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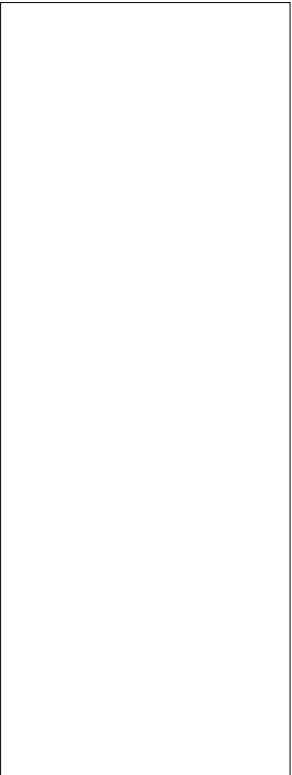


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National Night Out Brings Communities Together



National Night Out 2026 brought children and the community together with law enforcement for an evening of activities at Manuel Vierra Park.

Story and photos
by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - National Night Out 2026 boasted its largest crowd yet despite triple-digit temperatures Tuesday, Aug. 4. The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce hosted National Night Out, a nationwide event held the first Tuesday of August each year and designed to develop personal connections between the public and law

enforcement officers and agencies. Officers were on hand to chat with children, participate in activities and interact with the public. "National Night Out is an amazing way for the kids and people of this community to see the person behind a badge," said Lauren Harris, a dispatcher for the Gridley Police Department. "It's a way for community members to connect with first responders,

especially to show kids that it's not something to be afraid of and to help them feel more comfortable asking for help." Furthering that connection, Gridley Police Department officers helped with one of the largest draws of the event, the bike giveaway. The chamber has historically organized the bike giveaway, partnering with local businesses, individuals and organizations for donations.

This year, a combination of 75 bikes and scooters had been collected for the giveaway at 7 p.m. Whether it was the potential to win a bike or the draw of a fun time, Manuel Vierra Park was filled with community members. Hot spots such as the Quota and chamber giveaway tables, free snow cone booths and the Lions Club barbecue stand were congested with visitors. Chamber President

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GUSD Outlines New Cellphone Restrictions



The district said the restrictions are intended to reduce distractions and address concerns about the effect of excessive smartphone, personal device and social media use on students. Image by yanalya on Magnific

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Unified School District students will face new restrictions on when they can use cellphones and other personal electronic devices on campus this school year, with the rules varying by grade level. The district will hold two meetings for parents before the start of school to explain the cellphone policy and discuss online safety. Parents of middle and high school students can attend at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Guardian Building. A second meeting for elementary school parents will begin at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at the same location. Under the district's policy, students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade must keep personal electronic devices turned off and stored in a backpack or bag throughout the school day. The restriction also applies during before- and after-school programs. High school students must keep their devices turned off and stored during instructional time and passing periods. Students in grades nine through 12 may use personal devices during the designated nutritional break and lunch period. The restrictions cover more than cellphones. The policy applies to smartphones, smartwatches, smart glasses, gaming devices and headphones. For all students, devices must remain stored in backpacks or personal bags while using restrooms, participating in field trips or taking part in work-based learning during the school day. The policy includes exceptions for emergencies or a perceived threat of danger, permission from an administrator, health needs determined by a licensed physician or accommodations specifically included in a student's

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Mountain Fair Returns to Brownsville

By Lloyd Green Jr.

BROWNSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Axes will fly, saws will roar and even a few cannons will fire when the annual Mountain Fair returns to Brownsville Aug. 22-23 for a weekend celebrating the traditions and community of the Yuba County foothills. Presented by Yuba Feather Community Services, the two-day fair will be held at 16911 Willow Glen Road in Brownsville. Gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Throughout the weekend, visitors can expect logging competitions, live music, more than 60 vendors, a children's carnival, animal shows, science demonstrations, food, beer and wine. The logging arena will remain at the center of the festivities, with competitors facing off in everything from axe throwing and crosscut saw

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A competitor sends sawdust flying during a chainsaw event at a previous Brownsville Mountain Fair. Logging competitions will return to the fair Aug. 22-23 in Brownsville. Photo courtesy of the Brownsville Mountain Fair

2026 Football Preview

Biggs Charges into 2026 Under Familiar Face in Program

Biggs Wolverines

**2025 Record: 7-5 (4-2 MVL),
semifinals of the NSCIF Division VI Playoffs**
Coach: Eddie Del Rio
League: Mid-Valley League



By YSBC Sports

BIGGS, CA (YSBC) - A familiar face returns to Biggs as head coach Eddie Del Rio returns to the helm of the Wolverines program. Del Rio was in the program from 2014 through 2018 before he decided to take some time off. Del Rio expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports the transition coming back into the program has been good and says the talent inside the program has the capability to do something special.

Del Rio told YSBC he is bringing the same values and structure to the program he had with his previous stint with the program. Some of those standards include holding his athletes accountable and representing the Biggs community with pride on and off the football field. Since Del Rio has taken the helm of the program, he also implemented a new way of captains picks. Del Rio told YSBC that he let the players vote on who their captains are going to be.



Biggs linemen work on the sleds during practice on Aug. 4. Photo by Chris Pedigo



The Biggs Wolverines run through a series of plays on Aug. 4 during practice. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Offense

Biggs returns almost 70% of the run production from last season this year and that is going to give a great look up front for the Wolverines. The trio rushers of Cashten Acosta, Hudson Brewer and Ayden Owen will serve as the primary rushers, but Biggs has multiple weapons on the outside that are going to force defenses to play a balanced scheme. Acosta and Brewer both return as they led the Wolverines in receiving last season.

Defense

Defensively, the Wolverines will have a lot of names similar from the offense as Biggs enters the 2026 season with 22 athletes on the squad. Wolverines senior Cameron Kroupa and

sophomore Jaiden Bandy will also be key components on the defense along with Acosta, Brewer and Owen. Del Rio told YSBC he has always been a defensive minded coach and he is excited to see how his defense performs every Friday night. Kroupa finished fourth in the entire Northern Section last year with 137 total tackles. All of the Wolverines expressed to YSBC that they have enjoyed the structural dynamic that Del Rio and his staff has implemented so far. The Biggs athletes told YSBC that they want to show everyone in the Northern Section it's their time to raise that plaque after winning a section title and they are a small school that can compete with higher-level competition. ★



Biggs sophomore Jaiden Bandy works through a defensive drill on Aug. 4 during the Wolverines' practice. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Schedule

8/28 at Weed, 7:30 p.m.
9/4 vs. Redding Christian (Palo Cedro), 7:30 p.m.
9/11 at Los Banos, 7 p.m.
9/18 vs. Durham, 7:30 p.m.
9/25 vs. Los Molinos, 7:30 p.m.*
10/9 at Quincy, 7:30 p.m.*
10/16 at Williams, 7:30 p.m.*
10/23 vs. Portola, 7:30 p.m.*
10/30 at Maxwell, 7:30 p.m.*
11/6 vs. Hamilton (Hamilton City), 7 p.m.*
* v = Mid-Valley League contest

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Several people have approached me to let me know that they've put my theory to the test: that a Coke or diet vanilla Coke from the Ice Burgie tastes better when the outside ambient air temperature is over 104°. *** Big news on the homelessness, arson vandal front.

