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# Connection, Community, and Celebration

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of Sunset Palisades.

This issue is a small tribute to the amazing moms in our community.

It was so great to see and meet so many of you at our recent launch celebration. Connecting in person and bringing neighbors together is exactly what this publication is about and why I chose to pursue it in the first place.

Stay tuned for our upcoming issue, where we'll be featuring a spotlight on

the event and highlighting some of the moments that made the evening so memorable.

And to all the local businesses that contributed, thank you for your generosity and support in helping make the evening so special.

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*Rilyn*



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## Through Their Eyes: A Mother's Day Reflection

*This Mother's Day, I thought it would be meaningful to hear directly from the kids of Sunset Palisades. In their own words, they share what makes their moms so special, offering a genuine look at the love within our community.*

### Carter (13)

**Q: What's something your mom does that makes you feel special?**

**A:** Probably playing tennis and pickleball in the street or up at the tennis courts.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** We like to play this game with our dog. One of us is on the floor and one's on the couch, and we throw the ball between us. It's like monkey in the middle for her.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** Working with other people. She's very patient.

**Q: What has your mom taught you?**

**A:** My manners. She's always pushing me to learn something new or try something new, like always exposing yourself to new stuff.

**Q: Describe your mom in three words.**

**A:** Funny, athletic, social.

**Q: If your mom were famous for something, what would it be?**

**A:** Tennis.

### Paige (10)

**Q: What's something your mom does that makes you feel special?**

**A:** She gives me a lot of hugs, and she's very sweet and kind.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** We go on night walks a lot. We sometimes go to the beach. She does my hair a lot. She does fun things with it.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** She's good at being funny, and she's really good at keeping us all together and helping us. She helps me do

my homework, and she's just really nice.

**Q: What has your mom taught you?**

**A:** She's taught me to be a good person, and she's taught me how to grow.

**Q: Describe your mom in three words.**

**A:** Funny, exciting, kind.

**Q: If your mom were famous for something, what would it be?**

**A:** Probably teaching people how to be nice and kind.

### Kiera (11) & Judah (7)

**Q: What's something your mom does that makes you feel special?**

**A:** Make cookies.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** Watch a movie, go to the beach. Avila.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** Singing. She sings at church.

**Q: What has your mom taught you?**

**A:** How to write better.

**Q: Describe your mom in three words.**

**A:** Patient, kind, strict.

**Q: If your mom were famous for something, what would it be?**

**A:** Singing.

### Ellie (9)

**Q: What's something your mom does that makes you feel special?**

**A:** She likes to play with me and cook. She spends a lot of time with me and makes me feel comfortable.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** Play pickleball, cook, and play board games with her.

And watch a movie and snuggle with her.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** Pickleball, and helping us out and being a good person, and helping us learn.

**Q: What has your mom taught you?**

**A:** Teach others the way you want to be treated and not to fight.

**Q: Describe your mom in three words.**

**A:** Kind, helpful, loving.

**Q: If your mom were famous for something, what would it be?**

**A:** Helping others. Or being a famous cook.

### Layla (11)

**Q: What's something your mom does that makes you feel special?**

**A:** She doesn't have a favorite, she likes everyone.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** Probably play board games or go outside and play volleyball or basketball.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** Cooking.

**Q: What has your mom taught you?**

**A:** She taught me volleyball, she's teaching me how to set and bump.

**Q: Describe your mom in three words.**

**A:** Best. Mom. Ever.

**Q: If your mom were famous for something, what would it be?**

**A:** Probably helping kids that aren't perfect because she used to be a teacher to help kids that have problems.

### Eli (3)

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** Eat gummy bears! And play tigers.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** Jump on a balance beam! *Leslie shakes her head no.*

**Q: What is something your mom has taught you?**

**A:** Eating healthy.

**Q: If your mom were an animal, what would she be?**

**A:** A lion!

### Tia (25)

**Q: What's something your mom does that makes you feel special?**

**A:** On our birthdays, she has this whole kitchen set up where she does balloons on the ceiling, and she will really decorate the kitchen. She has this special red glass plate that says "happy birthday," and she'll always serve breakfast on it.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do together?**

**A:** I love to go on walks with her, but when I was a gymnast growing up, Mom would always show up to my gymnastics meets. Now that I'm out of gymnastics, I still like to go to the meets and watch them with my mom.

