-meter run and long jump.

Kathleen Smith earned gold medals in the softball throw and 25-meter run, along with a silver medal in the 50-meter run.

Grayson Vang completed the games with three gold medals, winning the 25-meter run, running long jump and 50-meter run.

"Watching our athletes compete is one of the greatest privileges imaginable," Area Director Jonnie Hagan said. "Every athlete represented our community with courage, determination and incredible heart. While we are thrilled with

the medals our athletes earned, we are even more proud of the sportsmanship they displayed, the friendships they built and the confidence they gained throughout the Games."

Hagan also thanked the area's coaches, families, caregivers, volunteers, donors and community partners for supporting the athletes throughout the season.

With the Summer Games complete, the Yuba/Sutter/Colusa program has shifted its focus to upcoming softball, golf and soccer seasons and is welcoming new athletes, coaches and volunteers. ★

Sutter Shooters Win National Title

By MPG Staff

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Shotgun Team and Sutter Junior Shooters returned home from the Youth Shooting Sports Foundation (YSSF) U.S. Open National Championship in Las Vegas with their first High Overall (HOA) national championship, marking a milestone for the program.

The competition was held at the Clark County Shooting Complex, where Sutter shooters competed in trap, skeet and sporting clays against teams from across the country.

The program earned the High Overall Team championship by posting the top combined performance

across all three disciplines. It marked the first time Sutter has won the national HOA title.

In addition to the overall championship, the varsity team claimed national team titles in skeet and sporting clays.

The varsity roster included Logan Munger, Garrett Bartels, Manny Moulton, Tyler Fletcher, Caesar Moulton, Dixie Bybee, Heston Burrow, Ireland Sohrakoff, Summer Anderson, Jonathan Mendez and Nicolas Miller.

Munger and Bartels teamed up to win first-place squad titles in both sporting clays and skeet.

Individually, Munger placed second in varsity skeet, while Manny

Moulton finished second in varsity sporting clays.

The junior varsity team of Aidan Jewell, Bailey Crabtree, Ismael Collins, Eric Mallett and James Dammann placed third in trap and sporting clays and second in skeet.

Cameron Cipriani earned second place individually in junior varsity trap.

The Sutter Junior Shooters team of Kailey Crabtree, Arlo Eubanks and Josue Mendez captured national team championships in skeet and sporting clays. The team also earned third place in trap.

In squad competition, the junior shooters placed first in sporting clays, second in skeet and third in trap. The third-place trap squad included Crabtree,



Members of the Sutter Shotgun Team and Sutter Junior Shooters pose with the High Overall team trophy and multiple individual and team awards after winning the High Overall national championship at the Youth Shooting Sports Foundation U.S. Open National Championship in Las Vegas. The title marked the program's first High Overall national championship. Photo courtesy of Dan Samson

Eubanks, Josue Mendez, Eric Mallett and James Dammann.

Arlo Eubanks finished second individually in intermediate entry sporting

clays, while Josue Mendez placed third in the same event. ★

Live Oak Advances Delinquent Account Collections

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the July 17 meeting, the Live Oak City Council held a public hearing on forwarding overdue water and sewer accounts to Sutter County for collection through the property tax roll.

Finance Director Ethan Gutierrez explained this is an annual process that allows the city to recover unpaid costs of service from delinquent accounts. This year, there were four properties with overdue accounts, with charges ranging from \$55 to \$328 for a total of \$702 to be collected. City staff notified the account holders about the past-due amounts and the date of the public hearing.

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez asked whether the city pays a fee for the lien process, and Gutierrez said the county charges a \$35 processing fee, as well as administrative fees for each delinquent account.

Hernandez said that since the total overdue amount is fairly small, the fees amounted to "kind of shooting yourself in the foot." She suggested the city look into adding those costs to the lien amount so the account holders, rather than the city, would bear the expense.

