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Live Oak Wins LLS West Regional

10-12 Softball Team Secures Spot in Greenville, NC for Little League Softball World Series



The Live Oak 10-12 Softball team is the 2026 Little League Softball West Regional Champions. Photo by Ryan Dudek

By Steven Bryla

SAN BERNARDINO, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak 10-12 softball team punched their ticket to the Little League Softball World Series after winning the West Regional Tournament on July 23.

Live Oak defeated Summerlin South LL (Nevada) 2-1 in the championship game and finished the tournament undefeated.

LO previously beat SS 4-1 on July 21, which advanced them to the championship game.

LO pitcher Charlotte Dudek started the game inside the circle for the first time of the tournament and owned it early in the game.

LO coach Mitchell Perigo expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the coaching staff had a good feeling with Dudek in the circle as she primarily shut down the Nevada lineup on July 21 as she

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Live Oak pitcher Charlotte Dudek (11) tosses a pitch on July 23 in the win over Summerlin South LL. Photo by Ryan Dudek

**Gridley
Revives
Smoke-Free
Parks Effort**



By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley is moving forward with a renewed effort to increase awareness of its existing smoke-free parks ordinance after community partners secured funding to install bilingual signs throughout the city's parks.

The American Lung Association, at the Gridley City Council's July 20 meeting, outlined plans to install English and Spanish signs in city parks and continue tobacco prevention outreach.

Audrey Howes, coordinator for the American Lung Association's North Valley Tobacco Project, said the organization partnered with Sí Se Puede to fund the signs after an earlier effort was delayed by funding limitations and staffing changes. The proposed designs have already been shared with city officials and public works for review.

"Installing these signs will increase awareness of the existing Smoke Free Parks ordinance," Howes said. "Even after the signs are installed, we remain committed to supporting the city through ongoing tobacco prevention efforts, including community events."

The American Lung Association works throughout the North Valley on tobacco prevention initiatives, including smoke-free outdoor spaces and multi-unit housing. In Gridley, the organization has sponsored community events, provided tobacco cessation resources and smoke-free event signage, and plans to participate in National Night Out.

Howes said a 2024 community assessment found strong local support for smoke-free policies. The survey reported that 98% of Gridley residents supported smoke-free policies, three out of four residents had moved from a residence because of secondhand smoke exposure, and 13% were unaware that secondhand vape aerosol can be harmful to their health.

As part of this year's World No Tobacco Day activities, the American Lung Association and Sí

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Gridley Pioneer Day Honors Faith and Heritage

**Story and photos
by Seti Long**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gathered in Gridley on Saturday, July 25, to celebrate Pioneer Day, an annual observance honoring the faith's pioneer heritage.

According to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pioneer Day commemorates the arrival of the first group of Mormon pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847, nearly 180 years ago.

The day is a statewide holiday in Utah, celebrated as Days of '47, and recognizes those who contributed to the development of the state.

Members of the church

across the nation, with some holding parades similar to those in Utah

and other areas with large Latter-day Saint populations.

Gridley-area church members gathered at the

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Guests took turns shaking jars to make homemade butter during Pioneer Day. Sister missionaries and volunteers guided participants through the traditional process, with optional flavors including cinnamon, honey and garlic.

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

It is fair time in Gridley. California's fair system is pretty unique. It's run through a mix of District Agricultural Associations (which are actual state entities), plus county fairs and a few citrus fruit fairs. Fair and Gridley is run by the Butte County fair board, which the Board of Supervisors appoints. The State Department of Agriculture runs the Silver Dollar Fair in Chico, with members of the board being appointed by the governor. For a long time, they got a big chunk of their money from horse

racing bets. That dried up, and in 2011 the state cut off the General Fund money that used to help them out. Suddenly they had to make it on their own. A lot of the buildings and grounds haven't been kept up since then. That's a bigger deal than it sounds. In rural California, the fairgrounds are often the only place big enough to handle emergencies — evacuation centers, spots to house livestock, and staging areas for fire crews. Butte County's fairgrounds have been used that way over and over. Fairs themselves go way back. They started with 19th-century agricultural societies. The usual American origin story is Elkanah Watson's 1811 show in Berkshire County. The whole point was to get farmers to share better animals and farming methods by competing and showing off what worked. That still happens. The premium book is basically the curriculum, and

the judging is how people check each other's work. Over the years, they've added rides and lots of booths with people selling things, and in the last 10 years, fair food has become a real thing. People actually travel from places far away to go to get deep-fried Twinkies, corn dogs, cotton candy, and other things that, if they had them more often than once a year, would kill off everyone. All the statistics show everyone in America is lonely, even though we all have electronic devices to keep us company. Real human interaction and real community traditions are needed now more than ever. On the social calendar, the fair is one of the last places in rural America where almost everyone still shows up together and keeps a shared sense of who we are.

Josh F.W. Cook was a Gridley Planning Commissioner. ★

Gridley Invites Sister City to Butte County Fair



Gridley Mayor Mike Farr, left, and Comala, Mexico, Municipal President Sergio Agustin Morales Anguiano sign a Sister City Agreement during a special Gridley City Council meeting on Aug. 23, 2024. The partnership promotes cultural exchange and cooperation between the two communities. Photo courtesy of the City of Gridley

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The City of Gridley is continuing a tradition of international friendship by inviting officials from its Sister City, Comala, Colima, Mexico, to attend the 2026 Butte County Fair.

The Gridley City Council approved a consent agenda item June 15 supporting a formal invitation to Comala Municipal President Daniela Orozco and other city representatives to visit Gridley during the fair, scheduled for Aug. 27 through 30. City officials said the visit would strengthen the Sister City relationship through cultural exchange and community engagement.

Mayor Michael Farr's invitation welcomes Orozco, her staff and representatives of Comala to attend the annual fair and continue building the partnership between the two communities. The letter notes the visit would promote cultural exchange, community connections and shared learning.

The staff report states there is no fiscal impact associated with sending the invitation because any travel or participation expenses would be the responsibility of those attending.

Gridley and Comala formally became Sister Cities on Aug. 23, 2024, when Farr and then-Comala Municipal President Sergio Agustin Morales Anguiano signed an agreement during a special City Council meeting. The partnership was created to promote cultural exchange, tourism, education and economic cooperation between the two agricultural communities.

Comala, located in the Mexican state of Colima, is recognized as one of Mexico's "Pueblos Mágicos," or Magic Towns, a designation honoring communities known for their cultural heritage, history and tourism. Agriculture is a major part of both communities, helping form the foundation of the relationship.

The Comala partnership is not Gridley's first international connection.

Gridley also has a Sister City relationship with Te Puke (teh-PUH-keh), New Zealand, that dates back to 1982. An Oct. 21, 1982, letter from then-Te Puke Mayor Ian R. Johnson to then-Gridley Mayor Doris Long confirmed the Te Puke Borough Council had approved Gridley's resolution establishing the partnership during its Sept. 27 meeting. ★

In the letter, Johnson wrote that a Te Puke-Gridley Sister City Committee had already been formed, with P.S. "Peter" Berry serving as chairman and Mrs. G.S. "Berys" Ross as secretary. He also noted the committee had begun publishing the Te Puke Mayoral newspaper to keep residents informed about the new Sister City relationship and expressed hope that the communities would exchange ideas, news and visitors.