**Q: What is something your mom is really good at?**

**A:** My mom is really good at listening to people and being supportive. She's always the one I call when I need advice, have something going on, or just need her to

listen. She just is really, really supportive, and she's always been really supportive.

**Q: What has your mom taught you?**

**A:** She has taught me how to be resilient. Growing up, my mom taught me to be positive in different stages of my life and to stay resilient through those difficult times. She's also taught me to let things go. It's okay if someone does something that you don't approve of; you just let it go.

**Q: Describe your mom in three words.**

**A:** Loving, charismatic, really, really kind.

**Q: If your mom were famous for something, what would it be?**

**A:** She would be famous for her smile. I swear she sleeps with a smile on her face!

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# Mason Jar Egg Omelette “Cakes”

*A Mother’s Day Breakfast Kids Can Actually Make!*

BY FELICITY, AGE 12

**WHAT YOU NEED**

- 1–2 eggs
- A splash of heavy cream
- Butter (we use Kerrygold because it tastes the best, haha)

You can use any herbs, but our favorites are:

- Oregano
- Garlic salt
- Pepper
- A dash of cayenne (we like spice!)
- Some crushed chili flakes (careful if your mom doesn’t like heat)
- Also, smoked paprika is my favorite spice to add. My dad doesn’t like it, but since it’s not Father’s Day, I say go all in. Extra paprika!

That’s it.

(Oh yeah! Don’t add cheese at this step. I’ve tried making them with cheese before, and it makes them fall apart. If you want to sprinkle cheese on top, do that after they’re on the plate.)

**HOW I MAKE THEM**

1. First, I crack the eggs into a mason jar and add a splash of cream and whatever herbs smell good that day. This is where that extra paprika gets added.
2. Then I screw the lid on tight and shake it really well until it’s nice and frothy. Shaking makes the egg yolks creamy. Sometimes I still use a fork afterward to scrape around the edges so all the herbs get fully mixed in.
3. Next, I heat up a small “kid-sized” ceramic nonstick pan on medium heat and melt some butter in it.
4. Don’t skip the butter. It makes it so much better.
5. Then I pour just enough egg mixture into the pan to cover the bottom in a thin layer. It cooks pretty fast, so I stay close and watch it.
6. When it starts to bubble, I gently lift the edges with a spatula to make sure it isn’t sticking. When I see lots of bubbles, I carefully peek underneath to check if it’s light brown. If it is, I flip it and cook the other side until that side is lightly golden too.
7. It should slide right out onto the plate.
8. I keep going until all the egg mixture is gone. By the end, I have a stack of cute little egg “cakes.”



My mom has let me experiment with cooking and food since we were really young. It’s one of our favorite things to do together!

My sister and I created this easy omelette recipe and have been making these “egg omelette cakes” for our family for a few years. They’re one of my favorite things to cook for my mom on a special occasion, like Mother’s Day.

They look kind of fancy, but they’re actually really simple and easy to make your own with special spices and herbs. Once you learn how to make them, they’re fun to tweak and personalize.

