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## Move Over Covid, Fentanyl Creates New Pandemic

### What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in California and the United States. And yes it is within the confines of Glenn, Butte, Tehama, Shasta, and Colusa counties. It has made a significant impact on local communities and, unfortunately the negative impact is increasing as more and more people and youth experiment with illegal drugs.



A few grains of salt, think not, what is pictured is the amount of fentanyl compared to a Lincoln head penny.....and those few grains can take your life in a flash. You can't taste or smell it, unfortunately it does the job of sudden death without hesitation.

There are two types of fentanyl: pharmaceutical fentanyl and illicitly manufactured fentanyl (illicit fentanyl). Both are synthetic opioids. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, such as while in the hospital for and after surgery or for advanced-stage cancer. Illicit fentanyl is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect.

Fentanyl-laced drugs are extremely dangerous. It is nearly impossible to tell if drugs have been laced with fentanyl without the use of fentanyl test strips because fentanyl cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Test strips are inexpensive, typically give results within 5 minutes, and can be the difference between life or death. Even if the test is negative, caution should be taken as test strips might not detect other fentanyl-like drugs.

Before 2020 Fentanyl was almost unheard of, that is not the picture now, Fentanyl use has exploded and there is a trail of victims throughout the north state. The same way marijuana has been enhanced to provide much more significant highs in a variety of formats, the increase in Fentanyl uses also have broadened its presence on the area drug scene. The incidents of Fentanyl overdoses increase over 26 percent since 2020. Over 150 people die everyday from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like Fentanyl. In 2022 there was a record number of deaths related to drugs, with some 109,680 people losing their lives.

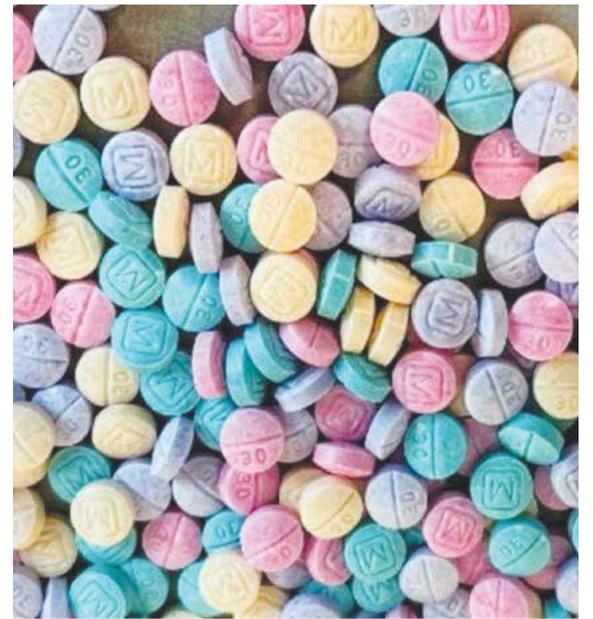
Several years ago, when physicians and the medical community in general began their attempt to wean the population off opioid pain medications because of their addictive tendencies, the use of methamphetamine and fentanyl began to increase. That increase is now considered to be of epidemic proportions, and not just in big cities, but rural areas of this country are also on the hit list.

Fentanyl is fifty times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine, and in so many cases FATAL.

### How do you recognize the signs of a fentanyl overdose:

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Slow, weak, or no breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Limp body
- Cold and/or clammy skin
- Discolored skin (especially in lips and nails)

Narcan (Naloxone) is an opioid antagonist that rapidly reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. With a fentanyl overdose, two or more doses of naloxone may need to be administered.



You like Skittles and rainbow candies? Here's a word of caution, this is exactly what illegal fentanyl is being processed as, just like candy, and boom the candy barely hits your stomach and you're dead. Appealing to every age group, think what happens when these rainbow candies are left on a table or in a baggie, what child would not be tempted to pop a couple in their mouth. Fentanyl has no age limit, the illicit processors don't care, and there is no coming back once the deed is done.

### How do you prevent overdoses?

Using Naloxone, which is a life-saving medication that can be administered with a nasal spray or injection into a muscle area of the body. It is safe and effective and works almost immediately. Fentanyl test strips, although not 100 percent accurate, they play an important role in making a user aware the drug they are about to ingest could be laced with Fentanyl or some other opioid.

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose, including overdose from heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications. You can get Naloxone at local pharmacies. Where can you get naloxone? at a local pharmacy or through local community programs—find one near you at: <https://nopn.org/california>, or even through the mail for people with limited access - [nextdistro.org/naloxone](https://nextdistro.org/naloxone).



You can't get much more patriotic than this colorful mural of Lady Liberty adorning the normally whitewashed fence on the corner of Third and Mill Streets. So far no one has fessed up to the Michelangelo masterpiece that coincided with our nation's birthday. "I do not wish any reward but to know I have done the right thing," Tom Sawyer.



# LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Lake School Class of 2027 are Delany Aceves-Velazquez, Maddee Jo Baker, Jaqueline Hitzel Carrillo, Monica Lareina De La Rosa, Jaycee Jeanne Eden, Madison Joy Espinoza, Colby Lee Gasper, Hunter Robert Joham Givens, Sugeiy Guarneros-Gonzalez, Derek Mitchell Hewlett, Allie Marie Humphreys, Mei Isabella Ver-allo Main, Anthony David Murillo, Jonathan Quezada, Dylan Rene Stenquist, Elizabeth Grace Stewart, Tracen Blane Hamilton Taylor, Abril Yulianna Velazquez-Barajas, Madyson Ray Wiseman and Cayden Jarrett Wright.

## Congrats Lake Elementary Grads

The Lake Elementary School Class of 2027 pose in front of the school sign bordering County Road 9. The 20 classmates were set to begin their journeys into the land of high school and set their future dreams in motion... For many of the students they had spent their primary and middle school education within the halls of Lake School.

Colby Gasper and Cayden Wright echoed the sentiments of hundreds of Lake School staff, students, and their families who over the years have enjoyed the culinary creations of Mrs. Bobbi Fissori who will be retiring from the breakfast, snacks, and lunch brigade she has coordinated for many, many years.

Monica De La Rosa and Madison Espinoza paid tribute to Superintendent/Principal Nikol Baker, who after eleven years at the helm of Lake School has accepted a new position as Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs at Glenn County Office of Education. Lake School Board of Trustees and Nikol Baker did the honor of presenting students with their diplomas.



Keeping with tradition, Lake School graduation ceremony included a snippet on what the grads perceived as some of their classmates' future careers would be. Pictured from left to right, classmates Dylan Stenquist, Maddee Baker, and Jaycee Eden read their rendition of what the future would hold for the Class of 2027 as they continued their education.

## Free Haircuts and Backpacks

The STAR Center and TAY will be providing free haircuts and backpacks for Glenn County youth on Monday, August 7th at the CK Price Gymnasium, located at 1212 Marin Street in Orland. The event will be held from 10am to 2pm. The free haircuts are for Glenn County youth Kindergarten through 12th grade. All youth must be accompanied by an adult, please arrive with clean dry hair. The GCOE STAR Center will be giving out free backpacks and school supplies to qualifying families. This event is on a walk-in basis and first come first serve. Please do not contact local barbershops or beauty salons regarding this event. Call or text (530) 815-1504 for more information.



# PLAZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Class of 2023/2027 for Plaza Elementary School were Robert Birdsill, Kaylee Boster, Yosgart Bravo, Kyle Burton, Danica Corp, Chase Cushman, Riley Gregg, Koralyn Gutierrez, Kamila Infante, Sergio Iniguez-Cano, Alyssa Laxague, Aaliyah Nelo, Ashlynn Melo, Anthony Miller, Brenda Miron, Alyssa Montes De Oca-Sanchez, Hailey Ordaz, Cayden Ortega, Jayden Ortega, Emzly Punzo, Osman Ramos, Chase Rodgers, Alondra Rosales, Mauricio Salazar Hernandez, Patrick Sanchez, Olivia Silveira, Tanner Timinsky, and Alexa Valdez-Mendoza.

## Plaza Students Move to High School

The Plaza School Eighth grade graduates could not have picked a better author to quote for their class motto than Ashliegh Brilliant, an English born, now Santa Barbara 90-year-old pot-shot humorist and cartoonist to display on the front of their graduation program.

*“Nothing we do changes the past – everything we do changes the future.”*

Consequently, as the dark clouds of a good-sized thunderstorm approached the school campus, the decision was made to hurry and move everything inside the cafeteria. And scurry they did, moving programs out of the rain’s reach, chairs, and anything else that might facilitate the annual ceremony was jam-packed into the interior and filled the room to beyond capacity; it did change the future somewhat, but the ceremony went on. No worries the north wind was not howling at 40 mph, and the evening activity was relatively cool compared to other years dehydrating the audience at 100 degrees.

“Pomp and Circumstance” welcomed the graduates as they aligned themselves into cramped quarters, the two mistresses of ceremonies, Haley Ordaz and Emzly Punzo conducted their assigned duties without a flaw. The graduates were still able to honor their parents and grandparents with Plaza’s traditional presentation of flowers to their guests. Faithful Plaza retiree Judy Fowler was on hand to present the annual Jesse Stokes Award and veteran board member Connie King made the presentation of the graduates to the audience after receiving their diplomas.

## Stuff the Bus for Back to School



Each year in Glenn County over 350 children are considered homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Glenn County Office of Education’s “Project Help” program through the STAR Center (Striving Together, Achieving Results) provides backpacks and school supplies for the children in need in our area. Please consider purchasing a few extra of back-to-school supplies for the annual Stuff the Bus. School Supplies needed: binders, dividers, notebooks, ruled paper, journals. Folders, organizers, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters. Scissors, Calculators, erasers, glue sticks, planners, and White Out, Hygiene products needed include socks, underwear, shoes, jackets, toothbrushes. Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, brushes, combs. Hair ties, tampons/pads, razors, shaving cream, body soap, dental floss, clothes, sweatshirts, and PE clothes.

The event will be held Thursday, through Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm in the parking lot at Willows’ Walmart. For more information contact T.J. Grundy at the Glenn County Office of Education at (530) 934-6575, ext. 3176.

## Glenn County Senior Nutrition

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# ELK CREEK HIGH AND JUNIOR HIGH



## Elk Creek Salutatorian and Valedictorian Recognize BFF Classmates



Helena Burrows' senior class academics were acknowledged when she received a special award from the California State Assembly. Lashelle Swearinger received the Scott Callahan Memorial Scholarship and the Willows Lions Club Scholarship.

Elk Creek High School Salutatorian Helena Burrows addressed the audience citing some of her memories of the journey they have been travelling for the last 12 years. Of Ethan she will always remember how he could fall asleep and how he always made her laugh. Kyra was always there to give her advice. Lynnea will get her AA degree; she is the brains of the class. Arynne is my BFF and she is leaving to go to college in Nevada. Helena said she was not sure how to describe herself as the worst part of being the Salutatorian is she hates public speaking, but she is headed for Butte College.

Arynne and Lynnea made the yearbook presentation and dedicated it to Erin Callahan who will be retiring this year. Callahan served as assistant to at least a half a dozen Superintendents over her career. She played many roles, the school nurse, schedule maker, driver, teacher, party planner, and we will miss you. To Mr. Flynn, you were like a second dad, and we are grateful we got to have you as a teacher, we appreciate all you do.