In Gridley, Barbara Spink served as chairwoman of the Sister City Committee, William D. Burleson was co-chairman and Penny Louton was secretary. Newspaper reports from 1982 said organizers hoped the partnership would foster communication between the two communities and eventually lead to organized exchange trips.

More than 40 years later, the invitation to Comala reflects Gridley's continued commitment to building international relationships through cultural exchange and community partnerships.

It is unknown whether officials also invited representatives from Te Puke, New Zealand, to attend the 2026 Butte County Fair. ★

Live Oak Wins LLS West Regional



Live Oak embraces one another after winning the West Regional tournament. Photo by Ryan Dudek

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came in relief.

Dudek pitched three innings of relief in that game where she retired the first seven hitters she faced.

Perigo added that after seeing the SS hitters in the previous meeting, that he believed they would chase higher pitches out of the zone.

Dudek and Nevada's Raelyn Lingenfelter had a pitchers duel during the first three innings of the game as both offenses had one hit each.

Dudek tossed all six frames where she allowed two hits, but struck out 10 and tossed 21 first-pitch-strikes.

Nevada scored the first run of the game in the fourth as infielder Isabella Vu grounded out to first to bring in Lingenfelter and take a 1-0 lead.

Live Oak roared back in the bottom half of the inning as the top of the lineup led with three-straight singles and Dudek's single brought in Eveya Martinez from second to tie the game at one.

With runners on second and third, LO infielder Riley Perigo hit the ball to the right side.

The out brought in Juliana Robles from third and Live Oak led 2-1 after four.

Both hitting lineups were held scoreless in the fifth and Live Oak needed three

outs to clinch the West Regional banner.

Dudek retired the first two batters with ease. Lingenfelter battled for a walk that extended the game and the bases were eventually loaded for SS catcher Laila Washington.

With a 3-2 count, Washington hit a slow roller to Martinez at short and as Martinez attempted to make a play, she initially threw the ball wide of first.

After the play finished, the third base umpire raised his hands and called the runner from second out for runners interference.

After a plea from the SS coach the umpiring crew had a conference on the field and upheld the original call.

Little League rule 7.09(j) says runner's interference occurs as an offensive (runner) action that impedes, hinders or confuses a defensive player attempting to make a play.

The play was also declared unreviewable for video replay.

The Live Oak faithful cheered loud as the call was official.

As they punched their ticket to LLSWS, Live Oak will depart on Wednesday, July 29 for Greenville, North Carolina.

They will open the LLSWS on Sunday, Aug. 2 versus Owensboro, Kentucky at 1 p.m PST on ESPN 2. ★



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Gridley Pioneer Day Honors Faith and Heritage



Melody Thompson, dressed in traditional pioneer clothing, makes a tin-can lantern using a hammer, nail and flower template. The craft reflected activities common during the pioneer era and was one of several featured during Gridley's Pioneer Day celebration.

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church on French Avenue for a buffet-style breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. The free meal was followed by activities paying tribute to the pioneer heritage of the faith.

Children made tin-can lanterns, played relay games with water balloons and made homemade butter.

Guests also learned about genealogy resources from FamilySearch representatives. Volunteers answered questions about finding ancestors using the Family Tree app and displayed scrapbooks featuring photos from church events spanning several decades.

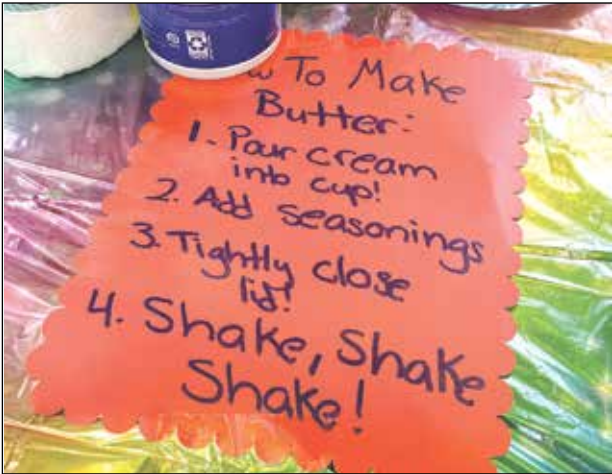
Church leaders also attended, enjoying the relaxed day with family and friends.

"This is an opportunity to remember our ancestors and the challenges they went through," said Justin Tolman, stake president for the Gridley area.

The day honors and seeks to preserve memories of what the pioneers endured as they crossed harsh wilderness, faced food shortages and overcame many other trials before settling in the Salt Lake Valley.



Families filled their plates during the free buffet-style breakfast that kicked off Pioneer Day on Saturday, July 25, in Gridley. The meal brought the local Latter-day Saint community together before a full day of activities.



"How to Make Butter" was one of several hands-on activities offered during the Gridley Pioneer Day celebration, giving participants a taste of pioneer life.

"We try to remember the past so that it helps us for the future," Tolman said. ★

Gridley Native Receives Court Fellowship

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - When Heather Barajas began working in Yuba County's Family Court Services, she noticed a pattern that stayed with her. Families involved in child custody disputes often found themselves returning to court, sometimes repeatedly.

Years later, that observation became the foundation of research that earned Barajas national recognition.

The Gridley native, who serves as court operations manager for the Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, recently earned certification as a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management through the National Center for State Courts. The fellowship is the highest level of professional certification offered in court administration and recognizes advanced leadership, management and research.

For Barajas, the accomplishment represents more than a professional milestone.

"Personally, completing the Fellows Program is the culmination of an eight-year journey of professional development," Barajas said. "More than the credential itself, the program gave me the opportunity to conduct meaningful research that I hope will contribute to improving court services for families."

Her research, titled "Beyond Agreement: Exploring the Effectiveness of ADR Outcomes in Yuba County Family Law," examined how child custody mediation affects how quickly cases are resolved and whether families return to court after custody decisions are made.

The project grew from Barajas' seven years working in the Self-Help and Mediation Department of Family Court Services before she moved into court administration.

"I had a firsthand appreciation for both the challenges families face and the important work that mediators do every day," she said. "It was while working there that I noticed a recurring pattern that stuck with me, families returning to court again and again over custody disputes."

Barajas said the topic also carried personal significance.

"As a child of divorce myself, ongoing conflict between parents wasn't



Heather Barajas, court operations manager for the Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, stands in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., during her participation in the Institute for Court Management Fellows Program. Barajas recently earned certification as a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management, the highest level of professional certification in court administration. Photo courtesy of Heather Barajas

unusual to me, but it did raise an important question that ultimately inspired this research: Are courts truly providing the support families need if families must continue returning to court repeatedly, and what could courts be doing differently to help create more durable, stable custody outcomes for families?"

Her research found that cases ending with agreements through mediation generally produced better long-term outcomes than those ending with court recommendations. She also found that conflict-reduction efforts, including co-parenting education and child interviews, appeared to help some families reach more lasting agreements.

Rather than focusing only on resolving cases quickly, Barajas hopes courts continue looking for ways to reduce conflict and create stability for families.

