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Students produce three editions of The Migrant Voice this year

For a decade, elementary school students served by the Migrant Education Program (MEP) have covered local people and events for *The Migrant Voice*. Envisioned as an English language development tool, the Migrant Journalism Project and *The Migrant Voice* newspaper were a partnership with Loyola Marymount University's Center for Equity for English Learners, which designed the curriculum and conducted the trainings for the Tulare County teachers who lead it.

This year, migrant students in several Tulare and Kings county school districts produced three editions of *The Migrant Voice*. The first edition is published online at <https://tcoe.org/migrated/MigrantVoice> and features articles by students at Kings



Harvesting Honey at Orozco Honey

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Have you ever wondered how honey is harvested? Orozco Honey harvests honey locally. Orozco Honey is located in Dinuba, California and has been in business selling honey for the past 10 years. Kings River Union Elementary Migrant Students had the opportunity to interview Maria Orozco, who is a beekeeper at Orozco Honey. She talked to us about the process of harvesting honey at Orozco Honey.

The season to harvest honey is during the summer and early fall. "Honey is a sweet fluid made by honeybees using the nectar of flowering plants. "There are many different kinds of honey because of the many kinds of flowers. Honey can vary in color, smell and taste." (an Orozco Honey worker explained). Orozco Honey harvests different types of honey like wildflower and orange.

Orozco, the beekeeper from Orozco Honey explained in detail the types of equipment that is needed to harvest honey. She mentioned that they use bee combs so the bees cannot get covered in dirt and produce honey. They also use an uncapping machine to uncapp the honey frames. The uncapping machine contains serrated knives that gently slice the wax away from the wax cappings as the frames are pulled through. The temperature of the blades is controlled so it is clean without overheating the honey and damaging the combs. The machine is fast, efficient and basically has no waste. The uncapping knife is used to scrape the frames of the capped honey that is left in the honey frames. Other tools that they use is a long spenda to also remove the honey from the



Authors: Mrs. Olivera, Valeria Uribe Montano, Maria Fernanda Romero Molina, Christian Meraz, Chelsey Segura Cruz, Jaiden Cruz Montes. Maria Orozco provided Migrant Students with a sample of Wildflower and Orange Honey.

honey extractor machines can hold up to 80 frames at a time. The extractor machines help them remove the honey quicker and it makes it easier to remove the honey from the frames. She also mentioned that not only do they remove honey from the honeycombs but they also remove honey wax. Maria also showed us a smoker that they use when they have to work to collect the honey. The smoker helps the bees to stay calm and so that they don't sting the beekeeper. Furthermore, Orozco mentioned that when they collect honey in the areas that the bees are, they are required to use a suit and gloves. The beekeeper has to wear the suit to protect them from getting stung by the bees.

Harvesting honey has several steps that include removing capped frames from the beehive, removing the bees, and extracting the honey through centrifugal



River Union School, Pleasant View School, Stone Corral School, and Sundale Union School. The edition features 11 articles on local agricultural businesses and processes.

The second and third editions are being printed this month with a variety of articles from students attending Jefferson Elementary School (Dinuba), Kennedy Elementary School (Dinuba), and Jefferson Academy (Hanford). Students covered a STEAM conference, student activities, and family. Once these editions are completed, an electronic version will be added to the webpage listed above.

Through the process of interviewing people, migrant students gain confidence in their abilities to research, speak, write, and communicate their stories. For more information about the journalism project, contact Shantall Porchia at shantallp@tcoe.org.

Photo above:

~ The first edition of The Migrant Voice is written by students at Kings River Union School, Pleasant View School, Stone Corral School, and Sundale Union School.

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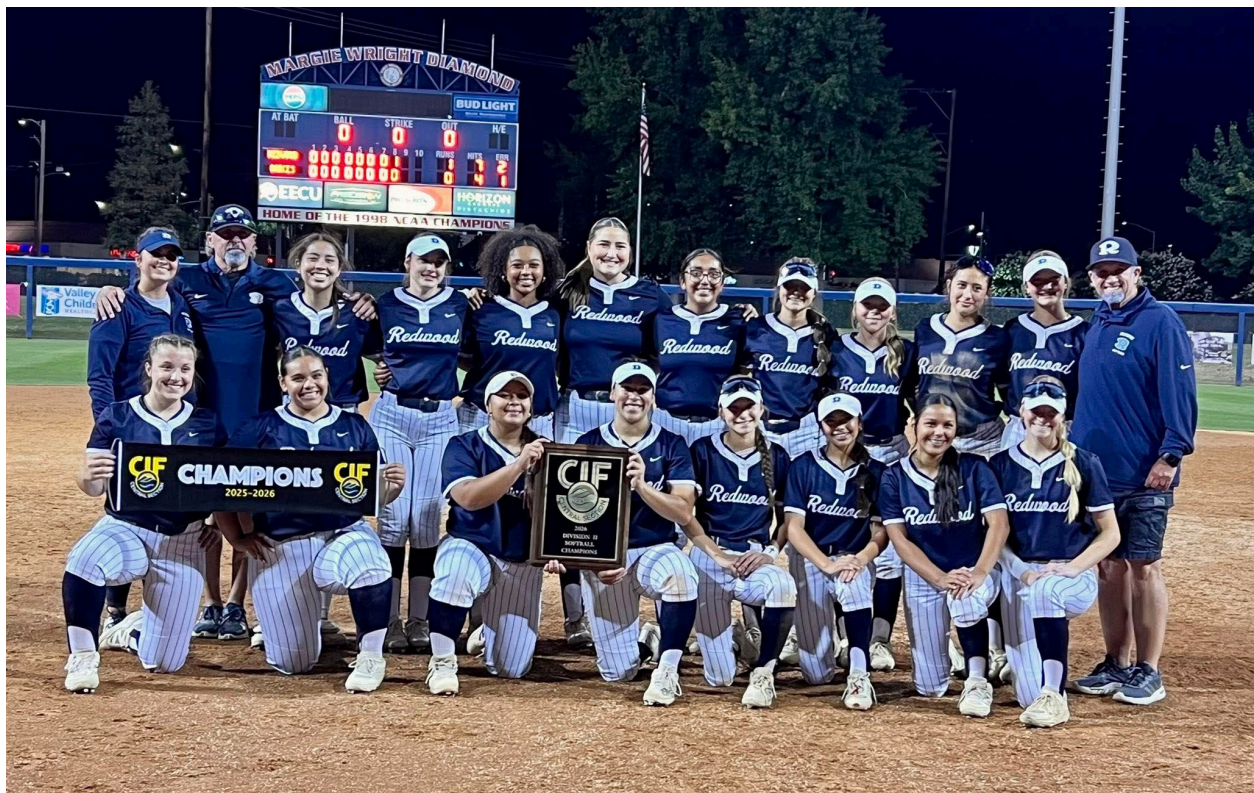
Three Tulare County teams have big wins in softball and baseball postseasons