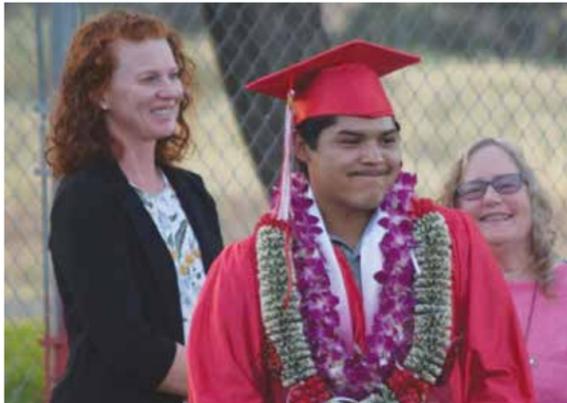
Arynne in the role as Valedictorian, reminded her classmates that they were always the class that was rushing to do things as first-year students, and then came Covid. She said High school flies by in the blink of an eye, we all should have listened, and I will admit it Mom, you were right. Tomorrow there is no more high school. We should have listened. She thanked classmate Helena for being her best friend and always standing by her, and her family which she felt apart of, adding, they might be glad to get rid of me! Tomorrow begins a new chapter in all their lives, who would have thought in our first year and now we are on our way to college.

Former Glenn County Sheriff Rich Warren served as the guest speaker for the ceremony, he cautioned the students that he also knew how time has a way of flying by; it seems like he just got started and now he is retired. Warren said, you have just completed your high school journey, some of you have college plans, some of you are uncertain, do not rush, just know your new journey is beginning. He related his own experience of graduating and wanting to get as far away from the Maxwell community as possible, going from a school with eighty-eight students, he landed in college classroom with 2,200 other students, and it was a revelation. He soon learned a big city was not for him, giving up on becoming an electrical engineer, he really did not know what he wanted to do. In 1988 he finally found his passion, getting his bachelor's degree in law enforcement. The experience made him who he is today, did he have regrets, yes; did he make changes, yes. He cautioned, it was not a race to find out what makes you happy, you need to first find something that you can be passionate about. Closing he said, Success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success.



Arynne Cheyenne Gregory was chosen as the Valedictorian for the Class of 2023. She is the great granddaughter of two former Board of Trustees, her Great Grandmother Catherine Hanes, and her Great Grandfather Melvin Hanes, both who served many years on the County Office of Education School Boards.

Arynne received the top honors in scholarships from Glenn County Farm Bureau, Glenn County Rangeland Association, Willows Car and Bike Show (celebrating their 37th year of gifting scholarships to local youth), Willows Rotary, Chad Langford Memorial Scholarship, Elk Creek Fire Department scholarship, Stony Creek Horseman's Association, Stonyford Buyers Group, Tri Counties Bank, the Glenn County Scholarship Foundation, and special recognition from the California State Assembly.



Elk Creek High School Graduate Ethan Charles Felipe-Mitchell smiles after receiving his diploma from Board of Trustee member Ritta Martin. Ethan was awarded several scholarships during the ceremony, Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Senior Preservation award sponsored in part by Rolling Hills Casino, and the Butte College Foundation Scholarship for his educational efforts.

# INDIAN VALLEY 8TH GRADE GRADS



Indian Valley 8th Grade graduates Jamison Boone, Serenity Mahone, Laylah Mitchell, Mya Phillips, Kaydence Reagan, and Macen Swearinger!



Macen Swearinger tackled the student speaker portion of the program. He recognized each of the graduates individually and created some laughs for the audience in his narratives. Superintendent Triance and Board Trustee Zoe Brandenberger presented the students with their diplomas and wished them well in their future endeavors.

## Congratulations to the 8th Grade Class!

Indian Valley Middle School is nestled in the foothills west of Stony Gorge Reservoir, in the town of Stonyford. Their graduation ceremony was held on the lush green lawn on the shaded grounds of the school yard. The half a dozen eighth grade students waited patiently for the ceremony to begin. For Jamison Boone, Serenity Mahone, Laylah Mitchell, Mya Phillips, Kaydence Reagan, and Macen Swearinger the wait was over, as they walked to their seats to Queen's "We are the Champions" playing over the sound system. Laylah Mitchell did the honors of welcoming the audience and leading them in reciting the Pledge Allegiance.

The guest speaker for the event was Daniel Reagan, local pastor, coach, and father of one of the graduates Kaydence Reagan, Reagan said he was in the Class of 1999, telling the students they never lived in a world without internet, STEM education, and Titanic movies. These were all relics of gone by days of only ten years ago. He offered the students some advice, stating he wished someone had given to him when he was their age. If someone would have told him he would go to four colleges in three states and become a teacher he would never have believed it Reagan encouraged the students to try and remember life would throw many detours in their path but remain steadfast and you can succeed.

Teacher Aleesha Rubini reminded the students how well they are had done in some of the year end competitions, science fair and track meet were the topic of conversation, because you all gave it your best and earned your spot in the record books, despite the fact they really had no where to train or practice, and yet they competed and won several competitions. Student Speaker Macen Swearinger thanked the staff for all their help getting them through the past few years. Personally, he thanked Mr. Heath for pushing him to do better. Swearinger said he felt good to have spent the past four years at Indian Valley and how he will never forget the help he received.

Stony Creek Superintendent Kevin Triance thanked the students and staff for making his five-year stint at Stony Creek District memorable and he cherished the accomplishments they made. Triance would be moving to another district in Colusa County for the 23-24 school year, He was proud of all he learned and how much they had been able to get completed.

**"We are the Champions!"**

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# WALDEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL



The Walden Academy Class of 2027 graduates were Brayden Arendt, Kasey Blair, Tavian Bobadilla, Cade Dugo, Regina Gonzalez, Lucia Guzman, Robert Guzman, Bennett Hoffman, Elijah Levesque, Elijah Sengmany, and Kimberly Torres.



One proud father, Pedro Bobadilla, Walden Academy Dean of Students presented his son Tavian with a special award during the graduation ceremony. In addition to excelling academically at Walden, Tavian broke three records during the annual GCOE Track Meet in the long jump, and the 100 and 200 meter races, held at the end of the school year.

## Congratulations Walden Graduates

One could not have asked for better weather, a cool morning the north valley greeted families and well-wishes to Walden Academy Charter School's Eighth Grade promotion ceremony. The east side of the campus was beautifully decorated and plenty of seating for the guests. Pedro Bobadilla, Dean of Students welcomed and introduced local dignitaries to the audience. The students expressed their sentiments on the time they had spent at Walden, many of the students had been enrolled throughout their primary and

middle school education at the academy. Keeping with tradition the graduates were presented with bouquets which they gifted to their family members. Walden's Eighth grade teacher Mr. Bose closed the ceremony congratulating the students for their achievements, wishing them well and encouraged each of them to continue their education to success. Bose reminded the students they could soar and succeed; it was up to them how high; they would now be entering into the world of high school.

# WM FINCH CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL



Luis Amezcua\*, Isabel Gomez-Gonzalez, Julissa Gutiérrez-Bowman, Melissa Llamas-Escareño, Keeli Miller, Kevin Montelongo, Carina Olmos, Randy Ontiveroz, Jr., Diego Ortega, Nataly Padilla-González, Diana Ramos, Garrett Robinett, Venessa Taylor, Trista Thomas, Erin Thomas, Riley Valdez, Kristina Wolverston.

\*State Deal of Biliiteracy Candidate

## Congratulations WM Finch High School Grads

Wm. Finch Charter School graduation ceremony was held on the evening of May 24<sup>th</sup>, with families and friends gathered to wish the new graduates best wishes as they begin a new chapter of their lives. Principal Dan La Bar welcomed the audience leading the crowd in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Glenn County Superintendent of Schools Ryan Bentz congratulated the graduates, bidding them farewell, much success, and encouraging them to pursue their dreams of both technical and higher education.

The Keynote speaker for the event was Glenn County Office of Education Career Technical Education Director Linda Riggle. She addressed the students, congratulating them on their diligence in completing their independent studies through Wm Finch Charter School earning their high school diplomas.

Principal Dan La Bar presented Assemblyman James Gallagher's Achievement Awards to Erin Torres and Luis Amezcua for their outstanding work over the past year. Presenting the students with their diplomas were Glenn County Office of Education Board President Judy Holzapfel and Principal La Bar, congratulating each of the students for their achievement in earning their high school diplomas.

# WM FINCH CHARTER 8TH GRADE



A dozen eighth grade graduates emerged from the interior of the Wm Finch building, clad in their royal blue graduation gowns, ready to begin their next journey into high school. Members of the Wm Finch Class of 2027 are Allison Cannizzaro, Anthony Carrillo, Tania Gallardo, Francisco Hernandez, Robert Jackson, Malia Lopez, Emery MacDonald, Graciella Paniagua-Sirvongsa, Alexis Shelden, Akin Shepherd, Marissa Sumahit, and Emily Valencia Aguilar.

**WILLOWS  
COMMUNITY HIGH**



Congratulations to Alisha Summer Hanson-Bradshaw, Randy Dakota Calderon, Jose Luis Calzada, Marianna Cortez-Gallardo, Nathan James Martin, Doris Renee-Wing Padilla, Leysli Maria Cisneros Rosas, and Kendra Alicia-Sanchez.



The top of this mortar board just about sums up the entire reason Willows Community High School exists, it is an opportunity for students to blaze their own paths, be independent without being tied to traditional classroom setting. This student decorated her mortar board, "Mama I made it."

**Willows Community High School Graduation Commencement**

It was the real deal for Willows Community High Graduates as they entered the grassy area north of Willows Unified District Office, walking to the tr "Pomp and Cicumstance."

Randy Calderon Led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the ceremony. Willows unified Superintendent Emmett Koerperich welcomed the students and the audience, he congratulated the students stating how proud he was of them for completing their journey. Adding, you have met your requirements, now you can go out and create a new path, wishing them the best for their en-

deavors down the road. Robert Rawlins, teacher, was the guest speaker, he offered his congratulations to the graduates. He reminded the graduates to surround yourself with great people you are fond of, if you love your job it is like you will never work a day in your life, and if it's not the people around you, then chose some place nice to be/ If any of these three things don't work for you, then find something that does. Don't settle, don't finish bad movies or bad books, if you are not in the right place, then keep searching until you find.

**NORTH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**



Pictured are the graduates attending the ceremony on June 6th were Corbin Arnold, Robert Daniels, Lilianna Diaz, Jacquelyn Esquivel, Emile Johnson, Juan Lozano Ruiz, Jacob Balsey-Forster, Victoria Powell, Kai Gordon, Mariah Thomas, Jesse Elkin, Jennifer Raygoza, Elias Vargas, Daniel Villareal-Rodriguez, Jaiden Gomez, Angel López Sánchez, Monica Martin, Abygail Vásquez, Casey Jurdana, Keira Sarnoski, Hunter McCuin, and Mayelin Ornelas.

Graduating at an earlier date and unable to attend the ceremony were, Jocelyn Ascensión Medina, Logan Nahinu, Lindsay Palos Brambila, Giovanni Ricca, Kassidy Sappasith, Arturo Suarez, and Dayanara Zamudio Trejo.

North Valley High School graduated at total of 29 students for the 22-23 school year. Despite the inclement weather the ceremony was held as scheduled, and fortunately ended just before the rain invaded the area adjacent to their classroom.

Principal Casey Johnson welcomed students and their families gathered to celebrate their accomplishments and thanking the graduates for their efforts to complete their high school education earning their diplomas. Johnson expressed he was proud of the students for their hard work and diligence to succeed. He encouraged the students to continue their education in whatever field they chose, urging them to put forth the effort to become productive individuals. Corbin Arnold led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Orland Unified Board members Becky Brummet and Jeff Aguiar did the honors of presenting the graduates with their certificates of completion.