"My hope is that the research encourages courts to identify and provide support to high-conflict cases early," she said. "By

helping parents feel more involved and empowered in the custody process, courts may reduce the conflict that creates instability and stress for the entire family."

Barajas believes efficient court operations and meaningful public service go hand in hand.

"Even small improvements in how cases are managed can reduce conflict, shorten the time families spend in litigation and help parents move forward more quickly," she said. "Efficient court operations and meaningful service to families are not competing goals. They are complementary ones."

Barajas was among 20 professionals nationwide to complete this year's Fellows Program, joining more than 1,300 alumni representing 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and 13 countries. Her research paper is expected to be published in the National Center for State Courts' online library later this fall. ★

Gridley Revives Smoke-Free Parks Effort

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Se Puede organized a cleanup at Manuel Vierra Park. During the two-hour event, volunteers collected four small bags of cigarette butts and other tobacco product waste, along with four large bags of additional trash.

Howes said several families joined the cleanup after seeing the effort, including one family considering relocating to Gridley that said the visible community involvement reinforced their desire to find a city where residents care about health, the environment and quality of life.

Councilmember Angel Calderon asked about illegal tobacco sales to minors and whether the city should consider limiting the number and location of tobacco

retailers. Howes said recent enforcement operations documented sales to underage youth and that the California Department of Public Health handles enforcement. She said Gridley has an estimated 12 to 14 tobacco retailers and suggested the city could consider a tobacco retailer licensing program that caps the number of stores and encourages them to locate more than 1,000 feet from schools.

During council discussion, officials noted the city's smoke-free parks ordinance had previously been approved but never fully implemented with park signage. Howes said funding is now available for up to 40 signs, allowing multiple signs to be installed at each city park once the designs receive final approval. ★

Live Oak Youth Soccer Registration Open Through Aug. 7

By Lloyd Green Jr.

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Families have until Aug. 7 to register children for the City of Live Oak's fall youth soccer season, which begins Sept. 12.

The league is open to players ages 3 through 14, with games scheduled on Saturday mornings. Divisions range from 4U through 14U and are based on a child's age at the end of the year. The city will separate boys and girls in the

12U and 14U divisions if enough players register.

Registration costs \$60 for city residents, with an additional \$10 fee for nonresidents. The registration fee is waived for volunteers who sign up to coach.

Parents can register at Live Oak City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Children in the 4U division must have turned 3 by Jan. 1, 2026.

For more information, contact Live Oak City Hall at 530-695-2112. ★



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Researchers Study Potential of Agave Crop

Agave, a succulent long grown in parts of Mexico to make tequila and mezcal, has in recent years attracted the attention of California farmers seeking options as they face water shortages and the prospect of fallowing land. The drought-resilient crop has demonstrated commercially viable yields with less than a tenth of the water usage needed for many tree crops. To help farmers, experts are ramping up research on cultivating agave in California and exploring various potential markets for the crop. According to researchers, the long-term potential of California’s budding agave sector may depend on learning which practices traditionally used to grow the plant in Mexico need to be altered for the state’s various growing environments and which varieties grow best in California. “We want to see which ones, depending on the variety, will thrive in the Central Valley so we could take the risk for the farmers,” said Ángel Reyna, president of Madera Community College, which earlier this year planted 20 agave varieties in a test plot.

Mechanical Harvest Research Bolsters Table Olive Prospects

California table olive producers have endured a challenging decade. Once an important crop in the Golden State—particularly in Butte, Glenn, Tehama, San Joaquin and Tulare counties—high picking costs, relentless foreign competition and a shift to more promising crops have shrunk the sector. Today, more than 60% of the state’s olive acreage is dedicated to oil production rather than canning. Research being conducted by a team of University of California researchers, including farm adviser Becky Wheeler-Dykes, is aimed at

improving mechanical harvest efficiency for table olives to save on labor costs. For the past three years, the researchers have been testing the use of the synthetic ethylene precursor Accede, which loosens fruit attachment, requiring less force from trunk shakers to remove the fruit and allowing more olives to be harvested at once. The product is not yet registered for use on olives. Wheeler-Dykes said the UC team has been collecting the required data for registration and expressed hope that Accede will become registered by next year.

Overnight Guests Add Key Revenue Stream For Farms

More California farms and ranches are incorporating small-scale overnight camping into their operations. The trend comes as farms seek to diversify their incomes amid rising land ownership costs, water uncertainty and fluctuating crop prices, according to the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was also boosted by Assembly Bill 518, state legislation approved last year that created a new state category for small nature-based campsites so that they no longer need a commercial occupancy permit. “It is a positive that agricultural producers may have more options to diversify their income in a way that is compatible with their farming business and that invites the public to appreciate the beauty of California’s agricultural lands,” said Rachael Callahan, statewide agritourism coordinator for the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. “It is promising that policymakers are thoughtfully engaging with how to create new opportunities for farmers and ranchers, and remove barriers, to ultimately strengthen farm viability.” ★

Council Pursues Grant Funding for Key Projects

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - More than a dozen grant-funded projects are moving forward or awaiting funding decisions as Gridley seeks outside money for infrastructure, parks, transportation, public safety and other community improvements.

The city’s grant portfolio includes more than \$14.8 million in awarded funding, several pending applications and future opportunities that could support additional projects without relying entirely on local revenues.

Finance Director Martin Pineda last week presented the report after a council member requested an update at a previous meeting on grants the city had pursued, received or was still awaiting.

The largest award is up to \$11 million from the California State Water Resources Control Board to replace the city’s aging wastewater sewer crossing beneath the Feather River. The work includes exploratory borings on both sides of the river and installation of a new sewer pipeline using microtunneling technology.

Other awarded funding includes \$3 million from California State Parks for the Gridley Sports Complex, \$400,000 for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Highway 99 through the REAP 2.0 Complete Streets program, nearly \$178,000 for tennis court reconstruction and other improvements at Manuel Vierra Park, \$36,000 to implement the city’s Local Roadway Safety Plan and a \$5,000 CalRecycle grant for city parks.

The city also continues to receive annual SB 1 funding for street maintenance,



receiving nearly \$194,000 in the latest allocation.

"That one’s ongoing," Pineda said. "As long as we meet the requirements every year, we’ll keep getting that funding."

Several applications remain under review, including a \$508,000 request for engineering work on Cherry Street and East Gridley Road improvements, a \$320,000 transportation safety planning grant, a \$250,000 cybersecurity grant, nearly \$40,000 for updated Fire Department extrication equipment and a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant to help cover drainage costs at the Gridley Sports Complex.

Pineda said the city is also preparing future applications for a community resilience center, drinking water improvements, clean energy projects, wildfire prevention, active transportation, highway safety and construction of the Feather River sewer crossing.

