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Lions Mark 70 Years of Easter Tradition



Children gather eggs during the Colusa Lions Club's annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at the Colusa County Fairgrounds. The longtime tradition marked its 70th year.

Story and photos by Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Hundreds of children spread across the Colusa County Fairgrounds on Saturday morning, baskets in hand, searching for brightly colored eggs in a tradition that has spanned generations.

Hosted by the Colusa Lions Club, the annual Easter egg hunt marked its 70th year, continuing a community event that dates back to the mid-1950s.

Children of all ages fanned out across the grass, gathering more than 2,400 real, hard-boiled eggs. Among them were a handful of golden eggs, each redeemable for one of 10 Easter baskets filled with prizes.

"Not much has changed," said Colusa Lion Greg Ponciano. "The Lions still dye real Easter eggs and hide them early in the morning,

along with a few extra-special golden eggs."

This year's eggs were donated by Ken and Becky English, continuing a tradition of local support that has helped sustain the event over decades.

For many families, the hunt is as much about routine as it is about celebration. Some children planned to turn their finds into breakfast, while parents spoke of using the eggs later for deviled eggs, potato salad or sandwiches.

"It's great seeing the kids run across the grass, baskets in hand, laughing and searching with excitement," Ponciano said. "It's a joyful scene."

According to Ponciano, the Lions Club first organized the event in the 1950's during a time when Dwight D. Eisenhower was president and Elvis Presley was rising in popularity.

From newspaper archives, early hunts drew large crowds, with reports of about 1,000 children searching for more than 6,000 eggs at the fairgrounds for the first event.

Aside from a pause in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event has remained a consistent fixture in Colusa County.

"There aren't many things left that feel the way they did in our yesterdays," Ponciano said. "But every once in a while, we get the chance to step back in time and share in something our parents and even grandparents once enjoyed."

The Lions Club's egg hunt is one of several Easter events held across the region. Later that same day, families gathered for the Colusa Assembly of God's eighth annual community Easter celebration, which included a carnival, food, games and activities.

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Local DAs Question Diversion Policy

By Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey is raising concerns about California's mental health diversion law, warning it can allow offenders to avoid accountability under policies that apply across rural counties, including Colusa.

Ramsey, who has served as district attorney since 1987, outlined his concerns during a recent appearance as a guest speaker at the Gridley Rotary Club. His remarks focused on how changes in state law are shaping public safety and the criminal justice system in communities throughout Northern California.

"Mental health diversion is an opportunity for folks that have committed a crime to get diverted out of the criminal justice system," Ramsey said. "The problem that we have seen ... is that it is dangerous."

Under the law, defendants who present a qualifying diagnosis can seek diversion, with judges required to presume the condition contributed to the crime unless there is strong evidence otherwise. Ramsey said the law applies broadly, excluding only a narrow category of crimes such as murder, voluntary manslaughter and certain sex offenses.

"Every other crime is eligible," Ramsey said.

He said the law also limits a judge's ability to deny diversion, even when there are concerns about future behavior.

"The judge can only have the discretion to deny that suitability if it can be proven ... that person will commit a murder ... or a sex crime," Ramsey said.

Ramsey illustrated those concerns with cases from Butte County. In one case, a man who had assaulted a neighbor with a firearm was granted diversion after presenting a mental health diagnosis. While in treatment, Ramsey said, the man later shot and killed another neighbor.

In another example tied to jail capacity, Ramsey described a situation where law enforcement had to determine who to release due to limited space. A suspect initially appeared to be a low-level offender involved in a retail theft, but further review showed he had stolen an axe and intended to kill a person in his camp.

The examples, he said, highlight the difficulty of balancing limited resources with public safety.

Ramsey placed the diversion law within a broader shift in state policy

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Caring Youth Count Honors 23 Students



Colusa County Office of Education's 2026 Caring Youth Count honorees at the April 1 awards ceremony recognizing 23 students for service, resilience and strength of character.

Story and photo by Lloyd Green Jr.

WILLIAMS, CA (MPG) - The Colusa County Office of Education recognized 23 students April 1 during its annual Caring Youth Count Awards, honoring young people who have made a positive impact on their schools, peers and community.

The program, created in 2005 by local education and community leaders, highlights students whose actions

reflect service, resilience and strength of character. Organizers said the award is noncompetitive and focuses on recognizing contributions that often go unnoticed.

"These actions reflect values that are deeply rooted in a person's character," said Superintendent Charles Wayman. "The students we honor tonight have made a difference through their actions."

This year's honorees span elementary through high school and

represent districts across Colusa County.

Several students were recognized for a shared community service effort through Girl Scout Troop 3804. Aurora Avera, Kinslie Barry, Skyler Deras, Paisley Radar and Piper Rogers helped lead "Project Thank You Military," working with Tri-Counties Blue Star Moms to assemble more than 500 care packages for active military members

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MEMORIAL

PHILLIP JAMES CHURCH • 06/18/1961 — 08/27/2025

Phillip Church passed away peacefully at his home in Rimrock, Arizona, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the age of 65, following a nearly six-year battle with prostate cancer. He was surrounded by loved ones and his faithful companion, Karma.

Phillip was born June 18, 1961, in Colusa, California, the first of four children born to James Church and Ardell Rollins. He was noted as the first boy born on Father's Day that year in Colusa County.

He is survived by his faithful companion, Karma; his sons, Dylon, Tayler and Cooper; his daughters, AmberRae and Alex; and his grandchildren, Trent and Ally. He is also survived by his mother, Ardell; his aunts, Ardis Beddow and Bonnie Warren; his sisters,



Melissa (Bruce) Wilkerson, Karen (Kirk) Pendleton and Rebecca Stickland; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chester James Church Jr.; granddaughter Lea; brother-in-law John Stickland; uncles Michael Beddow, Dewey Warren, and Dewey

Hill; and aunt Mary Hill.

Phillip was known for his gentle humor and enjoyed woodworking, riding his Harley-Davidson, fishing and hunting.

He later returned to Arizona to be near his mother, aunts and cousin Troy Beddow, whom he considered the brother he never had. He also shared a close bond with Troy's wife, Carolyn, often introducing her to his doctors and nurses as his "wife without benefits," as well as affectionately referring to her as "The Walden."

Phillip will be laid to rest alongside his father in Colusa, California, on May 17 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to cancer research or the Maxwell Fire Department.

MEMORIAL

GLENN EDWARD GOLDEN - 11/07/1956 — 03/09/2026

Glenn Edward Golden, a lifelong resident of Williams, passed away March 9, 2026, at his home. He was 69.

Born Nov. 7, 1956, Golden spent his life in the Williams community. He enjoyed fishing, camping, reading and riding his Harley.

He is survived by his brother, Tom (Donna) Golden; niece, Rachele Golden; and nephew, Eddie Ullrey. He was preceded in death by his mother, Melba Golden, and father, Glendell Golden.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. April 24 at

Colusa Cemetery under the direction of McNary-Moore Chapel. A reception will follow at Rocco's Banquet Room.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local youth shooting sports club, Field of Dreams or a local fire department.



MEMORIAL

MARILYN KAY PETTY - 07/02/1956 — 03/28/2026

Marilyn Kay Petty, 69, died March 28, 2026, in Clifton Park, New York. She was born July 2, 1956, in Woodland to William and Betty Palmer of Maxwell. She attended Maxwell Elementary School until her family moved away, leaving behind many friends and relatives in Colusa County.

She attended South Umpqua High School in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, and Roseburg

Community College. After a brief return to Williams with her family, she made a permanent move to New York, where she worked for many years as a bookkeeper.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter Candida Petty Hanley (Jim), of Mechanicville, New York, son David Petty, of Clifton Park, and grandsons Daniel Johnston and Connor Hanley. She is also survived by her sisters Barbara

Stephens of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Susan (Michael) Meeker of Maxwell, along with extended family and friends in Colusa County.

She will be remembered for her sense of humor, devotion to her family, and the strength she carried through life's health challenges.

No services are planned. Her ashes will be scattered in the Gulf of Maine in July.

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JOHN MACPHERSON MONTGOMERY • 08/30/1948 - 11/30/2025

John MacPherson Montgomery born August 30, 1948, son of Chick and Laura Montgomery (Chick Montgomery Sporting Goods), went home to be forever with Jesus, his Savior, on November 30th, 2025. John was born in Colusa, a small farming town on the Sacramento River in Northern California. He graduated from Colusa High School in 1966 and went on to get a degree in German at San Francisco State University. After a few years of working odd jobs in San Francisco, he moved to West Berlin, Germany where he continued his German language studies. He then moved to England and received a degree in Library Science and began work as a librarian at Chatham House's Royal Institute of International Affairs.



Unfortunately, his life began a downward trajectory after a back injury and an unsuccessful surgery in Athens. After nearly 2 months in hospital, he passed away. His daughter was by his side up until the last few days of his life.

John loved there until his retirement in 2011. Upon retirement he had a compelling desire to move back to the US. He began searching for a place that reminded him of his hometown Colusa but one that was in the more eastern part of the country. He discovered Eatonton, and a house that fit perfectly with his vision and so, made the move. The only drawback was his beloved daughter, Katherine, who was back in England. He figured being close to Atlanta would enable him to fly somewhat frequently to the UK to see her.

John loved Eatonton. He loved his neighbors. He loved the people. He loved the small-town atmosphere. And he loved Spike, his rescue dog.

The highlight of John's life was the wedding of his daughter, Katherine. John will always be remembered for his friendly manner, his humor, wit and genuine love for people. Yes, he could get cranky and frustrated especially with the constant barrage of spam calls and then especially with the "Cell Phone." He was an interesting and loving character as all who got to know him would testify. Each of us miss him so much!

Services for John were held in Chester, England with his daughter, Katherine, family and dear friends. John is survived by daughter Katherine, son-in-law Matt Pudney, Joan Montgomery, and grandchildren Lucy and Stanley.

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Lions Mark 70 Years of Easter Tradition

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 Similar events were also held in Arbuckle and Maxwell in the weeks leading up to the holiday. Local Easter traditions in Colusa stretch back even further. In 1929, the Colusa Daily Sun reported on an egg hunt at Elmwood Park, where long grass was left in place to better hide eggs for children.

While the local event centers on community and continuity, the holiday itself carries a deeper and more complex history.

Many of today's Easter customs can be traced to older seasonal traditions tied to spring and renewal. Historians have linked the modern Easter Bunny to German folklore describing an egg-laying hare, a figure later brought to America by immigrants in the 1700s. Over time, the tradition evolved into the familiar image of a rabbit delivering eggs and candy.

Eggs themselves have long symbolized new life, predating the Christian holiday. Ancient cultures, including Persian and Egyptian societies, used decorated eggs in spring celebrations, a meaning that later aligned with themes of resurrection.