**CAPAY  
ELEMENTARY**



The 2023 Capay graduates are, Genevieve Ahumada, Carolina Barajas, Loveah Bauska, Ryan Bernhard, Anayanci Carrillo\*, Nayeli Cortez, Xiomara Gonzalez, Jackson Kampmann, Jerret King\*, Emma Lepp, Rhett Milne, Sadie Porter\*, Zachariah Reed, Itzael Rodriguez\*, Riley Sheppard, Emedel Soto-Perez, Aaron Velazquez.

\*California Junior Scholarship Federation Members.

**Capay Joint Union Elementary School Graduates**



Capay Superintendent/Principal Jim Scribner presents Co-Valedictorian Anayanci Carrillo with a trophy for her excellent academic record while attending the rural school. Scribner also presented a trophy to Sadie Porter who was selected as the other Valedictorian for the Class of 2027.

Capay School, Home of the Colts presented their graduation ceremony on June 8th in the quad area on one of the cooler evenings of the month. Families and friends gathered to celebrate a dozen years of primary and middle school learning, before the eighth graders make their way to area high schools. In keeping with tradition students entered in their Capay green graduation robes to the cheers and applause.

Capay students Dayana Leal and Camilla Vargas sang the "Star Spangled Banner" acapella. Capay Superintendent/Principal Jim Scribner welcomed the audience, this would be his last graduation at the rural school, after 17 years at the helm Scribner is taking over the reins of

Fairview Elementary when the new school year begins this fall.

Graduates Rhett Milne, Jerret King, and Genevieve Ahumada shared memories of their classmates to the enjoyment of the audience. Citing their predictions of how the future endeavors of their grade school classmates would look like in the next 20 years. Co-Valedictorians Sadie Porter and Anayanci Carrillo shared the podium to acknowledge their years at Capay School and their appreciation of the staff and middle school grads. Presentation of eighth grade diplomas was under the guidance of Capay Board of Trustee member Megan Jorgensen.

# WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL



Members of the Willows High Class of 2023 were Angie Michelle Alejandra Orellana, Dayton Darrell Allen, Kate Michelle Amaro, Jose Manuel Arceo-Garcia, Audra Rose Autrey, Marianna Ayala Romero, Gaige Alexander Bailey, Wyatt Patrick Berens, Jael Arturo Bibriesca Salinas, Brannon Shane Bippus, Hope Marie Brown, Hunter Michael Brown, Randie Marie Kay Brown, Noe Israel Cabrera, Chryztopher Joseph Campbell, Preston Matthew Carr, Javier Castorena Palacios, Nicolas Joel Castellon-Chavez, Armando Cervantes, Ryan Parker Chapman, Zackary Arnold Coffman, Jonathan Alexander Correa II, Hannah Beverly Jeanne Cox, Adam Wayne Dyck, Manuel Espinoza, Ezra Daniel Felix, Celso Adrian Figueroa, Jose Ramon Fletes-Torres, Humberto Flores, Rachel Flores, Alejandro Fragoso-Graciano, Daniel Galvan Figueroa, Gisela Garcia Castellanos, David Garcia Gutierrez, Fernando Garcia, Jr., Diego Alejandro Garcia Vazquez, Liuvia Garcia-Marquez, Erin Sakura Gilmore, Estefani Gonzales Barrales, Damien Gonzales-Guzman, Adamari Delfina Gonzales-Puga, Luis Gonzalez Reyna, Daniel Ernest Franklin Grimes, Richardo Gutierrez, Arelly Gutierrez Venegas, Nicholas Loran Hall, Emily Her, Dominic Timothy Hernandez, Jazmine Chavez Hernandez, Luke Ramon Hernandez, Carla Hernandez-Serrano, Tavion Levonyea Hightower, Jordan Lee Holley, Gabriel Bernell Huttman, Hayden Lee Imhoff, Alejandro Jimenez-Venegas, Mackenzie Michael Karlovich, Emily Christine Kempthorne, Emelia Renee Kennedy, Karli Bree Lanzi, Joel Martin Lara-Quezada, Aubree Nychelle Larson, Arianna Essence Lee, Jaythin Moua Lee, Lesile Licea, Savannah Raeanne Lohman, Kaylenn Nicole Elizabeth Longoria-Pano, Edwin Alejandro Lopez Gaeta, Carlos Lopez-Magallon, Chuemong Pao Lor, Jasmine Rose Love, Alli Marie Elizabeth Lytle, Jesse Stephen Lytle, Judith Malagon-Martinez, Damian Ruben Medina, Esperanza Medina, Melissa Medina, Eduardo Mendoza Dominguez, Christian Alejandro Mercado-Galvez, Zackary John Millen, Skylar Blake Millsaps, Jocelyn Isabel Morua Gonzales, Brandon Moua, Eric Lee Nietzke, William Lawrence Nolan, Cristian Santos Ocampo Correa, Abigail Ochoa, Jaydon Nkosi Okumbe, Jovany Rayman Olson, Yaritza Elizabeth Olvera, David Ortega-Garica, Rali Kristelle Owens, Martha Palacios-Lopez, Tawna Christine Pence, Somboun Phompong, Ramon Placencia-Sanchez, Melody Renee Pledger, Ryan James Price, Jonathan Puga-Rodriguez, Angel Ruben Quintero Lopez, Ahna Helene Randolph, Gustavo Maximiliano Raygoza, Anthony James Richards, Diego Rivera, Dawson Daniel Roach, Yuliana Lizeth Rodriguez, Luis Angel Rolon-Palafox, Johnathan Alejandro Rosales Parada, Tyler David Rubio-Smith, Dafnee De Jesus Ruiz, Edwin Salazar-Villanueva, Anthony Paco Sandoval, Kalli Danae Sawyer, Kadrianna Khaleah-Sengmany, Elena Silvas, Angel Joy Sondles, Dysen Armando Tapia, Mariyah Elisabeth Thaxton, Roman Benjamin Thompson, Noah Thor, Billie Katherine Throm, Ashley Alene Thurman, Levi Torres, Natalie Elizabeth Torres, Emily Velazquez Velazquez, Abigail Layne Vranich, Lauren Charliz Weller, Isabella May Williams, Theodore Zaccheus Woodworth, and Andrew Lauj Yang.

Willows High School Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 was Kate Amaro. She encouraged her classmates to continue their education and follow their dreams, they would do great things in life. Amaro was the recipient of several awards including the Willows Kiwanis, California Women in Ag, YLI, NCF Niehues Cousins Festa, Monday Afternoon Club, Willows Car & Bike Show, Willows Elks Lodge, K of C, Linda Carney Memorial Scholarship, Colusa-Glenn Farm Credit, and the Brian Ceecon Memorial Scholarship to her credit.



## Willows Grads Move on to New Paths

The Willows High School Band and a few members of the WHS Alumni Band under the direction of the new Music Director, Vincent Hjerpe rang out with “Pomp and Circumstance” as 130 plus graduates entered Honker Stadium, and they also play the “Star Spangled Banner,” as the capacity crowd cheered on the graduates. Associated Student Body President Karli Lanzi led the crowd in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.; In her first year at the helm of “Honker” High, Principal Julie Carriere welcomed the audience. Carriere congratulated the students for their perseverance and dedication to completing their high school requirements, putting them one step closer to a new path and new challenges after a dozen years at Willows Unified. The tradition of moving their tassels from one side to the other, was accompanied by a host of confetti bombs and cheers of families and friends in the stands.

# WILLOWS INTERMEDIATE 8TH GRADE



The WIS Cardinals entered Honker Stadium amongst the cheers and well wishes of their families and friends. Graduates of the Cardinal class were Tanner Abold, Julian Alcaraz, Arturo Alonso-Zuniga, Misael Ambriz, Bianca Araiza, Patricia Becerra Ortega, Sarah Bowen, Jazmin Briones-Martinez, Jesús Briones-Reynoso, Monica Burbano, Victoria Butler, Samuel Cabrera, Yuliana Cabrera\*, Jonathan Calzada-Moreno, Gabriela Cano, Giselle Carbajal Orellana, Sofia Castorena, Valeria Chávez, Jordán Chavira, Koleton Coffman, Trinity Coggins, Olivia Correa, Chloe Cox\*, Jaiden Currier, Hunter Davidson, Ana Karen De La Rosa Hernández\*, Raúl Flores, Landon Franco, Nataly Gallardo-Cano, Andrea Garay Hernández, Omar Garcia\*, Cristóbal Garcia Gutiérrez\*, Fernando Garcia Gutiérrez, Bryan Garcia-Figueroa, Collin Garman\*, Jazmine González\*, Martin González, Leonardo González-Ayala\*, Yamile Gutiérrez, Faith Hamilton, Hailey Her, Stefanie Hernández-Garcia, Dante Ibrahim\*, Ángel Iñiguez-Ramirez, Luis Jiménez, María Lara-Quezada, Josiah Lawson, Cristóbal López, Joel Loza, Andrés Martínez, Damaris Martínez Ruiz\*, Dara Martínez Ruiz, Adrianna Mata\*, Aaron Mata-Robles, Stephen Matthews Joyner Jr., Alexis McElroy, Humberto Medina\*, Anthony Medina-Granados, Benjamin Moreno-Martínez, Baylee Morris, Pedro Murillo Jr., Emily Neuhauer\*, Michelle Newton Palacios, Yadira Ocampo-Álvarez, Aaralyn Ontiveros, Rebecca Orth, Adrián Palacios, Alexis Palomino\*, Curtis Paniagua Mitchell, Arturo Perez, Yandel Perez Torres, Lamar Peters, Elizabeth Pope, Hellen Quintero Lopez, Arianna Ramos, Cora Randolph, Dario Rentería Quezada, Nancy Robles Iñiguez, Juan Rosas-Cisneros, Melissa Rubalcava-Torres, Jillian Rubia, Eivind Salazar Villanueva, Dulce Sanchez Garcia, Julissa Sánchez-Meda, Isaac Salazar Villanueva, Kayden Sandoval, Aaron Sigala, Ripley Springstead, Michael Stanton, Dylan Swathwood, Jordan Taylor, Syneka Taylor\*, Joe Whitney, Mayson Williams, Michael Wyckoff Jr., Rainy Xiong\*, Bryson Yang. \*Denotes California Junior Scholastic Federation Honors Student



## Dreams Can Come True

It was “Small Town, Big Dreams” for the Willows Intermediate School’s Class of 2027 as they were promoted into high school on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The WIS Cardinals stood proudly in Honker Stadium in their red and white gowns, ready to face a new adventure beginning high school in a little over two months from the night they worked so hard to achieve. Classmate Omar Garcia let the Pledge of Allegiance and presented a welcoming speech in English and Spanish for the capacity crowd of families and friends. Adrianna Mata and Ana Karen De La Rosa Hernandez echoed the feelings of their classmates, focusing on the theme of Small Towns and Big Dreams. For the 99 graduates this was their big day, and primary and middle school were finally behind them as they were now preparing to enter the hallowed halls of high school.