Not every application has succeeded. The city was denied a \$3 million California Department of Justice grant intended to reduce illegal tobacco sales to minors through enforcement and education. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



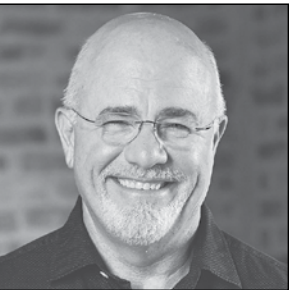
By Barbara Ott

A friend of mine grew Cucamelons last year. I had never heard of them before. It is a small cucumber about the size of a large grape with the outer pattern of a striped watermelon. A few weeks ago, when friends and I went thrift shopping in Sacramento we somehow managed to go to a

nursery instead of the last thrift store. I know it was a Green Acres nursery and I think it was in Citrus Heights. On the trip down the Cucamelon grower was saying it looked like no Cucamelons this year because the seedlings grew then died. What to our wondering eyes did appear? Good sized Cucamelon plants! We all got some. I got two. They are thriving. I can’t wait for them to produce the cute little pop-in-your mouth cucamelons.

My husband was traumatized by the weed whacker toad event that killed the baby toad. He told me he worried he’d kill more and was reluctant to weed whack the back lawn edges. I felt his sorrow

and worry. Out I went and with a piece of bamboo I ran it along the edge of the sidewalk to chase out any other toads that might have taken up residence. As I did this process, I realized why it might be a great toad environment. Our Bermuda grass lawn is deep so the area between the sidewalk and the lawn is a fairly deep crevice. It is shady and stays moist. It is soil if a toad wanted to dig. I really hoped I’d chase a toad out. No such luck. I’m having great faith based upon that toad death that the toads are all over the yard whether I see them or not. The toad pond has a healthy population of mosquito fish which I enjoy. Those are there every day. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we’re paying off our debt as quickly as possible. I’ve even put my motorcycle up for sale for \$5,000 to help us get out of debt faster. The other day, a guy offered me \$500 cash and a fishing boat for the bike. I’ve always really wanted a boat, but picking up a toy feels weird when we’re trying to get out of debt. Plus, the money portion of the deal would only make a tiny dent in what we owe. What do you think about this?

– Gordon

Dear Gordon,

I’m proud of you two for working to get control of your finances. And I’ve got to admit, the deal this guy offered is kind of interesting. Odd, but interesting!

At this stage of the game, though, I think you

Dave Ramsey Says

You’re Really Just Trading One Expense for Another

and your wife should sit down together and ask yourselves what your real goal is. If the goal is to own a boat, then you could accomplish that easily. If your goal is to get out of debt and get control of your finances, then this deal isn’t really the best way to go. It seems like a cool transaction on the surface, especially if you like being on the water. But the upkeep and maintenance on boats can really add up. And that means more hassles and expenses in your lives.

I think you already knew this, Gordon, but in my mind getting out of debt as quickly as possible comes first. There’s plenty of time later for you to save up and buy a nice boat after you get control of your money. In this scenario, you’re really just trading one recreational vehicle—and the accompanying expenses—for another.

If you’re on Baby Step 2, it means you’ve already

got \$1,000 in the bank for emergencies, and you’ve moved on to paying off all your debt, except for your home. This tells me you two are motivated, but the idea of a boat has caused your resolve to get a little shaky.

So, if you’re looking for someone to tell you forget the boat, and stay on track with getting control of your lives and money, I’m your guy. Don’t do the deal!

– Dave

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



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Chico Rock Show Returns in September

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Rock, mineral and jewelry enthusiasts will have a chance to browse thousands of specimens, hand-crafted pieces and family activities when the 18th annual Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show returns to the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds on Sept. 19 and 20.

Hosted by the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, the two-day event will feature more than 40 vendors from across the western United States offering finished jewelry, polished rocks, minerals, fossils and lapidary supplies. Club members also will display handcrafted items, including necklaces, beadwork, silver-smithing and decorative rain chains.

The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Admission



is \$6, and children 16 and younger will be admitted free.

Visitors can also view special exhibits featuring Worldwide Tumbling Contest winners, thundereggs, Blue Forest petrified wood and other geological specimens.

Family activities are planned throughout the weekend, including geode cutting, a treasure wheel, a kids volcano activity and door prize drawings every 30 minutes. Silent auctions for adults and children will feature a variety of rock and mineral specimens. The first 200 children through the gates each day will receive a free shark tooth necklace.

The event has become a regional attraction, drawing collectors from throughout Northern California and neighboring Nevada. Organizers reported attendance of more than 3,000 people at last year's show.

The Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, based in Oroville, hosts the event each year to promote interest in geology, gems and the art of cutting and polishing stones. The organization also offers monthly meetings, rockhounding field trips, classes and access to its rock shop, where members can learn lapidary techniques and create their own jewelry.

During the event, the society also will award scholarships to Northern California students pursuing studies in earth science. Additional information, including a \$1 admission discount coupon, is available at www.featherriverrocks.org. ★

Forbestown Group Plans Officer Elections

By Lloyd Green Jr.

FORBESTOWN, CA (MPG) - Members of the Community Center Advisory Council will elect a new slate of officers to and help guide the future of one of Forbestown's longtime community organizations.

The council, also known as the Forbestown Community Crew and Forbestown Action Committee, will hold its general meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Forbestown Hall, 19100 New York Flat Road.

Members in good standing from the previous calendar year are eligible to vote and be nominated for office. Positions open for election include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and member-at-large.

The officer elections are required to maintain the

organization's nonprofit 501(c)(3) status.

The Community Center Advisory Council organizes and supports community events at Forbestown Hall and Park in partnership with Feather River Recreation and Park District. In recent years, the group has hosted children's art and outdoor recreation days, a flea market, a community barbecue and a holiday craft and peddler's fair.

The organization also previously organized Forbestown Daze, a community fair and parade that drew visitors to the community for many years before it was last held in 2017.

Residents interested in learning more about the organization, the annual meeting or the election process may contact the group's secretary at 530-675-2114. ★

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.

Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31 “Tartuffe”

“Tartuffe” - Presented by Third Eye Playhouse, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday at Chico Women’s Club, 592 E. 3rd St., Chico. Enjoy an evening of classic theater with Molière’s timeless comedy, brought to life by a talented local cast under the direction of Kristian Power. Packed with wit, mischief, and larger-than-life characters, this PG-13 production is perfect for theater lovers, first-time playgoers, and anyone looking for a good laugh. (Recommended for ages 13 and up due to crude humor.) \$20 tickets at the door, or via link on the event’s Facebook page.

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, 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 Gridley 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, water-park and kids’ games, live music, food and crafts vendors, and more. It’s a great time to connect with our community.

Durham National Night Out
5 to 7 p.m., Durham Community Park, 1847 Durham-Dayton Highway, Durham. The Butte County Sheriff's Office will host a free National Night Out celebration featuring hot dogs, popsicles and an opportunity to meet deputies. Attendees can also view the Sheriff's Office boat, helicopter and patrol vehicles while learning more about community policing and neighborhood partnerships.

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!

National Health Center Week Community Fair

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nick Daddow Park, Hazel and Virginia streets, Gridley. Gridley Medical will celebrate National Health Center Week with a free back-to-school community health and resource fair featuring health screenings, family activities, informational booths, food, drinks and raffle prizes.

Friday, Aug. 7 250 Years USA Free Concert

7 p.m., 400 Spruce St., Gridley. The Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra will present a free, family-friendly community concert celebrating America's 250th anniversary. The program will feature an appearance by President Abraham Lincoln reenactor Mark Johnson, vocalist Cameron Shorts and the Johnson Family Blue Grass Band.