Troy Kidd, the County Treasurer, was able to conduct an auction for the property north of Gridley on the left side of the highway right before the cemetery. In the past, it was commonly referred to as the piece of property owned by a prominent Portuguese Catholic family in town. Still, they long ago sold it, and it's not fair to keep using their name to describe the property when it really isn't theirs anymore — and the Deniz family were good people. Now that there's a new owner, they can sign out a trespass complaint, and the Sheriff can move in and help those people find a better place to stash their stuff and sleep. Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue has been pressing for the property

to get sold for about three years now. The previous owners owed the county quite a sum of money for taxes, code violations, and other pirate-type behavior. Sheriff Kory Honea noted that it's best to give people a couple of days' notice and offer them a chance to go on their own; if not, they leave behind a big mess, but if they know they're going to be moving somewhere, they pack up. Now it's up to Gridley PD Chief Todd Farr to make sure that the people who've been living out there and then coming into his jurisdiction to burn down buildings actually go to a place where they can get back on their feet. *** Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley. ★



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Lynne Spencer acknowledged that Gridley’s National Night Out typically has a strong turnout but said she felt this year’s event was even larger.

“We included Biggs this year because they weren’t having one,” Spencer said. “I have been wanting to make this a Biggs-Gridley event anyway.”

Spencer said she was pleased with the combination of forces.

Gridley Parks and Recreation had the splash pad running for children to cool off, an inflatable water slide and Jaime Luevano in the dunk tank for additional entertainment.

Numerous sports activities, such as volleyball played with an oversized inflatable ball, allowed families to remain active and were stationed throughout the northern portion of the park.

“We expanded all the way out and used the whole park this year,” Spencer added, referring to the activities that stretched from Washington Street to the far west side of Manuel Vierra Park, ending at the tennis courts.

Gridley Quota Club, a partner of the chamber in



A young boy runs to give his mother a high-five after winning a bike during National Night Out.



St. Timothy’s Community Garden provides information about the community garden, the Preserving Food with Friends canning group and other programs during National Night Out.

the event, brought and distributed 222 backpacks to children, including school supplies. A numbered band system helped streamline the selection process, allowing children to pick their favorite bag from hundreds of backpacks hung on the tennis court fences.

Promptly at 7 p.m., event emcee Todd Kimmelshue was joined by Harris and Gridley Police Officer Garcia to assist in distributing bikes to a crowd of

children who anxiously awaited.

Faye Bevan was a lucky winner, taking home a brand-new bike with a wicker basket on the front.

“I can fit three 7-Eleven Slurpees in here,” Bevan mused, tapping the basket and checking out the extras on her new ride as her siblings looked on.

“I loved the hot dogs, the churros and the ice cream,” Bevan said after the event. “It was so nice for people to give us backpacks and I

love my bike!”

Most children left National Night Out with some sort of school supply and the lucky ones with new wheels, but almost all left happy.

“Being a part of National Night Out this year was something special,” Harris said on behalf of the Gridley Police Department. “Gridley is an amazing community, with people that show up in many different ways, which was shown at NNO.” ★



Children and families use the playground at Manuel Vierra Park during National Night Out on Aug. 4.



Cohen Waite puts his ticket in for a chance to win the bike he had his eye on during National Night Out.



Yozajandy Castellanos celebrates the chance to take home a new bike during National Night Out. Bikes were donated by Gridley-area businesses, individuals and organizations.



Faye Bevan shows off the new bike she won during National Night Out as her siblings look on. Bevan said the basket could hold three 7-Eleven Slurpees.

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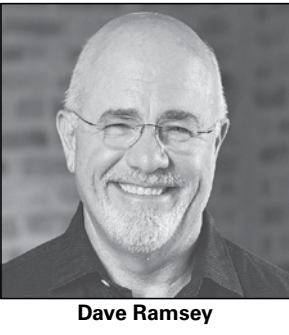
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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’ve spent most of my marriage not being involved in our family finances. To be honest, I’ve not been a very good husband. After being introduced to your show and your books by a friend, I realized how irresponsible I’ve been. When I talked to my wife about it and apologized, I heard for the first time that we have about \$100,000 in debt, plus \$55,000 in debt on a new car and motorcycle I did know about. Of course, we also have a mortgage on our home. She apologized for making a mess of things, but I know it wasn’t all her fault. She hadn’t been sneaking around spending and taking out debt, she just made mistakes and was afraid to tell me. Together, we make about \$150,000 a year. Do you have any advice for us?

– Calab

Dear Caleb,

Brother, I am so proud of you. You made some mistakes, sure. But now you’ve

Dave Ramsey Says Healing Problems... Together

made the decision to man up. And that’s a huge step in the right direction for you *and* your marriage.

To me, what you described is a lot different than her lying and hiding stuff. The truth is you weren’t plugged in. Maybe she wasn’t doing a great job, but then, she didn’t have anyone to talk to about it, did she? Things got worse, and she probably felt ashamed about how ugly it got and didn’t want to tell anyone.

Now you’re at the point where you’ve got to look at all this, and figure out how to fix it with a \$150,000 income. It’s going to mean beans and rice, rice and beans. It’s going to mean a scorched-earth lifestyle and living on a budget, which also means you’re not going out to eat, and you’re not going on vacations.

I’d sell the car and the motorcycle. Get into a couple of very basic, inexpensive cars, and spend about two years being crazy intense to pay off everything but your home. You can clean this up, but you’re basically going to have no

life during that time.

The two of you also have some relationship work to do. It sounds like you’ve already gotten a good start on that, with you owning your part and her owning hers. The thing is not to point fingers. From this point forward you need to always sit down together, and make all your decisions—financial and otherwise—*together*. I want you to hug on each other a lot, too.

If you’re both willing, you can heal the math problem, the debt problem and the marriage problem all at the same time. God bless you both!

– 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. ★



‘Rough’ Peach Crop Caps a Bitter Season

Harvest is expected to conclude later this month for California cling peaches, which are used for canning. For the first time, nearly all the fruit is bound for a single processor-Pacific Coast Producers—after Del Monte Foods filed for bankruptcy last year and closed its Modesto cannery earlier this year. The loss of Del Monte’s business puts California cling peach growers at a precarious crossroads, with several dozen growers going without a buyer for some or all their fruit. As a result, about 3,000 acres of peach trees are expected to be removed this year, according to the California Canning Peach Association. “It’s a huge setback,” said Sarb Johl, who grows cling peaches in Yuba and Sutter counties, and has pulled 80 of his 120 acres of peach trees this year. “They’re all pushed out and burned up.” Cling peach harvest, which started in late May, has hardly improved fortunes. A heat wave this past spring sped fruit ripening before the crop had a chance to size up, with a lot of peaches being rejected for being too small. “The fruit is looking pretty rough,” Johl said.

Processed Tomato Growers Hope for Market Recovery

After their big crop in 2025, California growers of processing tomatoes are harvesting fewer acres this season. Higher inventories of tomato products and decreased sales led California tomato processors to cut how many acres they want growers to plant this year, with contracted acres at their lowest in more than 30 years. The hope is that the reduced acreage will allow inventory levels to come into balance with market demands, said Mike Montna, president and CEO of the California Tomato Growers Association.

“It’s going to take a couple of years,” he said, adding that the industry has “turned the corner” on slower sales. Unusually warm weather in March accelerated plant growth, leading to an earlier start to harvest this year. Growers with later plantings expect to finish harvest by the end of October. Fresno County grower Don Cameron described the quality of his crop as good, with yields exceeding his contracted amount. But with months of harvest left, Montna said weather could still impact the crop.