After receiving their coveted middle school diplomas this group of Willows Intermediate Cardinals gathered for one last photo together, friends since primary school their aspirations were diverse as they think about entering Willows High in the fall. Their friendship speaks highly of the Walt Disney quote on the graduation program, “All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”

# ORLAND HIGH SCHOOL



Members of the Orland High Class of 2023 are Giovanni Alcántara, Allen Alfaro-López, Tatum Jene Allen, Alicia Alreyashi, Giselle Álvarez, Hugo Álvarez-Castillo, Damián Álvarez-García, Fabian Álvarez-García, Grecia Amparo Peregrina, Alondra Anaya, Anabel Anzures-Camarena, Luis Daniel Arcos Rojas, Steven Duane Baker, Jr., Justin Thomas Balsley-Forster, Daniel Barrón Maldonado, Reagan Grace Bartels, Kaitlyn Andrea Battson, Kalista Renee Biagi, Jesús Eduardo Bravo-Alcalá, Leila Olivia Brimm, José Luis Camarena Martínez, Emma Shaye Canalia, Sarah Jane Carrow, Alberto Casillas Aceves, Edgar Castillo, Hector Castillo, Joseph Jesús Cervantes González, Nathan James Christman, Edgar Cisneros-Díaz, Adien Ray Collier, Egren Corral Meza, Payton Mary Cox, Amy Maribel Curiel, Nitzy Lailani Curiel, Lauren Hope De Moss, Dayanara De La Torre, Citlalli Díaz-Álvarez, Iván Díaz-Mendoza, Alexander Michael Domínguez, Anthony Wade Enos, Itzel Yobana Esquivel, Richardo Fabian-Hernández, Alyssa Lela Lynn Fillmore, Kaylee Marie Fisher, Ciara Ellen Fleming, Grant Thomas Foster, Belinda Jane Franco-García, Blake David Fumasi, Juliana Amparo García-Juárez, Clarissa García-Ramírez, Jason García-Rangel, Camila Gomes-Bernal, Alexis Janie González, Alonso Javier González, Allen Donald Glenn Grass, Mason Alexis Greeley, Jr., Justin Paul Groteguth, Jorge Alberto Guadalupe-Romero, Hugo Ismael Guerrero Perez, Daniela Guerrero-Arce, Emmanuel Gutiérrez, Claudia Guadalupe Gutiérrez Magaña, Brian Gutiérrez-De La Torre, Francisco Julián Hernández, Jesse Ryan Anselmo Hicks, Juan Manuel Iñiguez, Autumn Rene Irvin, Shelby Lynn Jackson, Zoey Alexis James, Jocelyn Adela Jiménez, Ethan Travis Johnson, Abigail Kassandra Johnson, Clifford Castin Johnson, Coltin Tod Jones, Hailey Grace Kagle, Jamison Luke Khampouvang, Emma Nicole Kochems, Akela Paj Zoo Lee, Tristen Blake Lewis, Samantha López, Alan Lopez-Tzintrun, Christina Esmeralda Lozano-Zamora, Jasmine Macias-Echeverria, Jenifer Aleida Magallón Torres, Fernando José Maldonado, Cesar Antuan Maldonado Maldonado, Blake James Martin, Juan Martin Bernardo, Alex Jay Martínez, Hannah Marie Martins, Cole Matthew McDonald, Juan David Medina-Arce, Yaneli Melgarejo-Raigoza, Madison Marie-Ann Melo, Maximus Gonzalo Mendoza, Fernando Mirón Enríquez, Natalie Vanessa Mojica-Ramos, Ulises Fernando Mojica-Solano, Devin Dru Molen, Araceli Griselda Molinero, Valeria Montalvo Godina, Alexa Norelle Montes De Oca-Mendoza, Angel Emmanuel Morales Villegas, Tobias Leiv Norraes, Destiny Ailee Nunes, Alfonso Rene Ocampo III, Jordán Anthony Ordaz, Fernando Ornelas, Miguel Ángel Orozco Páez, Mary Elyse Parkerson, Jonathan Paz-Cruz, Hank Duran Pearson, Cody Mitchell Pendo, Esmeralda Pina-Díaz, Alison Alicia Pinedo, María Hortencia Pureco-Pahua, Erwin Alexis Ramos, Brighthon Dayan Ramos Diaz, Jada Giulia Rich, Marisa Lisette Rico, Kevin Josué Rivera Cruz, Piper Elizabeth Roberts-Kane, Hailey Eva Rock, Reina Selina Rodríguez-Espino, Belinda Maylin Rosas-Velázquez, Nadia Rueda-Rosales, Michelle Saavedra, Stephanie Salazar-Parra, Julián Gilberto Salinas, Lucia Victoria Salinas, Evelin Salinas Trujillo, AJ Leo Sanchez, Oscar Olegario Sanchez, Florencio Sánchez Gutiérrez, Thomas Brian Schermer, Angela Nohelly Schykerynec, Brayden Oliver Sims, Justin Gabriel Skeslien, Amy Nicole Smedley, Brock Kyle Smith, Kham Nicole Smith, Angelina Savannah Solis, Elliott Lennon Stofle, Megan Lynnette Stottsberry, Naomi Talavera, Harmony Moon Thiele, Xochthli Thalía Victoria Trujillo, Leonel Trujillo-Mendoza, Zada Serene Varner, Nickolas Jay Vásquez, Genevieve Isela Velásquez, Mairely Yunuen Velázquez, Jovany Nadiel Venegas-Vásquez, Janeira Villicana-Torres, Jason Douglas Vonasek, Luke Shingo Vongkoth, William Samuel Ward, and Isaac Zaragoza-Jiménez.

## Orland Graduates

One hundred and sixty plus Orland High School seniors received their diplomas in the football stadium overflowing with well wishers. At the beginning of the ceremony, fellow senior Angela Schykerynec sang the National Anthem. Principal Alex Mercado welcomed the audience in both English and Spanish.; Teacher Kathryn McDaniel and Jennifer Ovitz presented students with their Sealbearers braids to go their gowns.

Orland High Music and Choir Director Cory Goga did the honors with the OHS Band playing “Ascentium”, shortly after the OHS Choir performed the “OHS Alma Mater”. Board of Trustee members Jeff Aguiar and Robert Vlach did the honor of presenting each of the graduates with their high school diplomas.



Orland High School 2023 Class Valedictorian Mason Greeley’s speech to his classmates and capacity crowd focused on interpreting the meaning of destiny, noting that it was an idea that mankind has discussed since the being of time. He likened it to a form of security, like a guarantee that we all play a part in the world. He complimented the gathering saying everyone was a confirmation of mankind’s ingenuity and perseverance, no matter how insignificant one felt.



Orland High School Salutatorian Lucia Salinas complimented her fellow classmates, teachers, and parents for their support. She encouraged the assembly reading a quote from Dr. Seuss, “The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go.”



It looked like someone hit the AGT Golden Buzz at the end of the commencement ceremony at Orland High School football stadium as the confetti bombs exploded with cheers.

# CK PRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL



The students in CK Price Middle School promoted into high school were, Valeria Adolfo-Colima, Elizabeth Aguilar, David Albarrán, Dylan Allen, Vanessa Alvarado-Álvarez, Santiago Álvarez, Sebastián Álvarez, Eduardo Álvarez Meza, Isaac Alvarez-Duron, Adriam Alvarez-Thidsouvan, Yocelyn Andrade, Cynthia Andrade-Díaz, Barbara Arendell, Alexis Amenta, Ryan Arroyo-Ramirez, Salvador Avila-Reyes, Albert Ball, Jaunna Barkdoll, Miriam Brito Reyes, Kara Butler, Noemi Calderon-Alcala, Natalie Camacho-Rubio, Brianna Camarena, Jonathan Camper, Daniel Caro, Dios Selina Carreto-Silva, Alastair Chaney, Gabriel Chavez, Juliana Chavez, Kaysen Chavez, Taylor Christman, Rudy Cisneros, Rosa Cisneros-Rodríguez, Kalob Croff, Syler DeLong, Felix Dominguez, Matthew Emmanuel, Joanie Ennis, Valeni Enriquez, Adeleny Esquivel, Dahila Esquivel-Aguilar, Alexis Fahey, Eduardo Figueroa-Cabrera, Juneau Foster, Kevin Galvan, Mareli Garcia-Corona, Danielle Gibson, Tyler Gilcrease, Diego Gomez, Mayra Gomez Encin, Mikel Gonzales-Rodriquez, Isaac Gonzalez, John Gordon, Autumn Guadagnolo, Angieyvette Guerra, Julia Guillen, Emeli Gutierrez-De La Torre, Bryan Guzman, Noe Guzman, MaKenzie Hackett, Abigail Halsey-Diehl, Maxwell Hamlin, Jayson Harrell, Rylie Hennigan, Anthony Hernández, Nayeli Hernández, Juan Hernández Preciado, Alisson Hernández Zavala, Jose Hernandez-García, Daniel Hernandez-Gonzalez, Daniel Hernández-Mojica, David Hernández-Ruiz, David Hernández-Santana, Valery Herrera, Aleah Hood, Alexander Ibanez-Díaz, Yazeed Ilian, Andrew Janes, Grace Jiménez, Maeve Johnson, Laine Jones, Blade Lamas, Mea Langworthy, Emily Lawrence, Mineya Ledesma, Annette Littrell Espinoza, Jorge López, German Lopez-Paez, Ava Love, Keira Mackenzie, Diego Maldonado Jr., Baylee Martin, Jazmine Martínez Ramos, Aries McDermott, Trenton McDonald, Valeria Medina, Flavio Melgarejo-Raigoza, Aden Mendoza, Brian Mendoza-Aguayo, Giovanni Mercado, Diego Mojica, Camila Mojica-Ramirez, Bolívar Molinero-Galván, Ernesto Molinero-Delgado, Kimberly Montelongo, Rosalio Montero, Brandon Alexis Montes Cervantes, Isaac Morales, Sarita Moreno, Vivian Moreno, Manuel Moreno-Camarena, Rodolfo Naranjo-Lopez, Rodolfo Naranjo López, Jackson Newham, Madalyn Nunes, Yohana Nunez, Starla Olney-Householder, Andrea Ornelas, Ashley Ortega Vaca, Addison Ovard, Kaley Palos, Jovana Parkerson, Miah Phouamkha, Jordan Pinnow, Amanda Pozzi, Martin Quiroz-Garcia, Lily Ramirez, Miguel Ramirez, Alheli Ramirez-Mendoza, Allison Ramirez-Montalvo, Hugi Ramirez-Serrano, Eli Ramos, Norah Reimers, Josh Richardson, Justin Richardson, Jaylynn Rocha-Perez, German Rodríguez-García, Fabian Rojas, Juan Pablo Romero-González, Anahi Rosales-Carrillo, Dillion Rubio, Marco Salinas, Eden Sánchez, Jaqueline Sánchez Anguiano, Leslie Sánchez Barajas, Gerardo Sánchez-Ruiz, Francisco Sandoval-Saltazar, Haley Sinclair, Augustine Solis, Guadalupe Soltero, Lillie Sotak, Autumn Standridge, Lacey Talley, Samuel Thompson, Armando Trenado, Eduardo Trenado, Evelyn Troncoso-Cisneros, Valeria Trujillo-Mendoza, José Tzintzun, Erik Valenica-Campos, Amara Valladolid-Rodríguez, Daniel Varela, Maria Vargas-Acevez, Yuliana Venegas-Trenado, Christian Villa Calderon, Robert Villaseñor-Espinoza, Conan Vongkoth, Joshua Wagoner, Bryce Wilson, Leah Young, and Steven Young.

## CK Price Middle School Graduates

A group of 173 eighth grade students were promoted and on their way to a new adventure in the land of high school. A record number of students for CK Price have ended their primary and middle school education as they turn their attention to focus on what their future will hold for them.

The CK Price Beginning and Advanced Bands performed the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” as the Class of 2027 entered Orland High School Football Stadium. Norah Reimers, ASB President, addressed her classmates and the audience about stepping forward, followed by ASB Secretary Maeve Johnson leading the Pledge of Allegiance. CK Price Principal, Sean Rodgers addressed students and the audience on the importance of the graduation ceremony. Student speakers began with Dylan Allen talking about his classmates’ journeys, Abigail Halsey-Diehl verbalized the friendship they shared, and Yuliana

Venegas-Trenado expressed the accomplishments of the class.