Saturday, Aug. 8 Movies in the Pool: “Luca”

7 to 10 p.m., Pleasant Valley Pool, 2320 North Ave., Chico. Enjoy Disney and Pixar's "Luca" from the pool during this family-friendly movie night hosted by the Chico Area Recreation and Park District. Guests are encouraged to bring pool floats. Movie snacks will be available for purchase.

Sunday, Aug. 9

Back to School Bask and Health Fair
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dorothy Johnson Center, 775 E. 16th St., Chico. Building Leaders, Advocates, and Community Connections (BLACC) will host a free community event featuring backpack and school supply giveaways, health services, educational resources, a Vitalant blood drive, food, drinks, games and more. Backpacks and school supplies will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wednesday, August 12 Drive-Thru Dinner

Butte County Farm Bureau, 3688 Durham Dayton Highway, Chico. Support the Butte County Farm Bureau with a family-style drive-thru dinner at the future home of the organization. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket information, visit www.butte-farmbureau.com/programs/events.

Saturday, Aug. 22

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

Meeting Minders

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

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

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled Aug. 11 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 Aug. 11 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 31 - Family Storytime – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENTS

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 com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious 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
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Business and Professions Code.
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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 com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: June 30, 2026
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
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Business and Professions Code.
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RAYTEK 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000613
The following person(s) are do-
ing 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 com-
menced 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
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Business and Professions Code.
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GOLD 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000630
The following person(s) are do-
ing 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 com-
menced 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
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OROVILLE 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000684
The following person(s) are do-
ing 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.
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of the County Clerk. A new fictitious
business statement must be filed
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STRIVE 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000716
The following person(s) are do-
ing 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 com-
menced 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
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the date it was filed in the office
of the County Clerk. A new fictitious
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Business and Professions Code.
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EL 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000747
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Thicc Bunz
Society, 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 com-
menced 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
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Clerk. A new fictitious business
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Business and Professions Code.
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THICC 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000754
The following person(s) are do-
ing 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 com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
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Business and Professions Code.
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
CHICO 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000687
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Wild Roots
Divine Massage Therapy, 2231
St George Lane Unit 50, Chico,
CA 95926
Harley A Mason, PO Box 5024,
Oroville, CA 95966
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:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
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federal, state, or common law
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Business and Professions Code.
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WILD 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000775
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Stidham
Plumbing, 369 Aleut Street,
Biggs, CA 95917
Stidham, Zachariah Martin, 369
Aleut Street, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: July
16, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
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Business and Professions Code.
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STIDHAM 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000770
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Serenity Haven
Palliative Care, 1960 Bird Street,
Oroville, CA 95965
A Sharma Medical Group
PC, 1401 21st Street Suite R,
Sacramento, CA 95811
Date filed in Butte County: July
14, 2026. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:
A Corporation. NOTICE: This
fictitious name statement expires
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SERENITY 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME – STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
FILE NO. 2026-0000716
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.
This statement was filed in the
office of Keaton Denlay, County
Clerk of Butte County
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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 #26CV01931
Petitioner Melissa Rose
Hanover filed a petition with
this court for a decree chang-
ing 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 pe-
tition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person
objecting to the name changes
described above must file written
objection that includes the rea-
sons 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
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
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 fol-
lows: 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 pe-
tition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person
objecting to the name changes
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Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
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VILENSKY 8-14-26

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: Jesper Evan Vilensky to
Jesper 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 pe-
tition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person
objecting to the name changes
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VILENSKY 8-14-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL
CASO): 26FL00425
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
(Name): AVISO AL
DEMANDADO (Nombre):
Shawn Savage
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.
Read the information below and
on the next page. PETITIONER'S
NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL
DEMANDANTE): Haley Little-
Savage.

You have 30 CALENDAR
DAYS after this Summons and
Petition are served on you to file
a Response (form FL-120) at the
court and have a copy served
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ADA PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

The City of Gridley is in the process of updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-evaluation and Transition Plan. As part of this process, the City is asking for your input by completing this questionnaire which addresses the accessibility of facilities, programs, services, activities and events offered to the public.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information on how City of Gridley programs, services, activities or events are, or are not, accessible to persons with disabilities. The goal is that when each program, service or activity is viewed in its entirety, it is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

To complete the survey, please visit the City of Gridley website at gridleyca.gov

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City Seeks Opportunity Zone Status

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council endorsed seeking Opportunity Zones 2.0 designation for both eligible census tracts, a step intended to encourage private investment in economically distressed areas.

Principal Planner Christopher Smith presented the proposal on July 20, explaining that the recommendation will be forwarded to the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, known as GO-Biz, for consideration. The state will then nominate a limited number of census tracts for the federal program.

Smith said Opportunity Zones encourage investors to direct capital into qualifying areas by offering federal tax incentives for long-term investments.

“This is investor funding, so nothing really comes from the city,” Smith said. “It helps the city and it helps those investors, and the people who participate in it.”

The two eligible census tracts encompass much of Gridley, generally divided by Highway 99. Smith said the designation could make the city more attractive to investors while leaving its existing planning and development review process unchanged. “There is not really much of a downside,” Smith said. “We don’t have to pay out anything. We don’t have to do

any heavy lifting or financial obligation here. They just get a federal tax benefit by investing in these areas.”

Mayor Todd Farr asked whether the designation would give developers greater authority over projects proposed within the city. Smith said it would not. “They still have to go through the normal process,” he said, adding that the designation “doesn’t circumvent any of our current procedures.”

Councilmember Sanchez supported pursuing the designation but suggested the city track investment and development if Gridley is selected. She said collecting data could help evaluate whether the program benefits residents and strengthen future grant applications.

California will review nominations from communities across the state before selecting which census tracts advance for federal designation, making Gridley’s recommendation one step in a broader statewide selection process. Smith said additional data collection could be considered if Gridley receives the designation but emphasized the council’s action simply authorizes submission.

Because the application deadline fell later that evening, Smith completed and submitted the paperwork immediately after the council unanimously approved the recommendation. ★

Gridley Soccer Registration Advances

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Families with children on the Gridley Recreation Department youth soccer waitlist have until Friday, July 31, to complete registration and payment as the department begins final preparations for the upcoming season.

Recreation Manager Jaime Luevano said the department has begun moving players from the waitlist to registered status, allowing families to finalize payment through their ActiveNet accounts.

"Once you submit payment, this officially registers your child, which will allow us to begin forming teams," Luevano said.

Luevano added that registration is lower than last season, but the department expects every registered player, those currently on the waitlist and a handful of late applicants to be placed on a team.

"With overall numbers down from last season and the number of coaches volunteering to coach, we feel confident that all players will be placed on a team," he said.

The department is also nearing completion of the coach screening process. Luevano said most volunteer coaches attended a recent Live Scan event, while the remaining coaches are in the process of completing the required background checks.

Staff members are now assembling rosters with



Gridley Recreation Department members are now assembling rosters with an emphasis on creating evenly balanced teams.
Photo designed by via Magnific

an emphasis on creating evenly balanced teams to minimize bye weeks throughout the season.

"The goal is to have as many evenly numbered teams as possible to avoid having any team with a bye week," Luevano said.