The date of Easter also reflects its historical roots. Rather than a fixed day, it is observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring



A child poses with the Easter Bunny during the Colusa Lions Club's Easter egg hunt Saturday at the Colusa County Fairgrounds.

equinox, placing it anywhere between late March and late April.

While Easter traditions have deep historical roots, in Colusa the holiday has taken on a local identity, carried forward each year by the Lions Club and the families who return to the

fairgrounds.

As children raced across the fairgrounds Saturday morning, laughter and excitement echoed across the grass, much as it has for decades.

For the Lions Club, that continuity remains the point. ★

Ribbon Cutting Marks New Chapter for Jackpot Food Mart



Steve and Ginny Barrett stand at center during the April 1 ribbon cutting for Jackpot Food Mart in Colusa, joined by community members and Colusa Chamber of Commerce representatives as the store officially reopened.

Story and photo by Lloyd Green Jr.

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Members of the community gathered Wednesday, April 1, to welcome the reopening of Jackpot Food Mart, a longtime corner store aiming to reestablish itself as a local staple.

The Colusa Chamber of Commerce hosted the ribbon cutting, with Executive Director Jack Cunningham introducing owners Steve and Ginny Barrett as they officially opened the refreshed Market Street business.

"This has been quite an experience," said co-owner Steve Barrett. "Coming to a new town, you never know what you're going to get. This has probably been about as welcoming as anywhere, we've been."

The Barretts, who have operated a similar store in Corning for years, said their goal is to restore the store's role in the community.

"Our number one goal was we wanted to bring the store back to the community the way it was, the way you all remember it," Steve said.

The event drew steady foot traffic throughout the afternoon, with guests invited to take part in a "Jackpot Bingo" game that encouraged them to explore the store. Completed cards were entered into a drawing for a 32-inch television.

Inside, customers found a noticeably refreshed space. The owners said much of their early effort focused on cleaning, reorganizing and restocking the store with fresh inventory.

"For the first five days, 14, 16-hour days, we cleaned," one owner said, describing the initial turnaround effort.

Among the changes is the introduction of Cooper's Chicken, a hot food service the owners said has been successful at their other location. Customer feedback has already influenced offerings, including the return of bone-in chicken and gizzards.

"We do what our customers want," Ginny said.

While the store is currently operating without beer sales, the owners confirmed they are in the process of transferring their alcohol license.

"That takes time," Steve said. "In the meantime, come check out what we have."

Despite that limitation, they said early sales and community response have been encouraging, with residents returning to a store that has long served as a reliable stop in Colusa.

"It's always been a staple," one attendee said, noting the store's importance, especially during evening hours when other options are limited.

Looking ahead, the owners are considering additional improvements, including restoring the building's original look and potentially adding a mural reflecting Colusa landmarks.

For now, they said the focus remains on consistency, quality and rebuilding trust with customers.

"We just want to bring Jackpot back to what our community remember," Steve said. "Serve and convenience." ★

Local DAs Question Diversion Policy

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 over the past decade, including efforts to reduce prison populations and reclassify certain crimes. Those changes moved more offenders into county systems that were not designed for long-term incarceration, he said.

"It makes for a less safe community," Ramsey said.

Colusa County District Attorney Matthew R. Beauchamp has also voiced support for changes to the law, backing Assembly Bill 46, which would expand judicial discretion in diversion cases.

"Diversion programs can play an important role in helping individuals receive the mental health treatment they need," Beauchamp said. "But judges must also have the ability to fully evaluate whether the proposed treatment plan will address the behavior that led to the crime and whether releasing someone into a diversion program could pose a risk to others."

Beauchamp said the proposed legislation would allow courts to better weigh both treatment needs and public safety when determining whether diversion is appropriate.

During a question-and-answer session in Gridley, attendees raised concerns about how laws are written and implemented.

One question focused on how legislation could limit judicial discretion to that degree, particularly when judges may see clear risks.

Another question centered on Butte County's use of a contracted public defender system rather than an in-house office, raising concerns about access and responsiveness for defendants.

Ramsey said the current system provides experienced representation and remains cost-effective, noting that an in-house public defender office could increase costs without improving outcomes due to conflicts that require outside attorneys.

He also pointed to Proposition 36, approved by voters in November 2024, as a sign of shifting public sentiment. Ramsey said Assembly Bill 46 would help restore balance by allowing judges to consider a broader range of risks.

"That will go a long way to fixing it," Ramsey said.

Ramsey noted recent investments in staffing and the construction of a new county jail with expanded medical and mental health capacity. Still, he said long-term improvements will depend on continued changes at the state level.

"We have to continue the good fight," Ramsey said. ★

Tickets on Sale for Freebirds Season

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds have released single-game tickets for the 2026 season at Bryant Field, along with a promotional schedule featuring themed events, weekly specials and giveaways.

General admission tickets start at \$7. The team also offers discounts for veterans, seniors and children, along with flex packs, group rates, party packages and season tickets.

Opening Day is set for Tuesday, May 19, when the Freebirds host the Long Beach Coast. The first 250 fans will receive a commemorative Opening Day pin, and the team will introduce its new mascot, Willy the Wild Chicken.

The early season schedule includes several featured events. A "530 Day" celebration on Saturday, May 30, will highlight local businesses and nonprofits with pregame activities and a limited-edition sticker giveaway.

Fans can bring dogs to the ballpark during Bark in the Park nights on June 13 against the RedPocket Mobiles and July 30 against the Oakland Ballers. The team will also host a Fourth of July game with a patriotic rally towel giveaway and an earlier first pitch to allow fans to attend other holiday events.

Seven home games throughout the season

will include postgame fireworks.

Weekly promotions will run throughout the season, giving each day a consistent theme. \$2 Tuesdays will feature \$2 tickets, hot dogs and beer. Wing Wednesdays will offer free admission for veterans, military and first responders, along with \$10 all-you-can-eat wings. Thrifty Thursdays will include buy-one-get-one deals on tickets and select merchandise. Fireworks Fridays will end with postgame shows,



while Spectacular Saturdays will feature special attractions such as wrestling and drone shows. Family Sundays will offer discounted tickets, pregame autographs and kids running the bases.

The Freebirds will also distribute giveaways on select dates.

Those include an Opening Day commemorative pin on May 19, magnet schedules on May 23 and May 29, a "530" sticker on May 30, a dog bandana on June 13, a Christmas ornament on June 25, a patriotic rally towel on July 4, a team poster on Aug. 7 and a baseball card set on Sept. 4.

In addition to promotions, the team will implement a fully automated ball-strike system for all home games. The system will display the strike zone and pitch tracking data on the video board in real time.

Tickets and the full promotional schedule are available at FreebirdsBaseball.com. ★

Caring Youth Count Honors 23 Students

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 overseas. Each contributed more than 25 hours of service and earned the Bronze Award.

Other students were recognized for individual acts of service. Isaiah Gomez of Pierce Unified has been growing his hair to donate to cancer patients and volunteers at church events. Natalie Jimenez Jauregui of Williams Unified supports school recycling efforts and volunteers both on campus and in her community. Evelyn Guevara, also of Williams Unified, was recognized for leadership in Future Farmers of America, serving as

associated student body president and mentoring younger members.

Several students were honored for resilience in the face of personal challenges. Edgar Duarte Ambriz of Princeton Unified returned to school after a serious accident and continues to participate despite limited mobility. Scarlett Hamilton of Pierce Unified was recognized for overcoming significant personal hardship with determination and a positive outlook.

Carmen J. Jimenez and Jesus Juarez Jimenez, both Colusa County Office of Education

students, were also recognized for resilience. Nominators described their ability to continue pursuing education and personal growth despite difficult circumstances.

Other students were honored for strength of character demonstrated in daily actions. Emma Doble, a kindergarten student at Colusa Unified, was recognized for consistently helping classmates and seeking ways to serve others. Aidan England of Colusa Unified was noted for his quiet leadership, respect and willingness to help peers.

Natalie Manhart of Pierce Unified was recognized for

leadership as an ASB officer and her involvement in school activities. Alondra Melendrez, also of Pierce Unified, was described as a peer leader who supports classmates with patience and integrity.

Kali McCloud and Zachariah McCloud were both recognized for perseverance and positive attitudes, with nominators highlighting their commitment to learning and helping others despite challenges.

High school honoree Evelyn Mendez Garcia of Williams Unified received recognition in all three categories. A volunteer

boxing coach, she was nominated by multiple individuals for helping empower others while also supporting her family and maintaining strong academics.

Additional honorees included Ryan Cortez, Elaine Fred, Sophia Rabena and Shaleen Orr, each recognized for contributions ranging from peer support and leadership to overcoming adversity.

Wayman said the qualities recognized are often shown without recognition but shape the culture of schools and communities.

"Sometimes doing the right thing is hard," he said. "These students do it anyway." ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Sonoma County Dairy Farmer Completes Leadership Program

Sonoma County dairy farmer Jennifer Beretta was among 10 leaders honored last month by the American Farm Bureau Federation as graduates of the organization's 12th Partners in Advocacy Leadership class. PAL is designed to help agricultural leaders accelerate their engagement abilities and solidify their roles as advocates for agriculture. "I learned a lot of leadership skills," Beretta said of PAL. A past president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and current member of the board of directors, Beretta helps run the Beretta Family Dairy in Santa Rosa. The certified-organic, pasture-based dairy supplies to the Petaluma-based creamery Clover Sonoma and has been recognized for its decades of environmental stewardship and conservation practices. "My No. 1 goal here at the dairy is to continue to tell our story," Beretta said.

California's Top Exports to China Fell by 64% in 2025

California agricultural exports to China saw a 64% decline last year, with the top 13 commodities in total falling from an average of \$1.55 billion to \$554 million, according to new research published by the University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. After joining the World Trade Organization in 2001, China became one of California agriculture's fastest-growing foreign markets. That trajectory changed in 2018 and 2019 with the first U.S.-China trade war. Then, in 2025, while California farmers

were still recovering from the effects of that trade conflict, the U.S. imposed tariffs on Chinese imports, and China responded with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, including many California-grown farm products. Some of the largest losses caused by the recent trade war occurred in California's tree nut industry. The value of annual pistachio exports to China declined from 2024 to 2025 by about \$478 million, while almond exports fell by roughly \$228 million.