Assistant-Principal Amy Steele presented awards to outstanding students Mathematics – Abigail Halsey-Diehl and Bryce Wilson. English – Alhelli Ramirez-Mendoza and Gerardo Sanchez-Ruiz. Science – Dylan Allen and Danielle Gibson. Social Studies – Emeli Gutierrez-De La Torre and Josh Richardson, Physical Education – Norah Reimers and Armando Trenado, ELD – Kevin Galvan, Yazeed Llian, and Linzy Martinez Ramos, Academic Achievement – Grace Jimenez, Jorge Lopez, German Lopez Paez, Tiger Pride Award – Brian Mendoza-Aguayo, Eli Ramos, and Anahi Rosales-Carrillo, Leadership – Kimberly Montelongo, Band – David Hernandez-Santana and Madalyn Nunes, Choir – Lacey Talley, Musical Theatre – Aries McDermott and Diego Mojica, Art – Brianna Camarena, Maxwell Hamlin, and Rylie Hennigan, Rec Management – Noemi Calderon-

Alcala, Spanish – Matthew Emmanuel and Santa Moreno.

CK Price students receiving Silver Awards were Elizabeth Aguilar, Vanessa Alvarado-Alvarez, Santiago Alvarez, Issac Alvarez-Duron, Cynthia Andrade-Diaz, Barbara Arendell, Salvador Avila-Reyes, Albert Ball, Miriam Brito Reyes, Kara Butler, Jonathan Camper, Ruby Cisneros, Mareli Garcia-Corona, Mikel Gonzales-Rodriquez, John Gordon, Noe Guzman, Daniel Hernandez-Mojica, Aleah Hood, Maeve Johnson, Annette Littrell Espinoza, Baylee Martin, Trenton McDonald, Rosalio Montero, Vivian Moreno, Rodolfo Naranjo Lopez, Jackson Newham, Ashley Ortega Vaca, Addison Ovard, Justin Richardson, Jaylynn Rocha-Paez, Juan Pablo Romero Gonzalez, Dillion rubio, Leslie Sanchez Barajas, Lillie Sotak, Eduardo Trenado, Jose Tzintzun, and Yuliana Venegas-Trenado.





# PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL



Princeton High Class of 2023, home of the Eagles, saw nine classmates receive their high school diplomas in recognition of the past 12 years of supporting each other on the path to adulthood. The graduates are Breanna Dawn "Dyiscon" Bailey\*\*\*\*\*, Andrea Cervantes\*\*\* \*\*\*, Sophia Isabela Deniz\*\*\* \*\*\*, José Gonzales-Barajas, Branden Andrew Johnson, Alex Medina-Gómez\*\*\*\*\*, Omar Polanco\*\*\*\*\*, Diego Serrato-Hernández\*\*\*\* \*\*\*, Alessandro Cesar Sullivan.

\*Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Degree Recipient  
 \*\*\*Golden State Seal Merit Diploma  
 \*\*\*\*Manufacturing-Welding Career Pathways Completion  
 \*\*\*\*\*Agricultural Science Career Pathways Completion

## Princeton High School Graduates' Journeys Come to an End

The Princeton High School Class of 2023 finished up their academic journey, surviving the effects of nearly two years of Covid-19 lock downs and lock-ins during the final two years of their high school education. Many of the students have been classmates since their kindergarten and pre-school years. Many of them are Princeton area natives, well acquainted with a rural school lifestyle. The evening of May 31<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of new journeys for graduates.

Andrea Cervantes summed up her senior year the best. "To say the least, this past school year contained many ups and downs for me. With each mistake and failure, I learned a new lesson but the biggest one of all was that what is meant for you will be for you. Applying to college was one of the most pivotal moments in my life and going into it with the mindset that I would be okay, regardless of where I ended up made all the difference in the world. Winston Churchill once said that "Success is the ability to go from one failure to another

with no loss of enthusiasm," and that was exactly what I did. As disappointed as some of my college rejections were, I didn't let that drag me down. I knew that if I let my failures overrule my accomplishments I would never truly be proud of myself. In the end, I got what I had been striving towards. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, I received an email from UC Berkeley, the first word I read was "congratulations!" I had been accepted to one of the best universities in the country. I want to encourage not just my fellow graduates and underclassmen but everyone here to live your life at ease and believe that what is meant for you will be for you."

Classmate Alex Medina-Gomez summed up the evening quoting television star Mike Holmes' famous saying, "I'm looking forward to the future, and feeling grateful for the past."

# PRINCETON EIGHTH GRADE



Congratulations Princeton 8th Grade Graduates: Julius Deniz, Shalisha Garcia-Martínez, Jordan Morrow, Yazmina González-Barajas, Santiago Ramirez-Miramontes, and Javier Velázquez.

## Princeton Eighth Grade Graduates

The Princeton Eighth grade students, members of the Class of 2027, all participated in their graduation ceremony. Entering the gymnasium to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance," the mighty half a dozen graduates, Julius Deniz, Shalisha Garcia-Martínez, Jordan Morrow, Yazmina González-Barajas, Santiago Ramirez-Miramontes, and Javier Velázquez had earned the right of advancing into high school.

Jacier Velazquez took the role of Master of Ceremonies, sharing with classmate Shalisha Garcia who served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Guiding their fellow students through the ceremonial process. Jordan Morrow was honored to lead his classmates and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, while Yazmin Gonzalez focused on welcoming their families and friends to the event.

Julius Deniz and Shalisha Gonzalez did the honor of presenting their class history. Princeton teacher Holly Irish and Princeton native herself was tasked with presenting the class award.

District Superintendent Dr. Christine McCormick offered words of encouragement to the graduates, saying "To all the young achievers, remember that your potential is limitless. Continue to dream big, believe in yourselves, and strive for excellence. Your accomplishments at this young age are just a glimpse of the incredible things you will achieve in the future."

After the ceremony, the graduates, families, and friends enjoyed refreshments in the quad area on one of the cooler evenings of the season.

# PRINCETON KINDERGARTEN



## Eleven Kinders Graduate at Princeton Elementary

Princeton Elementary Kindergartners in Mrs. Gage's class show off their diplomas during the promotion ceremony on June 1<sup>st</sup> ceremony, officially becoming first grade students.

Pictured in the back row from left to right: Aviannah Alatorre, Isaac Parcher, Analia Arias-Hernandez, Michael Slye, Maria G. Hernandez Flores, and Maddux Mitchell. In the front row from left to right: Christopher Cruz-Carreón, Leah Beck, Ramona Lara-Padilla, Arabella Cabrera, and Lily Roach.

## Ducky Derby Winner



And the winner... is Abby Grijalva in the annual Orland Rotary Ducky Derby contest. Abby is pictured with in-coming Rotary President Ruby Neumann and her \$500 winning ticket. Abby is the daughter of GCOE's Child Care Resource Supervisor Sarah Grijalva and her husband Raymond. Rumors were circulating that a trip to Disneyland might see some of the proceeds of Abby's winning.

## It's a Surprise

Orland Alumni Leon Ponci is pictured with two of his grandsons, Mason and Jace, the trio had been working on the community organization sign, pulling the weeds and raking up the debris.

The smallest park in Orland was constructed in honor of the late Chuck Cutshall Sr.; friends and family members installed a plaque in his honor. It was dedicated a couple of decades ago for Cutshall's devotion to the Orland Kiwanis organization.

Fast forward a few decades and Leon Ponci was responsible for manufacturing the framework for the community's many charitable groups. The Ponci's spent the morning sprucing it up for a new addition to be added later on down the road. For now it's a surprise and well deserved, but you will have to wait and see when it is in place.



Thank you to these three for putting in time on the park in Orland. Leon Ponci is pictured with two of his grandsons, Mason and Jace.

## Glenn County Suicide Fatality Review Team



### Who We Are

We are a collaborative, multidisciplinary team focused on reviewing suicides that have locally occurred to identify gaps in prevention services.

Based on local data collected, this team will identify risk and protective factors for suicide that are unique to Glenn County and make recommendations for local policy and practice changes to help reduce suicide risk and promote safety.

### Our Mission

To identify gaps in the existing system of suicide care and improve services for people at risk of suicide in Glenn County.

If you have questions regarding Glenn County's Suicide Fatality Review Team or would like information about submitting a loved one's case for review, [contact Cindy Ross \(cross@countyofglenn.net\)](mailto:cross@countyofglenn.net) or [Elise Garrison \(egarrison@countyofglenn.net\)](mailto:egarrison@countyofglenn.net)

## Behavioral Health Scholarships Announced

### Golden State Social Opportunities Program (GSSOP) 2023-24

The purpose of the Golden State Social Opportunities Program (GSSOP) is to increase the number of highly trained behavioral health professionals providing direct patient care in California-based nonprofit organizations. Those awarded the Golden State Social Opportunities scholarship may receive up to \$25,000 per year for a total of up to \$50,000. If awarded, recipients agree to a twenty-four (24) month service obligation practicing in an eligible healthcare profession, providing a minimum of 32 hours per week of direct patient care in a community-based organization.

GSSOP applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited graduate program that prepares them to become one of the following professions: Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Psychology (PhD or PsyD), and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. **Applications can be found at the HCAI Funding Portal:** <https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>

## Almost Two Patriot

Not quite two years old Olivia Hill and her patriotic Unicorn won first place in the decorated bike contest at the annual Orland Historical & Cultural Society 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Olivia is the daughter of Dani and Tulsa Hill, and granddaughter of Angie and Bruce Crook. Olivia's five-year-old brother Gunner also competed in the contest. You can wish Olivia a Happy Birthday on July 24<sup>th</sup> when she officially turns two years old.



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# Medical GAP Success One!



The Class of 2023 Medical Assistants are Kaitlyn Brumbaugh, Rosaura Camarena, Dayanna Carrizal, Paulina Flores, Clarissa Granados, Esmeralda Gómez, María Hernández, Areli Jara, Citlialli Jara, Damián Marrón, Laura Martínez, Lluvia Mendoza, Adriana Mojica, Mayte Gutiérrez, Jennifer Reyna, Elizabeth Romero, Joanna Santillán, Ingrid Tejeda, Yisel Tejeda, Abigail Torres, María Torres, Jiletsa Valencia, Azucena Vázquez, Esmeralda Vera, and Kitzia Villalobos.



GCOE Assistant Superintendent Dusty Thompson congratulates Damian Marron on completing the Glenn Adult Medical Assistant Program. The past year of learning the art of poking needles and filling vials with blood, it was now time to venture into the real world of medicine. Always smiling, Damian, spent the past year as the lone male in a class and was ready to begin his future career in the medical profession.

## Medical Assistant Graduates

*“Not all Angels have wings, some have stethoscopes.”*  
- Author unknown

The Class of 2023 in the Glenn Adult Medical Assistant Program held their commencement exercise in Memorial Hall in Orland. Principal Elena Jones welcomed the capacity crowd to the ceremony, noting their support of the graduates was much appreciated. Jones expressed her admiration for the students, saying how they had made a huge impact on the health care community. She said each time she asked the instructor how some of the students were doing, she received “they’re rock stars,” comment. Once again it proves what a great group you are, and I am proud of each one of you.

Career Technical Education Coordinator Linda Riggle was honored to be chosen as the keynote speaker for the occasion. She said when she was first asked to be the guest speaker, she declined, thinking she didn’t teach medical students. Then she related she realized that over the years she had spoken to many of these students, and their families; thinking about that made her realize what a great opportunity it would be. Riggle reminded the students how their nature to care for others would be rewarding and how calm and comfort they offered would get them through each day. Always remember you are stepping into a great career, and I thank you for your efforts.

Kaitlyn Brumbaugh reminded her classmates, we came into this class as complete strangers and we are walking away as friends, we can rely on each other. We need to stay committed, sympathetic and compassionate to others, and I appreciate each one of you.

