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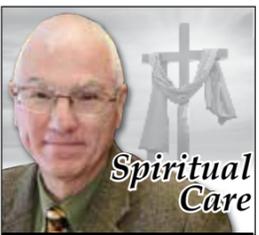
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Fine Arts Return to Old Elk Grove

Elk Grove Fine Arts Center Opens New Location with 'Small Treasures' Show



Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume (center) visits the fine arts center's reception in holiday garb. He is joined by, from left, center President Erin Martinelli, Gallery Manager Darci Robertson, President Emeritus Margaret Munson, Board Member Cheryl Griess and Marketing Director Heath Buckmaster. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center celebrated its move to a new location with its First Saturday Reception on Dec. 2, and its biggest show of the year is giving locals a chance to browse the work of dozens of artists.

The fine arts center spent the last several weeks preparing its new space at 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101, and President Erin Martinelli told the Citizen that "everyone is just so happy to be here." She appreciated that the center is now back in Old Elk Grove after five years on Elk Grove-Florin Road. She also felt that the

center would fit in with the area's increased focus on entertainment, food and shopping.

For the grand opening, the center programmed a full day of art demonstrations and workshops. Martinelli said attendees praised the location.

"The space is so open. It's bright. There's so much light. It just feels really

grand because of the scale of the ceilings. It's very industrial looking," she said.

The center is holding its 12th annual Small Treasures Show and Sale, featuring more than 60 artists. Each artist submits five works on 5-by-7-inch panels. Compact and less expensive than many

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1 Week Left for Toy Drive Gifts



A Cosumnes firefighter loads a bag of toys onto a firetruck for delivery during the 2022 Toy Project. The deadline to donate toys for children in need is Dec. 15. File photo by Steve Crowley

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - There is one week left to donate toys for the holiday Toy Project organized by Cosumnes Fire Department and Elk Grove Police Department.

Every year, the toy drive delivers bags of presents to preselected families, in an effort to ensure happy holidays for local children, and the deadline to contribute is Dec. 15.

Past distributions have benefited hundreds of children. The 2022 Toy Project reportedly delivered presents to 219 kids in 95 families. Police officers, firefighters and community volunteers join in the event, bagging gifts before fanning out across the city to the registered families.

The following Cosumnes Fire Department stations have donation bins placed outside from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

- Station 71, 8760 Elk Grove Blvd.
- Station 72, 10035 Atkins Drive
- Station 73, 9607 Bond Road
- Station 74, 6501 Laguna Park Drive
- Station 75, 2300 Maritime Drive
- Station 76, 8545 Sheldon Road

Elk Grove police stations are also accepting donations.

For more information, visit bit.ly/47J5Jki (case sensitive) or contact CSO Gonzalez at 916-478-8122 or crimeprevention@elk-grovepd.org. ★



Sky River to Donate \$15K to Local Nonprofits



Sky River Casino will donate \$15,000 to area nonprofits as part of its Wreaths of Hope program. On top of \$1,000 each for participating organizations whose wreaths are picked by the most casino guests will get additional donations. Photo courtesy of Sky River Casino

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Sky River Casino is hosting its second annual Wreaths of Hope program, saying it will facilitate \$15,000 in donations to local charities.

Sky River President Michael J. Facenda said the initiative would raise awareness of the nonprofits' missions.

"All year long, we are committed to giving back to the community in a

variety of fun and meaningful ways," Facenda said. "This holiday program offers the opportunity to celebrate the season, provide much-needed donations that support local nonprofits, and allow our guests to learn more about the amazing work of our charitable partners."

Ten charities are participating in the event, with decorated wreaths that are on display inside the casino. For their involvement, each nonprofit gets \$1,000.

In addition, this month, Sky River Rewards members can vote for their favorite wreaths. The charity behind the first-place wreath will get an additional \$2,500, second place an additional \$1,500, and third place an additional \$1,000.

The participating organizations are Asian Resources Inc., Chicks in Crisis, Cosumnes Firefighters Community Support Foundation, Elk Grove Food Bank Services, End of Watch

Fund, Native Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run, Paws for a Purpose, Project R.I.D.E., Strauss Festival of Elk Grove, and Wilton Rancheria Boys and Girls Club.

Casino guests can vote in-person for their favorite wreaths by swiping their Sky River Rewards card at a promotional kiosk. An awards ceremony will take place on Jan. 11, 2024. For more information on the program and the charities, visit skyriver.com. ★

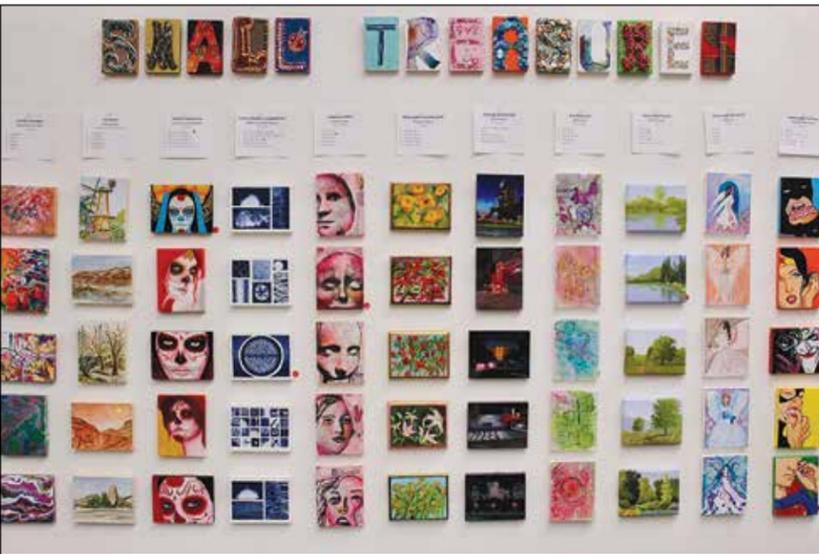
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Fine Arts Return to Old Elk Grove