The Tigers of Woodlake High School made history with a 14-4 win over Grossmont (El Cajon) in the CIF Southern California (SoCal) Division IV Championship. Playing at home this past Saturday, Woodlake only needed five innings to defeat Grossmont.

This is Woodlake's second-straight SoCal Division IV title, which they advanced to after winning their third-straight CIF Central Section Championships. The team finished the season with a record of 31-4 and went undefeated in East Sequoia League play to win another league title.

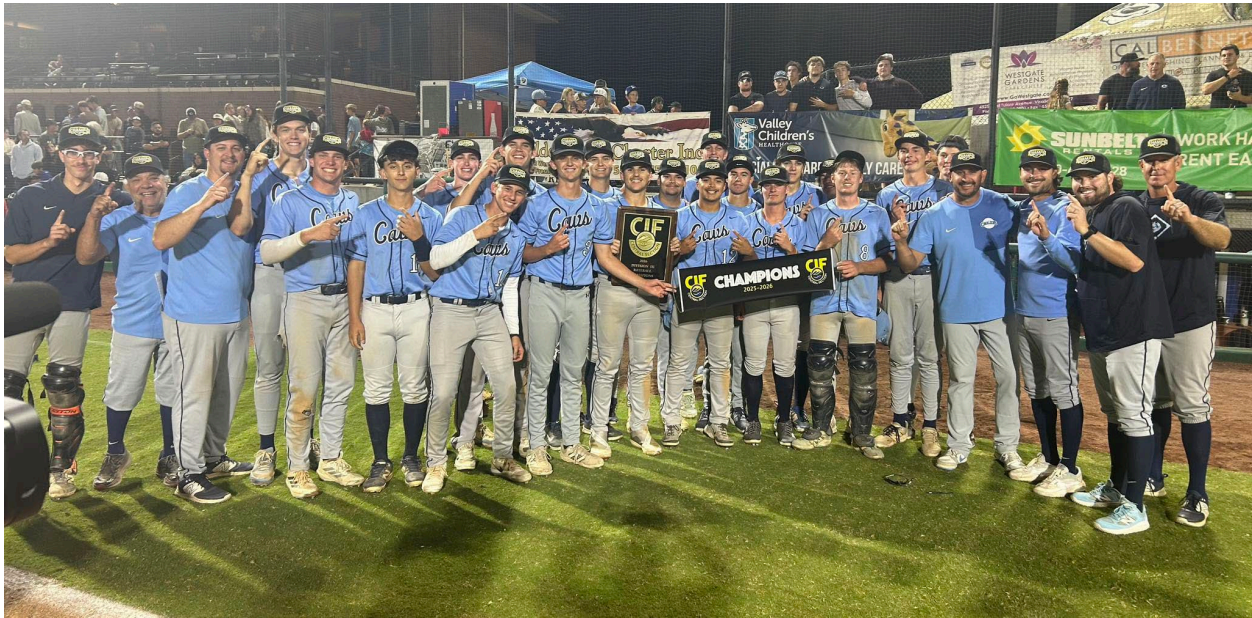
To read more about Woodlake's back-to-back regional championship, visit <https://thesungazette.com/article/news/2026/06/08/softball-tigers-repeat-as-social-champions>.



Redwood High School (Visalia) softball made history this season with a 1-0 victory over Garces Memorial (Bakersfield) for the CIF Central Section Division II Championship. The championship is the program's first-ever section title.

Redwood advanced to the SoCal Division II championships but lost 4-3 in the semifinal round to the future champions, Riverside Prep (Oro Grande).

To read more about Redwood's championship, visit <https://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/sports/high-school/2026/05/30/redwood-woodlake-win-central-section-softball-championships/90219824007/>.



In baseball, Central Valley Christian (Visalia) also won its first-ever section title with a 12-2 win over Justin Garza (Fresno) in the CIF Central Section Division III championship. The team then advanced to the SoCal Division IV championship tournament, where they lost 6-0 in the semifinals to eventual Div. IV runner-up North (Torrance).

To read more about CVC's championship, visit <https://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/sports/high-school/2026/05/30/cvc-baseball-claims-first-ever-section-championship/90328791007/>.

Photos above:

~ Woodlake High School softball (top) won its second-straight CIF Southern California Division IV Championship on Saturday. Photo from [fresnobee.com](https://www.fresnobee.com)

~ Redwood High School softball (middle) and Central Valley Christian baseball (bottom) won their program's first-ever CIF Central Section Championships this postseason. Photos from [CIF Central Section Facebook](#)

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