Pest Control Innovator Shares Take on Biopesticides

Pam Marrone, founder and former CEO of Marrone Bio Innovations, now ProFarm Group, shared her insights on biological pesticides, or biologicals, in a recent interview with Ag Alert®. Marrone said she believes that by 2040 biologicals will be more widely used than traditional pesticides on farms. "It all comes down to education," said Marrone, who is an entomologist by training. "The products are there. There's good science behind them. There's plenty of registered products and more coming every day." She noted there are just nine new chemical active ingredients awaiting approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whereas there are about 70 biologicals awaiting EPA approval. "The innovation in biologicals is huge," Marrone said. "We're going to have lots of registered products, so it's about bridging the gap between products registered and how to use them on the farm." ★

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, April 10

Jim Armstrong Memorial Swinging for a Cure Golf Tournament - 10 a.m. shotgun start, Arbuckle Golf Club, 5918 Hillgate Rd. Four person scramble benefiting ALS research. Cost is \$125 per player and includes dinner. Information: Andi Armstrong, (530) 682 1614

Saturday, April 18

Stagehands Clean Up Day - 9 a.m., weather permitting. Volunteers are invited to help clean and organize the community theater space. For more information, email thestagehands@yahoo.com.

Striped Bass Derby - Colusa. Two-day fishing derby hosted by the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association, with participants able to compete one or both days from boat or shore. Daily payouts and prizes include a \$2,000 grand champion bonus, along with awards for top finishes and largest fish. Weigh-ins are held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Colusa Public Boat Ramp. Entry includes raffle tickets and a barbecue lunch. Registration: <https://ncgasa.org>

Wednesday, April 22

Commodity Distribution - 10 a.m. to noon, Maxwell Parks and Recreation, 64 Oak St., Maxwell. The North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

Thursday, April 23

Colusa Commodity Distribution - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Colusa Scout Cabin, 901 Parkhill St., Colusa. Commodities will be distributed by the North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

Story Time at Colusa County Free Library - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Colusa County Free Library, 738 Market St., Colusa. The program will feature a reading of "The Year We Learned to Fly" by Jacqueline Woodson as part of the Virginia Yerxa Community Read. The event is geared toward younger readers and families.

Williams Commodity Distribution - Noon to 1 p.m., Williams Family Action Center, 499 Marguerite St., Williams. The North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

April 24-25 and April 26

No Small P.A.R.T. - 7 p.m. April 24-25; 2 p.m. April 26. PHS Performing Arts presents a comedic play following teenage paranormal investigators searching for a theater ghost. Admission is \$6. Tickets: gofan.co/event/6177477?schoolId=CA22588.

Friday, April 24

Commodity Distribution - 11 a.m. to noon, Grimes Scout Cabin, 15 S. Fourth St., Grimes. Commodities will be distributed by the North State Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program while supplies last. Information: 530-712-2600.

Kindred Spirits: Book Club with a Twist - 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sacramento Valley Museum, 1491 E St., Williams. This 21-and-older event features a rotating, small-group discussion format focused on "Kindred" by Octavia E. Butler. Participants will explore themes of power, survival and history through guided conversations. Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1984417023737?aff=oddtcreator>.

Saturday, April 25

Virginia Read Day - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sacramento Valley Museum, 1491 E St., Williams. The event includes a key-note by Dr. Jasmine H. Wade at 10 a.m., followed by family-friendly activities from noon to 2 p.m., including an herb planting activity hosted by the Garden Club of Colusa County, a themed art project and a community time capsule project. A self-guided museum tour will also be available. The event is free and open to all ages.

Family Fair - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Colusa Fairgrounds Main Exhibit Hall. Free family event with activities, petting zoo, crafts, raffle prizes and lunch.

Free Kids' Fish Day - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Little Stony Creek Day Use Area, Goat Mountain Road, Stonyford. Hosted by the Colusa County Fish and Game Commission, this free event invites families to enjoy a day of fishing with children. Participants should bring their own gear, including poles, bait (no lures), nets, snacks, drinks and sunscreen.

Non-profit Group Meetings

Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization, send updates to lloyd.green@mpg8.com

Colusa County Arts Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., 151 Fifth St., in Colusa. Meetings are open to the public.

Colusa County Gun Owners meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at El Jaliscience Mexican Grill, 305 Fifth St., Arbuckle.

Colusa County Democratic Central Committee meet the first Monday of every odd numbered month, at 6:30 p.m. at locations to be announced. Email colusacountydemocrats@gmail.com for more info.

Colusa County Republicans meet the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Colusa Assembly of God, 1747 Highway 20, Colusa. More info: colusacountygop@gmail.com.

Colusa County Veterans meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Colusa VFW Hall, 108 E. Main St., Colusa. For hall rental, call (530) 701-9413.

Colusa Masonic Association meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the lodge, 311 Fifth St., Colusa.

Colusa Rotary meets weekly at noon Tuesdays at Rocco's Bar & Grill, 546 Market St., Colusa.

Friends of the Colusa County Library meets monthly on the second Monday at noon in the Morse Conference Room at the Colusa Library, 738 Market St., Colusa.

Garden Club of Colusa County meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 642 Fifth St., Colusa.

Maxwell Legion Auxiliary meets the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Maxwell Legion Hall, 250 Oak St., Maxwell.

Pacific Flyway Quilters meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Colusa Masonic Hall, 311 Fifth St., Colusa.

Ukulele Club - The Ukulele Club meets Mondays, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Colusa County Arts Council, 151 5th St. Players of all levels are invited. For info, colusaukuleleclub@gmail.com

Meeting Minders

Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization, send updates to lloyd.green@mpg8.com

Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the APRD office, 309 Fifth St., Arbuckle. Agendas available at arbuckleparksandrecreation.org.

Arbuckle Public Utility District meets the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the APUD office, 104 Fifth St., Arbuckle. Agendas available at arbucklepud.org.

Cortina Community Services District meets the fourth Monday of every other month at 6 p.m. at the Arbuckle Golf Course, 5918 Hillgate Rd. Agendas available at cortinacsd.specialdistrict.org

Pierce Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted, at 5:30 p.m. in the PHS Multipurpose Room, 960 Wildwood Road, Arbuckle. Agendas available at perce.k12.ca.us.

Colusa City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Heritage Preservation Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

Colusa Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meets bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September and November on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa. Agendas available at cityofcolusa.com.

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Colusa Unified School District meets the third Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room, 745 Tenth St., Colusa. Agendas available at colusa.k12.ca.us.

Maxwell Unified School District meets March 11, April 15, May 13 and June 23 at 8:30 a.m., and June 24, July 8 if needed, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18 and Dec. 14 at 5 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the District Office, 515 Oak St., Maxwell. Agendas available at maxwell-lusd.net.

Maxwell Public Utility District meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. at the MPUD office, 54 N. San Francisco St., Maxwell. Agendas available at maxwellpud.myruralwater.com.

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Williams City Council meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 810 E St., Williams. Agendas available at cityofwilliams.org.

Williams Parks and Recreation Commission meets as needed on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 810 E St., Williams. Agendas available at cityofwilliams.org.

Williams Planning Commission meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 810 E St., Williams. Agendas available at cityofwilliams.org.

Williams Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the WUSD Board Room, 260 11th St., Williams. Agendas are available at williamsusd.net.

Colusa County Board of Supervisors meets twice monthly at 9 a.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Remaining 2026 meeting dates are April 21, May 5 and 19, June 2, 16 and 30, Aug. 11 and 25, Sept. 8 and 22, Oct.

6 and 20, Nov. 3 and 17, and Dec. 15. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County LAFCO meets June 4, Aug. 6, Oct. 1 and Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Agendas are available at colusalafco.org.

Colusa County Fish and Game Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa, with entrance on the Sixth Street side. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County Transportation Commission meets the same day as the Board of Supervisors at 3 p.m. in the Historic Colusa County Courthouse, 547 Market St., Colusa. Agendas are available at countyofcolusa.gov.

Colusa County Office of Education meets the second Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the CCOE Large Conference Room, 345 Fifth St., Colusa. Agendas are available at coe.net. ★

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Virginia Read Day Brings Kindred to Life

By the Virginia Yerxa Community Read Committee

The 2026 Virginia Yerxa Community Read invites Colusa County residents to step into the powerful world of *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler, a novel that weaves together history, identity and resilience through an unforgettable narrative. While this year's program includes several engaging events, the centerpiece is Virginia Read Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Hosted at the Sacramento Valley Museum in Williams, Virginia Read Day is designed as a welcoming, family-friendly celebration of storytelling, history and community. The day features a variety of activities that invite participants of all ages to experience *Kindred* beyond the page.

A highlight of the day is the keynote presentation by Dr. Jasmine H. Wade, offering insight into the novel's historical and cultural significance. Following the keynote are hands-on opportunities that make the event especially engaging for families.

The Garden Club of Colusa County will host an herb planting activity, inspired by the importance of food, tradition and survival woven throughout *Kindred*. Participants will be able to plant and take home a small kitchen herb garden. In addition, families can take part in a simple, drop-in art project, designed to reflect themes of duality and connection. These creative activities ensure that younger

participants can engage with the story in meaningful and age-appropriate ways.

One of the most unique features of this year's Virginia Read Day is the creation of a Community Time Capsule, inviting attendees to contribute small items that represent their lives, families and this moment in time. Community members are encouraged to bring items such as: Letters to the future or reflections inspired by *Kindred*, Photographs (copies, not originals), Small drawings or artwork, Notes about daily life in Colusa County and Printed recipes, traditions or family stories

Items should be flat or small, non-perishable and clearly labeled with a name (optional) and date. The time capsule will serve as a collective snapshot of the community, echoing *Kindred*'s themes of memory, legacy and the ties between past and future. The time capsule will be sealed on Read Day and stored at the Sacramento Valley Museum to be opened in 50 years!

Leading into this signature event is "Kindred Spirits: Book Club with a Twist," on April 24 at the Sacramento Valley Museum. This 21 and older gathering offers a more intimate discussion experience for adult readers ahead of the larger celebration and requires registration (see the QR code here).

On April 25, Virginia Read Day transforms reading into something shared and lived. It is a place where stories grow, quite literally, where creativity takes root and where a community comes together to honor the past while leaving something meaningful for the future. ★



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Peace Be With You



By Kathy Craig Harteis

As I write it is Holy Week. Easter is upon us. Time to reflect and be grateful for all that we are.

I noticed, but didn't dwell on the so called No Kings rallies. It's just sad that so much hatred (much of it spurred on by paid protestors) spills out into the streets of our country. Too see so-called Americans waving communist flags alongside Old Glory broke my heart.

I'm positive that's not what Jesus had in mind when he actually died for us. He wanted peace for us.

We as Americans have been blessed with free speech and more rights than any other country. To

take those gifts and throw them back in the face of the nation is disgraceful.

Often I recall what it was like on September 12, 2001. That was the day Americans came together in shared love and pride in one another and in our country. Never before had I seen such dedication to the American way of life. There was peace, beauty and grace displayed by the thousands of American flags flying. We were protective and proud of our nation.

The day before, we watched television broadcasts of the planes hitting the towers. That day we were in ICU at Rochester, Minnesota.

As so many were instantly, dying my late husband David had been given a death sentence that would linger for the next 9 months.

The world changed that day in so many ways. Sadly, apparently we have forgotten those days. Do your children and grandchildren know what happened that day?