Elk Grove Fine Arts Center Opens New Location With 'Small Treasures' Show



The Small Treasures Show and Sale runs through Dec. 30. Photos by Matthew Malone



The interior of the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center's new location

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full-sized works, the "small treasures" are intended to make art purchases more accessible.

Martinelli said the new location makes the art show look more expansive than it did before.

She noted that the center is planning the second edition of its Festival of the Arts for April 27. There will continue to be art shows, and possibly art walks on Elk Grove

Boulevard. Martinelli also said that the center may eventually rent work space for artists.

Small Treasures Show and Sale continues through Dec. 30. Individual works cost \$50 each, or \$45 each for three or more pieces from a single artist. The center is open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit elkgrovetfineartscenter.org. ★



Samuel Gonzalez works on an oil painting of Canadian wilderness during the fine arts center's First Saturday Reception.



Artworks in Elk Grove Fine Arts Center's 'Small Treasures' show hang at the new location on Elk Grove Boulevard.



Elk Grove Fine Arts Center President Erin Martinelli speaks to First Saturday Reception attendees.



Estella Drake shows the painting by Leslie Troutman that she won in a raffle.



Jo Kaleel smiles after winning an art piece by Darlene Becker. She won another raffle item and purchased a few more pieces.

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Disability Advisory Committee Honors Ciera Dulgar

Award-Winning Elk Grove Nature Park



Ciera Dulgar. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

Cosumnes Community Services District News Release



Please join us in congratulating Ciera Dulgar for being selected as the recipient of the 2023 Elk Grove City Council and Disability Advisory Committee's Above and Beyond Award! As the Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor at Cosumnes CSD, Ciera has been instrumental in creating a range of adaptive and inclusive recreational opportunities for people with disabilities through

the Recreation ADventures program (RAD). She has been actively involved in training Cosumnes CSD employees on ways to serve individuals with disabilities better and continues to expand RAD offerings. She was selected from a list of deserving nominees who have

provided exceptional service to individuals with disabilities. The award was presented to Dulgar at the Elk Grove City Council's meeting on October 25, 2023. To learn more about the Above and Beyond Award on the City of Elk Grove's website, elkgrovecity.org. ★

Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Nature Park recently received the 2022 Sustainable & Climate Change Engineering Project of the Year award by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Sacramento Section. Utilizing a green infrastructure approach, the Elk Grove Nature Park located behind the Cosumnes CSD Administration Building at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard helps manage stormwater runoff, provides wildlife habitat, promotes environmental awareness, and contributes to the well-being of our Elk Grove Community.

The first phase of this new park includes over a quarter-of-a-mile of new walkways, seating areas for relaxation, interpretive signage for education, and natural areas for wildlife to thrive. Future phases of construction are planned, as funding becomes available, to include a nature play area, a visitor center, and additional stormwater management planters. This park was made possible by the support of our partners: SMUD's Shine Award Program, CivicWell, National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and Urban Rain Design. Learn more about this respite in nature nestled amongst the bustle of suburban life on our website, cosumnescsd.gov. ★



Elk Grove Nature Park. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

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PATRICIA IRENE LEUENBERGER-SHIELDS • 6/18/1935 - 11/23/2023

Patricia Irene Leuenberger - Shields, 17 year Galt resident & 30 year Wilton resident, passed away after a brief illness on November 23rd, 2023. She was born June 18th, 1935 in Santa Monica California. Beloved Mother, Daughter, Wife, Aunt, Sister, MIL, Cousin & Loving Friend to many. She retired from the United States Navy in 1976 at the rank of Commander, after having served 23 years of active duty service as a Navy Nurse, being both a Korean and Vietnam Veteran. She served from 1968-1969 in Vietnam aboard the USS Repose (AH-16). She later served as a school district aid & school nurse and ended her 6



Kathleen Betts Watson and numerous dear friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to either your local SPCA as she was a devoted animal lover, Wounded Warrior Project or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A very special thank you to her lifelong friend Shirley for your love & support over the last year and prior years as well as Jan, Joann & Olivia for their friendship, kindness and loyalty over the years. Full military ceremonial burial will be on January 19th, 2024 at 1400 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA with a Celebration of Life held immediately after at a local Sacramento Area location TBA. "Fear not, as this too, shall pass."