## Butte College New Accelerated Track RN Spring of 2024

Classes for this new program will occur in Spring, Summer, and Fall of each calendar year. \*Lecture/Theory courses will be online and \*Lab/Clinical will be at Butte College and various clinical sites in Chico, and may be scheduled for day or evening hours, on weekdays and Saturdays.

Applicants will be selected for this new Accelerated RN program using a point-based system. Applications for this new program will be available August 1, 2023 - please check back then for the application. Students will be notified of acceptance on October 1, 2023

Our programs offer three steps on the career ladder for nursing: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Registered Nurse (LVN-RN), and Associate Degree Registered Nurse (RN).

Each of the programs is approved by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs and prepares students for the examination required in California for licensure as an LVN or an ADN (RN). Please be aware there are physical abilities and behaviors necessary for successful completion of all Nursing Programs.

### All About Nursing Workshops:

Once a month during the Fall and Spring semesters the Nursing Department offers a one-hour All About Nursing workshop in the Center for Academic Success (Learning Resource Center building) on the main campus. In the workshop we address program content, admission requirements, the application process, and advance planning for all three nursing programs. Whether you are just exploring possible careers or finishing your prerequisites, this is a great place to get all of your questions about our programs answered!

The All About Nursing workshops are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Tuesday - February 14	11am - 12pm	(LRC)
Monday - March 20	1pm - 2pm	(LRC)
Tuesday - April 18	10am - 11am	(LRC)
Monday - May 8	1pm - 2pm	(LRC)

It is recommended that you arrive a few minutes early--parking may not be readily available. If you are not currently a Butte student, please advise the workshop monitor at the door when you arrive. Butte College Main Campus is located at 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville or call 530/895-2511.



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**COURSE FEES**

Course Fee*	\$500
Course Certificate	\$60
State Certificate	\$195

**Pharmacy Technician**

**Registration Requirements**

- High School Diploma or Equivalency
- Reading & Math Assessment with minimum Reading score.
- Pay Course Fee\*
- Attend Orientation

(530)934-6820 Success One! Charter School (530)936-6980  
451 S. Villa Avenue Glenn Adult Programs 129 E. Walker Street  
Willows Orland



# SAVE *the* DATE

## SPEAKS & Recovery Happens

### Thursday, September 14, 2023

#### from 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Join us in Celebrating Recovery & Raising Awareness for Suicide Prevention!






SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP TO TABLE!

CONTACT ELISE GARRISON (EGARRISON@COUNTYOFGLENN.NET) WITH TABLE QUESTIONS

# Lake and Plaza Schools Receive Distinguished School Award

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond reported earlier this year more than 350 elementary schools have been selected for the prestigious 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program. Congratulations are in order for two Glenn County schools selected this year, Lake Elementary and Plaza School.

The award program is celebrating its return this year after the COVID-19 pandemic suspended reporting of state and local student data. Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

The exceptional elementary schools recognized this year are illustrative of the hard work, dedication, and resilience shown by educators and schools across the state after communities struggled for multiple years with urgent effects to physical and mental health and unprecedented challenges to delivering education. To select California Distinguished Schools, the California Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard). Specifically, schools were selected by analyzing data reported through the 2022 Dashboard, including assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data. Information regarding the



Lake School Educators gathered together during the annual Distinguished Schools presentation of awards in Anaheim earlier this year, pictured from left to right, Lake School Ed Specialist Christine Taylor, Teacher Chelsea Quillen, Lake Board Trustee member Yolanda Martinez, Lake Superintendent/Principal Nikol Baker, Teachers Sarah Schager and Alison Mason.

2022 Dashboard is provided on the [CDE California School Dashboard and System of Support web page](#).

Thurmond was honored to announce and said. "California Distinguished Schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning,



A few days before the end of the school year Plaza staff and students celebrated their receipt of one of two Distinguished School in Glenn County. On hand to offer their congratulations were Assemblyman James Gallagher's District Representative Branden Pisani, Glenn County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Grant Carmon, Plaza School Superintendent/ Principal Patrick Conklin, Glenn County Supervisor District 2 Monica Rossman and Congressman Doug La Malfa's District Representative Teri DeBose.

and collaboration, but also highly successful, data-driven school efforts ranging from professional development for educators to mental health and social-emotional wellness strategies to address the needs of students and families." The California Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools for their excellent work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years.

## Student Attendance Matters!

Missing a day of school now and then may not seem like a big deal but...

### When a Student Misses Two Days a Month:

- They will miss 20 days in a school year.
- They will miss 30 hours of math in a school year.
- They will miss 60 hours of reading and writing in a school year.
- They will miss over one year by the time they graduate from high school.

### When a Student Misses Four Days a Month:

- They will miss 40 days in a school year.
- They will miss 60 hours of math over the school year.
- They will miss 120 hours of reading and writing in a school year.
- They will miss over two years of school by graduation time.

## HELP... Donations Needed

Donations are needed to help the West Hills Shooting and Training Facility in Glenn County. When completed, West Hills will offer ranges for rifles, pistols, shotguns and archery. Any donation you make helps with shooting benches, range shelters, berms and roads, fencing materials, targets, trap house machines, or a specific donation is always welcome. Checks may be made payable to West Hills Shooting an Training Facility and sent to: 6486 County Road 21, Orland, CA 95963. Please email [WestHillsSTF@gmail.com](mailto:WestHillsSTF@gmail.com) to donate via Venmo or PayPal. All of your donations are tax deductible as WHSTF is a 501 (c) 3.



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



JOIN US In Celebrating America's Night Out Against Crime!

Library Park  
August 1, 2023  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The National Night Out Campaign is an Annual Event designed to promote crime prevention programs, police-community partnerships and strengthen neighborhood spirits.

Discover what local Agencies and Services can offer you!



Please R.S.V.P.

Organizations and non-profits - information/giveaways only  
Retail booths (pre-approved sales) - \$25.00 fee.  
You must provide your own tables and chairs.  
Set-up is from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Contact [orlandvips@gmail.com](mailto:orlandvips@gmail.com) for more information!



Enjoy dinner, shop for local cheeses, beef, vegetables, fruit, baked goods & more!  
Kids Activities & Special Events - See you there!



TUESDAYS  
5 PM - 7 PM  
Starts JULY 11, 2023

100 Block of  
North Butte St  
Willows, CA

More information at [www.glenncountyrcd.org](http://www.glenncountyrcd.org)

To learn more about the Downtown Market, whether you are a potential vendor, customer, want to volunteer or become a sponsor, please contact Kellie Wilson-Burt, Glenn County Resource Conservation District Program Specialist, at 530-701-6209 or [kellie@glenncountyrcd.org](mailto:kellie@glenncountyrcd.org)





# HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL



**The Hamilton High Class of 2023 Congratulations!** The sixty plus members of the Hamilton '23 class are Christian Ramirez, Guadalupe Jazmine Ayala, Iván Ayala-Mendoza, Connor V. Bonesio, Anai Bravo Vázquez, José Luis Chávez-García, Alejandro Corona-Partida, Alyssa H. Cortez, Fabiola Daza-Martínez, Viviana De Jesús-Villa, Mason Andrew Derrick, Trevor Matthew Dutra, Lisanafanua M. Espinoza, Izel Flores, Víctor Gonzalo Fuentes, Yuridia García-Vargas, Alexander Gómez-Trenado, Chloe Alexandria Hall, Julián David Heater, Lina Natalia Hernández Nava, Nadia Marie Hernández, Ximena Hernández-Medina, Alexis Herrera-Medina, Adán Gabriel Leal, Isela Leal, Isaac Rubén Leyva, Daniel Linares, Alyssa Ann López-Fox, Juan Carlos Lozano, Marlen Lozano-Cisneros, José Ramon Magaña-Zarco, Katherine Elise Matthews, Dillon Michael Millar, Alexa Montes-Chávez, Crystal Lynn Neilsen, Iván Ulysses Núñez, Julián Samuel Olivarez, Casandra Perez-Mohedano, Jennifer Vázquez Plasencia, Mia Lorraine Puga, Sophia Camila Rodríguez-Hernandez, Máximo Elías Romero, Armando Emanuel Salazar Hernández, Niya Thalia Marie Saldivar, Analise Unique Sánchez, Ricardo Enrique Sánchez-García, Rocío Llireyne Sánchez Pulido, Joseph William Smith, Emily Solorio, Joshua Strong, Trevor J. Studybaker, Tyler D. Studybaker, Kassidy Diane Taylor, Armando Daniel Terrones Rodríguez, Juan Ramon Valencia, Israel Vasquez González, Nataly Velázquez, Sergio Villa de Jesús, Ashlee Marie Wright, Avery Byron Wuelfing, Allison Yancy, Emalee Yancy, Fernanda I. Zaragoza.

**Congratulations to Ella Barkley High School Graduates!** Students also graduating with the Class of 2023 at Hamilton High include graduates of the Ella Barkley, the Alternative High School on the Hamilton main campus. Students in the 10th through 12th grade attending Ella Barkley are better suited for alternative style education that accommodates their different learning style. The 2023 graduates of EBHS are Marylu Alvarado, Carmelita Ayala Murrillo, Paola Barrera, Esperanza Cisneros Espinosa, Brian Colima, Javier Diaz, Elizabeth González Briones, Isidro Mancilla, Paulina Oliva Garcia, Elizabeth Reyes, Cheyanne Rice, Carla Ruiz-Olivarez, and Damián de Jesús Vázquez.

## Hamilton High Grads Soar

The inside cover of the 2023 Hamilton High School graduation program printed a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, *“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”*

There are many stand-outs among the class of 2023 at Hamilton High with a third of the students earning the coveted California Golden State Seal Merit Diploma Recipient were Guadalupe Jasmine Ayala, Connor Bonesio, Anai Bravo Vazquez, Alyssa Cortez, Yuridia Garcia-Vargas, Lina Natalia Hernandez Nava, Ximena Hernandez-Medina, Katherine Elise Matthews, Dillon Michael Millar, Crystal Lynn Neilsen, Casandra Perez-Mohedano, Sophia Camila Rodriguez-Henandez, Maximo Elias

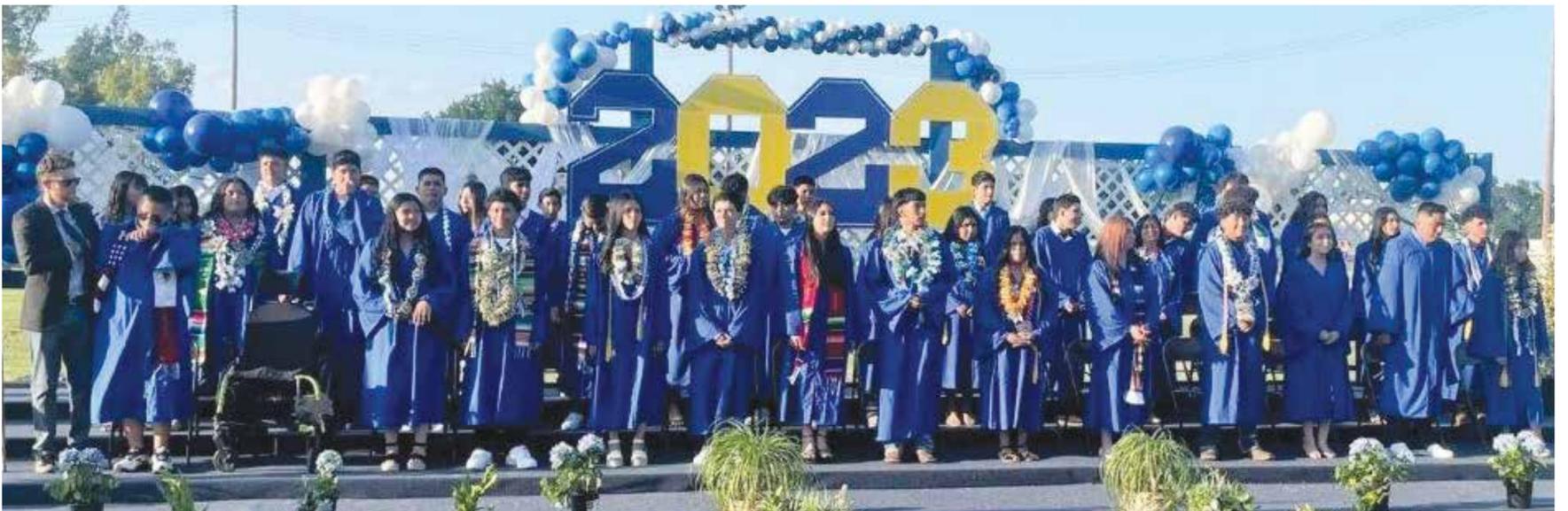
Romero, Niya Thalia Marie Saldivar, Ricardo Enrique Sanchez-Garcia, Emily Solorio, Joshua Strong, Tyler Studybaker, Allisen Yancy, Emily Yancy, and Fernanda Zaragoza.