He added that some divisions may have slightly larger rosters or compete in smaller-sided formats depending on final participation numbers. Recreation staff are also considering late registration requests to help fill teams and avoid leaving children out of the season.

"We appreciate your patience and understanding," Luevano said.

The department also announced that all games will remain at Sycamore Field this season. Officials had considered using Vierra Park for the youngest divisions but ultimately

decided against the idea.

"Our parks are very important to the community and access to them is vital," Luevano said. "Therefore, all games will continue to be played at Sycamore this season until the Sports Complex is completed."

Families may complete registration payments online through <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/cityofgridleyrec/home>, by phone using a credit card or by bringing a check for the exact amount to the Recreation Department. Cash will not be accepted.

Luevano encouraged families with questions to contact the Recreation Department.

"The support you provide is essential to creating a positive and fun-filled atmosphere for 'Soccer Saturdays' here in Gridley," he said. ★

Jones Challenges Thompson to Debates

By MPG Staff

NAPA, CA (MPG) - Congressional candidate Eric Jones has challenged U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson to participate in nine debates across California’s 4th Congressional District, including one in each of the district’s nine counties and at least one televised debate.

Jones announced the challenge Tuesday, saying the district’s new boundaries warrant more opportunities for voters to hear directly from the candidates.

“Prop 50 completely redrew this district last November,” Jones said. “It now stretches over 160 miles, from Petaluma to Yuba County, and includes nearly a million people who have never had the chance to hear directly from their member of Congress.”

Jones said the district includes voters in Colusa, Lake, Napa, Placer, Sacramento, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

He also pointed to the June 2 primary election results, noting Thompson received less than 41% of the vote while nearly 60% of voters supported other candidates.

“Nearly half of the voters in this district are new to the congressional district,” Jones said. “They



Congressional candidate Eric Jones announced a challenge to U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson to participate in nine public debates across California’s 4th Congressional District, including one in each of the district’s nine counties and at least one televised debate. Photo courtesy of the Eric Jones campaign

deserve more than campaign commercials and talking points. They deserve a representative who will show up, answer tough questions and earn their trust.”

Jones said he and Thompson differ on issues including healthcare costs, housing, corruption and the cost of living, and he argued that public debates would allow voters to compare their positions.

The challenger also criticized Thompson’s recent voting record, questioning whether the incumbent would “actually take a

position, or will you slink away and vote ‘present’ like you did just last week.”

According to the Jones campaign, a formal debate invitation has been sent to Thompson’s campaign. Jones said his campaign plans to work with civic organizations, chambers of commerce and news outlets throughout the district to organize the proposed debates.

As of the announcement, Thompson’s campaign had not publicly responded to the debate challenge. ★

State Secures Long-Term School Meal Funding

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California's Farm to School Program will continue permanently under legislation signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, securing ongoing support for school meals made with California-grown ingredients and nutrition education in classrooms.

Senate Bill 172 places the program into state law after it was first launched through the 2021-22 state budget. State officials said the program connects schools with California farmers, strengthens local food systems and provides students with hands-on agricultural and nutrition education.

The governor's office said the state has served nearly 3.5 billion free school meals since 2021 through California's Universal Meals Program, which guarantees free breakfast and lunch to every public school student regardless of income.

Since 2021, the Farm to School Incubator Grant Program has invested \$86 million in 375 projects, reaching about 49% of California public school students, according to the governor's office. The program is administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Office of Farm to Fork.

State officials said every dollar invested through the grant program generates an estimated \$2.10 in local economic activity by helping schools purchase more food from

nearby farms and producers.

CDEA Secretary Karen Ross said the program helps students develop healthy eating habits while creating consistent demand for small farms.

"Farm to school programming helps students build lifelong relationships with nutritious food while providing consistent demand needed to sustain local small farmers," Ross said.

According to the governor's office, 80% of Farm to School Incubator grant recipients are Title I schools and all producer grant recipients are small, midsize or socially and economically disadvantaged farmers using climate-smart, organic or regenerative agricultural practices.

The governor's office highlighted several projects supported by the program, including Los Angeles Unified School District, which is on pace to purchase \$4.7 million in locally produced food during the 2025-26 school year. Davis-based SPORK Food Hub expanded from serving four school districts to more than 40, while Chico's Burns Blossom Farm used grant funding to improve production and expand school partnerships.

The legislation comes as California continues broader efforts to improve school nutrition through universal meals, restrictions on certain food additives and increased access to locally grown foods in public schools. ★

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Freebirds Win First Games in Second Half of PBL Season



Yuba-Sutter closer Rane Pfeifer (17) celebrates the win over Modesto on July 24. Photo by Steven Bryla

By YSBC Sports

MARYSVILLE, CA (YSBC) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds picked up their first few wins of the second half of the Pioneer Baseball League throughout the past week.

Yuba-Sutter won three games as they took the series against Boise and took one game from Modesto.

The series against Boise was the only time the Freebirds and the Hawks will play one another during the 2026 PBL season.

In the two wins against Boise, the YS pitching staff had back-to-back quality outings throughout the first six innings.

Freebirds catcher Diego Aragon led the way in the series against the Hawks with four hits and infielder/catcher Zach Chamizo led the way with four runs-bat-ted-in (RBIs).

YS won a one-run game against Modesto on July 24.

Freebirds starting pitcher Riley Egloff gave up a three-run home run in the first inning, but was lights out after that as he tossed six innings.

Egloff surrendered three hits, five walks and ended with eight punchouts as he took the win.

YS answered back in the second inning as they tied the game after a run-batted-in (RBI) double to left center by infielder Jordan Donahue.

Freebirds infielder Devon Dixon followed up the next at-bat with a two-run shot and tied the game at three.

Chamizo gave YS the lead in the fifth as he hit an RBI single.

Freebirds relievers’ Tristan Wolf and Rand Pfeifer shut the door on the Roadsters.

Pfeifer picked up his second save of the week and enjoyed picking up the save over his former team (Modesto).

Modesto followed up the end of the series with two big wins over YS.

The Freebirds started a series at home against Oakland on Tuesday that ran through Thursday.

YS will hit the road on Friday in a three-game set against Modesto that goes through Sunday, Aug. 2.



Yuba-Sutter pitcher Riley Egloff (23) tosses a pitch on July 24 during the Freebirds’ win against Modesto. Photo by Steven Bryla

FCC Urged to Protect Rural Landline Service

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Rural County Representatives of California has joined a coalition of local government, consumer advocacy, labor and public interest organizations in urging the Federal Communications Commission to reject an AT&T petition that opponents say could weaken telephone service protections for millions of Californians, particularly those in rural communities.

The coalition filed comments with the FCC on July 7 and July 22 opposing AT&T’s request to prevent California’s Carrier of Last Resort requirements from

applying when the company discontinues its traditional landline, or Plain Old Telephone Service, network.

RCRC joined The Utility Reform Network, the California Alliance for Digital Equity, the California State Association of Counties, the Communications Workers of America and other organizations in the filing.

At issue is AT&T’s request that the FCC determine California cannot require the company to continue meeting Carrier of Last Resort obligations after federal approval is granted to discontinue traditional landline service.