State’s Farmers Seek Fairness in Trade Talks with Canada

California farm groups are closely watching the trade relationship between the U.S. and Canada—the state’s top export market for its agricultural products—as negotiations of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement continue. The Trump administration last month announced new tariffs on some Canadian goods and chose not to automatically extend the trade pact, leading to annual negotiations. California Farm Bureau hosted a meeting last week with Canadian officials and various agricultural commodity groups to discuss trade concerns and ways to strengthen cooperation. One major issue is Canada’s ban on U.S. alcohol sales, which caused California wine exports to Canada to drop sharply. The decline has made conditions more difficult for California’s struggling wine sector, which is already facing lower global demand and an oversupply of grapes. Matthew Viohl, director of federal policy advocacy for the California Farm Bureau, said California farmers want to ensure trading partners follow labor and environmental standards outlined in trade agreements. “What we really stress when it comes to trade is stability and fairness,” he said. ★

Silver Dollar Fairgrounds Begins Resiliency Center

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Construction is underway on a new Community Resiliency Center at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, a roughly 40,000-square-foot facility designed to serve Butte County during emergencies while providing space for community use throughout the year.

Fairgrounds officials broke ground Aug. 5 after nearly five years of planning, design and coordination with the state. Demolition and site work have started at the Chico fairgrounds.

“This is a milestone we’ve been working toward for a long time,” Silver Dollar Fairgrounds CEO Jeremi deOSio said. “Over the past five years, we’ve worked closely with the State through every phase of planning, coordination, design, and approvals to make this project possible. It’s incredibly exciting to finally see construction begin and watch this vision

become a reality.”

During emergencies, the center will support evacuation efforts, emergency operations and disaster recovery. Outside of emergencies, the building will provide space for community events, meetings, educational programs and other public uses.

The project is part of California’s Fairground and Community Resilience Centers initiative, which followed the state’s 2021 budget allocation of \$150 million for improvements at fairgrounds and community facilities.

The statewide program focuses on facilities that can serve as evacuation sites and disaster response centers during wildfires, floods, extreme weather and other emergencies. Projects funded through the initiative can include emergency shelters, clean-air centers, backup power, community kitchens, showers and broadband infrastructure.

For the Silver Dollar

Fairgrounds, the new center will expand a role the property already serves during emergencies while adding another facility for community activities.

“The Silver Dollar Fairgrounds has always been more than just the home of the annual fair,” deOSio said. “This project reinforces our commitment to serving our community year-round.”

DeOSio said the center will allow the fairgrounds to host community events and support local organizations while providing a place for people during emergencies.

“Whether it’s hosting community events, supporting local organizations, or providing a safe place during times of crisis, this facility will ensure we’re better prepared to meet the needs of Butte County for generations to come,” deOSio said.

Fairgrounds officials said they will provide additional updates as construction progresses. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I still have snails but they’ve been fairly well behaved for a while. I wished it was a sign of toad activity in the yard, but there are no real sign of toads (other than a small dead one). I saw a lizard but they don’t eat snails. The snails are not doing acrobatics in the orange tree, nor staring at me from

tall places. There are sidewalk slime trails early in the morning but fewer than previously. I did take out rock borders because I was having back problems and didn’t want to trip over rocks. This might have taken away important habitat. I no longer have the large Hosta in the front yard because I was so tired of trying to save it from snails. I dug up that bed and planted cyclamen which seem so far to be snail resistant. I do find some snails in the geraniums but not many. I’m not finding them in a shady, moist spot that has fuchsias, coral bells and digiplexis. It is a mystery. I’m happy to have only a few but it has limited my snail observations

immensely. I do have snail damage in the mini Hostas I have in pots but I have baited those pots and it stopped. I love Hostas, I don’t want to give them up. Maybe the toads are out there in stealth mode.

Ursula the scrub Jay has been planting sunflowers from the birdfeeder. There is a big single sunflower in the edge between the back lawn and the back walkway. There is also a beautiful multi stemmed sunflower at the edge of the vegetable garden. It gives my young cucamelon just a bit of shade which is great while it is tender. Of course, there are plenty of annoying oaks and pecans growing in abundance. Scrub Jays are such little farmers! ★

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Campaign Supports Local Young Athletes

By Lloyd Green Jr.

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Nearly seven years after 13-year-old Alec Flores was killed by a drunk driver while walking to school, a nonprofit created in his memory continues to help young athletes participate in sports.

The Alec Flores Youth Sports Scholarship Corporation has launched “Team 10,” a 10-week membership campaign designed to grow monthly support for scholarships that help families cover the costs of youth sports. The campaign runs through Oct. 10 and encourages supporters to make recurring donations starting at \$10 per month.

Since its founding, the organization has awarded more than \$152,000 in scholarships to 640 young athletes participating in programs with more than 60 local sports organizations and clubs, helping families pay for

registration fees, equipment, uniforms and travel expenses. The organization accepts scholarship applications from athletes in Sutter, Yuba and Colusa counties, as well as the City of Gridley in Butte County. Athletes who live in Gridley or participate in an athletic organization based in Gridley are eligible to apply.

The new campaign builds on the nonprofit’s annual “10 for Alec” tradition, which encourages donations connected to Alec’s birth month of October.

“Over the years, our community has embraced the ‘10 for Alec’ tradition in such a meaningful way,” said Tara Repka Flores, vice president of operations for the Alec Flores Youth Sports Scholarship Corporation. “Team 10 allows us to build on that incredible support and create sustainable opportunities for young athletes throughout the year.”

Repka Flores said athletics played a significant role in Alec’s life.

“Sports gave Alec confidence, friendships, purpose and joy,” she said. “By joining Team 10, supporters can help ensure more kids have the chance to experience those same benefits. Every gift helps keep a young athlete in the game

The nonprofit said the campaign represents an effort to create year-round support rather than relying on a single annual fundraising push. Supporters who join during the campaign will be recognized as Team 10 members and receive thank-you gifts based on their level of monthly giving, including certificates, recognition on the organization’s website and social media, and additional items for higher giving levels.

Campaign materials describe the effort with the slogan, “Give 10. Keep Them in the Game.” The organization reports it has



Alec Flores, 13, inspired the creation of the Alec Flores Youth Sports Scholarship Corporation following his death in 2019. The nonprofit has awarded more than \$152,000 in youth sports scholarships and recently launched its Team 10 monthly giving campaign to expand support for young athletes. Photo courtesy of the Flores family

now awarded more than \$152,500 in scholarships and supported more than 670 athletes, reflecting continued growth since the nonprofit’s founding.

The Team 10 campaign concludes Oct. 10, a date chosen to recognize Alec’s legacy and the organization’s mission of expanding access to youth sports.

More information is available at <http://AlecYouthSports.org>. ★

Former Biggs Mayor Pleads No Contest

By Lloyd Green Jr.

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Former Biggs Mayor Robert Brian Bassett could spend more than four years in state prison after pleading no contest Aug. 5 to three charges of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Bassett, 58, entered the pleas in Butte County Superior Court in a case involving a 17-year-old foreign exchange student who stayed at his Biggs home in 2023, when Bassett served as mayor.

He faces up to four years and four months in prison.

The court ordered Bassett to be held without bail at the Butte County Jail until his sentencing Sept. 2.