There were no public comments on the item, and the council voted 3-0 to approve the collection process. Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine and



Councilmember Nancy Santana were absent.

The council also held its annual public hearing on sending overdue refuse disposal accounts, identified by Recology, to the county for collection through the property tax roll.

There were 222 delinquent accounts, with a total of \$71,638 to be collected. Gutierrez said the city adds \$44 per parcel to cover administrative fees.

Councilmember Bob Woten asked whether the number of overdue accounts was higher than usual. A Recology representative said it was, with approximately 40 more accounts than last year.

The council voted 3-0 to approve the collection process.

Next, the council approved the 2026-27 special tax assessment for 142 parcels within Community Facilities District No. 92-1. The expected total to be collected from those parcels is \$105,653. Of that total, 66.6% goes to the school district and

33.4% goes to the city for eligible uses including fire protection, law enforcement and streets. The city's portion is expected to be \$35,214.

The council also approved the 2026-27 special tax assessment for parcels within Community Facilities District No. 2004-1. These funds are eligible to support fire protection, police, parks and recreation, animal control, streetlights and storm drainage. The assessment allows a 3.8% Consumer Price Index increase over last year. There are 849 parcels within the district, and the city expects to collect \$821,631 from the assessments.

Finally, the council approved the 2026-27 special tax assessment for Fire Protection and Street Lighting Maintenance. This annual assessment does not increase with inflation. The total expected from these assessments is \$277,296.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Aug. 5. ★

Rural Counties Fight Phone Service Changes

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Rural County Representatives of California has filed a motion to intervene in a federal lawsuit brought by AT&T, saying the case could affect the reliability of telephone service in rural communities across California.

RCRC filed the motion in partnership with The Utility Reform Network, the California State Association of Counties and the Communications Workers of America. The coalition is seeking formal party status in AT&T's lawsuit against the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Attorney General.

At issue are California's Carrier of Last Resort requirements, which require telephone providers to offer basic telephone service to residents regardless of where they live. AT&T's lawsuit seeks to eliminate those obligations.

The organizations previously filed an amicus brief supporting the CPUC and Attorney General. The motion to intervene would allow them to participate directly in the case before a final decision is made.

"This intervention is about ensuring rural voices are heard in a case that could have far-reaching consequences for communities across California," said RCRC

Board Chair Miles Menetrey, who also serves as a Mariposa County supervisor. "Carrier of Last Resort obligations have helped guarantee access to essential communications services for decades. Any effort to eliminate those protections must be carefully scrutinized to ensure rural residents are not left with less reliable service and fewer consumer protections."

According to RCRC, the filing argues that any replacement for the existing landline network should provide the same or better reliability, functionality and quality of service. The coalition also contends California should retain its authority to enforce consumer protection and public safety standards, particularly in rural and underserved communities where wireless service may be limited or unavailable.

RCRC said Carrier of Last Resort requirements remain important during emergencies, natural disasters, and power outages, when traditional landline service can continue operating even if other communications networks fail.

The organization said it will continue advocating for communications policies that preserve reliable, affordable service and protect public safety for rural Californians as newer technologies are introduced. ★

Gridley Offers Credit for Paperless Utility Bills

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over time. "If we can at least get 80% sign up for this, you know that's a huge

savings," Pineda said. "You can save the city a lot of money over the years."

The council approved the incentive unanimously.