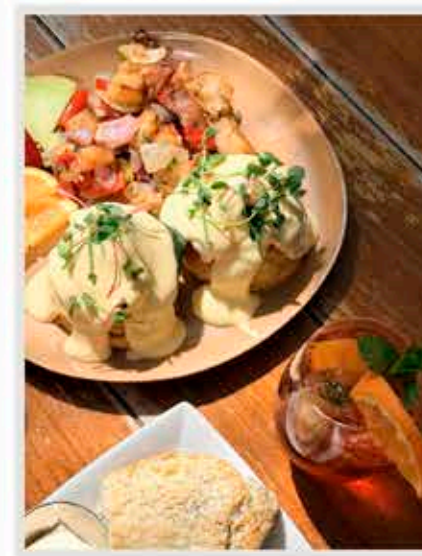


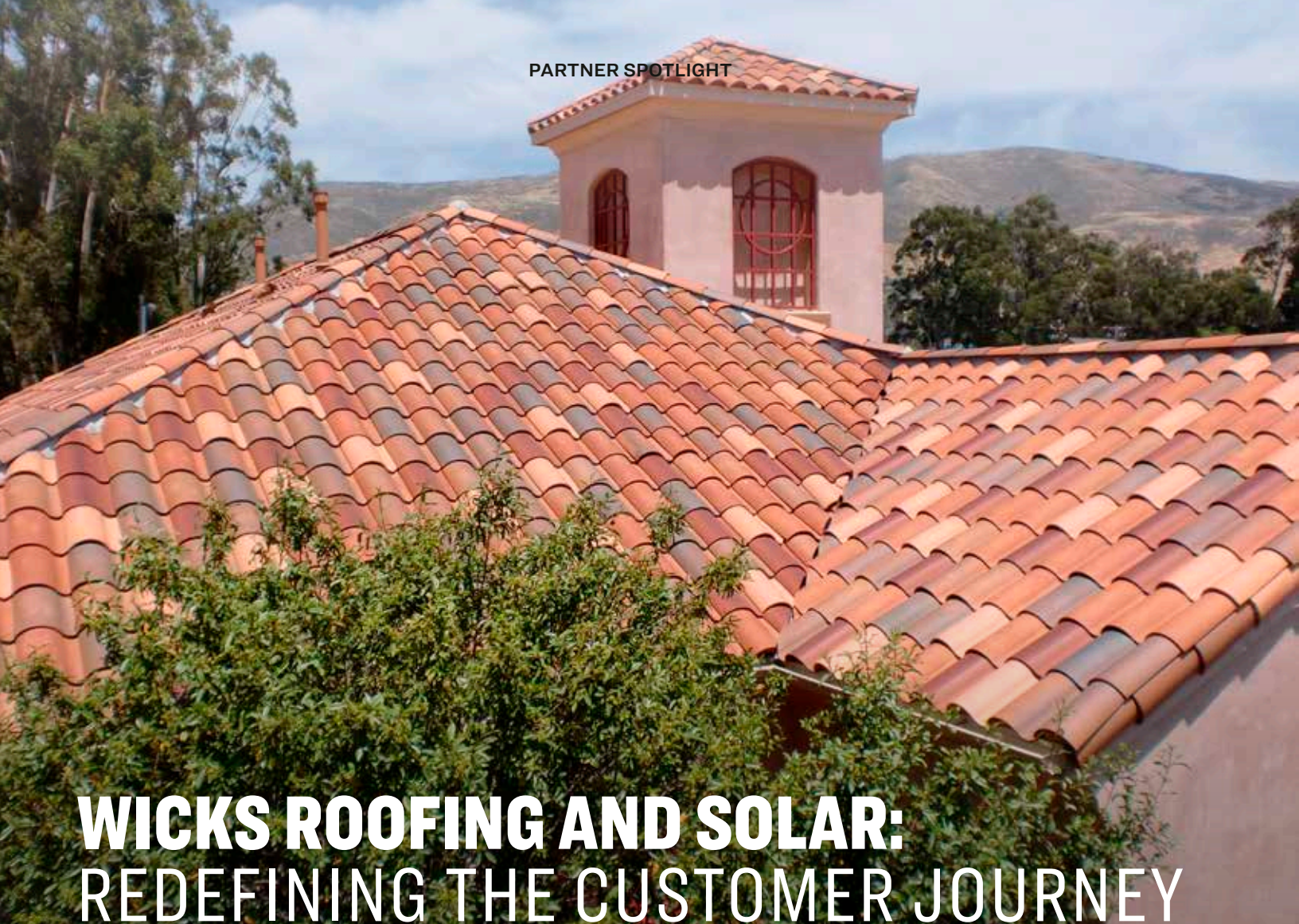
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# WICKS ROOFING AND SOLAR: REDEFINING THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY

*From first consultation to final installation, Wicks Roofing and Solar delivers a personalized, customer-first experience on the Central Coast and beyond.*

What began as a small, family-owned roofing business has grown into a company serving communities from the Central Coast to Ventura, continuing to prioritize the customer-focused approach it has upheld since its founding. Today, Wicks Roofing and Solar is supported by a team of more than 200 employees across sales, customer service, and field operations, all working together to deliver high-quality roofing and solar solutions.

The company was founded in 1985 on the Central Coast by Mike Wickersham and later expanded into solar under CEO Justin Wickersham in 2015. Now operating in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties, Wicks continues to grow while maintaining a hands-on, consultative approach. Members of the leadership team interviewed include Stephanie Haywood, VP of Marketing, and Nick Chicoine, Customer Service Manager, who each bring unique perspectives to the customer experience.

At Wicks, re-roofing is what Chicoine describes as “the bread and butter” of the business, with certified asphalt composition shingles as a reliable solution for many homeowners. The team also specializes in tile roofing, which Chicoine notes is “more of an artistry.” “And we find that a lot in the coastal communities around that old historic Spanish look,” Chicoine explained. The

company also excels in metal roofs, flat membrane systems like TPO and PVC, and synthetic options.

Solar is a key part of the company’s offering, including roof-mounted systems, battery storage, EV charging integration, and smart panels. “One of our biggest differentiators is the ability to provide both roofing and solar as one company,” said Haywood. “That’s a significant benefit for the customer, creating a more seamless and efficient experience from start to finish.”

As a coastal company, Wicks has adapted its approach to withstand the specific environmental conditions that occur close to the ocean. “All of our roof systems are Class A fire rated, and the materials we use comply with wildland-urban interface requirements. I think that’s important for people who are living on steeper slopes and in thicker vegetation areas,” Chicoine explained. He also encouraged homeowners to regularly check their gutters for vegetation growth and buildup. “If within a mile of the ocean, we also use corrosion-resistant metals, like aluminum or copper, and stainless steel fasteners. That’s to make sure things aren’t accelerating with salt air corrosion too quickly,” he continued.

Preparation for weather is also a critical part of the installation process along the coast. “We proactively communicate with



customers when weather is in the forecast, ensuring every project is properly prepared and watertight,” said Chicoine. “It becomes an emergency-response type of action for the team, assessing what projects are ongoing, checking the status of each one, and determining what we need to do to make everything watertight.”

The company places a strong emphasis on the overall customer journey, prioritizing a personal, high-touch experience. “What we don’t want to do is simply email a bid and have the conversation revolve around price,” said Chicoine. “Instead, we meet with the customer in person, ask questions to fully understand their needs, and physically inspect the roof and attic.”

From there, the team walks homeowners through the entire process, from tear-off to installation, so they know exactly what to expect. “It becomes much more of a consultation and service experience, rather than a transaction,” he added.

Beyond its work with customers, Wicks is deeply committed to giving back to the communities it serves. In San Luis Obispo, the team donated labor and gifted a roof to a family who had lost a parent to cancer. More recently, through the “Nom-a-Mom” project, they gifted a new roof to a Ventura resident nominated by multiple members of her community. Delivering the news to the winning mother was incredibly emotional. “She just started bawling, which in turn kind of made me cry,” Chicoine recalled.

Each year, the company allocates a portion of its budget to make these kinds of projects possible. “It’s incredibly meaningful

that giving back is a priority for our organization,” said Haywood. “I had the opportunity to be on-site during the Nom-a-Mom project, and seeing the impact firsthand was unforgettable.”