The case surfaced after community allegations prompted Gridley police to investigate Bassett's relationship with the student. The investigation continued for several months and



Robert Brian Bassett, 58, former mayor of Biggs, pleaded no contest Aug. 5 to three charges of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. He is scheduled for sentencing Sept. 2. Photo courtesy of Butte County District Attorney's Office

eventually reached the student in her home country.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the student told investigators she had several sexual encounters with Bassett while she was 17 and living in his home.

Gridley police arrested Bassett in July while serving the search warrant.

Wednesday's plea moves the case directly to sentencing and eliminates the need for a trial. ★

Community Calendar

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

Friday, Aug. 14

Circus of Horror

Showtimes at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Oroville State Theater, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. Get ready for an evening of sinister clowns, dramatic acrobatics, and dark theatrical comedy. Gather your bravest friends and step inside our historic venue for a unique night of thrilling live entertainment. Tickets and more information at www.orovillestatetheater.com/calendar.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Native Grasses & Fire Resilient Landscapes

9 a.m. to noon, Upper Bidwell Park, Parking Lot A, Chico. Join botanist and watershed program manager Wolfy Rougle of the Butte County Resource Conservation District for a guided walk exploring native grasses, prescribed fire and climate-resilient land stewardship. Registration and information are available at www.butte365.com/event.

Nature Ice Cream Social

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chico Creek Nature Center, 1968 E. Eighth St., Chico. Enjoy Shubert's Ice Cream, visit the Janeece Webb Living Animal Museum, meet animal ambassadors, participate in crafts and games, and explore Bidwell Park during this family-friendly event presented by the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.

K-Pop Circus Live Show

Showtimes 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Oroville State Theater, 1489 Myers St., Oroville. High-flying circus feats meet your favorite K-Pop hits. Blending acrobatics, colorful costumes, and upbeat dance routines, this high-energy performance is packed with lively entertainment for all ages. Get ready to sing along, enjoy the music, and watch talented performers take the stage. Tickets and more information at www.orovillestatetheater.com/calendar.

Sunday, Aug. 16

“Three Fire Mountains” Reading

6 p.m. at The Bookstore, 118 Main St., Chico. You are invited to spend an evening with local author and community leader Katie Simmons as she reads from her debut book, “Three Fire Mountains: Stories of Wildfire and Recovery in California”. Katie brings a rare combination of lived experience and professional expertise to the field of rural wildfire recovery. She served as Disaster Recovery Director for the Town of Paradise in the wake of the 2018 Camp Fire and now serves as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer at Butte County, where she leads recovery and economic development efforts. Come ready to listen, ask questions, and leave with a deeper understanding of both the hardships our region has faced and the resilience driving its renewal.

Thursday, Aug. 20

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. No cost and open to kids of all ages. For more information, call 530-342-4359.

Fall '26 at OLLI Class Preview

10:30 a.m. to noon at the Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave., Chico. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Chico State program is preparing to kick off another academic year for older adult learners in the North State. With over 120 classes offered in the classroom, outdoors, and online, OLLI offers a unique way to explore new topics. This preview is a sneak peek at exciting classes this fall, a chance to meet our volunteer instructors, and an opportunity to get all the information you need for class registration.

Friday, Aug. 21

Oroville Show and Stroll

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Myers St., Oroville. We love the nostalgia of our downtown and want to share it with all of you. What better way than to have nostalgic cars lining the streets in the heart of downtown? When you spend an evening strolling downtown, you’ll enjoy more than just the car show. Unique shopping experiences, including our brick-and-mortar retailers as well as street vendors. Delicious food and beverages at any of our amazing restaurants. Live music that will have you dancing in the street.

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.

Sunday, Aug. 23

Aquathon Water Aerobic Fundraiser

10 a.m., Nelson Pool, 2280 Sixth St., Oroville. Quota of Oroville will host an Aquathon water aerobics fundraiser to help purchase a service dog for Kelly Horn, who recently lost her mobility assistance dog. The event will include water aerobics, raffle prizes and community activities. Tickets are \$30. For information, contact Kiki Silva at 209-329-1057.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

“Toss for Tails” Cornhole Event

Starts at 6:30 p.m. at Gold Country Casino, 4020 Olive Hwy., Oroville. Play cornhole, help animals, make a difference. No partner needed – games are switchholio format and everyone plays every round. Cash prizes plus a 50/50 raffle. All other proceeds go to support the Northwest SPCA helping animals. Last Wednesday of every month.

Thursday, Aug. 27 through Sunday, Aug. 30

Butte County Fair

Daily at 199 East Hazel St. The Butte County Fair has been creating memories for 79 years. Tree-lined streets, children laughing, aroma of fair food, and fun events and shows – the Butte County Fair is a feel-good family event. The friendliness of the Butte County Fair and the fairgrounds sets it apart from other events. Full schedule and tickets are available at www.buttecountyfair.org.

Monday, Sept. 26

Class Reunion

The Gridley High School Class of 1981 will celebrate its 45-year reunion with activities beginning with a no-host dinner and drinks from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Casa Lupe Restaurant in Gridley. Classmates are encouraged to make dinner reservations by calling 530-846-5152, Ext. 4. The group will then attend the Gridley Bulldogs varsity football game against Paradise, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m., followed by a post-game gathering at Stan's Bar and Lounge, 280 Fairview Drive. For more information, email GUHSClass81@yahoo.com

Library Happenings

Butte County Libraries

Butte County Libraries are pausing programs for next couple of weeks at the Gridley branch, 299 Spruce St. and Biggs branch, 464A B St. Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 18: Creative writing group for adults, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Gridley Library.

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. 25, 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. 25 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@butte-county.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>. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17.

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 includes breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and Bingo from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

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, Sept. 2.

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. 19.

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 Aug. 23. 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, Sept. 8. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

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

Welfare Check Leads to Identity Theft Charges

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man was arrested Aug. 4 on identity theft and drug charges after a welfare check led to the discovery of identification and financial cards belonging to several people.

Michael Dedmon, 39, was contacted about 7:34

a.m. while sleeping on a bench outside a business in the 2200 block of Feather River Boulevard.

A Butte County sheriff's deputy reported seeing drug paraphernalia in plain view and detained Dedmon. A search of his belongings turned up multiple wallets, identification cards, access cards and other financial

cards belonging to several people, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office also reported finding evidence suggesting one person's financial information may have been used without authorization. At least one victim has been confirmed, and authorities are working to contact others connected

to the recovered property.

Dedmon was arrested on suspicion of identity theft, unlawful possession of access card information, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

The case remains under investigation. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENTS

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 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000687
The following person(s) are doing 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 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 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
WILD 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000775
The following person(s) are doing 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 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 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
STIDHAM 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000770
The following person(s) are doing 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 commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. 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 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
SERENITY 8-21-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000813
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gridley Grocery Outlet, 1550 CA-99, Gridley, CA 95948
Rai Family Enterprise LLC, 1093 Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA 95301
Date filed in Butte County: July 27, 2026. The Registrant commenced 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: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026
GRIDLEY 8-28-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000785
The following person(s) are doing business as: GS Soccer, 2850 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
Carlos Gutierrez Soria and Alexis Gutierrez Soria, 2385 Alice Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: July 20, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
GS 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000613
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gold State 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: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
GOLD 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000855
The following person(s) are doing business as: Snow Man Ramen, 951 Nord Avenue, #2 and #3, Chico, CA 95926
Zhenhua Zhang and Minghua Gu, 951 Nord Avenue, #2 and #3, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: August 6, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
SNOW 9-4-26

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
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
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 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
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 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
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
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 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
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
VILENSKY 8-14-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #26CV02430
Petitioner Sherri Rene Jones filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Liam Ray Lopez to Liam Ray Jones and Noah Gage Lopez to Noah Gage Jones.