We were frightened of what might come next. Regretfully, we have

left that fear behind and opened so many doors only to walk through with hate and conflict within ourselves and against one another.

God, flag and country was the basis of my upbringing. Aren't I lucky that I still have the right to appreciate those lessons.

As a nation we elected our president. Not everyone will appreciate him or even like him. The bottom line is that he is the President of the United States. It is better to work with him and for our Country.

Otherwise those freedoms will suddenly be gone.

Jesus said; Peace be with you. I'd like to see that come to pass and life will be good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★

Digging Deeper into Grace

What Does It Mean for You and Me to Love God?

By Tom Tripp

The story is told of a king who took pity on a destitute beggar and gave him a position of minor responsibility in the palace. As time went on, the former beggar continued to display integrity in the assignments given to him, and the king continued to promote him until the former beggar became the steward of the king's entire treasury.

Others in the palace became jealous of this man's promotions, so they came to the king with charges against the man, telling the king that the man has been sneaking into the king's treasury every day and stealing jewels little by little.

Determined to investigate their charges, the king hid in the treasury and waited for the former beggar to appear. Sure enough, the former beggar came into the treasury, opened the vault, and took out a package. The king watched carefully as the former beggar unwrapped the package.

Was he about to steal one of the king's precious jewels? No, the package turned out to consist of the old, tattered clothes

the man wore when he was a destitute beggar.

The king's steward took off his nice clothes and put on his old beggar rags. He stood before a mirror and said to himself, "See what you used to be before. It is the king himself who has made you what you are now. He has given you charge of his treasury. Regard this duty as your most sacred trust, and this honor as evidence of the love and kindness of the king. Never forget the king's kindness to you and how he lifted you out of your poverty, for it is in remembering this that you will live rightly."

After saying these words, he took off his beggar rags and returned them to the vault. When he turned around, the king was standing before him. As he tried to bow, the king embraced him and said, "People told me you were stealing my jewels, but on coming here I find that you have stolen my heart."

To love God is to remember the love God has bestowed on us, and to live our lives in gratitude for his goodness toward us. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I have two cars. One is paid for, and I owe \$23,000 on the other. These are my only vehicles. I'd like to sell the one I still owe money on, but no one wants to pay enough to cover the balance. I make \$85,000 a year, and I also have enough money in savings, with plenty left over, to cover the difference on one of the offers. Still, I was wondering if there's a rule of thumb to determine whether or not to sell a car in this kind of situation?

– Jimmy

Dear Jimmy,

If you really love the car, and by really focusing and saving like crazy you can pay off everything else in your life, except your

Dave Ramsey Says Time to Sell a Car?

home in 18 to 24 months, I'm okay with you keeping the car. But if you can't? Sorry, It's time to sell.

But I want you to hear this next part loud and clear. It also may be time to sell if the if the total value of all your vehicles—I'm talking cars, trucks, boats, jet skis, and their relatives—is equal to half, or more than half, of your annual income. Why? Because these are all things that depreciate quickly. You don't want half of your income wrapped up in things that are going down in value.

You can probably pay this thing off in less than two years if you really focus on making it happen, and you haven't got a bunch of other debt. But if you don't like the car, or you don't want to work that hard to keep it, then sell the thing and write a check for the difference. I mean, when it's all said and done,

it's just a car. And anyway, you said you'd have plenty of cash left over in savings if you went this direction, right?

But remember, if this is your decision, start rebuilding your savings to its previous level right after by putting what would have gone for car payments back into your savings account. You never know when life might throw something unexpected at you!

– 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. ★

COLUSA COUNTY SHERIFF



Persons listed in this log from local law enforcement agencies are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant are included.

Sandeep Badhan, 41, of Sacramento, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:31 p.m. on March 27 in the 500 block of E St. in Williams on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Erik Armando Garcia-Alvarado, 33, of Princeton, was arrested by the Colusa County Sheriff's Office at 11:44 a.m. on March 27 on Commercial Street in Princeton on suspicion of contempt of court for disobeying a court order. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Jami Lynn Partin, 44, of Williams, was arrested by the Colusa County Sheriff's Office at 11:57 p.m. on March 27 in the 400 block of First St. in Arbuckle on suspicion of simple battery against a spouse or dating partner. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Miguel Angel Sanchez-Tavares, 27, of Yuba City, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:29 p.m. on March 27 on State Route 20 east of State Route 45 in Colusa County on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more and carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Adrian Rivera Ocampo, 43, of Colusa, was arrested by the Colusa Police Department at 12:19 a.m. on March 28 in the 200 block of E. Parkhill St. in Colusa on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and probation violation. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Diego Alberto Torres Carranza, 27, of Gridley, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 10:59 p.m. on March 28 on State Route 20 east of Westcott Road on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Emily Rose Webb, 28, of Chico, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 8:04 p.m. on March 29 on State Route 20 near Marguerite Street on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Jeffery Martin Williams, 50, of Los Angeles, was arrested by the Williams Police Department at 12:03 a.m. on April 1 on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse or dating partner, assault with a deadly weapon, child abuse and making criminal threats. He was also booked on a felony parole violation hold. Bail was set at \$50,000, with an additional no bail hold.

Gabriel Giowoni Gentile, 36, of Willows, was arrested by the California Highway Patrol at 3:59 a.m. on April 2 on Highway 99W northbound at Perkins Road on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more and bringing a controlled substance into a jail. Bail was set at \$30,000 on the drug charge.

Enrico Candiladio Gonsalves, 26, of Clearlake, was arrested by the Colusa Police Department at 2:20 a.m. on April 2 at 10th and Carson streets in Colusa on a Sonoma County warrant hold. Bail was set at \$5,000. He was also held on a Lake County warrant with \$1,000 bail and later cited and released.

Beale Wins Top Air Force Environmental Award

By Lloyd Green

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - Beale Air Force Base has received a top Air Force honor for its environmental restoration work, earning the 2024-2025 General Thomas D. White award in the installation category.

The award recognizes excellence in environmental restoration programs, including efforts to restore contaminated sites, protect natural resources and support long-term environmental stewardship.

"Receiving the GTDW award is incredibly meaningful

because it rewards the entire team, not just an individual," said Darren Rector, restoration program manager with the Air Force Civil Engineer Center. "When I say team, I'm referring to everyone who supports Beale's restoration efforts."

Beale's program includes work across 23 sites in various phases of environmental remediation, addressing a range of contaminants. The effort brings together the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, regulatory agencies, contractors and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District.

Rector said the collaboration



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reflects a shared commitment to environmental protection and cleanup.

The General Thomas D. White award highlights installations that accelerate cleanup, apply new technologies and engage with surrounding communities while maintaining

environmental standards.

Col. Keagan McLeese, commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, said the award reflects the scope of work underway at the base.

"The team deserves this well-earned recognition," McLeese said. "This award is a testament to the dedication to environmental stewardship and the innovative spirit found at Beale in tackling the most complex environmental challenges."

Col. Robert McTighe, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District, said the work depends on coordination

across agencies.

"This award reflects strong partnerships and a shared commitment to safe, effective restoration," McTighe said. "It takes coordinated effort across agencies to deliver results."

McLeese said the work supports both environmental protection and the base's operational mission.

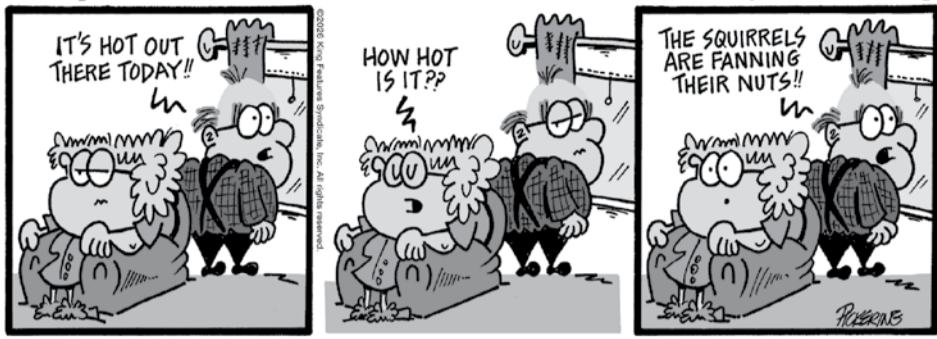
"This work not only protects our natural resources but also directly enhances our ability to enable America's Power Projection," he said.

Beale will now advance to compete at the Department of Defense level. ★

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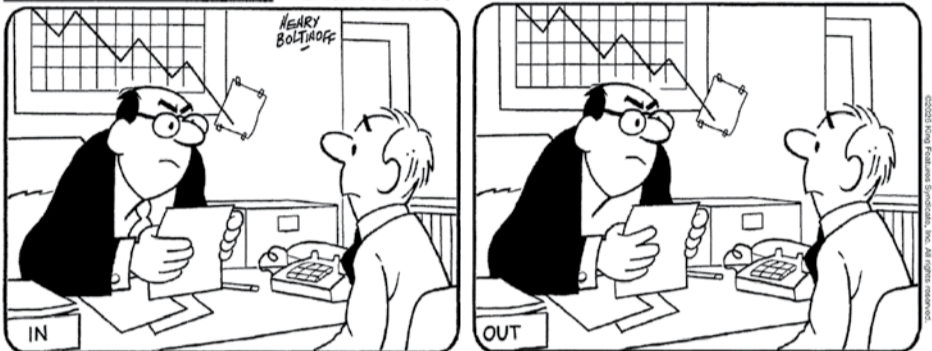
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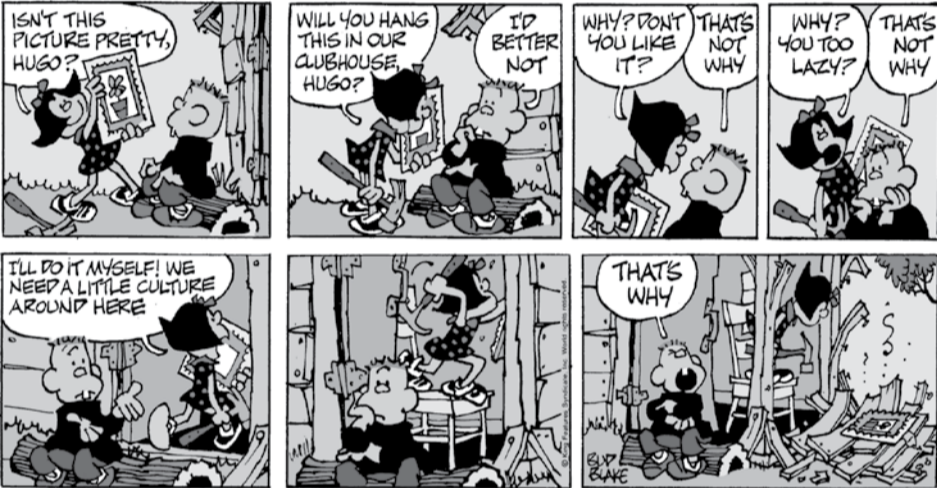
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- DOWN**
- Econ. measure
 - Good earth
 - Wintour of "Vogue" fame
 - Marsh plant
 - Not impromptu
 - Diplomat's asset
 - Antediluvian
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 - Cocaine plant
 - Got an A
 - March Madness org.
 - *Number of legs on an insect
 - Famous Roman orator
 - Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
 - Mischief-maker
 - Opposite of energetic
 - *___ fly, first living creature sent to space
 - "I don't know," casually
 - #43 Across, pl.
 - *___ beetle, world's strongest insect
 - *Shape of a ladybug or carpet beetle
 - Not tomorrow, not yesterday
 - Like basketball's final eight
 - *Lepidoptera members, not butterflies
 - Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, e.g.
 - Reason for suit
 - Tutu fabric
 - Duran Duran's 1984 hit, with The
 - "Monkey ___, monkey do"
 - Wiggle room
 - "Have a great time!"
 - Useful
 - Performance with acts
 - Lecherous look
 - "Betcha Can't Eat Just One" brand
 - Tea or beer
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 - Acronym, abbr.
 - "Roses ___ red"
 - Bad-mouth, slangily

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Colusa County is requesting bids (RFB) for one 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptor, for the Sheriff's Office as more specifically detailed in the Bid Specifications of this RFB. Bids must be received at the County Board Clerk's Office, 547 Market St., Suite 102 Colusa, California 95932 no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2026.