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Mary Lynn Perry of DOVIA Nationally Recognized for Exemplary Leadership

DOVIA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Mary Lynn Perry, Chair of the Board of Directors at Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA), Sacramento has received national recognition for exemplary leadership in volunteer engagement. Ms. Perry earned the Impact Award, presented in October of 2023 by the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (AL!VE) in the Exemplary Leader category, for their efforts to provide quality volunteer engagement programs, a willingness to network, mentor or collaborate with their peers, advocate for the profession, and involvement at the national and local level with volunteer engagement professionals. Because of Ms. Perry's efforts, all volunteer engagement professionals and the programs and communities they serve are all enhanced and supported to provide a robust, engaging, and meaningful volunteer experience.

AL!VE Board President Michelle Raymer, CVA is excited about presenting the award to three recipients in two different categories. "This is our fourth year presenting these awards and the selection committee had many nominees of committed and talented volunteer engagement professionals nationwide."

AL!VE will provide a cash award to Ms. Perry that she may use



Mary Lynn Perry, Chair of the Board of Directors at Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA). Photo courtesy of DOVIA

for professional development expenses, such as continuing education, books, resources, or pursuing the Certified Volunteer Administrator credential (CVA), an international professional credential for those who manage volunteers and/or programs.

AL!VE is the national professional association for those who manage or lead volunteer engagement programs. The leadership organization seeks to enhance and sustain the spirit of volunteering by fostering collaboration and networking, promoting professional development, and providing advocacy for leaders in community engagement. For more information, visit, www.volunteeralive.org. To view the 2023 AL!VE

Impact Award recipients, visit, https://www.volunteeralive.org/alve_impact_awards_-_sponsore.php

Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA), Sacramento provides a forum for exchange of information on relevant issues for professional volunteer managers and leaders of volunteers. Through collaborative efforts, DOVIA Sacramento is committed to promoting service and emphasizing professional growth and development of the volunteer administration profession. Since 1978, DOVIA Sacramento has served to broaden community awareness of volunteerism by furthering communication among DOVIA, its member agencies and institutions, and the general public. ★

POLICE LOGS

Friday, Nov. 24
 12:38 a.m., 5100 block of Eftemia Way: Elk Grove police arrested Gianna Martin, 21, on elder abuse charges.
 4:15 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Kaiema Webb, 30, on shoplifting charges.
 4:50 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Eric West, 45, on shoplifting charges.
 9:48 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Dominic Liddell, 30, on warrant charges. Liddell was wanted on charges of narcotics possession, receiving a stolen vehicle, identity theft and resisting arrest, according to jail records.

Saturday, Nov. 25
 12:48 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Andrew Alforque, 40, and Angela Morones, 32, on warrant charges and charges of resisting arrest, identity theft and receiving stolen property.
 2:30 a.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Black Swan Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Julian Bahena, 23, on DUI and hit-and-run with injury charges.
 7:47 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Thang Bui, 52, on trespassing charges.
 3:19 p.m., 9500 block of Hollow Creek Way: Elk Grove police arrested Andre Buckman, 20, on vandalism and resisting arrest charges.

Sunday, Nov. 26
 7:51 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Caleb Grant, 19; Kelvin Beshears, 19; and Shayla Henderson, 20, on organized retail theft, burglary, grand theft and conspiracy charges.
 8:13 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Joseph Jay, 40, on domestic violence charges.
 11:04 p.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Brockenhurst Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Maria Ramirez, 20, on DUI charges.

Monday, Nov. 27
 4:11 a.m., confidential location: Elk Grove police arrested Michael Owino, 40, on domestic violence charges.
 2:41 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Rayanne Trejo, 41, on shoplifting charges.
 7:27 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna

Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Jazmine Tolton, 23; Sincere Willis, 21; and an unidentified 17-year-old on grand theft, conspiracy and resisting arrest charges.

Tuesday, Nov. 28
 2:28 a.m., Willard Parkway/Whitelock Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Fnu Nipun, 21, on hit-and-run with injury and DUI charges.
 8:45 a.m., 9100 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Troy Bell, 34, on trespassing charges.
 12:49 p.m., 10100 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Amber Hines, 43, on meth possession and drug paraphernalia possession charges.
 2:36 p.m., 5600 block of Laguna Oaks Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Michael Vollmar, 31, on DUI charges.
 2:44 p.m., Calvine Road/Grand Cru Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Lacrisa Martin, 33, on warrant charges. Martin was wanted on theft, narcotics and false impersonation charges, according to jail records.
 4:11 p.m., 5000 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Moneeta Kumar, 46, on shoplifting and warrant charges.
 7:46 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Lacrechia Harris-Byers, 47, and Simme Shelton, 49, on grand theft, organized retail theft, meth possession and warrant charges.
 6:41 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Jacob Beneto, 21, on warrant charges. Beneto was wanted on charges of burglary, vandalism and concealed daggers possession, according to jail records.
 7:30 p.m., 9800 block of Castelli Way: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 15-year-old on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle.
 8:35 p.m., 7600 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Lacrechia Harris-Byers, 47, on shoplifting charges.
 9:53 p.m., 9600 block of Crisswell Drive: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 17-year-old on controlled substance possession charges.

Wednesday, Nov. 29
 2:16 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 13-year-old on shoplifting charges.
 4:30 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk

Grove police arrested an unidentified 14-year-old on shoplifting charges.
 4:37 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 14-year-old on shoplifting charges.
 5:06 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Nicole Burch, 30, on shoplifting charges.
 5:11 p.m., 10600 block of Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Timothy Lynch, 31, on DUI charges.
 5:36 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Justyce Bonales, 19, on shoplifting charges.