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 September 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department 06, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 31, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
JONES 9-4-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 26CV01627
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jeremiah Johnson, all persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud on Plaintiff's title to the Property, and DOES 1 to 100
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Jarren Campos.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you

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

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

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

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

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

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Charles B. Holzhauer, PO Box 842, Chico, CA 95927. 530-720-1948
Date: (Fecha) April 13, 2026
Clerk (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah,
Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026
CAMPOS 8-21-26

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

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

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

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

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

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Charles B. Holzhauer, PO Box 842, Chico, CA 95927. 530-720-1948
Date: (Fecha) April 13, 2026
Clerk (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah,
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NOTICE THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES
THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to §10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, relating to the General Municipal Election in the City of Gridley, to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected.

As of the close of the nomination period on August 7, 2026, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected.

The persons nominated are:

Bruce Johnson
Councilmember-4-Year Term

James Roberts
Councilmember-4-Year Term

That §10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

1. Appoint to the office the person(s) who has/have been nominated.

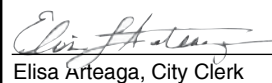
2. Appoint to the office any eligible elector (voter) if no one has been nominated.

3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

The City Council will meet on Thursday, August 20, 2026, to make the appointments. The person(s) appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

If, by the 75th day before the municipal election, no person has been appointed to the office(s) pursuant to (1) or (2) above, the election shall be held.

If the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to §10229, Elections Code, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy which is submitted after the appointment is made.


Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk
Dated: August10, 2026

The Gridley Herald 8-14-2026

USDA Opens Peach Removal Program

By Lloyd Green Jr.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California peach growers have until Sept. 1 to apply for a \$9 million federal program to help remove cling peach trees following economic challenges facing the industry and the closure of the Del Monte processing facility.

Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, and Rep. James Gallagher, R-Chico, announced the application period after working with local leaders and other members of California's congressional delegation to secure funding earlier this year.

"Peach growers are the backbone of the agricultural economy in Sutter and Yuba counties," Thompson said. "The closure of the Del Monte processing facility, combined with already challenging economic

conditions, dealt a devastating blow to these communities."

Thompson credited Sen. Adam Schiff, Sen. James Gallagher, other members of California's congressional delegation and the California Canning Peach Association with helping secure the funding.

"This funding will help growers navigate these difficult circumstances while strengthening the future of California's cling peach industry," Thompson said.

Gallagher added that the assistance comes as growers decide what to do with their orchards following a difficult year for the industry.

"This provides much-needed support as growers make important decisions about their orchards," Gallagher said. "I appreciate USDA moving quickly to stand up this program, and I'm glad to join

Congressman Thompson in making sure growers know these applications are now open."

Gallagher added that the program could help stabilize the region's agricultural industry while giving growers additional options as they plan for the future.

Applications are available through the California Canning Peach Association at <http://calpeach.com/treepull/>. Application forms will also be available through processor field representatives.

Completed applications may be hand-delivered to the association's Sacramento office, emailed as an attachment to treepull@calpeach.com or mailed to California Canning Peach Association, 2600 River Plaza Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833 ★

Gridley Library Hosts Author Paula Scott, Sept. 24

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - From newspaper reporting to bestselling books, Sutter County author Paula Scott has built a writing career around stories often rooted in California.

A bestselling author and fifth-generation California farmer, Scott will discuss her books, writing career and life on the farm during a Friends of the Gridley Library program from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Gridley Library, 299 Spruce St.

Scott began writing as a newspaper reporter before writing for magazines and contributing short stories to "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and Guideposts books.

In 2016, she published her debut novel, "Until the Day Breaks." The novel follows Rachel Tyler, a Protestant American who arrives in California in 1846 and finds herself promised to Roman Vasquez, a Catholic Spanish soldier, as the Bear Flag Revolt unfolds. Their unwanted engagement develops into a romance as religious differences, family loyalties and the conflict over California threaten to pull them apart.

Scott has since written several novels and memoirs, including "Love in a Fertile Land," "River of Mercy," "Leaving Lonesome," "Farming Grace," "The Mother Keeper," "Far Side of the Sea" and "Chasing the Wind."

Her writing career remains tied to her family's agricultural roots in the Sacramento Valley. Scott lives with her family on a Sutter County farm and helps operate West Butte Orchards, where she spends summers harvesting stone fruit.

"I never thought I'd end up a farmer



Paula Scott, a bestselling author and fifth-generation California farmer from Sutter County, will discuss her books and writing career Sept. 24 at the Gridley Library. Photo courtesy of Paula Scott

and an author too," Scott said. "Strange, I know, but it works just fine."

Scott said farming has also influenced the way she views her writing and family life.

"Working on our farm is hard, but it has granted us the perspective that life should be a labor of love," she said.

Paula Scott is a pen name inspired by her husband, Scott, whom she credits as an important part of her writing career.

"My real name is not Paula Scott. This is us: Paula and Scott," she said. "We've been together forty years now. My husband is my great romance, so I chose his name for my pen name."

Most of Scott's books are set in California. Her work has also attracted attention beyond the state, with some of her literary work optioned for Hollywood.

For more information about Scott and her books visit <http://paulascott.com>. ★

Butte County Sheriff Warns of Jury Scam

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about a phone scam in which callers impersonate sheriff's personnel and demand money over claims of missed jury duty.

According to the Sheriff's Office, scammers call residents and claim they failed to appear for jury duty and now have a warrant for their arrest. The caller then demands immediate payment of a purported bail or bond to prevent an arrest.

The Sheriff's Office said the calls are fraudulent and residents should not send



Butte County
KORY L. HONEA, SHERIFF-CORONER

money or provide personal or financial information.

The agency said its personnel will not call someone and demand payment over the phone or ask for payment through gift cards, cryptocurrency or electronic payment applications.

Deputies also will not ask someone to pay bail or fines to avoid arrest, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Anyone who receives such a call should hang up immediately and refrain from providing information or sending money.

Residents who are uncertain whether a call claiming to come from the Sheriff's Office is legitimate can contact the agency directly through its non-emergency line at 530-538-7321.

The Sheriff's Office encouraged residents to make family members, friends and neighbors aware of the scam, particularly as callers continue using claims of arrest warrants and missed jury duty to pressure potential victims into making payments. ★

Motorcycle Show Raises \$15,000 for Veterans

By MPG Staff

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The third annual Stars, Stripes & Bikes motorcycle show raised nearly \$15,000 for programs supporting local veterans and their families during its July 11 event at Feather Falls Casino Resort.

The fundraiser, organized by American Legion Riders Chapter 95 in partnership with Feather Falls Casino Resort, drew an estimated 200 to 300 motorcycles to the property throughout the day. Forty motorcycles entered the judged bike show, while 29 vendors participated in the event.

Raffles, awards and other activities helped

raise money for American Legion Riders Chapter 95, which operates through American Legion Post 95 and supports veterans and their families in Oroville, Gridley, Chico, Paradise and Durham.