The bid must be made on the bid forms furnished by the County. The RFB and Bid forms are available on the County website at www.countyofcolusaca.gov in the Bids & RFP's section.

Each bid shall be enclosed and submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing the project name and the bidder's name

The County of Colusa reserves the right to reject any bids.

Date: March 24, 2026

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Patricia Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk II

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 2026-000029**

Date filed: March 17, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
CAMPIZ INSURANCE SOLUTIONS

Business Address:

2967 DAVISON CT., SUITE C, COLUSA, CA 95932

Name of Registrant(s):

CAMPIZ INC

2967 DAVISON CT., SUITE C, COLUSA, CA 95932

State: CA AI# 4709482

This business is conducted by a Corporation, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/01/2026.

Campiz Inc.

Shelby Campiz, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 2026-000030**

Date filed: March 19, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
MC LOPEZ TRUCKING LLC

Business Address:

410 EIGHTH STREET, WILLIAMS, CA 95987

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 1235, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912

Name of Registrant(s):

MC LOPEZ TRUCKING LLC

PO BOX 1235, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912

State CA AI: 202251517991

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/19/2021.

MC Lopez Trucking, LLC,

Mariana Lopez Cruz, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ") FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE WILLIAMS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Williams Unified School District (District) invites qualified architectural firms (Consultants) to submit their qualifications for inclusion in a pool of pre-qualified architectural firms. Respondents will be expected to provide professional architectural services on an as-needed basis to support a range of projects, including new construction, modernization, and facilities planning. The pool will be active for up to five (5) years, and serve as a critical resource for the District. Respondents to this RFQ are to submit their Statement of Qualifications on <https://colbisecurebids.com/o/williamsusd/26-01> no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 17, 2026. Submittals not received by the deadline will not be considered. The District reserves the right to reject any or all applicants, incomplete packets, non-responsive applicants, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the RFQ. The decisions to provide a waiver shall in no way modify or compromise the overall purpose of the SOQ, nor excuse the Consultant from full compliance with all requirements if awarded an Agreement. The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, ancestry, medical condition, disability, or gender in consideration for an award of contract. For a full copy of the RFQ and requirements of the submission, please visit <https://colbisecurebids.com/o/williamsusd/26-01>

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF COLUSA
CASE NUMBER: CV24920
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
RICARDO ROBLEDO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner(s) Ricardo Robledo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

From: Ricardo Robledo

To: Richard Robledo

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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the county may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

4/28/2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 1

547 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932

A copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Colusa County Pioneer Review.

Date: 3/20/2026

BRENDAN MICHAEL FARRELL, Judge of the Superior Court

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LEGAL NOTICE

**UNCLAIMED MONIES
IN THE COLUSA COUNTY TREASURY
Pursuant to California Government Code §50050-50051**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following sums of money, which the County of Colusa has attempted to pay out to the following individuals or entities, have remained unclaimed for a period of three years or more. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50051, these sums will become the property of the County of Colusa if not claimed on or before May 29, 2026.

Name	Amount	Fund in Which Money is Held
Tia Som	\$25.00	005
Vivian Martin	\$60.00	005
Sheng Yang	\$40.00	005
Jamie Garcia	\$39.00	419
AMCAL Chico	\$1935.00	004
Rose Penelope Yee	\$69.37	710
Livell Larry	\$25.44	710
Schmidt Bill & Carrie	\$29.28	710
Mui Yeun Ping	\$74.58	710
Mui Yeun Ping	\$937.34	710
Burgess Robert Trustee	\$41.38	710
Burgess Robert Trustee	\$23.20	710

In order to make a claim for these funds, contact the Colusa County Auditor's Office, 546 Jay Street, Suite 202, Colusa, CA, 95932, (530) 458-0400. 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026 · CCPR

**NOTICE INVITING CONTRACTORS
FOR COLUSA COUNTY INFORMAL
BIDDERS LIST (CUPCCAA)**

Notice is hereby given that Colusa County is inviting all licensed contractors to submit their company information for inclusion on the County's Informal Bidders List for public works projects in accordance with the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA), Public Contract Code section 22000 et seq.

This is a new program for Colusa County. The County's initial Informal Bidders List will become effective May 7, 2026, pending approval of the implementing ordinance by the Board of Supervisors.

Contractors included on the list may be notified of informal bidding opportunities for public works projects estimated to cost \$220,000 or less.

Contractors must possess a valid California contractor's license and must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) in accordance with Labor Code section 1725.5.

Contractors may obtain the application and additional information at www.countyofcolusaca.gov.

Completed applications are to be submitted to purchasing@countyofcolusaca.gov. Contractors may submit applications at any time during the year.

Dated: March 17, 2026

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Patricia Rodriguez, Deputy
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**WILLIAMS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER
FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE
STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Williams Unified School District will hold a hearing and consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee ("Level I Fee") on new residential and commercial/industrial developments as approved by the State Allocation Board on January 28, 2026. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level I Fee are necessary to fund the construction of needed school facilities to accommodate students due to development.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before Thursday, April 16, 2026 or appear in person at the hearing at 6:00pm on April 16, 2026 at the following location:

WUSD Board Room, 260 11th Street, Williams, CA 95987

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 260 11th Street, Williams, CA.

Dated: March 27, 2026 and April 3, 2026

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**CITY OF WILLIAMS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Williams will hold a Regular Meeting on **Monday April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 810 "E" Street, Williams, CA.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and present written and / or oral comments on the matters being considered or may also submit an e-mail to krramsaur@cityof-williams.org prior to the meeting. If you challenge these matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice, or in written correspondence submitted to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing(s).

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, please notify City Hall 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special needs - (530) 235-3270.

PUBLIC HEARING- Recommendation to the City Council concerning an amendment to the Williams Municipal Code Chapter 17, Section 17.01.050.12 Accessory Dwelling Units This notice is posted in accordance with the provisions of the California Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 65000, as amended.

Date of Posting: April 9, 2026

Posted by: Katheryn Ramsaur, City Planner

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**TO PLACE YOUR
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 2026-000032

Date filed: March 19, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
C & J FARMING PARTNERSHIP

Business Address:

6880 GREENBAY ROAD, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912

Name of Registrant(s):

FOWLER, CHASE R.

PO BOX 631, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912

RUNNING J. RANCHES, INC.

6880 GREENBAY ROAD, ARBUCKLE, CA 95912

This business is conducted by a General Partnership, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/19/2026.

James Watson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Reclamation and the Sites Project Authority are partnering on capacity interest in the project to construct a new 1.5 million acre-foot off-stream reservoir approximately 10 miles west of Maxwell, CA for water storage, conveyance, and service. The agreement to be negotiated supports the reservoir project by outlining the terms and conditions to which each party must adhere.

The following negotiation session will be held in the Cottage Café Conference Rooms C1001-C1003, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825:

• April 30, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, please contact Jake Brannum, Repayment Specialist, CGB Regional Office, at jbrannum@usbr.gov.

The public is welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to provide comments regarding this contracting action. Participation instructions and the proposed contract will be available at each session. 04/10/2026 · CCPR

LIEN SALE

The following Lien Sale will be conducted on 04/27/2026 at 10:00 am by Selovers Towing 735 N. 7th Street Williams, Ca 95987 for the following item(s): 2014 Mazda V.I.N #JM1G1U60E1120186 Plate: 7AKC090 04/10/2026 · CCPR

**Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records
Request Copies of Records by June 30, 2026**

**Attention Parents/Guardians, Former Students,
Eligible (Adult) Students,**

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the Colusa County Office of Education-SELPA's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students who are no longer receiving Special Education services for at least 5 years beyond the age of twenty-one (21). These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the school district otherwise.

Special Education records which have been collected by Colusa County Office of Education-SELPA related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of Special Education in the district, must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after the Special Education Services have ended for the student. Special education services end when the student no longer is eligible for services, graduates high school, completes his or her Educational Adult Transition Program at age 21, or moves from the district.

After five (5) years, the records are no longer useful to the SELPA/district, but they may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of the records in writing or in person at the following address:

**Colusa County Office of Education-SELPA
Attention: Kelley Hickel**

499 Margurite Street, Suite A Williams, Ca 95987

PLEASE NOTE: THIS NOTICE PROVIDES STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS WITH NOTICE THAT THE SELPA MAY DESTROY RECORDS UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES AND TIMELINES:

• Records that include a student's name, address, grades, attendance records, dates attended, grade level completed, and year completed may be destroyed once 5 years have passed since the student's 21st birthday.

• Special Education records, SST records and health records may be destroyed once 5 years have passed from the date a student has graduated or reached graduation age (if exiting the district before graduation) as long as there is no outstanding request to inspect and review records and the records are no longer deemed useful to the SELPA/District.

• Notice of destruction of these records is provided annually via this publication. Educational records of a student are no longer needed by the District to provide educational services at the end of one year following a student's graduation from the District. A parent/guardian may submit a written request for the destruction of all educational records at that time.

• Destruction will proceed where parents or eligible students have not requested copies by June 30, 2026. The records may be destroyed as per the paragraphs above. Parents and/or students who are eighteen years of age have the right to request a copy of their record before destruction.