Under the staff proposal, the credits will be issued once to eligible utility accounts that enroll in paperless billing. ★

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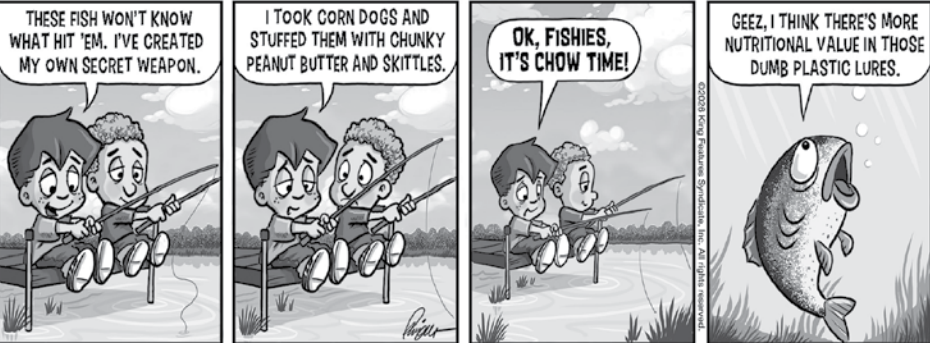
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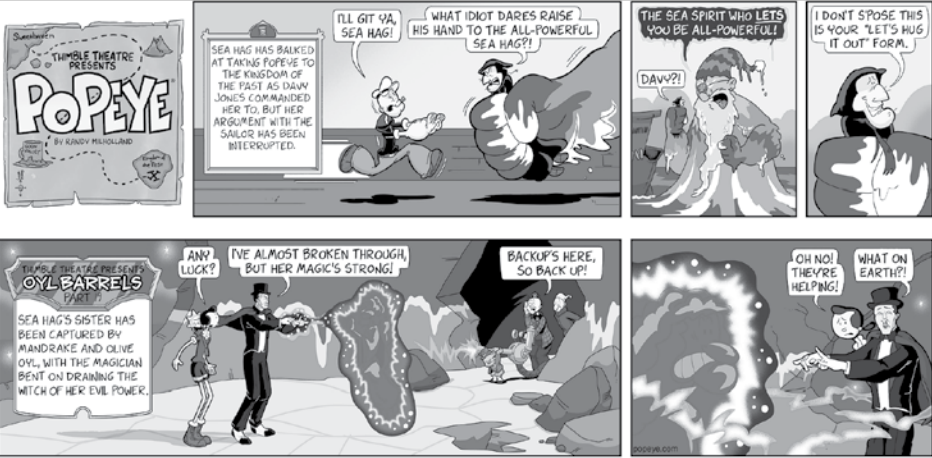
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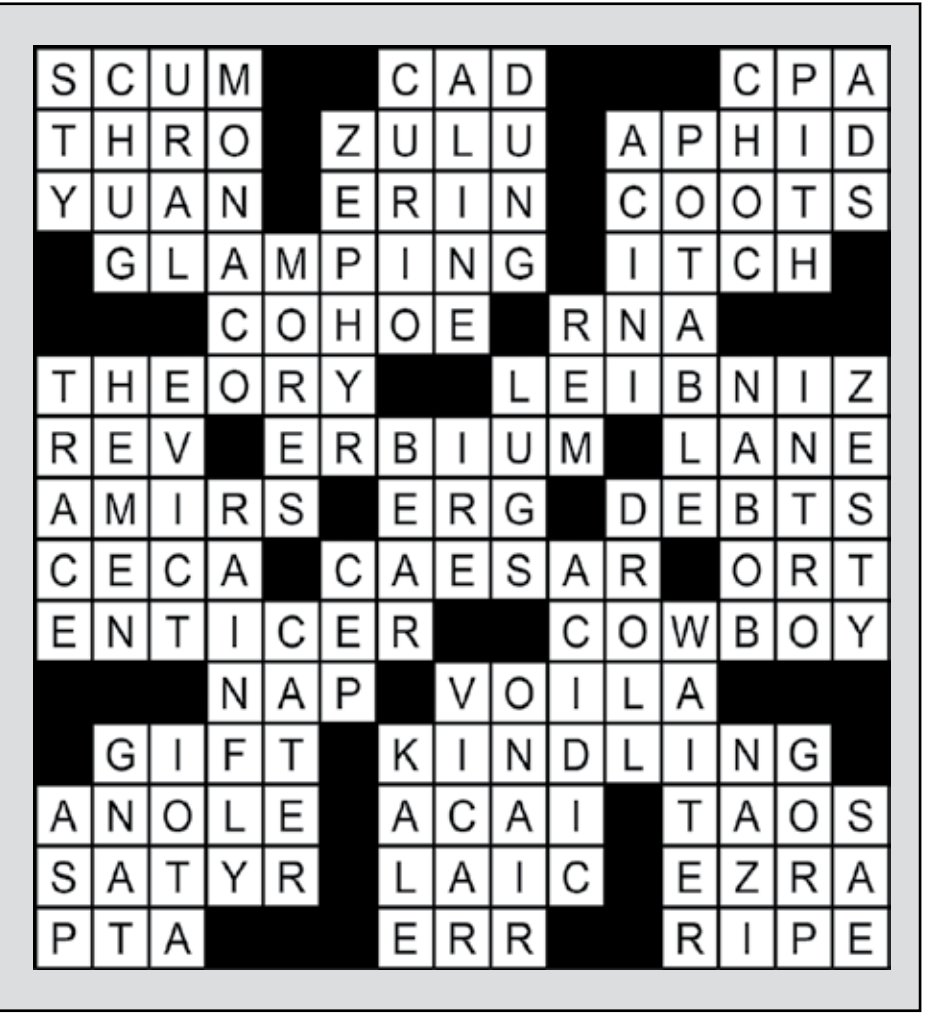
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17. Certain water birds