The organization's programs include memorial rides honoring fallen veterans, holiday meal assistance for veterans in need and a December Santa event for local children.

"Feather Falls Casino Resort believed in us and trusted us from the beginning, and this event could not have grown over the past three years without their support," said Missy Griffiths, secretary of American Legion Riders

Chapter 95 and Area 1 vice director. "We are grateful to every vendor, rider, volunteer and supporter who showed up. Together, we raised nearly \$15,000 that will remain focused on helping local veterans and their families."

Griffiths said riders traveled from across California to attend the event, including American Legion Riders chapters from Healdsburg and Norco. Some participants traveled more than 400 miles to take part in the motorcycle show.

According to organizers, the annual event continues to grow and serves as a fundraiser to support veterans and patriotic programs in the region. ★

Mountain Fair Returns to Brownsville

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races to choker setting, hot saw competitions and a four-person logger relay.

Saturday's festivities begin with an opening ceremony and the opening of the kids carnival at 10 a.m., followed by a full day of competitions and entertainment spread throughout the fairgrounds.

Logging competitions begin at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon with events including stock saw and work saw competitions, axe throwing, obstacle pole bucking, a Jack and Jill crosscut saw race, choker setting, Buck & Stack and a hot saw competition. Organizers have also added a women's-only axe throw to Saturday's lineup, joining the women's Hard Hat Frisbee competition scheduled for later in the afternoon.

Outside the logging arena, the Sierra Muzzleloaders will set up camp Saturday to offer black powder demonstrations and talk with visitors about the equipment and history. They will also bring two cannons to the fair, which organizers said will be fired several times during the day. Warning announcements will be made before each firing due to the noise.

The annual BBQ Ribs Contest will also take place Saturday, with tasting beginning at noon and awards scheduled for 2:45 p.m. Entertainment will include multiple appearances by the Science Wizard, live animal shows and Wild West-style performances by the Constitution Gunfighters. Live music begins in the afternoon, with performances by the James Slack Band and Doug Marr & Company. The James Slack Band is scheduled to return to the stage several times throughout the day.

The kids carnival will feature games, prizes and entertainment from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., while vendors will be open throughout the fair offering handcrafted items, treats and goods from local crafters and small businesses.

Saturday's festivities continue until the gates close at 7 p.m.

The Mountain Fair picks back up at 10 a.m. Sunday with another opening ceremony, the kids carnival and a second day of logging competitions.

Sunday's logging lineup includes work saw competitions, single- and double-buck crosscut saw races, a two-choker set, a four-person logger relay, speed axe



Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children 5 and younger. Image courtesy of Brownsville Mountain Fair

throwing and the second hot saw competition of the weekend. The women's Hard Hat Frisbee competition will return Sunday afternoon.

For those whose talents are better suited to the kitchen than the logging arena, Sunday will also feature the Mountain Fair Baking Contest. Judging begins at 11:30 a.m., with awards presented at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday's musical entertainment will be provided by the Stringtown Road Band, featuring Kevin Marcy of the Marcy Brothers, with performances scheduled at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Animal shows and Science Wizard performances will continue throughout the day. The kids carnival will again run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., when the gates close and the 2026 Mountain Fair comes to an end.

Throughout the weekend more than 60 vendor spaces are expected to fill the grounds with handcrafted treasures, treats and assorted goods from local crafters and small businesses. Raffle drawings will also be held throughout the fair. Regular raffle tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5 or 25 for \$20. Separate raffles for a half hog and a firearm will also be offered at \$10 per ticket.

The Mountain Fair has been a Brownsville tradition for more than five decades and continues to serve as both a celebration of the area's mountain heritage and a gathering place for residents throughout the Yuba Feather communities.

Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children 5 and younger. ★

Chico Man Sentenced for \$150,000 Theft

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico man convicted of embezzling more than \$150,000 from a local optometry business will spend a year in Butte County Jail as part of a three-year sentence-imposed Aug. 5.

Daniel Hicks, 47, received a three-year split sentence from Butte County Superior Court Judge Kimberly Merrifield. Hicks will serve 365 days in county jail followed by 731 days under mandatory supervision by the county probation department, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

The sentence follows Hicks' April no-contest plea to one count of grand theft by embezzlement. Prosecutors initially accused Hicks of taking nearly \$40,000 while working as an accounting and benefits coordinator for the Chico business between January 2019 and July 2025.

A forensic audit later determined Hicks embezzled \$150,523. Merrifield ordered Hicks to repay that amount along with the cost of the audit, bringing the total restitution order to \$165,239.61.

According to Hicks' probation report, he closed his 401(k)-retirement account and provided \$54,000 to his defense attorney to put toward restitution. His attorney told the court he had the check at the sentencing hearing.

The case began after the optometry business received an anonymous letter

in July 2025 urging it to conduct a more thorough background check on Hicks. The review uncovered his previous embezzlement conviction involving Chico State.

The business then conducted a forensic audit that found discrepancies between cash it collected, and amounts Hicks reported depositing into company accounts. The business terminated Hicks and Chico police investigated the case.

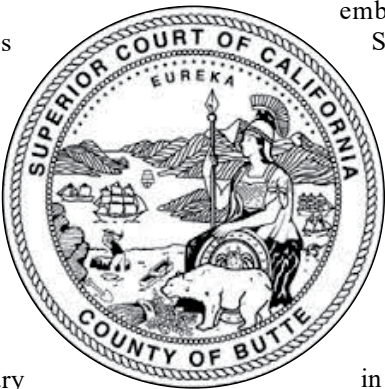
Hicks pleaded no contest April 29 rather than proceed to a preliminary hearing.

The new case followed a 2018 conviction for grand theft by embezzlement from Chico State. In that case, prosecutors said Hicks used debit card transactions to transfer money into his personal bank accounts.

Hicks received three years of felony probation in the Chico State case and was ordered to serve 90 days in jail, pay a \$2,250 fine and pay \$54,374 in restitution.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Hicks still owes more than \$88,751 to Chico State from that conviction.

As part of the latest sentence, Merrifield also ordered Hicks to complete 100 hours of community service and a theft awareness class. The court barred him from employment that would give him access to money or financial accounts. He also cannot maintain a personal bank account from which checks can be drawn or participate in sales or service businesses. ★



Child Exploitation Sting Nets 17 Arrests

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Seventeen people from across Northern California were arrested as part of a multiagency undercover operation in Sutter County targeting individuals allegedly seeking to sexually exploit children online.

The Sutter County Sheriff’s Office announced the results of “Operation Cyber Shield” Friday, Aug. 7, saying the investigation began with a three-day enforcement operation July 22-24 in which specially trained law enforcement personnel posed online as children age 13 or younger.

Investigators communicated with individuals through various online platforms before allegedly arranging meetings at a local hotel, where suspects arrived believing they were meeting an underage child. The hotel cooperated with law enforcement, but Sheriff Brandon Barnes declined to identify the business at its request.

Twelve people were arrested during the initial three-day operation. Investigators continued communicating with other suspects over the following two weeks, resulting in five additional arrests and bringing the total to 17. All 17 cases have been forwarded to the Sutter County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution, Barnes said.

“There’s no greater responsibility than protecting our children,” Barnes said. “My hope was that Operation Cyber Shield has a profound impact and hopefully saved a child from being victimized.”