Thursday, Nov. 30
 3:18 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Hung Nguyen, 43, on meth and drug paraphernalia possession, and warrant charges. Nguyen was wanted on vandalism, conspiracy and burglary tool possession charges, according to jail records.
 5:24 a.m., Kammerer Road/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove police arrested Salina Ahumada, 35, on charges of firearm and ammunition possession, drug paraphernalia possession, and resisting arrest.
 12:11 p.m., 8400 block of Cold Water Court: Elk Grove police arrested Tamario Sims, 26, on warrant charges. Sims was wanted on domestic violence charges, according to jail records.
 12:52 p.m., 4900 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Nichole Van, 45, on warrant charges. Van was wanted on vandalism charges, according to jail records.

2:47 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 17-year-old on shoplifting charges.
 5:16 p.m., 9200 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Monica Corona, 45, on organized retail theft charges.
 5:30 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested an unidentified 16-year-old on shoplifting charges.
 6:56 p.m., 9600 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Franco Aguilar, 43, and Stacy Jenkins, 39, on charges of organized retail theft, grand theft, disobeying a peace officer and resisting arrest.
 11:47 p.m., Bradshaw Road/Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Christopher Williams, 30, on warrant charges. ★

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ABOUT TOWN

Old Fashioned Christmas in December

The Elk Grove Historical Society invites the community to its annual Old Fashioned Christmas on weekends in December. The society's grounds and three museums have been lavishly decorated for the holidays, and they will open to the public, 3-7 p.m., on Dec. 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. Activities will include cookie decorating and opportunities to take photos with Santa Claus. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The Elk Grove Historical Society is located at 9941 Stockton Blvd.

Feickert Park Neighbors Present Pancakes & Pics With Santa

You're invited Dec. 14 for free professional photos by www.eyephotou.com with Santa and free pancakes, coffee, danish, etc. The event will run from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Feickert Park, 9310 Emerald Vista Drive, Elk Grove. No RSVP is needed!

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American Legion Post 55 Hosting a County Veterans Service Officer

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Service Officer at District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr. EG in the Veterans Hall Offices on the 2nd Friday of the month.

The Officer will be there from 9-3pm. For an appointment call Larry Sahota 916-847-3184.

Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for December

The Widowed Persons Social Club (WPSC) will host the following activities in November. Attendees can join up to three gatherings before joining the club. For information on membership, contact Bonnie Dale at (916) 422-1522.

Dec 10 - 12:00 Noon - Christmas Party at Valley Hi Country Club 9595 Franklin Blvd. Contact is Pat B 916-802-4524

Dec 11 - 10:30 AM - WPSC Board Meeting at Patt Taylor's home 9883 Hatherton Way Elk Grove

Dec 11 - 12:00 Noon - Christmas Gift Exchange Mimi's Café 9195 W Stockton Blvd. Contact is Barbara 916-516-6009

Dec 13- 12:00 Noon no-host Lunch followed

by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 East Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Dec 15 - 10:00 AM Pinochle at Mountain Mike's, 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923

Dec 18 - 11:30 PM American Mah Jongg at Oaks Mobile Park, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Dianne 951-233-3138

or Celine 916-606-7833

Dec 22 - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at Mountain Mike's, 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781.

Dec 27 - 1:00 PM - Book Club at Carol Stetskal's Home, contact Carole at 916-685-3981

Dec 28 - 12:00 Noon - Bunco at Mountain Mikes 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402

A widowed person may attend up to three events before joining WPSC.

Contact Bonnie Dale at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership

Elk Grove Community Band Holiday Concert Dec. 11

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's next concert is set for Dec. 11. The free concert for the community is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The Dec. 11 program will include "Fanfare for Christmas," "Good Swing Wenceslas," "Silent Night," "Sleigh Ride" and three movements from the "Holst Winter Suite." Additional concerts are set for Feb. 5, 2024; April 8, 2024; and May 20, 2024. More about the band is at elk-grovecommunityband.org

Caregivers Support Group's Weekly Meetings

The Caregivers Support Group meets every Tuesday at The Park, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive, from 10-11:30 a.m. They offer support for people who take care of friends or loved ones who have dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Aid Society sponsors this 25-year-old support group. Their meetings are anonymous and free.

EG Lions Club's Monthly Community Breakfasts

Community members are invited to enjoy breakfast every month at the Gil Albani Recreation Center, courtesy of the Elk Grove Lions Club.

This feast is held 8-10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. On the menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and fruit. The Lions also serve biscuits and gravy on special occasions.

Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. The Albani Recreation Center is at 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 233's Meetings

The American Legion Post 233, which was established 29 years ago, will have no meeting in December. Our January 2024 meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25 at the Elks Lodge in Elk Grove.

Please join us for the first Saturday of the month Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Social Breakfast.

The next Saturday breakfast will be Dec. 2 at 9:00 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Blvd and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99). We hope to see you there. The January 2024 breakfast is scheduled for Jan. 6, also at Mimi's Cafe.

The Elks Lodge is at 9240 Survey Road.