Looking ahead, the team sees even more opportunities to deepen their impact. “With the company’s continued success and the impact of giving back, I think there will be more opportunities in the future, whether that’s additional Nom-a-Mom projects or identifying other areas of need within the community,” said Haywood.

Furthermore, the company’s focus remains on evolving the residential customer experience with increased efficiency. “I think that Wicks is in a position right now, over the next year, to really step back and look at how the residential customer experience is going to evolve, how people purchasing roofs experience the entire process,” said Chicoine. “That level of professionalism is going to be raised to a place where it’s operating at a high level. We’re going to be able to help customers move through the process with a level of velocity that wouldn’t have existed a year ago.”

Ultimately, the team behind Wicks Roofing and Solar combines expertise, thoughtful service, and a strong commitment to community, delivering a seamless experience for homeowners at every stage of their project.



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# *A Mother's Love, A Grandmother's Joy*



# THE LIFE OF *Beverly Maguire*

**B**everly Maguire is a true jack-of-all-trades. Having lived on the Central Coast since 1983, she will soon celebrate her ten-year anniversary as a Sunset Palisades resident! In that time, she has gotten involved in local music, community service, and, perhaps most joyfully, being a grandmother to eight beautiful grandchildren, soon to be nine! Beverly also shares her days with a sweet Pomeranian named Pismo, and jokes that even with so much on her plate, “nothing keeps me out of trouble!”

Originally from the Los Angeles area, Beverly spent much of her young adult life in Santa Monica while working at Centinela Hospital in Inglewood as head of the cardiology department. She worked her way up, beginning at El Camino Junior College for music, then attending trade school for cardiology, and finally training under an established cardiology technician to perfect her craft. When Beverly's parents moved to Los Osos in 1983 and told her about a position that was open in their area, she decided it was time for a change of scenery and moved to the Central Coast just a few months after they did. Beverly retired in 1993 to become a full-time mother to her three children, shifting her energy and focus from hospital to home.

Beverly's heart for service continued to grow. In 2006, she joined the board of directors for Jack's Helping Hands, an organization in SLO County that supports children with cancer, heart defects, or other health challenges. She has served with the organization for nearly 20 years and is deeply committed to the families that it helps.

Beyond her community work, Beverly is very involved in her own growing family. She has three

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children: Katie, Sean, and Molly. Katie and her husband live in San Luis Obispo with five children, and Beverly's son, Sean, and his wife, who live in Arroyo Grande, are expecting their fourth kid. Beverly's youngest daughter, Molly, is co-owner of Locals Taproom in Avila Beach and is a social worker for SLO County. Three kids, two children-in-law, and eight grandchildren certainly keep Beverly's hands full, but Beverly always makes the time to host Sunday dinners so that all the cousins and siblings can get together, share a meal, and stay connected.

Music is another big part of Beverly's life. She is the lead singer for the band Reel Too Real, a group that plays 80's, 90's, and alternative rock at local venues like The Merrimaker, The Siren, and Mulligan's. Some of her favorite songs to perform include "Mr. Brightside" by

The Killers, "What's My Age Again?" by Blink-182, "Pink Cadillac" by Bruce Springsteen, and "Tie Your Mother Down" by Queen. Despite her professional background in cardiology, Beverly has always loved music and leaned more into performing after moving to the Central Coast. At family-friendly shows, she especially enjoys inviting her children and grandchildren to watch; seeing her grandkids dancing in the audience to her band never fails to make her smile!

Beverly's hardworking spirit, deep love for family, commitment to local children, and joy in sharing music make her a treasured part of Sunset Palisades. If you'd like to support her creative side, you can follow Reel Too Real on Facebook for updates on upcoming performances and maybe even catch Beverly on stage at a venue near you.



Never far from her side, Pismo is part of it all.



Bev with her three loving children.