Those arrested range



Representatives from multiple local, state and federal law enforcement agencies stand alongside Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes during a press conference Aug. 7 at the Sutter County Agricultural Department. Officials gathered to announce the results of Operation Cyber Shield. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

in age from 18 to 68 and came from communities stretching from Santa Rosa to Turlock. Three are Marysville residents and two are from Yuba City.

The Marysville suspects were Rafael Zamudio, 39; Jason Harmon, 44; and Mauro Lopez-Santiago, 50. Yuba City residents Ricardo Juarez, 18, and Juan Morales-Yepes, 56, were also arrested.

Other suspects include Gary Lloyd Jr., 41, of Sacramento; Torrance Pryor, 29, of Rancho Cordova; Kip Ernst, 52, of Granite Bay; Valentino Cabagua, 65, of Sacramento; Thomas Saetern, 36, of Sacramento; Christopher Shipman, 47, of Gridley; Mario Sandoval-Cervantes, 39, of Lodi; Philbert Maghamil, 26, of Lincoln; Steven Koehler, 68, of Sacramento; Keith Alvis, 40, of Turlock; Sean Margalit, 28, of Oroville; and Jacob Molsberry, 30, of Santa Rosa.

The suspects face varying charges, including contacting or communicating with a minor with the intent to commit a sexual offense, arranging

meetings with minors or people believed to be minors for the purpose of committing lewd acts, attempted lewd or lascivious acts involving children 14 or younger and distributing harmful material to minors.

Barnes explained that the charges vary depending on the alleged conduct. Contacting a minor with the intent to commit a sexual offense is a felony, while agreeing to meet a minor for lewd or lascivious behavior can constitute a misdemeanor. Arriving at an arranged meeting place with the intent of committing a sexual act can result in a felony charge.

Several suspects face additional allegations listed in the Sheriff’s Office media packet, including offenses related to the production of obscene material. Other arrests included allegations involving resisting officers, controlled substances or weapons.

“As I watched and I listened to this operation play out in real time over the course of three days, I was sickened to think that there are predators out there that

are so comfortable doing this type of behavior that it occurred to me they may have actually met up with a minor at some point, potentially victimized somebody,” Barnes said.

Approximately 50 to 60 law enforcement personnel participated on each of the three primary days of the operation. The effort involved the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office along with numerous local, state and federal agencies, including the Yuba City and Marysville police departments, Yuba County Sheriff’s Office, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office, Sacramento Police Department, Placer County Sheriff’s Office, Chico Police Department, Turlock Police Department, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Homeland Security Investigations and the Sacramento Valley High-Tech Crimes Task Force, among others.

Barnes said the operation required months of preparation and was first brought to his attention approximately three months before

it began. The Sheriff’s Office had previously participated in similar operations conducted by other agencies and decided to organize one locally after seeing their results.

Investigators executed approximately 14 to 16 search warrants during the investigation, primarily involving electronic devices such as cellphones, as well as several laptop computers. Authorities also preserved communications between the suspects and undercover investigators, including messages and, in some cases, photographs.

Prosecutors were involved during the operation and reviewed evidence as the investigation unfolded. Barnes said each arrest was vetted with the Sutter County District Attorney’s Office beforehand to ensure investigators had sufficient cause to take the suspects into custody.

Sutter County Chief Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Greeson cautioned that the arrests mark the beginning of the prosecution process and that those arrested are presumed

innocent unless proven guilty.

“Now the hard part for our office starts, and that involves charging and going through the entire court process,” Greeson said.

Law enforcement officials declined to identify the specific online platforms used during the investigation, saying disclosure could compromise similar investigations underway elsewhere. Instead, Barnes urged parents to familiarize themselves with the social media, messaging and gaming platforms their children use and, more importantly, learn who their children are communicating with online.

“Take time to know what apps and what online gaming platforms they’re using,” Barnes said. “But most importantly, be aware of who they are communicating with.”

Investigators hope releasing the names and photographs of those arrested could also prompt anyone who may have previously interacted with one of the suspects to contact authorities. ★

New Bus Route Connects Williams, Sacramento

By MPG Staff

WILLIAMS, CA (MPG) - Travelers now have a new direct bus connection to Sacramento International Airport and downtown Sacramento with the launch of an Interstate 5 express route serving communities between Redding and the state capital.

The new Route 5 Gold Runner Thruway service includes two daily round trips with stops in Redding, Red Bluff, Orland, Williams, Sacramento International Airport and Sacramento Valley Station in downtown Sacramento. The Williams stop is at McDonald's, 475 4th St., providing a pickup and drop-off point along Interstate 5.

The service gives Williams passengers another option for reaching Sacramento while also providing connections to Gold Runner and Capitol Corridor trains and Sacramento Regional Transit. Bus-only tickets are available between cities along the route, meaning passengers do not need to purchase a train ticket to use the service.

“Route 5 delivers on a long-standing goal of connecting the North State to the Sacramento region,” San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority CEO Chris Orlando said. “This service gives North State residents a direct, reliable connection to Sacramento and the broader passenger rail network.”

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and Redding Area Bus Authority launched the route as an alternative to the existing Route



Route 5 Gold Runner Thruway service connects Redding and Sacramento along Interstate 5, with stops in Red Bluff, Orland, Williams, Sacramento International Airport and downtown Sacramento. Map courtesy of San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

3 service, which travels along the Highway 99 corridor.

For Williams and other communities along Interstate 5, the new route provides direct access to Sacramento International Airport without requiring travelers to first connect through communities along Highway 99.

Passengers traveling north from Williams can reach Orland, Red Bluff and Redding. The Orland stop also connects with Glenn Ride service to Chico.

“Route 5 is the result of years of collaboration and a shared vision to improve regional mobility,” Redding Area Bus Authority Interim Transit Manager Zachary Bonnín said. “This new service gives North State residents a faster, more convenient connection to Sacramento, Sacramento International Airport, and California’s passenger rail network, expanding access to jobs, education, healthcare, and travel opportunities.”

Planning for an Interstate 5 express bus dates to

2017, when the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority began developing the service as part of the North State Intercity Bus System.

The agencies took another step toward the service in January 2024, when Route 3 was shortened in Chico and bus-only ticketing became available between Redding and Red Bluff. Redding Area Bus Authority began operating the Redding-to-Chico segment in August 2024 while preparing for the eventual Sacramento connection.

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency board adopted the North State Intercity Bus to Rail Plan in April 2025, helping clear the way for the Route 5 service.

“Route 5 delivers community-requested connections to larger urban destinations from the north state,” SRTA Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Pollom said.

Schedules, fares and ticket information are available at <https://goldrunner.com/route-5>. ★

GUSD Outlines New Cellphone Restrictions

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Individualized Education Program or Section 504 plan.

The district said the restrictions are intended to reduce distractions and address concerns about the effect of excessive smartphone, personal device and social media use on students.

Unauthorized device use may result in confiscation, with administrators determining whether the device will be returned to the student or a parent or guardian. Teachers may also require students to place devices in designated classroom storage areas with prior administrative approval.

The district encourages parents who need to reach their children during the school day to contact the school office, and students may use a school-provided phone to contact family members during an emergency.



The Aug. 18 and 19 meetings will also address risks students may encounter outside school, including cyberbullying, grooming, sextortion, coercion and exposure to violent content through social media, online games and other platforms.