Parents/eligible adult students are reminded that copies of the records might be needed for the acquisition of Social Security benefits or for other purposes.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 2026-000035

Date filed: March 24, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
IVY G ZUMWALT & ASSOCIATES

Business Address:

520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932

Name of Registrant(s):

BAKER, LEUAN ZUMWALT

520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932

INGRAM, CYNTHIS ZUMWALT

520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932

KELLAR, CAROLYN ZUMWALT

520 MARKET STREET, SUITE 4, COLUSA, CA 95932

This business is conducted by a General Partnership, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/31/1989.

Carolyn Z. Kellar

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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Marking Sutter County

Where Our History Happened

By Susan Meeker

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The stories were already there, written into the landscape of Sutter County, waiting to be brought into view. On March 25, Sutter Union High School Future Business Leaders of America gave those stories a voice, anchoring them in the places where they happened.

Garrett Fremd, chapter vice-president, guided visitors through Landmarks of Legacy, a network of permanent historical markers installed at sites across the county. Each location is identified by a student-designed sign, set in metal frames and anchored in concrete, intended to remain in place for decades and create a self-guided tour for the public.

“This isn’t just something we built for a competition,” Fremd said. “It’s something that’s going to stay here. People are going to walk through this and understand what came before them.”

At the former Sacramento Northern Railway depot in Sutter, now repurposed in the parking lot of Close Lumber, Fremd introduced the site before turning to the history behind it.

The tracks are gone, but the line once connected Yuba City, Meridian, Colusa and Live Oak, moving people and freight through an electric rail system that predated modern highways. Known originally as the Northern Electric, the railway ran on a three-rail system, with a center “hot rail” supplying power, before converting to diesel in the early 1940s.

The Landmarks of Legacy project marks sites including the train depot, Butte House Road, the Sutter Buttes, Long Bridge, Sutter Cemetery, the Butte Slough School in Meridian and Sunsweet Growers in Yuba City, each selected for its role in shaping the region.

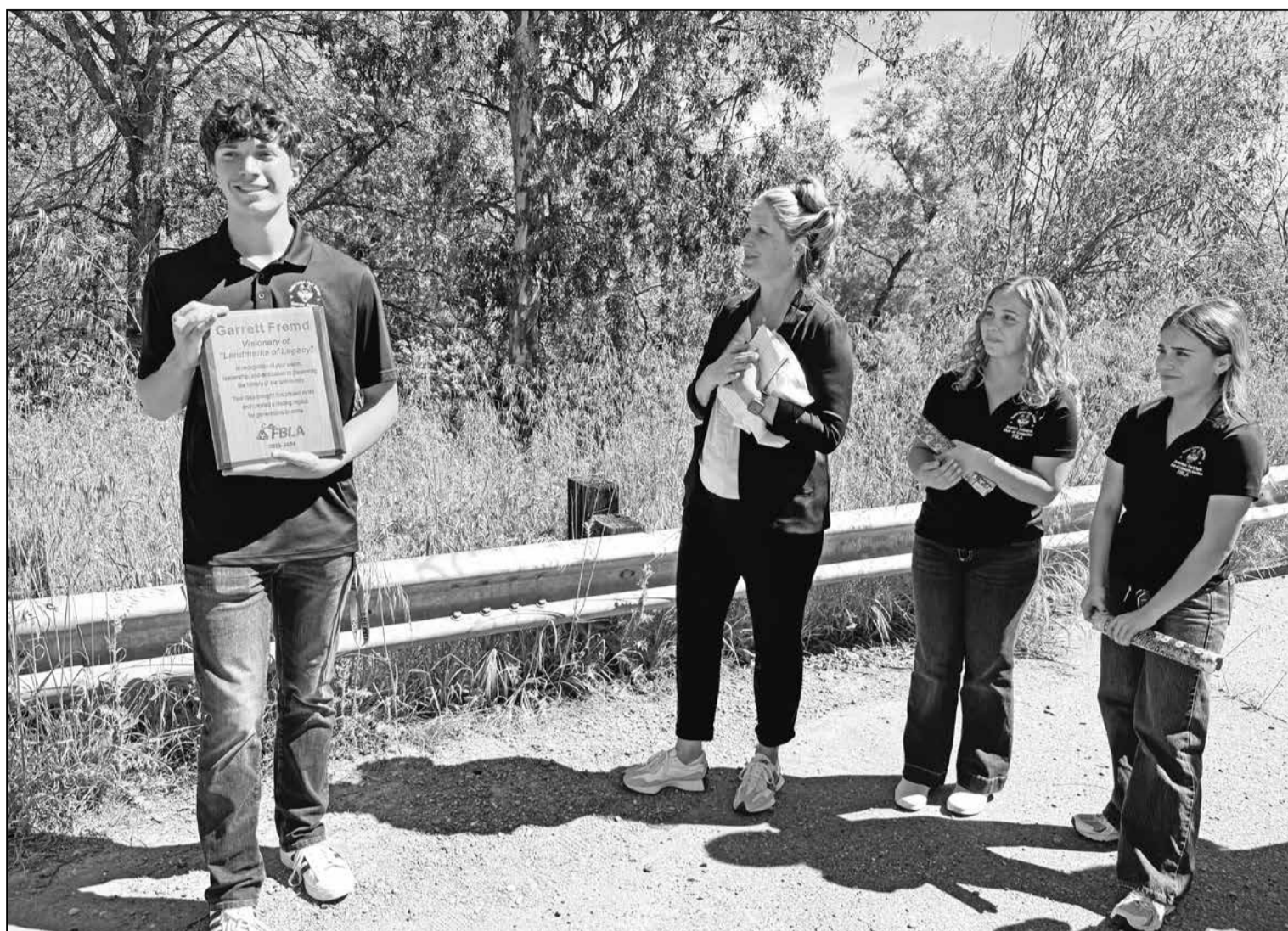
From the start, Fremd said the goal was to take places people pass every day and make them visible again.

“We wanted people to actually see it, not just read it,” he said. “If you stand here and hear the story, it sticks with you.”

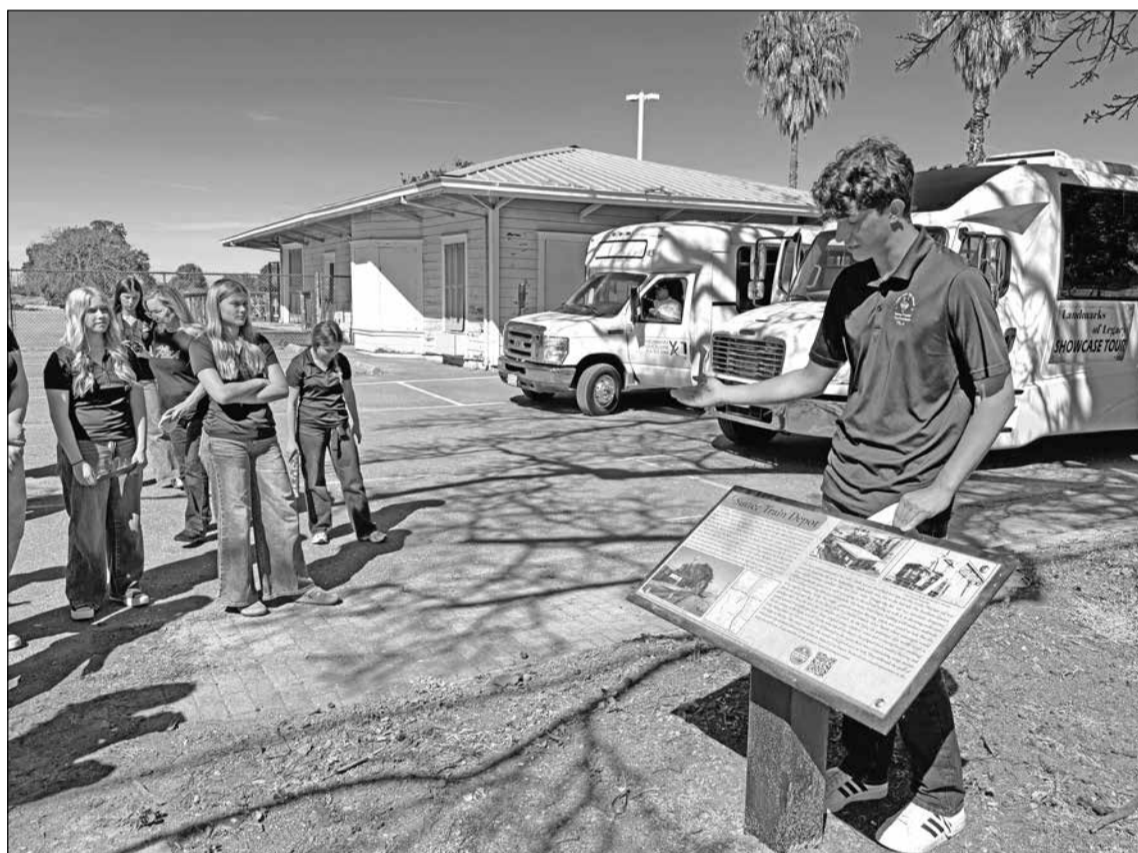
That work was shared across the team. FBLA officers Scarlett Ocheltree and Dominique Madrigal were among those rotating through presentations, speaking at multiple stops and guiding visitors through different parts of the project.

At Sutter Cemetery, the story turned to the people behind the history. One of the oldest and largest cemeteries in the county, it holds generations of residents, including veterans honored each year, Dolly Gray, an early 20th century left-handed Major League Baseball pitcher, and 14 unidentified victims of serial killer Juan Vallejo Corona, placed in a single grave and memorialized so they would not be forgotten.

At Butte House Road, the history focused on movement. Students described how the route once carried Native American tribes and later stagecoaches



Garrett Fremd receives recognition March 25 for leading the Landmarks of Legacy project as Katie Zwissig, who presented the award, joins FBLA officers Scarlett Ocheltree and Dominique Madrigal. Photo by Susan Meeker



Garrett Fremd speaks at the historic Sutter train depot during the Landmarks of Legacy tour on March 25. Fremd, a senior and FBLA vice president at Sutter Union High School, led the project highlighting historic sites across the county. Photo by Susan Meeker

across one of the few elevated paths through land that flooded each winter.

At the Sutter Buttes, students shifted the focus to the landscape itself, tracing the mountain range from its origins as a dormant volcano to its use by the Maidu people and later periods of settlement and Cold War activity.

The marker at that site was sponsored by Sutter County Supervisor Jeff Boone, who joined the tour and listened as students and Fremd presented.

“What stands out is the ownership,” Boone said. “They’re not just repeating information. They understand it, and they’re passing it on.”

At the Butte Slough School

site in Meridian, students described early rural education in Sutter County, when one-room schoolhouses served families spread across farming communities. The site, located on private property, reflects a time when students of different ages learned together and the schoolhouse often served as a gathering place for the surrounding community.

“There was a potbelly stove in the middle for heat, and a single tin cup that all the students shared for water,” Fremd said.