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Beverly has spent nearly two decades supporting Jack's Helping Hands, a nonprofit serving children in San Luis Obispo County with cancer, heart defects, and other health challenges.

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A leap of faith, a blind date, and a life that felt meant to be.

## A Blind Date That Changed Everything: Jennifer Rainey's Move to the Central Coast

*Just days from moving back to North Carolina, a last-minute blind date led Jennifer Rainey to make the Central Coast her forever home.*

Jennifer Rainey never intended to stay on the Central Coast, but nearly two decades ago, a last-minute blind date changed everything. Just days away from moving back home to North

Carolina, she reluctantly agreed to “one more date,” figuring she had nothing to lose. “It was game over,” she says, recalling the date that flipped her plans entirely. Today, that leap of faith has

resulted in a marriage, a family, and a beautiful life in Sunset Palisades beyond anything she ever imagined.

Jennifer was born and raised in North Carolina, later attending college at UNC Charlotte. She spent her high school years in Switzerland for her father’s job, which gave her an early comfortability with travel, as well as a sense of adventure that would shape her spontaneity in moving to the West Coast. After college, she pursued a career as a flight attendant alongside one of her friends. “There was no way I was going to work a cube life. I graduated with human resources, so I’m definitely a people person,” she explained. “We were based in Denver, and we would work really hard and then go play really hard, taking trips using our benefits.” On one of said trips, she visited the Central Coast. “I just loved it. I really liked the feel of San Luis.” After two years, she left flying and returned to North Carolina for a corporate HR job, “the kind of job that I didn’t want,” she explained. When the opportunity to return to the Central Coast emerged, she jumped at the chance.

Jennifer’s first year in San Luis Obispo began with hilarious chaos. She drove cross-country with a duct-taped mirror after accidentally knocking hers off the car when pulling out of the driveway. When she arrived, she got a job at the airport, having some experience in the industry. She then moved on to another HR job, but homesickness was taking its toll. During her last two weeks, a friend set her up on a blind date with Dave, a private pilot, and sparks flew immediately. “By my second date, I called my mom and was like, ‘Mom, I’m not coming home. I’ve got to see where this goes,’” Jennifer said. The couple laughs about that first meeting now, how neither knew what to expect: “Since it was totally blind, it was either going to be the barbeque place or Giuseppe’s based on how I looked,” Jennifer joked. No surprise, Dave took her to Giuseppe’s.

From the very start, their conversation flowed effortlessly, and they quickly bonded over their shared love of travel. “Our conversation just went on forever,” Jennifer recalled. “I have a lot of travelling embedded in me, and same for him. We talked about what he’s seen, and what I’ve seen. Leaving your own country broadens your horizons quite a bit, and we had so much in common in that sense.”

Married in 2010, Jennifer and Dave have cherished building a life on the Central Coast, raising their two children, Carter, 13, and Paige, 10, within a community they’ve come to love. “You couldn’t ask for a better place to raise kids,” Jennifer said. “The community, the school, and the sports are all so intimate. It reminds me a lot of my little hometown in North Carolina.”

Moving to the Central Coast didn’t come without challenges, though. When she first settled, Jennifer faced homesickness being far from friends and family in North Carolina, along with the isolation of not knowing many people. Over time, however, the distance has made their visits all the more meaningful. “We absorb every minute that we can. And I sometimes think I get more out of them when they’re here than if I would if I lived down the road,” Jennifer said. Despite the distance, her family remains deeply supportive of the life she’s built for herself. “When they come out here, they can see why I made this place home.”

Her family’s support made the move easier, but it’s the local community that

really makes her feel at home. “My friends have become my family out here. If there was an emergency, I have 15 houses I could go to,” Jennifer joked.

Moving to the Central Coast shaped Jennifer into the person she is today: independent, confident, and capable of handling whatever life throws at her. “This was meant to be for me. It forced me to find myself,” she reflected. “What would life have been like if I stayed close to my family? Would I be the mom that I am? Would I be the person that I am? Sometimes I don’t think I would.”