Parents will receive information about recognizing concerning online behavior, using safety tools on devices and home networks and talking with children about online activity. The sessions will also cover warning signs, preserving digital evidence and reporting concerns when an online incident occurs. ★





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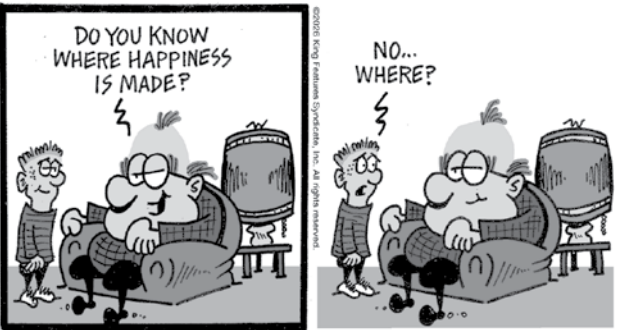
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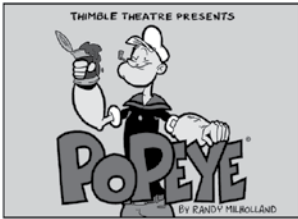
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- Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"
- Cured pork product, pl.
- *Every lap you run in gym class completes one
- Ripped
- Throw up
- Mythological ship
- Agitate
- Like worthless promise
- *Go to the ____'s office
- Hatchling's home
- Wasted on the young?
- "Amazing!"
- *Core, academic standards
- *Rock N'Roll High School" band
- Be obliged
- Orange ____ tea, pl.
- Of low density
- Earthenware pots
- Farm layer
- Bagpipes sound, in Scotland
- Vessel's "spine"
- *Mary, Mary quite contrary" place
- Radio knob, abbr.
- Blended family member
- Trotters
- Owened
- San Diego base-baller
- Castle defense
- *a.k.a. lunch room
- *"little cubby all stuffed with fluff"
- Knight's breastplate
- Bit of smoke
- Willow twig
- Pub arrow
- Popular street-lining trees
- Post-deductions amount
- Opposite of WSW
- Somebody ____

DOWN

- Dueler's blow
- Unit of pressure
- Jellystone Park denizen
- Amerigo to America
- *Plagiarize, technically speaking
- Heep of "David Copperfield"
- *School signaling device
- *Unwelcome load
- Current unit, pl.
- Catcher's catcher
- Chester White's home
- Three in one
- Animal toxin
- Poultry houses
- "It ____ a dark and stormy night..."
- Too many in the kitchen?
- Baby owl
- Free-for-all
- Tear
- Lacking guile
- Baseball fielding mistake
- "She ____ sea shells..."
- *Academy, online study aid
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The Magical Journey of Live Oak LL Softball Ends with Pride

By Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Little League 10-12 Softball teams' journey may have ended in Greenville, North Carolina on Aug. 4, but the memories from this past summer will be remembered for a lifetime.

Live Oak was eliminated from the Little League Softball World Series by Asia-Pacific (Japan) and went 0-2 in the tournament, but still was recognized as one of the top 12, 10-12-year-old teams in the world.

Live Oak head coach Evan Martinez expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that the girls endured a once in a lifetime experience.



Live Oak first baseman Brooke Duran (15) stretches for an out at first on Aug. 4 in a 1-0 loss to Asia-Pacific. Photo by Ryan Dudek

In Greenville, Martinez told YSBC the girls had a great time and wanted to make their community proud that has supported them from the start.

Without a doubt, the Yuba-Sutter area has

backed this group for the second-straight year, but it wasn't just during the summer.

As LO only had one major team in the program this past spring, every game was jam-packed



Live Oak pitcher Charlotte Dudek (19) tosses a pitch on Aug. 4 during the 1-0 loss to Asia-Pacific. Photo by Ryan Dudek

with support where the entire stands were filled and chairs lined the fences surrounding the field.

The support from their summer 2025 journey to the West Regionals never faded.

Martinez told YSBC the support year-round was amazing and used examples of the state championships where the LO faithful had the biggest support in Sacramento, including

over Natomas, who hosted the tournament.

The girls had the opportunity to learn and grow in the game of softball as they got to travel across the country and meet athletes from all-around the world.

Players from the Athletes Unlimited Softball League (AUSL) watched the action from Greenville and supported all 12 teams in the LLSWS.

On Aug. 5, the AUSL players participated in an All-Star Game at East Carolina University.

The journey this team experienced was rare since the middle of June in the face of adversity by facing multiple elimination games and celebrated the endless banners of success, but they are proud to be from Live Oak! ★

Freebirds Drop Five of Last Six Against Modesto and Oakland

By YSBC Sports

MARYSVILLE, CA (YSBC) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds struggled throughout another week from Aug. 4-9 as they went 1-5.

Yuba-Sutter dropped their first five games of the week against Modesto and Oakland before the Freebirds beat the Ballers on Sunday afternoon.

YS infielder Andrew Kirchner had six hits and one run-batted-in (RBI) against Modesto.

None of the Freebirds' starting pitchers went past 4 ⅔ in their stints and gave up less than seven runs throughout their time on the rubber.

YS produced runs in two out of the three games, but a majority of the runs were produced later in the games.

Oakland took the first two games against the Freebirds and had big-run production in the



Yuba-Sutter infielder Zach Chamizo (3) on first base on Saturday, Aug. 8 after a single in the defeat to Oakland. Photo by Steven Bryla

fourth innings of their two wins over YS.

Kirchner stayed hot at the plate as he added eight hits and two RBIs in the series against the Ballers.

YS infielders Zach Chamizo and Kyle Carlson added four hits throughout the series as

well.

In the lone win for the week for the Freebirds, they got off to an early lead in the first couple innings as Chamizo hit a sacrifice fly and catcher Max Ortega hit an RBI double.

YS starter Devin Norton surrendered the lead in the third

after a pair of home runs to go down 4-2.

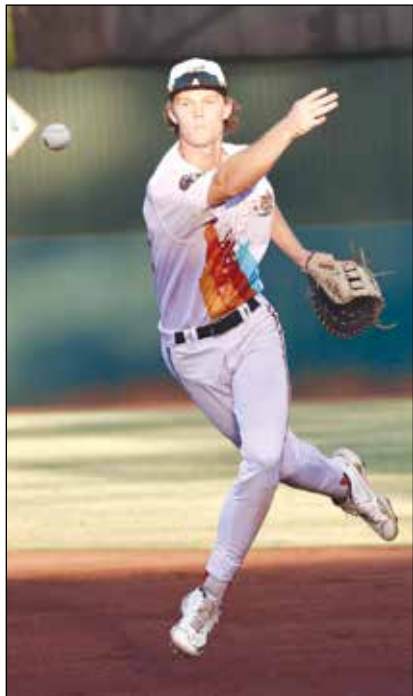
The Freebirds chipped away from the fourth through the sixth innings.

YS in the seventh had RBI hits by Kirchner, Ortega and Carlson that gave them the lead.

After relievers Tristan Wolf and Rene Pfeifer tossed scoreless innings in the eighth and ninth, they secured the lone victory for the Freebirds of the week.

As there is less than a month left in the season, the Freebirds ended the week with a 5-19 record in the second half of the season on Sunday.

YS hit the road and began a three-game series with Long Beach on Tuesday and started a home series against Modesto, who continues to be the hottest team in the Pioneer Baseball League on Friday. ★



Yuba-Sutter infielder Andrew Kirchner (18) tosses the ball to first on Saturday, Aug. 8 during the Freebirds' 13-3 loss to Oakland. Photo by Steven Bryla

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