One stand-out is Casandra “Sandy” Perez-Mohedano who earned the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship receives a full cost of attendance at a four-year accredited university, up to five years in total, all expenses are paid through the Foundation. Cassandra’s plans include attending UC Davis and majoring Biological Science with an emphasis on stem cell research. Her goal is to continue her education in the medical field to help address the lack of quality medical care for minorities.



Hamilton Senior graduates Katherine Matthews and Ximena Hernandez-Medina were co-Valedictorians, they traded comments and suggestions for their classmates on what the future would hold for them. The pair earned the honor of being selected as Valedictorians because of their academic accomplishments. The duo both plan to attend UC Davis in the fall to study Animal Science focusing their efforts on Pre-Veterinary. Principal Cris Oseguera congratulated the girls and wished them well as they take the path to continue their education at UC Davis.

## HAMILTON 8TH GRADE



The promotees are Jaylen Aguilar-Mata, Abimael Arreola-Barranco, Juan Ayala-Murillo, Ingrid Buenrostro, Zamuel Carmona-Polino, Citlali Chávez, Brayán Chávez-Ramos, Damien Cortez, Luz Mercedes De Jesús-Villa, Giovanni De Los Santos-Rodríguez, Dalila Delgado, Adrián Diaz-Martínez, David Esquivel-García, Aaralyn Fernández, Maritza González-Ortiz\*\*, Nivia Guerrero, Jonathan Hernández-Luviano, Eric Huerta, Enrique Linarez, Jesús López, Cesar Lozano, Isabella Lozano\*\*, Alonso Madrigal, Itzel Medina\*\*, Jasmine Méndez-Ruiz\*\*, Ivon Morales-Rodríguez, Sebastián Oliva-Herrera, Jacqueline Orozco-Velázquez\*\*, Alina Palacios-Perez, Alexander Peregrina-Nogales\*\*, Sebastián Ponce, Camila Ríos-Pineda, Ricardo Rojas, Yanessa Rojas, Omar Rosas Daza, Estefanía Salazar-Espinosa\*\*, Yazmin Santana-Quezada, Carlos Serrato\*\*, Sophia Torres, Carlos Torres-Sánchez, Layla Villegas\*\*

\*\*California Junior Scholarship Federation

## Hamilton Elementary School Promotees

*“The past is behind, learn from it. The future is ahead, prepare for it. The present is here, live it.”*

A total of 44 eighth grade students at Hamilton Elementary School participated in the promotion ceremony, advancing from middle school to high school; a fourth of the students graduating are members of the California Junior Scholastic Federation.

There were three students selected as the Valedictorians for the ceremony, Martiza González-Ortiz, Itzel Medina, and Layla Villegas. Awards were

presented by the PTO; Principal Ulises Tellechea for the Presidential Academic Excellence, Athlete Student of the Year, and the Teacher’s Award. Teacher Lynn Larson presented the Gerald Tipping Scholarship. Gelsey Quiroz, Jocelynn Duenas, along with Board members Wendell Lower and Genaro Reyes, and Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Powell did the honors of presenting the graduates with their diplomas.

# Back to School

The first day of the 2023-2024 school year for the following school districts have been established:

<b>Capay School</b> .....	<b>Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup></b>
Hamilton Unified School District.....	Tuesday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lake School</b> .....	<b>Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup></b>
Orland Unified School District.....	Monday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Princeton Joint Unified School</b> .....	<b>Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup></b>
Willows Unified School District.....	Thursday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Plaza Elementary</b> .....	<b>Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup></b>
Wm Finch Charter School.....	Thursday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Stony Creek</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup></b>
Walden Academy.....	Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Butte College Fall Semester</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>

## Capay School Summer Programs

Capay will be offering two summer programs for all K-8 students. The first session ends on June 30th. The second session begins on July 31st and ends August 11th. The hours will be from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm; there will also be an afterschool program that will end at 5:30 pm. This session will be more like a regular school day to prepare the students for the start of school in the fall. You may sign your student(s) up for one or both sessions. Call Capay School for more information (530) 865-1222 or if you have questions. Use this link to sign up! <https://forms.gle/3uCWeiYQfnCVfH3o6>

## New District Superintendents Coming Aboard

Lake School recently announced the selection of Shane Humphreys as their new Superintendent. Humphreys will fill the void left as former Superintendent Nikol Baker has accepted a new position with the Glenn County Office of Education. Humphreys comes to his new position at Lake

from the Vista Preparatory Academy in Red Bluff. Another of the county's rural schools, Capay will see former Williams Unified School District Principal Tyler Rutledge take over the reins of Superintendent/Principal position at Capay School at the beginning of the new school

year. Prior to working within Williams Unified, Rutledge served as Principal at Biggs High School. With two local positions filled, that leaves three Superintendent positions still up for grabs with the Princeton Joint Unified School District, Stony Creek Joint Unified and Walden Academy.

## Willows SPARK/ASAP After School Program

### REGISTRATION SIGN-UPS BEGIN

The After School Program in Willows is also known as SPARK. SPARK stands for Supporting Participation in Academics and Recreation for Kids. SPARK is designed to provide a safe, engaging, and fun environment for students, and to motivate and inspire learning outside the regular school day. At the middle school, the program is called ASAP, which stands for After School Activities Program.

To preregister your student in the 2023-2024 after school program, please complete the application. Parents will be contacted when their student can join the program. English version: <https://forms.gle/wGRcHq3Fs2pqFkj9A>

### Formulario de Inscripción Para el Programa Extracurricular de SPARK/ASAP 2023-2024

El programa extracurricular en Willows mejor conocido como SPARK que significa Apoyo a la Participación Académica y Recreativa para Niños. SPARK está diseñado para proporcionar un entorno seguro, atractivo y divertido para los estudiantes, y para motivar e inspirar el aprendizaje fuera del día escolar regular. En la escuela intermedia, este programa se llama ASAP es decir Programa de Actividades Extracurriculares.

Para pre registrar a su estudiante en el programa extracurricular para el ciclo escolar 2023-2024 por favor complete el siguiente formulario. Los padres serán contactados cuando su estudiante sea aceptado al programa. Formulario en español: <https://forms.gle/jN6nzSb9fFeEWRf46>

## National Maternal Mental Health Hotline

Call or text: 1-833-943-5746 (1-833-9-HELP4MOMS) 24/7, Free, Confidential Hotline for Pregnant and New Moms in English and Spanish.

# What is the Boys & Girls Club of the North Valley?



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE NORTH VALLEY**  
Serving Butte & Glenn Counties  
Local Kids • Great Futures

Hamilton Elementary School has partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of the North Valley to provide an after-school program to its students on campus.

If you are interested in enrolling your student(s) into the program please contact Hamilton Elementary School (530) 826-3474 for more information.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley (BGCNV) is a private 501c3 non-profit organization formed in 1995 to provide comprehensive youth development services, activities, and programs for youth in the north state region. It is governed by a local board of volunteer directors, staffed by over 80 youth development professionals, and supported by over 500 community volunteers.

The Boys & Girls Club currently serves more than 2,000 youth and operates 10 sites, throughout Butte & Glenn Counties, where members, ages 6 to 18, can access quality programs and services after school.

Mission: To inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential as responsible, productive, and caring citizens.

Vision: All young people need: a safe place where they can learn and grow; caring adults who provide positive guidance; a wide variety of enriching life experiences; hope for a positive future; and opportunities to reach their dreams.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley provide a safe and positive environment that fosters the healthy development of youth for ages six to eighteen in the critical after-school hours. For the past 20 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley have been at the forefront of youth development in after school and teen services at nine club sites throughout Butte and Glenn Counties.

Boys & Girls Clubs are designed solely for youth. They are physical places where youth feel they belong and where they develop a sense of ownership and pride. Boys & Girls Clubs employ professional youth development staff. Highly trained youth professionals are equipped to address the many challenges faced by young people, provide long term mentoring, and offer positive guidance to members and their families. Boys & Girls Clubs are affordable and accessible so

that all children are welcome, and no child is ever turned away.

Programs and activities offered at the Boys & Girls Clubs are designed to meet the needs of boys and girls of all ages and interests in three core program areas, academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character, and citizenship. Youngsters are encouraged to participate in the club to find friendship, get help with homework and participate in a wide variety of fun and enriching activities like cooking classes, computer programming, dance, music, art, and recreation.

The cost of an annual membership is only \$40 and young people whose families cannot afford to pay are entitled to apply for a scholarship. The true cost of annual services to youth is approximately \$1,500 per member. However, through the generosity of community donors and funders, no child is ever turned away for economic reasons and we do not give up on our kids.

The Boys & Girls Club has a unique combination of characteristics, programs and services that complement other youth and family service organizations that is open to all girls and boys, at a low or no cost.

## 3rd annual End of the Summer Car Show

The third annual End of Summer Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 11 am to 5pm, in Lely Park in Orland. All proceeds from the event benefit the Greg Martinez Scholarship Fund. Vehicles can be

gin roll-in at 9am. Pre-registration fee is \$25 or \$30 on the day of the event. There will be live music, vendors, and raffle prizes. There will be prizes for Best motorcycle, Best Classic, Best Mini Truck, Best Lifted, in total

over 25 awards will be given away. For more information or if you are interested in sponsorship, please call James 530/321-0597. The event is sponsored by Borderline Minis.

## Farmers Lunch

The Jacinto Grange monthly Farmer's Lunch is held the third Tuesday of each month from 11am to 1pm at the Grange Hall. This event is dinner-in or take-out and the

public is welcome to attend. Menu includes a Hamburger or pulled pork sandwich, potato or macaroni salad, dessert and a beverage, cost is \$15. Jacinto

Grange is located at 7254 County Road 39 in the Bayliss community. Please call (530) 857-6636 to order ahead or for more information.

# ORLAND AND WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS



## Doc Ely Memorial

Orland Alumni Janet Blevins Wackerman presented the Dr. Fred and Rose Elk Memorial Scholarships for \$1000 each to Lucia Salinas and Alison Pinedo. Dr. Ely and his wife Rose were very active in the Orland community for many years, and their children all attended school in Orland.



## Bea and Bill Memorial

The annual William and Beatrice Schroer Memorial Scholarship this year was awarded to Amy Smedley for her academic excellence at Orland High School. Orland Alumni Janet Blevins Wackerman made the presentation on behalf of the Schroer family.



## CWA Awards Scholarships

Three top seniors at Willows High School were recognized at the annual Willows High School Awards Night. Pictured are Kate Amaro, Karli Lanzi and Laruen Weller were presented with a huge check from Julie Carriere representing the California Women in Agriculture.