At Long Bridge, the focus turned to connection. The crossing once carried commerce across Butte Slough, linking communities in a region where flooding could

isolate entire areas.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Ziegenmeyer spoke at the bridge about restoring the historic crossing for public use.

“I’d love to see this open again someday for people to walk and bike across,” he said. “It would bring Sutter and Colusa back together.”

Ziegenmeyer said efforts like the Landmarks of Legacy project play an important role in preserving local history, ensuring future generations understand how those connections were first built.

The project also includes a marker at a Sunsweet grower site, recognizing the cooperative’s role in shaping the region’s

agricultural identity. Though not included in the shortened tour, the site reflects the project’s broader scope, connecting the county’s past to the industry that continues to define it today.

The Landmarks of Legacy project reflects months of work, from research at the Sutter County Museum to writing, design and installation of the markers. Students worked alongside campus programs and community partners to complete each site.

The same day as the tour, students learned their project ranked among the top eight in the state. Next comes a live presentation before judges, where three students will present and answer questions about every part of the work. If successful, the team will advance to national competition in San Antonio.

FFA advisors Laurie Gidel and Katie Zwissig guided the project while allowing students to take the lead. During the tour, Zwissig recognized Fremd’s leadership, presenting him with a plaque.

“This project started with Garrett’s vision,” Zwissig said. “He saw what this could be and stayed with it all the way through.”

The markers now stand across Sutter County, giving people a reason to stop, look and understand the stories that have always been there.

“This is something the community can connect to, because it’s their history,” Fremd said.

The project was supported by a network of community partners, including Yuba City Rotary, Sutter and Peach Bowl Lions and Early Risers Kiwanis, who joined the tour and helped make the effort possible. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 2026-0000042

Date filed: April 3, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
JACK'S MARKET

Business Address:
40 2ND STREET, GRIMES, CA 95950

Mailing Address:
PO BOX 41, GRIMES, CA 95950

Name of Registrant(s):
MUHARAM, YAHYA
PO BOX 41, GRIMES, CA 95950

This business is conducted by an Individual, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/20/2018.

Yahya Muharam

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 2026-0000043

Date filed: April 3, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
COLUSA QUICK SERVE MARKET

Business Address:
1234 MARKET STREET, COLUSA, CA 95932

Mailing Address:
PO BOX 271, GRIMES, CA 95950

Name of Registrant(s):
MUHARRAM, ZAFARAN
PO BOX 271, GRIMES, CA 95950

This business is conducted by an Individual, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/09/2009.

Zarfaran Muharram

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Colusa County on date stamped above. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 2026-0000020

Date filed: February 20, 2026

The following persons are doing business as:
ESKATON FRANK JACONETTI MANOR

Business Address:
232 EAST CARSON STREET, COLUSA, CA 95932

Mailing Address:
5105 MANAZNITA AVENUE, CARMICHAEL, CA 95608

Name of Registrant(s):
ESKATON FRANK JACONETTI SENIOR MANOR
5105 MANAZNITA AVENUE, CARMICHAEL, CA 95608

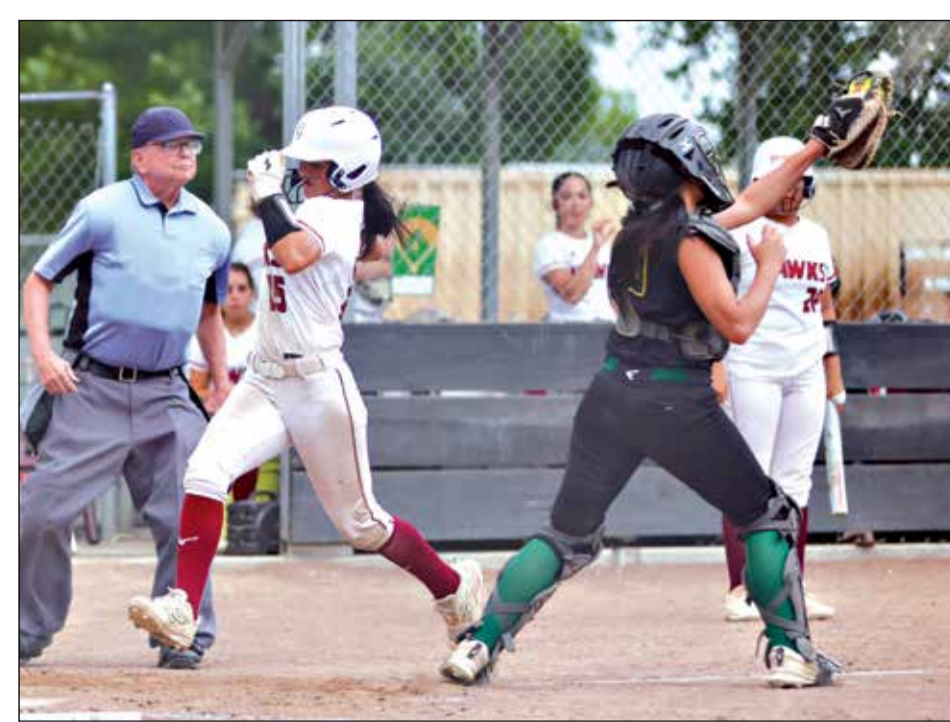
This business is conducted by a Corporation, State of CA. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/04/2003.

Mark Jenkins, CFO

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/s/ Cristy Jayne Edwards, Clerk-Recorder

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Softball Roundup



Colusa's Natalee Stegall crosses home plate ahead of the throw in the RedHawks' win over Paradise on March 30.



Eli Quintana's RBI double was the game-winner as the RedHawks edged Winters 1-0 on March 31.



RedHawk first baseman Peyton Miller stretches to make a catch in Colusa's game against Paradise on March 30.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

- Colusa 13 – Paradise 5 (3/30)**
- Colusa 1 – Winters 0 (3/31)**
- Colusa 4 – Winters 3 (4/3)**

Last week was a good one for the RedHawks, who after knocking off Paradise swept the season series from Winters in a pair of close games.

Against the visiting Bobcats, a trio of players, including Braelyn Santana, Peyton Miller and Natalee Stegall recorded three hits apiece.

Eli Quintana chipped in with two hits and pair of RBI, while Bella Romero helped her cause with two hits and an RBI as she earned the win in the circle having struck out six.

Heading to Winters the following day, Quintana's double in the fourth drove in Santana for what proved to be the game winner.

Santana got the start in the circle and went three and two-thirds before giving way to Romero who closed out the contest, as the

tandem outdueled Warriors' pitcher Ava Estepa.

Stegall had a two-hit day in the win.

Returning home for the series finale with the Warriors, Colusa jumped ahead 3-0 out of the gate, but saw Winters fight back to tie in the top of the seventh.

Yet, the RedHawks ultimately walked it off when a ground ball hit by Miller allowed Caeden Agnew to score from third.

Agnew had led off the frame with a double and moved to third on Zaylah Ramirez's sacrifice bunt.

Romero went the distance in the circle in addition to finishing 2-3 at the plate, while Cindel Oliver and Maci Garofalo garnered a hit apiece.

With this week off for Spring Break, Colusa (10-6, 5-0) next plays Willows at home on April 14.

Pierce 2 – Paradise 12 (3/31)

Pierce couldn't hold off visiting Paradise in a run-rule shortened Sacramento Valley League contest

last week.

Danica Wilkerson finished 2 for 2 and Citlali Acevedo went 2 for 3 with an RBI to lead the Bear hitters.

Pierce (3-9, 0-3) played a series against Winters this week starting at home on April 7 before traveling to face the Warriors on April 10.

Maxwell 3 – Portola 13 (4/3)

Maxwell 1 – Portola 16

After making the long trip to Portola, the Panthers had few answers for the Tigers in a Mid-Valley League twin bill.

In the early game, Jada Lazarus and Ruby Herrera each had two hits and an RBI, while Emma Miller collected a pair of hits as well.

Following up later that afternoon, Lazarus, Miller and Herrera along with Jessica Lara and Reese Vierra accounted for all the Panthers' hits.

Now with a week off for Spring Break, Maxwell (6-10-1, 0-2) resumes MVL play on April 14 in Williams. ★



Maxwell's Emma Miller had two hits in the Panthers' loss to Portola in the first game of a doubleheader on April 3.

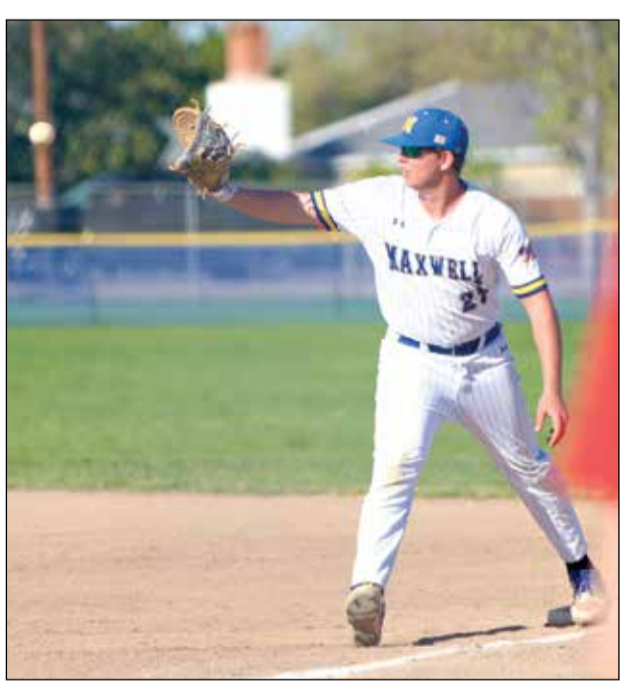
Baseball Roundup



Maxwell's Vincent Orozco has maintained a .341 batting average in his junior season for the Panthers.



Pierce's Fabian Paiz recorded a hit in the Bears' game against Paradise on March 31.



Panther first baseman Alex Krug has been the leading RBI man for Maxwell thus far in 2026.



Colusa's Kaleb Castanon dove in a pair of runs in the RedHawks' game against Winters on April 3.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

- Maxwell 9 – Portola 1 (4/3)**
- Maxwell 12 – Portola 1**

On the road for a Mid-Valley League doubleheader, Maxwell came away with the sweep after outscoring Portola 21-2 over the two games.

Although individual statistics were not provided by the Panthers, on the afternoon they pounded out 17 hits, were the

beneficiaries of 17 free passes and took advantage of 12 Tiger errors.

Maxwell (10-4, 2-0) was at the Durham Tournament this week which runs April 10 and 11.

Colusa 9 – Winters 19 (3/30)

Colusa 2 – Winters 12 (4/3)

Last week was another tough one for the RedHawks as they dropped both of their Sacramento Valley League games to Winters.

A sloppy first game saw the two teams

make a combined 12 errors and although Colusa received 15 free passes, they were limited to just three hits, however no other information was made available.