California’s Carrier of Last Resort requirements are designed

to ensure residents have access to basic telephone service regardless of where they live. Opponents argue eliminating those protections could have the greatest impact on rural communities, where wireless and other replacement technologies may not provide the same level of reliability, especially during emergencies and power outages.

The coalition also argues California’s rules do not require providers to maintain aging copper telephone lines or use any specific technology. Instead, they require telephone companies to continue providing reliable communications service using available technologies.

“Universal service remains a cornerstone of public safety and connectivity for rural communities across California, especially during emergencies, natural disasters, and power outages,” said Napa County Supervisor Anne Cottrell, RCRC’s second vice chair. “It is critical that any replacement technology provides the same or better reliability, functionality, and service quality as the existing landline network before these longstanding protections are eliminated.”

The FCC comments are the latest step in a broader legal effort by RCRC and its partners. The organizations recently filed an amicus brief

supporting the California Public Utilities Commission and the California attorney general in AT&T’s federal lawsuit challenging the state’s authority to enforce Carrier of Last Resort requirements.

RCRC also joined a motion seeking formal party status in the case, saying it wants to ensure rural communities and California residents are represented as the case moves forward.

The legal filings were submitted in partnership with TURN, the California State Association of Counties and the Communications Workers of America.

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Team is Getting Younger

By V.G. Harris

Does anyone remember four years ago when your own Sacramento Kings led the NBA in scoring? I do, and what a magical season of excitement it was!

So, if we don’t lead the league in scoring but become a palindrome that plays defensive like it’s our mission in life, how happy would that make you?

Yes, Scott Perry like his coach Doug Christie has sounded like a myna bird as it relates to defense, so as we like to say, “the proof is in the pudding.”

Put No. 1 on the Sacramento Kings agenda as PLAY BETTER DEFENSE! Then, expect it.

Coaches, the GM, and ownership need to hold players accountable, including the free throw shooting.

Any NBA team that is a cellar dweller in any category needs to take it seriously and make the necessary changes to remedy the problem. Don’t settle for just getting a little better, fix the problem!

When high school teams have a higher percentage of success from the same 15’ line as your NBA team does, you have a problem.

On to the positive.

Stop listening to the radio talking heads that seem to believe they’re suddenly experts when it comes to the Sacramento Kings and are collectively giving this team no chance at finishing on the north side of 30 wins. What utter nonsense.

Yes, the Kings had a good if not excellent draft and apart from Alex Karaban’s sprained ankle that limited his action in summer league, the youngsters that are about to make up this year’s team acquitted themselves admirably.

What measures need to be taken to put the Kings in a 30-plus game winning season?

Double down on your decision to make Keegan Murray the first-round draft choice he was just four years ago and help him make season No. 5 one to remember.

If Keegan Murray can shoot 41 percent from three-point land in his first year and set a new NBA rookie record for three-pointers, he surely can remedy a career low 27 percent last season and return to the Keegan Murray that brought us to our feet so many times before.

Work with this young man who is now a veteran player and needs to find his way on a team with former all-star Zach Lavine, and first round draft choice Darius Acuff Jr. Surely the three of them will be starting along with Domantas Sabonis and whoever wins the job as the power forward alongside him.

Player chemistry is all important and this year’s preseason will help set the table for what portends to be a very interesting if not highly productive 2026-27 NBA season.

Start with Domantas Sabonis and the consistency he brings to the table. For three seasons in a row Domantas led the NBA in rebounds and has been one of highest-ranking double-double leaders in recent memory. He even led the NBA in double-doubles and triple-doubles the same season!

Start appreciating and celebrating what you have, and I’m talking now to the Kings franchise. Your persistence in trying to get rid of the one true leader you have on this team is demeaning and it needs to stop.

Celebrate what this Stevedore brings to the court every night and use his talents as a veteran and all-star and let him serve the youngsters on this team as the true mentor he is.

Much of what we can expect this season will come with the success of Domantas Sabonis and his teammate Zach Lavine.

If Lavine can stay heathy and return to his standard of excellence that made him an all-star, Darius Acuff Jr. and Keegan Murray will benefit greatly from his prowess.

Players like Precious Achiuwa, Emanuel Sharp, Dylan Cardwell, Marquel Sutton, Alex Karaban, Isaiah Stevens and Jonathan Mogbo are waiting for their chance, and the success of our veterans will only accelerate the schooling of these youngsters.

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All the best!

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Man Sentenced in New Year's Day Homicide

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was sentenced Tuesday to 25 years to life in state prison for the fatal shooting of Sean Ray Allen Jr. during an altercation in downtown Chico on New Year's Day.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Virginia Gingery sentenced Dante Terrel Murphy, 30, to 15 years to life for second-degree murder and an additional consecutive 10-year term for personally using a firearm during the crime.

Before the sentence was imposed, nine members of Allen's family and loved ones addressed the court, describing the lasting impact of his death. Allen's parents, great-grandmother and other relatives spoke about the pain of losing him and the reality that his three children will grow up without their father. The courtroom was filled with family members and friends wearing shirts in

Allen's memory.

Several relatives also directed remarks toward Murphy.

"Find God," several family members urged. Others encouraged him to "seek forgiveness in this life." One relative told the court, "Laws are for the lawless," emphasizing that those who choose violence must be held accountable.

According to the Butte County District Attorney's Office, the shooting occurred during an altercation near Broadway and West Fourth streets in downtown Chico during the early morning hours of Jan. 1. Investigators said Murphy punched Allen's girlfriend outside a downtown bar before Allen confronted him.

Security video showed Murphy draw a 9 mm handgun and shoot Allen multiple times. Allen was taken to Enloe Hospital, where he died from his injuries. Court records show Allen had retrieved a baseball bat from his

vehicle but threw it onto Broadway Street before approaching Murphy unarmed. An autopsy determined he died from three gunshot wounds.

Murphy fled after the shooting and remained at large for nearly four weeks before authorities arrested him in Oakland on Jan. 28 following a multiagency search. He later entered a no contest plea to second-degree murder with a firearm enhancement, avoiding a jury trial.

During Tuesday's hearing, prosecutors argued the shooting was "not an impulsive shooting in the heat of an unavoidable struggle." Instead, they told the court it was "a series of deliberate choices that repeatedly escalated the danger to everyone around him," particularly in downtown Chico on a crowded New Year's morning.

In addition to the prison sentence, Murphy was ordered to pay \$11,902 in restitution to cover Allen's funeral expenses.

Deputies Arrest Two in Alleged Fuel Theft

By Lloyd Green Jr.

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Two men were arrested Tuesday after Butte County sheriff's deputies said they were caught stealing diesel fuel from a private property near Highway 99 and Skillin Lane.

Deputies were dispatched at about 4:32 p.m. July 21 after receiving a report of a fuel theft in progress.

According to the Butte



County Sheriff's Office, the suspects were taking diesel fuel from a private fuel tank when they were confronted. They fled the property in a beige pickup truck towing a flatbed trailer, allegedly crashing through a locked gate as they drove away.