## BETTY MERCADO



Betty Mercado is pictured with Hamilton High Principal Cris Oseguera during the commencement exercises. Mercado was unable to attend the Glenn County Office of Education's Educator's Hall of Fame. Oseguera took the opportunity to welcome Mercado to the podium at the beginning of the ceremony to recognize her accomplishments and announce her retirement after serving the needs of Hamilton students and their families for over the past 30 years.

## Increase in Electronic Skimming Thefts

Glenn County has seen an increase in electronic theft of CalFresh and CalWORKs benefits stolen through electronic skimming devices. Victims may be eligible to have some, or all these benefits replaced. If your CalFresh benefit is electronically stolen through skimming, you may get up to a maximum of your last benefit amount replaced.

Your EBT card must be in your possession at all times. You must request a replacement of your skimmed benefits within 10 days from the date of loss. Benefits can only be replaced two times in a

six-month period. You no longer need to complete a police report for skimmed benefits. You will need to contact your worker to report the electronic theft, at which time you will need to complete an EBT 2259 form, and you will be issued a new EBT card.

If your CalWORKs benefit is electronically stolen through skimming, you may get all your stolen benefits replaced. Your EBT card must be always in your possession. You must request a replacement of your skimmed benefits within 90 days from the date of loss. You no longer need to complete a police report for skimmed benefits. Contact your worker to report the electronic theft, they will have you complete an EBT 2259 form, and you will be issued a new EBT card.

If you report the loss within a timely manner and receipt of the EBT 2259 form, the county has 10 days to replace your benefits. It is advisable to keep your PIN number private, do not share it with others. With the increase in the number of electronic thefts it is recommended to change your PIN number often. For additional information or questions contact Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency (530) 934-6514.



## Find your Voice at the Willows Public Library!

Read to earn prizes! June 1st-August 18th

**Wednesdays, 11 AM**  
Storytime  
with Miss Ashley

**Thursday, June 22nd, 1:30 PM**  
Story and activity

**Thursday, July 20th, 5:30 PM**  
Audubon Society

**Tuesday, June 6th, 3 PM**  
National Wildlife Refuge

**Tuesday, July 11th, 12 PM**  
Cooking demo & activity

**Wednesday, July 26th, 11 AM**  
Story w/ CHP & Chipper

**Thursday, June 15th, 1 PM**  
Wild Things  
Animal Show

**Wednesday, July 12th, 11 AM**  
Healthy Teeth &  
Bilingual Story

**Tuesday, August 1st, 3 PM**  
Ice Cream Social  
w/ Farm Bureau

**Tuesday, June 20th, 11 AM**  
Animal Visit w/ Farm Bureau

**Tuesday, July 18th, 11 AM**  
Story w/ WFD

**Wednesday, August 2nd, 11 AM**  
Storytime with Clifford

Follow on Facebook for updates and please thank our wonderful sponsors!

Dr. Joanne E. Reid, MD

Willows Community Thrift Store

THUNDERHILL RACEWAY PARK

WILLOWS HARDWARE

## HHSA Presents Mindful Adventures

Looking to learn during the summer break? Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency in conjunction with Aaron and Lindy from the TAY Center and discover local nature spots for short hikes, mindfulness activities and connecting with the land. Ages 13 through 20 are welcome to participate every Tuesday through August 8th from 2 to 5pm. Come and enjoy, wear sunscreen and hiking shoes, bring water bottles, snacks, and a friend.

Activities include deep breathing, visualizations, nature treasure hunts, nature art and journaling. Some of the locations you will visit are Bidwell Park, Black Butte Lake, Butte Creek Preserve and Pine Creek Reserve. Transportation is provided. For more information please text (530) 815-1504.



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# 2023 Educators Hall of Fame



The 2023 Educator's Hall of Fame Inductees pictured from left to right, Judy Fowler – Plaza School, Nikol Baker – Lake School, Linda Hansen – Princeton Jr. Sr. High, Imelda Diaz, GCOE, Sarah Molina – Orland Unified, Tracey Quarne -GCOE, Karen Petersen – Stony Creek, B.J. Boyd -Willows High, George Valentin – Orland High, and Naomi Hernandez – Hamilton Elementary. Not pictured Betty Mercado – Hamilton Unified. The ceremony was held May 15<sup>th</sup> at Success One Conference Center with family, friends, and co-workers in attendance.

## Judy Fowler – Plaza Elementary School District

Judy Fowler, Orland native, Orland High School alumni and Chico State University graduate began her teaching career at Plaza School, and continued for the next 38 years. Even though Fowler has been retired since 2019, she is a legend at Plaza School bearing the name of “teacher in charge,” one of those teachers who students remember fondly for their passion for teaching and kindness. To this day Fowler continues to support Plaza students volunteering and on occasion being a substitute teacher.

## Betty Mercado – Hamilton Unified School District

Betty Mercado spent her childhood in Hamilton City, graduating from Hamilton High, working her way through Chico State University as a paraeducator in Ms. Coleman and Jeanne Robinson's classes. She graduated six years later with her teaching credential and spent the next 30 years as a Spanish teacher in the community she loved. Betty played a huge role in the growth and development of Hamilton High School and their many successes over her lengthy career.

## Naomi Hernandez – Hamilton Elementary School District

Naomi Hernandez served the Hamilton Elementary School for over 30 years as a Teacher's Assistant, ESL instructor, Pre-School teacher and Librarian. Throughout her career, Naomi went above and beyond in the lives of the children she served. She provided the support many students needed to attain self-confidence, encouraging them to become successful and self-advocate regardless of their background. During her career she formed a special connection with students and staff members, her kindness and compassion remembered long after they finished their elementary education.

## Karen Petersen – Stony Creek Joint Unified School District

Karen Petersen was born and raised in Petaluma area, after attending Santa Rosa Junior College for a year, she married Harry and they moved to Stonyford. In 1983 while she was volunteering in the classroom at Stonyford Elementary School, resulted in her taking on the job as a substitute cook and custodian. Eventually Karen became the head cook and she also retained her custodial duties. Karen also answered the main phone line at the school, kept the kitchen records in addition to decorating the school for every holiday. She fondly remembered talking with the staff and students throughout her career, and the joy of meeting new students each year. 52 years, the Petersen's still call the foothill community home.

## Nikol Baker – Lake Elementary School District

Nikol Baker has spent the past 11 years as the first full-time Superintendent/Principal in Lake School history, culminating with the Board of Trustees selecting Baker as the 2023 inductee in the Educator's Hall of Fame. From a cattle ranch in western Wyoming to marriage to her cattle manager husband, John, Nikol worked her way through educational opportunities always focusing on professional development and learning for her students, staff, and parents throughout her diverse career. During her tenure as a Lake Panther, she was fortunate to have both her daughters, Makenna and Maddee complete their kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade education. This

fall Nikol begins a new path with GCOE as the Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs.

## Linda Hansen – Princeton Jr. Sr. High School

Linda Hansen, Princeton Jr./Sr. High alumni, was hired five years after graduation to work as School Secretary at Princeton Elementary School. She held that position for 34 years working diligently to serve the students, parents, and staff members before retiring. She expressed her appreciation, citing the rewards and how fulfilling her duties were over the course of her career. In retirement, Linda enjoys spending time with her family and her granddaughter, traveling, and working in her garden. She is very grateful to live and work in the amazing, tight-knit community of Princeton.

## Gertrude Fiscus – Capay Elementary School District

Gertrude was a Pennsylvania native, she attended schools in Athens, Pennsylvania, and Woodland; attending a total of five high schools before she graduated from Hamilton High School. Gertrude spent 26 years as the Capay Elementary School Secretary before her retirement. She was active in the Capay community assisting in many projects to raise funds for Capay 4-H, Hamilton City Little League, Capay Fire Department and Capay Rancho Women's Club. Never tiring of volunteering, Gertrude was also active with Capay PTO, Capay Junior League and Capay Friends Community Church.

## Tracey J. Quarne – Glenn County Office of Education

Coming from a family of educators, Tracey Quarne was destined to pursue his own career along the path of education. His accomplishments are many and diverse, having served on church councils, elected to the Orland City Council, and the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, he gathered support to achieve his goal of becoming the County Superintendent of Schools, a position he held for 12 years before retiring last January. To his credit he established charter schools within the county and a county-wide school newspaper. He was instrumental in creating the SMART Team, Pipeline 2 Success, restoration of SARB, building and developing Success Square, Studio 129, and little Bridges Pre-school. He created Foster Family nights, distance learning for all students during the pandemic and a variety of programs and services for staff, students, and parents throughout the county of Glenn.

## Imelda Diaz – Glenn County Office of Education

Imelda Chavez Diaz came to the United States at a young age with her parents and eight brothers and sisters, it did not take her long to realize she would need to work diligently to succeed and achieve her goals. After a stint in the one-room school in Artois, she was enrolled at WIS, and graduated four years later from Willows High. She attributed much of success to several great educators, thanking Kathy Soeth, Ray and Dorothy Rinehart, Tom Cronk and Kathy Potts for helping her along the way. After working as an aide at Princeton Joint Unified she began her career with GCOE 36 years ago. Working with GCOE Independent Study students that eventually developed into William Finch Charter School, and then landing as an Administrative Assistant to the County Superintendent for the next 12 years. Although Imelda appreciates her job, her greatest pride is spending time with her five grandchildren.

## Liz Bettencourt – Willow Unified School District

Elizabeth “Liz” Bettencourt took up residence in Willows in 1961 with her Wildlife Biologist father and homemaker mother, the family's love of the outdoors produced many fond memories. A graduate of Willows High School, at the age of 17 she took a position as a teacher's aide at Murdock Elementary School, working in both the Resource Center and Special Day Classes. Liz noted she worked for some of the best educators Linda Matlock, Kay Brown and Karen Gerkey were among the many who influenced her career. Serving in several capacities at Murdock she finished her tenure as Murdock's Secretary. Liz cherished the memories of the many students and staff she worked with over her long career, feeling blessed to have worked with so many amazing people.

## B.J. Boyd – Willows Unified School District

Willows native, B.J. Boyd, was born, raised, educated, and taught within a relatively small area of the Willows community. His passion was teaching art and coaching; and his skills were shared with Murdock and Willows Intermediate students as well. His passions included teaching art and coaching. Of his career he said how looking back on one's high school days and the highlights are related to the time one spends in elective courses and extracurricular activities. These are areas where we enhance life skills, creating better young people, and I feel blessed with my career involved in these areas. B.J. created a legacy of art appreciation and encouragement of countless students over his tenure with the schools of his hometown of Willows.

## George Valentin – Orland Unified School District

George Valentin was raised by innkeeper parents who fortunately for George included a tennis court. It's maintenance and occasional opportunities to play a set with some of the guests set his career in motion. A talent that followed him through high school and college, and eventually led him to accept a tennis coaching job at Orland High School. George noted the beginning of tennis lessons were a big hit and sparked the development of many winning seasons. He said the standards he set for his students still exist today with many of his past players went on to become doctors, lawyers, CPA's, technology execs and teachers. George was honored to have the privilege coaching tennis at Orland High.

## Sarah Molina – Orland Unified School District

Sarah Molina is thankful to the Orland Unified School District who made it possible for her to do the one thing she always wanted to do ..... teach. Sarah and her late husband George moved to Orland in the early seventies and began their family as Sarah taught at Fairview School. The couple raised three children who all went on to graduate from Orland schools. Although she has been retired for almost 20 years, Sarah praised her former co-workers, support staff and her students she encountered over the years. From Fairview to C.K. Price she said upper most importance was supporting the sixth-grade students making the transition from elementary school to a middle school environment. It was crucial to the success of her students, and Sarah was proud of the accomplishments that helped give her students the best opportunities to succeed.