For those considering a big move, Jennifer shares wisdom from her own experience. “You have to take the initiative to get involved. Give it more than a year. It takes a long time to establish yourself anywhere,” she said. She emphasizes that major change requires a willingness to take risks and embrace the unknown. “Don’t sit back and wait for things to come to you. You have to put yourself out there. After I did that, it became home.”

Overall, Jennifer’s story proves that an adventurous leap can lead to a life full of joy and belonging.



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With three pets and a toddler, the DeClark home is never dull! Brittnee and Alex moved to Sunset Palisades in 2016, but have been together since 2012, when they met while attending Cal Poly. They welcomed their daughter two years ago, and their home already had plenty of personality thanks to their three beloved pets.

Their oldest pet is Orea, a mostly white “cow” cat Brittnee found in a rock pile in her hometown of Fremont during winter break in 2011. Now nearly fifteen years old, Orea has mellowed out with age, but



From curious kitten...

... To wise companion



Mochi, mid-dance and fully committed



Kev holding out for his next round of pets

she still shows her affection in her own way by headbutting fists and faces. She has been part of their family for almost their entire relationship, making her a true, original member of the household.

Their second pet, Mochi, is a five-year-old Husky-Australian Shepherd rescue with one adorable eye and a sweet personality. Brittnee describes him as “her anxious little guy,” but at home, he is sweet and playful. He is also remarkably smart, finishing dog puzzles meant to keep pups busy for 30 minutes in only five! Mochi has a little spinning dance he does on his hind legs when he wants treats, and his favorite toy is a glow-in-the-dark Chuck-it ball. As Brittnee put it, “he wants nothing to do with any other brand.”

Kevin, their three-year-old Golden Retriever-Newfoundland mix, is just as lovable in a much more boisterous way. He was bred to be a service dog, but eye issues kept him from completing training. That hasn’t slowed down his affection one bit, though! Brittnee says he is “the most loving dog I’ve ever experienced” and describes him as a dog who wants pets constantly and immediately turns any amount of eye

contact into a request for more attention. He can also be a little mischievous, with a reputation for destroying the so-called indestructible Kong toys. If you see him at Home Depot, he may be making the rounds with employees in orange aprons, hoping for a treat!

Both Mochi and Kevin know basic commands, but they also understand one very important phrase: “Go nigh-nigh!” When they hear it, they head off to bed straight away.

Of course, the arrival of a baby changed the household in a big way, but all three pets welcomed Brittnee and Alex’s daughter with love. When the family came home from the hospital, Mochi sniffed the baby, then Brittnee’s belly, then the baby again, then Brittnee again! Kevin is a big lover, though sometimes a touch overenthusiastic. Orea is a little nervous of her now that she’s a toddler, but she didn’t mind her at all when she was a baby.

Brittnee and Alex feel lucky to live in such a beautiful and welcoming neighborhood, surrounded by both the love in their home and the kindness of the Sunset Palisades community.



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218 El Dorado Way	Sunset Palisades	\$1,375,000	03/17/25	2	2	2	1087
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230 Encanto Ave	Sunset Palisades	\$1,355,000	05/15/25	3	2	2	1244
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210 Encanto Ave	Sunset Palisades	\$1,125,000	08/27/25	3	2	2	1244
226 Encanto Ave	Sunset Palisades	\$1,935,000	09/12/25	2	3	2	1744
325 El Portal Dr	Sunset Palisades	\$3,275,000	09/15/25	4	4	3	3220
128 Florin St	Sunset Palisades	\$2,950,000	10/17/25	2	3	2	1971
248 El Dorado Way	Sunset Palisades	\$1,050,000	11/12/25	2	2	2	1097
118 Hermosa Dr	Sunset Palisades	\$3,060,000	06/03/26	4	3.5	2	2814
130 Hermosa Dr	Sunset Palisades	\$3,949,000		3	2	2	2245
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