About 10 minutes later,

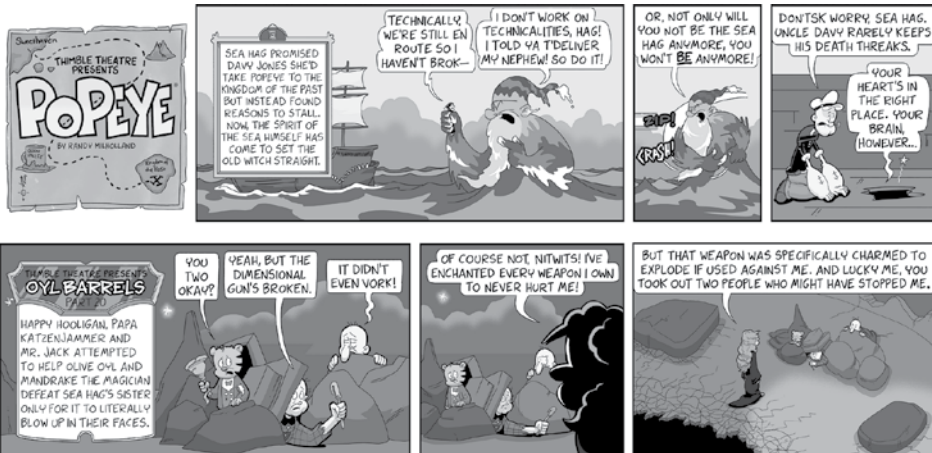
deputies located the truck in Oroville and detained the two occupants.

Jack Walker, 52, of Robbins, and Udom Ketphanh, 44, of Sacramento, were arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail on suspicion of conspiracy, vandalism and petty theft.

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

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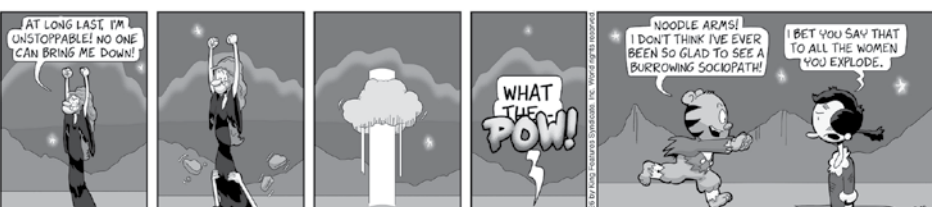


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A cartoon illustration by Henry Jones. A man with glasses and a striped shirt sits on a bench, holding a newspaper. A woman with curly hair sits next to him, also holding the newspaper. A young boy in a graduation cap and gown stands to the right, holding a diploma. The scene is set outdoors with a building and a tree in the background. The signature 'HENRY JONES' is in the bottom left corner.

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17. Dictum, *pl.*
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4. Day trip
5. Flat-topped military cap
6. Lack of muscle tension
7. Opposite of yin
8. Mushroom spore sacs
9. Benatar and Morita, e.g.
10. Money in Myanmar
11. Pointless
12. Take as one's own
14. * ____ Bull, Lakota's famous leader
19. Gallows' rope
22. *World War ____, 1914-18
23. Wisdom tooth, e.g.
24. Sheep-like
25. Highly unpleasant
26. "He's Just Not That ____ You"
27. Damp
28. Islam's Supreme Being
29. Lament for the dead
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33. Rudolph's friend Hermie, e.g.

36. *One of Mount Rushmore presidents
38. *First President in the White House
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Live Oak Flower Farm Blossoms

Story and photos
by Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The picturesque J. Heier Farms, nestled at the foot of the Sutter Buttes in Live Oak, hosted its busiest U-Pick event since opening the flower farm to the public earlier this year.

John Heier and significant other Rebecca Tarbert have transformed the landscape surrounding their home while pursuing their passion for growing cut flowers, particularly the dahlias that are the centerpiece of their free-flowing U-pick events.

Heier and his late wife, Kathy, first acquired the property in 1991 with plans to restore the historic 1860s home on the land. Heier has successfully restored the home, which he said was originally a portion of the Philadelphia Hotel in Marysville, and created a timeless farmhouse-style venue that blends with the Sutter Buttes and surrounding California landscape. The property also features two dedicated flower gardens showcasing dahlias.

Heier's background in farming



Rebecca Tarbert and John Heier, left, assist customers with their floral selections during a recent U-Pick Day at J. Heier Farms in Live Oak.

and agriculture-related industries has allowed him to guide the farm through different eras of growth and production, including walnuts, almonds, cattle, blackberries and now flowers.

Heier turned his focus to growing flowers after his daughters, Marie and Emily, wanted dahlias for their weddings. Having grown other crops, the devoted

father set to work with the help of Tarbert.

The pair found themselves experimenting with blood meal and soil mixes to grow the perfect blooms, focusing on dahlias, cosmos and zinnias.

"After they (dahlias) came up and we saw how beautiful they were, I think we both got addicted to them," Tarbert said. "So, John designed our second garden."

The second garden is one of many unique focal points on the property. Heier's circular design features rows that radiate outward from a central point. His artistic eye is evident, with a color wheel concept applied to the flower plantings to create a colorful blend of blooms.

After supplying flowers for his daughters' two weddings, Heier and Tarbert were left asking what to do with the overflow of blooms filling their gardens.

"They're so beautiful, we have to share these with people. What do we do?" Tarbert said, explaining that both her and Heier's schedules prevented them from committing to local farmers markets.

"So, we did a proof of concept

last month about doing a U-pick," Tarbert said. "We texted our friends and said, 'Hey, would you come out for free, bring a bucket and some snippers?' We got a lot of ideas and it gave us the confidence to just go for it."

An hour into their fourth pop-up U-Pick event, Heier and Tarbert had already run out of their \$15 and \$25 containers, but arriving guests were happy to adjust to the shortage.

Suzanne Fillmore and Sherry Wyatt were among the many guests who visited J. Heier Farms on Sunday to clip flowers.

Since the \$25 options had already sold out, Wyatt said she was happy to purchase two \$15 tins because the metal containers were so charming.

Fillmore came across the notice for the pop-up U-pick on social media, inspiring the pair, both veteran flower farm visitors, to make the trip from Chico.

"I didn't know this existed," Wyatt said, adding that after years of driving past the Sutter Buttes, she didn't think she had ever been so close to them.

"It's lovely out here," Wyatt said. "This is like Disneyland to

me, a flower farm with dahlias."

As visitors circulated through the garden areas, they shared stories and visited with one another while clipping decorative, ball, pompon, single-flowered and other varieties of dahlias.

"They have gorgeous dinner plates," Fillmore said, commenting on the large ruffled blooms, some measuring 6 inches or more across.

Meanwhile, the sense of joy was as palpable as the laughter filling the air.

"I do believe that flowers, they're joyous," Wyatt said, adding that she and her friend planned to return.

Reflecting on past events, Tarbert said she and Heier are thankful for the opportunity to meet new people and share their garden with the public.

"There is such a sense of camaraderie and happiness when people are in the garden," Tarbert said.

J. Heier Farms is planning its next pop-up U-Pick event from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16. J. Heier Farms is at 4880 E. Butte Road in Live Oak and is open to the public only during posted event times.



Rebecca Tarbert points to a row of Café au Lait dahlias that bloomed in a buttery yellow shade instead of the variety's traditional creamy ivory-blush pink. Both color variations were available during the recent U-Pick event at J. Heier Farms.

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