18. "Luxury camping

20. Scratch's target

21. Same as coho

22. DNA transmitter

23. Explanation backed by evidence

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40. "Et tu, Brute?" speaker

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47. Siesta

48. "There it is," à Paris

50. Gold or frankincense or myrrh, e.g.

52. *Fire starter

55. American chameleon

56. Antioxidant-rich berry

57. New Mexico art colony

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6. Skirt shape

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9. Essence

10. Marketing creations

12. Gentle breeze

13. Raspberry drupelets

14. *Like drinking water

19. Customs and conventions

22. "Losing My Religion" band

23. *Leave no _____

24. Egyptian falcon god

25. Put out on a curb

26. Totes or tugs

27. Orient's bigwig

28. Preface, e.g.

29. Piquant

32. * _____ bag or _____ canister

33. Rage

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Freebirds Winless After First Week of PBL Second Half

By YSBC Sports

LONG BEACH, CA (YSBC) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds had a horrible start to the second half of the Pioneer Baseball League season as they opened with six-straight losses from July 14-19.

As Yuba-Sutter started with six-consecutive defeats, they lost the last 10 overall games up to the end of play on Sunday.

The Freebirds failed to score five or more runs in four of their contests last week.

The Yuba-Sutter pitching staff failed to have a quality start throughout

the week, but had three games that were within reach of pulling out victories.

Freebirds infielder Zach Chamizo was the most consistent hitter for YS throughout the week as his eight-game hit streak end on Sunday in Long Beach.

Chamizo had six hits and one run-batted-in (RBI) throughout the week and drew six walks.

Yuba-Sutter is the lone team in the 12-team league searching for their first victory in the second half of the PBL season.

Billings and Long Beach secured the two open automatic playoff

berths in the first half of the season as both secured 40-plus wins.

The Freebirds opened a three-game series against Boise on Tuesday, July 21 with first pitch scheduled for 6:35 p.m.

Boise finished the first half with a .500 record and will make their first appearance in Marysville on Tuesday.

Boise primarily played the PBL teams outside of California with the exception of a short home series against Modesto.

This is only series that Yuba-Sutter and Boise will play all season long. ★



The Long Beach Coast celebrate a home run on July 5 in Marysville. Photo by Steven Bryla



Yuba-Sutter infielder Zach Chamizo (3) connects with a pitch on July 5 against Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla



Yuba-Sutter reliever Tristan Wolf tosses a pitch on July 5 against Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla





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