For more information, contact Henry at (916) 205-9296 or Sue at (916) 683-6128, or visit them at www.ElkGrovePost233.com

Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove's Monthly Meetings

The Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove invites the public to their monthly meetings at Mountain Mike's Pizza on Bruceville Road. Each gathering will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The restaurant is at 8211 Bruceville Road, Sacramento, and is near the Target store and Cosumnes River College. For more information, email kiwanisleg@gmail.com or visit www.LagunaElkGroveKiwanis.org.

American Legion Post 55's Monthly Meetings

Elk Grove's new American Legion Post 55 will meet at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall. This hall is at the District56 center, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

For more information, call (916) 585-3807, email p55eg2022@gmail.com, or visit www.Post55.AmericanLegionElkGrove.com.

Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings

The Marine Corps League, Detachment #1238 of Elk Grove resumed their monthly meetings at the Veterans Hall inside the District56 center. They meet every first Thursday of the month.

Their next gathering will be held on Nov. 2 - the dinner and social hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

District56 is at 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. The Veterans Hall is next to the Senior Center of Elk Grove.

Toastmaster Club's Meetings

Local community members are invited to improve their public speaking and leadership skills with Elk Grove's Speaking Machine Toastmasters Club.

They meet every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive.

For more information, visit www.SpeakingMachine.org or call (916) 202-5563.

Local Girl Scout Group Seeks New Members, Leaders

A group called, Discover Girl Scouts in Elk Grove invites girls from across the Elk Grove region to check out the Girl Scouts and attend their "virtual" or online meetings.

They are seeking members as well as new leaders to help form new Girl Scout troops.

Those interested can visit their Facebook group, Discover Girl Scouts in Elk Grove. Parents whose children attend schools east of Highway 99 can email Kara@ElkGroveGirlScouts.com.

com, and those who have children who attend schools west of Highway 99 in the Laguna and Franklin areas can contact Regina@LagunaGirlScouts.com.

Volunteers wanted at EG Community Garden

The Elk Grove Community Garden's staff seeks volunteers to help them maintain their garden and to also serve on their board.

They have monthly workdays at their location at 10025 Hampton Oak Drive, near McConnell Park. Those who are interested in helping the garden are advised to check on their Facebook page for work dates.

For more information on volunteering, visit www.ElkGroveCommunityGarden.org or call (916) 893-8863.

EG Food Bank Seeks Volunteers

The Elk Grove Food Bank needs volunteers to help clients and sort donations at their warehouse. The facility is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

Those interested in helping the food bank can obtain applications on their website, www.elkgrovefoodbank.org or by visiting their office at 9888 Kent St.

For more information, call (916) 685-8453.

Project R.I.D.E. needs volunteers

Project R.I.D.E., a local therapeutic horseback-riding program for

students with special needs, is seeking volunteers who are ages 14 or over.

Volunteers are needed for tasks such as assisting in lessons, handling horses, and performing stable duties. Shifts are available on weekdays, year-round. No experience is needed.

To register for the next monthly training, call (916) 685-7433 or visit www.projectride.org. Their facility is at 8840 Southside Ave., behind Jessie Baker School.

Discovery Shop Seeks Volunteers with Trucks

The American Cancer Society seeks volunteers who own trucks and can pick up donated furniture for their Discovery Shop in Elk Grove. They have a "Pick Up" program for donors who can't deliver their furniture to the store.

Community members who are interested in volunteering can contact Phyllis or Diana at the Discovery Shop at (916) 685-7449. Their shop is at 8470 Elk Grove Blvd., near the Elk Grove Auto Mall.

Volunteers Wanted at EG Discovery Shop

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Elk Grove seeks volunteers for several positions. Shifts are four hours to four-and-half hours per week, but the staff is flexible.

For more information, visit 8470 Elk Grove Blvd., near Auto Center Drive, or contact Jenee, Phyllis, or Diana at (916) 685-7449. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Community members can watch these meetings online and submit public comments for the officials to review.

The Elk Grove City Council has their regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. To view the meeting, visit the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Elk Grove Planning Commission has their online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. A live video stream of this meeting can be viewed at the city of Elk Grove's website, www.ElkGroveCity.org.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meeting at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month.

They govern the Cosumnes Fire Department as well as Elk Grove's parks and recreation system. The CSD board meetings can be watched live at www.CosumnesCSD.gov and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees will have their regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12 starting at 6 p.m.. This meeting will be held in-person at the Trigg Education Center, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road. Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.EGUSD.net. Past board meetings can be watched on the district's YouTube channel, "ElkGroveUnified." ★

The Florin Resource Conservation District Board, which governs the Elk Grove Water District, holds online meetings every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are held via the Zoom application. To access them, visit the district's website, www.egwd.org.