In the final game of the series, the RedHawks again just had three hits, a two-run triple off the bat of Kaleb Castanon in addition to singles by Gio Velasquez and Mason Jennings.

Off this week for Spring Break, Colusa (3-13, 0-5) returns to action at home against Willows on March 14.

Pierce 4 – Paradise 7 (3/31)

In its only reported game last week, Pierce fell short at home against Paradise in an SVL matchup.

Mikey Acevedo, the Bears' top hitter with a .381 average, went 2 for 2, while Fabian Paiz and Thomas Murphy picked up the only other hits for Pierce (1-10, 0-3).

Pierce hosted Winters on April 7 before hitting the road to complete the series with the Warriors on April 10. ★

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Lay Living His Baseball Dream



Sac State's Ethan Lay is met by his catcher Jacob Cortez at the conclusion of an inning in the Hornets 13-1 win over Winthrop on March 20.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Four years ago, Colusa's Ethan Lay completed his high school baseball career as the Northern Section's Most Valuable Player.

Over his four years for the RedHawks, he put in 157 innings of work on the mound, finishing with a 26-1 record, a 0.36 ERA and 255 strikeouts to his credit.

Lay then continued his career at Chico State where over two seasons and 106 innings on the hill for the Wildcats recorded 80 strikeouts.

Yet for Lay, playing Division I ball had always been the dream, so he took the leap of faith and got his chance with Sacramento State.

"When I was nearing the end of my sophomore

year at Chico, I had a decision to make regarding my baseball career. I enjoyed my time at Chico, and it was the perfect fit for the player that I was coming out of high school, but as I progressed in my training and skills, I knew that I could have a chance to play Division I baseball and give myself an opportunity to play after that as well. After talking with my family and coaches at Chico, I decided to leave a guaranteed great situation behind in efforts to chase my dreams. In the summer of 2024, I played for the Bend Elks, where I met Ryan Christiansen, who is the son of Sac State's head coach, Reggie Christiansen. After gaining some interest from a couple of schools, I felt that I was being prioritized the most at Sac State, which worked perfectly because I could continue

to study mechanical engineering there without any transfer issues." It's a decision that has served Lay well as now in his senior season for the Hornets, he is the staff ace, boasting to this point a 2.17 ERA, a 0.94 WHIP and 54 strikeouts in 45.2 innings on the mound. It's been the perfect fit as the 6'4' righty whose journey seemingly epitomizes the phrase, "Dream big, work hard and don't give up" explained. "The past two years have been exactly what I was searching for when I left Chico. The baseball program at Sac State has allowed me to achieve my absolute potential. I am extremely grateful for the resources and tools that I have gained access to by playing for the Hornets. My head coach has helped me become the player that I wish to be. I have had



Sac State ace Ethan Lay delivers a pitch during a game against Winthrop on March 20. Lay went eight innings yielding just one hit while striking out 11.

two great pitching coaches who have prioritized my progression and growth, and really, the whole staff has had my back since day one. I can confidently say that I have been able to do everything that I have always wanted to do in my collegiate experience, and I owe a lot of that to Sac State and the people there." Recently named the Western Athletic Conference's Pitcher of

the Week, Lay knows that with more than a month left in the regular season there is a lot of baseball yet to be played and in that time hopes not only to continue to hone his skills, but to help position the Hornets for a spot in the postseason. There is also without question the hope that Lay's abilities will lift him to a shot at the big leagues, but he just in case, he also has planned

for a future that doesn't involve playing baseball. "I will be receiving my bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering this spring. After college, I plan to keep playing. I hope to get drafted or signed by an MLB team this summer. If that does not work out, I am proud to say that I will be pursuing a job in engineering with the same intent and passion that I have had for baseball." ★

Colusa Tennis Falls to PAA

Story and photo by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - IN ITS ONLY ACTION LAST WEEK, THE REDHAWKS FELL 3-6 to visiting Paradise Adventist Academy, a team that they had beaten in a previous match back on March 7.

Playing on April 2, Colusa's No. 1 Marcos Deniz recorded a decisive win in singles, downing his opponent 6-1, 6-1, while at No. 3,

Brock Prior also recorded a victory, prevailing 6-2, 6-3. It was that pair that also came away with the RedHawks' only doubles triumph as they cruised 8-1. Looking to stop its four-match skid, Colusa (7-4, 5-3) was busy this week having entertained Quincy on April 13 and traveling to Paradise on April 15 before returning home to face Shasta Charter Academy (Redding) on April 16. ★



Colusa's Marcos Deniz won both his singles and doubles matches against PAA on April 2.



Pierce Wrestlers Compete on National Stage

By Jennifer Corriea

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (MPG) - Although the wrestling season in the Northern Section ended, three Pierce grapplers made the trek across the country to compete in the NHSCA High School Nationals which ran from March 27-29 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Recognized as the premier wrestling tournament in the country, athletes compete to earn High School All-American honors, with the top eight in each weight division

receiving the designation. Entering into the tournament for the first time were a trio of Pierce High School seniors in Quin Stephens, Grace Szmurlo and Dayami Villanueva. Stephens, who competed at 152 pounds defeated his opponent from Georgia 6-3 in the round of 128, but fell 2-9 in the round of 64 to an adversary from Pennsylvania. Szmurlo and Villanueva both fell in their respective bouts in the 165 and 152 weight classes. ★

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CHP Urges Drivers to Follow Hands-Free Law as Distracted Driving Awareness Month Begins

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Distracted driving causes hundreds of crashes across California each year, and violations of the state's hands-free cellphone law remain an ongoing concern. As part of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is urging drivers to put down their phones and stay attentive to help make roads safer for everyone.

Every year, CHP officers issue more citations to drivers violating California's hands-free law, highlighting the ongoing challenge to change driver behavior. In 2025, the CHP issued over 111,700 citations for distracted driving, nearly 20% more than in 2024.

The consequences of distracted driving extend far beyond just a citation and can include crashes resulting in serious injury or death. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that 3,275 people died and nearly 325,000 others were injured in distraction-related crashes in the U.S. in 2023.

Any activity that diverts attention from driving — such as using a cellphone, eating, adjusting controls or interacting with passengers — increases the risk of a crash.

“Every crash caused by distracted driving can be avoided. Too often, drivers look away from the road, risking their lives and those of others,” said Commissioner Sean Duryee. “No text, call or notification is more important than safety.



Every year, CHP officers issue more citations to drivers violating California's hands-free law, highlighting the ongoing challenge to change driver behavior. Photo courtesy Freepik

Put your phone down, eliminate distractions and drive as if someone's life depends on it — because it does.”

Safe driving requires full attention. Road conditions and traffic can change quickly, and distractions reduce reaction time. In California, distracted driving was reported to have caused over 3,400 crashes between 2020 and 2025, injuring more than 1,600 people, according to the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System.

Lose the Distractions

California law prohibits drivers from holding or using a cellphone while driving unless the device allows hands-free, voice-operated use. Drivers who cannot use hands-free features



Drivers can reduce risk by eliminating distractions such as enable “Do Not Disturb” or use apps that block notifications, place phones out of reach, set music or podcasts before driving, secure pets and loose items and avoid eating or drinking while driving. Photo courtesy Freepik

— except to dial 9-1-1 — should ask a passenger for help or pull over and park in a safe location before using a device.

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place phones out of reach, set music or podcasts before driving, secure pets and loose items and avoid eating or drinking while driving.

Talk to your Teens

According to the NHTSA, 7% of drivers ages 15 to 20 involved in fatal crashes were distracted — the highest proportion among all age groups.

The CHP encourages parents and guardians to demonstrate safe driving habits and discuss the risks of distracted driving with teens.

The CHP's Start Smart program provides driver safety education for newly licensed teens and their parents. Classes are offered at CHP offices and community locations statewide. For more information, contact your local CHP Area office.

Education and Enforcement
CHP officers will also conduct a 24-hour Maximum Enforcement Period beginning at 6 a.m. April 28 to reinforce that distracted driving is dangerous and preventable.

Last year, the CHP deployed 100 low-profile, specially marked patrol vehicles across the state to help combat reckless and aggressive drivers who are putting lives at risk on California's highways. These vehicles are designed to blend into traffic and detect these dangerous motorists before they realize they are being monitored.

This April, the CHP urges all drivers to eliminate distractions, stay focused and help keep California's roads safe.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service and Security. ★

Get Your Car Ready for a Summer Road Trip

National Car Care Month is a good reminder that good vehicle maintenance may prevent a costly repair

AAA Mountain West Group News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - AAA emergency road service providers across the country came to the rescue of stranded motorists more than 30 million times in 2025. Many of those calls for service could have been avoided with proper vehicle maintenance. April marks National Car Care Month, and AAA Mountain West Group (MWG) is reminding drivers that routine vehicle maintenance can ensure your vehicle is ready for your next road trip.

“Summer heat takes a toll on cars. Taking care of your car now may help avoid a more expensive repair bill down the line,” said John Walter, Executive Vice President, AAA Mountain West Group Auto Repair. “AAA Auto Repair Technicians are committed to offering outstanding service to ensure your vehicle is always in peak-performance and ready for the road ahead.”

Essential Vehicle Maintenance Tips from AAA

Oil Changes. Aim for an oil change every 3,000 to 7,000 miles depending on your vehicle and driving habits.

Battery Testing. Have your battery tested ahead of long trips or every three months. Extreme heat may shorten a battery's service life. AAA Members get mobile battery delivery, testing and diagnosis and on-the-spot replacement and installation.

Maintain Proper Tire Inflation. Check your tire pressure monthly. Proper tire pressure prolongs the life of your tires, ensures safety and improves fuel efficiency.

Tire Rotations. Rotate your tires roughly every other oil change. This helps prevent uneven wear and is important for safety and longevity.



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Fluid Level Checks. Your car relies on various fluids to operate properly. Check your levels before long trips or every three months.

Multipoint Vehicle Inspection. Comprehensive check-ups are essential. Schedule a multipoint inspection at least once a year to catch potential problems early.

Find a Trusted Mechanic: AAA-Owned and AAA Approved Auto Repair Centers are evaluated against AAA's rigorous, industry-leading standards, ensuring that drivers receive high-quality service every time.

AAA Celebrates 50 Years of AAA Approved Auto Repair Excellence

Since its inception in 1975, the AAA Inception Auto Repair (AAR) program has connected drivers with auto repair services that uphold the highest standards of quality and affordability. AAA now owns and operates 50 shops across Northern California, Arizona and Nevada.

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digital vehicle inspection report sent to your phone with every service at all AAA-Owned or AAA Approved locations.

While the owner's manual for your vehicle is the best source for specific maintenance schedules, you can always consult with certified technicians at AAA-Owned Auto Repair centers and AAA Approved Auto Repair Facilities for advice.

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