The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District Board will have in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They will meet at their district office at 8540 Elk Grove Blvd. Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. For meeting agendas, visit www.EGCCD.com. ★



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Drain Time Inc, 9880 Waterman Road Suite 140, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Drain Time Plumbing" 9880 Waterman Road Suite 140, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2023
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Babita Sharma, 7995 Shasta Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coastline Realty/Coastline Mortgage" 7995 Shasta Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2023
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COASTLINE 12-22-23

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV011912
Becky Lynn Boyd has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Becky Lynn Boyd to Becky Lynn Horak. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March, 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 17, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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HORAK 12-22-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV007607
Abdul Aleem Kaker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bibi Khujesta Kaker to Khujesta Kaker. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 1, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
KAKER 12-29-23

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 114400-CA APN: 119-1290-106-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/12/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 1/18/2024 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/30/2006 in Book 20060630 Page 1877 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: KENNETH OKWUOSA AND LUKEITHIA OKWUOSA, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH ST., SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5104 FELICIA WY, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any,

shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$377,825.15 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 114400-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 114400-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108
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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: DESIREE LEWIS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust Recorded on 10/29/2004, in Book 20041029, Page 2328, of Official Records of Sacramento County, California; Date of Sale: 12/19/2023 at 01:30 PM Place of Sale: East Entrance County Courthouse, 720 9th St, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$197,635.21 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4822 MISSION BEACH CTELK GROVE, CA 95758-5122 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust .A.P.N #.: 119-0830-088-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 2/1/2024 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/21/2007 in Book 20070321 Page 0330 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: WILLIE BURSE AND MAE RUTH BURSE, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH ST., SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 36, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF "FINAL MAP OF SUBDIVISION NO. 97-0251.3 ARCADIAN VILLAGE UNIT C-1", FILED FOR RECORD ON DECEMBER 6, 2002, IN BOOK 307 OF MAPS, PAGE 10 ET SEQ., SACRAMENTO COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, WITHOUT ANY RIGHTS TO THE SURFACE, AS RESERVED IN THE DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1984 IN BOOK 841018, PAGE 161, OFFICIAL RECORDS. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8736 BLUE MAIDEN WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$615,073.30 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. 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NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 107012-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108
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APN: 128-0340-101-0000 TS No.: 22-04759CA TSG Order No.: 220620295-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded September 28, 2006 as Book No.: 20060928 Page No.: 1884 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Charles DeLaRosa and E Ann DeLaRosa, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: December 29, 2023 Sale Time: 2:00 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 File No.: 22-04759CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9381 Stabgate Road, Wilton, CA 95693-9208. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$488,306.87 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 22-04759CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-04759CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. File No.: 22-04759CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. Dated

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TRUSTEE SALE

: November 16, 2023 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0443526 To: ELK GROVE CITIZEN
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 23-01401-LC-CA Title No. 230336537-CA-VOI A.P.N. 132-2060-040-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/22/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Steven Wong and Natalie A. Wong, husband and wife Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 09/27/2016 as Instrument No. Book 20160927 Page 1181 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: 01/09/2024 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$478,519.31 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9948 Dove Shell Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 A.P.N.: 132-2060-040-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be

a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 23-01401-LC-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-01401-LC-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 11/21/2023 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line : Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Deandre Garland, Trustee Sales Representative A-4802714 ELK GROVE CITIZEN
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YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the accrued principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): HERBERT L. ALLEN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 10/27/2006 as Book 20061027, Page 0379 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/23/2024 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of accrued balance and other charges: \$719,775.74 The purported property address is: 9189 DAYLOR STREET, ELK GROVE, CA 95758 Assessor's Parcel No. : 119-1170-018-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the trustee: CA-23-957516-NJ. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are

an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-957516-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-23-957516-NJ IDSPub #0189734 ELK GROVE CITIZEN
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 2023-00371-CA A.P.N.:127-0560-078-0000 PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要
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정보 요약서가 있습니다
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INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUU Y: KEM THEO ĐÀY LÀ BÀN TRÌNH BÀY TÒM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: DAVID R LAND, A SINGLE MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 12/21/2004 as Instrument No. --- in book 20041221, page0373 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 01/11/2024 at 01:30 PM Place of Sale: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$434,591.15 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9449 LOCKFORD WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95624 A.P.N.: 127-0560-078-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$434,591.15. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there

are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2023-00371-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-00371-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: November 23, 2023 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **Joseph Kerr Middle School, Roofing Replacement @ 8 Portables** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **3:30 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$25 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m. at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves removal of existing metal roof to plywood deck, remove gutters and leave downspouts in place, install one layer of ¼" coverboard, install TPA single ply roof system and associated flashings, edge metal etc., and install new gutters and tie into existing downspouts. This project requires a **Class C-39** license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements apply to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

BY: Michael Bean
Senior Construction Manager
Elk Grove Unified School District

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Elk Grove Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive sealed proposals for the **C.W. Dillard Elementary School, Flood Damage Remediation** project at Facilities and Planning Department, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Room 206, Elk Grove, California 95624 until **2:30 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023**, at which time bids will be opened.

Each bid must conform to the requirements of the Drawings and Project Manual and other documents comprising the Contract Documents, which are available from Signature Reprographics, 620 Sunbeam Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 454-0800. Prime Contractors may obtain copies for a non-refundable cost of **\$50 per set**. Signature Reprographics maintains the project plan holders' list so it is a requirement that prospective bidders purchase their plans from Signature Reprographics to ensure that all potential bidders possess a complete set of documents including any addenda for the project. Plans may be previewed online at www.egusdplans.com

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m. at C. W. Dillard Elementary School, 9721 Dillard Road, Wilton, CA 95693**. The District's Representative and Architect will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves patching and repairing damaged wall finishes along with minor demolition work on an active and occupied school campus. This project requires a **Class B** license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements apply to this project.

NOTE: The complete Notice to Contractors is included in the bid documents.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Sacramento County, California

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Elk Grove Unified School District

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A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.** at the **Rio Cazadero High School, 7825 Grandstaff Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823**. The District's Representative will be present to discuss the project. Bids received from parties not attending this mandatory pre-bid conference will be rejected as non-responsive. All bidders are **required** to attend the pre-bid conference in its entirety.

This project involves the installation of new roof systems per specifications and details. This project requires a **Class C-39** license.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.* payment of the appropriate general prevailing rate of wages for all crafts employed on the public works site is required of the Contractor and all subcontractors. Compliance with California Education Code Section 45125.1 mandating fingerprinting requirements applies to this project.

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Elk Grove Citizen 12-1 - 12-8-2023

City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove shall hold a public hearing on proposed fees for the Elk Grove Aquatics Center (EGAC) and the Center at District56 (the Center).

The City Council will hold a public hearing whereby oral and written presentations may be made regarding the proposed fees.

The fees are for the rental of facilities and provision of services (including, without limitation, aquatic classes, swim lessons, staffing, and swim meet fees) associated with EGAC. The EGAC fees will be administered by the Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) who operates the facility. The fees align with recently adopted CCSD fees and are comparable to other municipal aquatic facilities within the region.

The Center fees are for the rental of facilities and amenities at the building. The fees will be administered by the City of Elk Grove. The fees are comparable to other event rental facilities in the area, and the fees do not exceed the estimated cost to provide the service for which the fee is charged.

Elk Grove Aquatics Center (EGAC) Fees	Current EGAC Fee	Recommended EGAC Fee
Recreation Swim		
Wristband Early Rate Pass Purchase	None	\$40
Wristband Regular Rate Pass Purchase	None	\$45
Aquatic Courses		
Certification Classes	\$50 - \$250/class	\$50 - \$260/class
Lifeguard Training		
Lifeguard Review		
Lifeguard Instructor		
Water Safety Instructor		
Basic Water Rescue		
Swim Lesson – Group (per class)	\$8 - \$20/class	\$9 - \$30/class
Semi-Private – 4 classes (30 minutes)		
Group – 4 classes (30 minutes)		
Group – 8 classes (30 minutes)		
Group – 2 classes (40 minutes)		
Swim Lesson – Private (per class)	\$26 - \$37/class	\$26 - \$40/class
Private – 4 classes (30 minutes)		
Private – 2 classes (40 minutes)		
Aquatic Rentals		
Pools (per hour)		
Per lane/per hour	\$10 Short Course (25 yards) \$15 Long Course (50 meters)	\$12 Short Course (25 yards) \$18 Long Course (50 meters)
Half-Day Meet (3 – 8 Hours)	\$1,600	\$1,800
Full Day Meet (8+ - 15 hours)	\$2,500	\$3,000
Meets over 15 hours billed hourly	None	\$225/hour
Pool Cabana / Canopy / Private Shade Rental	\$30 / \$24*	\$40 / \$38*
Recreation Pool / Treasure Island up to 100 participants – private pool party rental for 2 hours	\$175 / \$140*	\$350 / \$280*
Splash Pool Parties (outdoor) up to 30 participants for 2 hours	\$250 / \$200*	\$300 / \$240*
Splash Pool Parties (indoor) up to 30 participants for 2 hours	\$300 / \$240*	\$330 / \$265*

*Services have dual fees to provide a discounted rate to Laguna Ridge Residents

The Center at District56 Rental Fees	Current Fees	Recommended Fees
Main Hall 12-Hour Peak Laguna Ridge Resident / Elk Grove Non-Profit	\$3,000	\$3,300
Main Hall 12-Hour Peak Elk Grove Resident / Non-Profit Serving Elk Grove	\$3,300	\$3,600
Main Hall 12-Hour Peak Non-Elk Grove Residents / Other	\$3,630	\$3,930
Non-Peak Hourly Laguna Ridge Resident/Elk Grove Non-Profit	\$160	\$175
Non-Peak Hourly Elk Grove Resident/Non-Profit Serving Elk Grove	\$175	\$190
Non-Peak Hourly Non-Elk Grove Residents / Other	\$190	\$205
Individual Room Rate Off Peak Laguna Ridge Resident/Elk Grove Non-Profit	\$110	\$120
Individual Room Rate Off Peak Elk Grove Resident/Non-Profit Serving Elk Grove	\$125	\$135
Individual Room Rate Off Peak Non-Elk Grove Residents / Other	\$140	\$150
Kitchen Rental with Individual Room Rental	\$75	\$85
Veterans Hall Hourly Laguna Ridge Resident/Elk Grove Non-Profit	\$75	\$100
Veterans Hall Hourly Elk Grove Resident/Non-Profit Serving Elk Grove	\$100	\$125
Veterans Hall Hourly Non-Elk Grove Residents / Other	\$125	\$150
Conference Room Hourly Peak Laguna Ridge Resident/Elk Grove Non-Profit	\$50	\$75
Conference Room Hourly Elk Grove Resident/Non-Profit Serving Elk Grove	\$65	\$90
Conference Room Hourly Non-Elk Grove Residents / Other	\$80	\$105
Staffing Rates (per hour)		
Staffing Rate (required for events exceeding 300 attendees)	\$20	\$25
Security Staffing Rate (All events serving/selling alcohol; or events over 150 with no alcohol) Rate is per guard per hour	\$30	\$50
Other Rental Amenities		
Portable Bar Rental	\$50	\$150
Wedding Arch	\$50	\$100

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Lana Yoshimura, Community Event Center Manager, at (916) 627-3214. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA, 95758, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (916) 478-3635. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

Elk Grove Citizen 12-1 - 12-8-2023

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Elk Grove City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, to consider the following matter:

A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHING AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT ALONG ELK GROVE BOULEVARD FROM SCHOOL STREET TO WATERMAN ROAD.

Should the City Council designate this portion of Elk Grove Boulevard as an underground utility district, all poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead structures located within the district boundary shall be removed, with the exception of electroliers used exclusively for street lightings, and other exceptions noted in Elk Grove Municipal Code Sections 12.20.050, 12.20.060 and any other applicable laws or regulations.

As part of the Old Town Elk Grove Streetscape Phase 2 Project (WTR012), anticipated to begin construction in 2025, the City will coordinate with utility companies to facilitate undergrounding utilities along Elk Grove Boulevard from School Street to Waterman Road. The undergrounding will be performed at no cost to the residents, businesses, and property owners within the proposed underground utility district.

Information or questions regarding this item should be referred to Christina Castro, Capital Program Division Manager, 916-627-3339 or ccastro@elkgrovecity.org; or to the Office of Public Works, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

The live meeting can be viewed via the City's website at http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/city_government/live_archived_broadcasts

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Dated / Published: December 8, 2023

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ARTS CALENDAR

Elk Grove Dust Bowl Upcoming Events

Here are some of the upcoming local artists playing at our taproom:
Thursday, Dec. 14

Lindsay Gang
5pm-8pm
Folk, Americana

Thursday, Dec. 21
The Taylor Chicks
5pm-8pm
Folk, Country

Thursday, Dec. 28

James Drip
5pm-8pm
Rock, Blues

Elk Grove's Dust Bowl Brewing Taphouse is located at 9679 Railroad St. in Old Town Elk Grove.

For more information, please visit dustbowlbrewing.com

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

Check out the local website for featured rotating local artist. The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is at 9683 Elk Grove-Florin Road in the Emerald Park Plaza shopping center. They are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays. Visit us every

First Saturday from 4-7PM at the Center for refreshments, an opportunity to meet featured artists, and enjoy live music. For more information, visit www.ElkGroveFineArtsCenter.org or call (916) 685-5992.

A Seat at the Table Books

This bookstore is hosting these ongoing events at their bookstore: every Wednesday, 4:30-5 p.m., Reading Circle Storytime with Samantha Tucey; every Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m., Family Storytime; every Saturday, 10:45-11:15 a.m., Mindfulness Drop-in Group with the store's co-owner Ryan; every first Friday, 5:30-6 p.m., Aloha Friday Storytime with Sergio; every first Friday, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Poetry Night, admission is \$15, which includes a \$10 voucher for anything in the store, suitable for ages 16 or older. A Seat at the Table Books is at 9257 Laguna Springs Drive. For more information, visit www.ASeatAtTheTableBooks.org or call (916) 538-3482.

Elk Grove Artists Inc. (EGA)

Each month, Elk Grove Artists Inc. engages established and recognized guest artists who conduct workshops, presentations, demos, critiques and more, often sharing stories and experiences that inspire their creativity. To sign up for future workshop notices, call (916) 715-3749 or (916) 591-7446, or visit elkgroveartists@att.net.

View artwork from Elk Grove

At: <http://webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicart-telkgrove/>. The Elk Grove Arts Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide for the benefit of the residents and visitors that includes a comprehensive inventory of art pieces and art events in Elk Grove. If you know of a piece or event missing from the guide that should be included, contact the city of Elk Grove's community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura at lyoshimura@elkgrovecity.org ★



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Sheriff Jim Cooper's Open Letter Regarding Retail Theft and the CRA

Dear Constituents,

The California Retailers Association (CRA) has made several misleading and inconsistent statements regarding a pending ballot initiative to address California's retail theft crisis.

CLAIM: On August 22, 2023, the CRA president, joined prosecutors in filing a ballot measure to address retail theft. Details of the proposed ballot measure can be found at <https://www.action.goldenstatecommunities.com/pages/pro47>

The CRA president was an officer of the committee supporting the ballot measure and has repeatedly stated her support for this initiative. As recently as November 10, 2023, she told local media that she has been working "so hard" to fix Proposition 47 and put this initiative on the ballot.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRciB5JLsQ>

FACT: In direct contradiction of this claim, in a November 15th Sacramento Bee article, the CRA president stated, "passing a ballot initiative isn't the solution,"

suggesting that the crisis can be cured by simply making retail theft misdemeanors subject to a mandatory appearance in court.

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/crime/article281796698.html>

Anyone with experience in this realm should know that a misdemeanor approach will solve nothing. Existing law already requires individuals to appear in court when cited or arrested for misdemeanor crimes. In fact, thousands of individuals in jurisdictions across California fail to appear on misdemeanor crimes following the issuance of a citation, arrest, or even court order. In Sacramento County alone, we have over 33,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The volume of misdemeanor warrants issued for those who fail to appear is enormous and already unmanageable for law enforcement.

As a result of Proposition 47 ("Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act"), individuals who repeatedly commit theft and drug crimes suffer no consequences. People with drug and mental health issues,

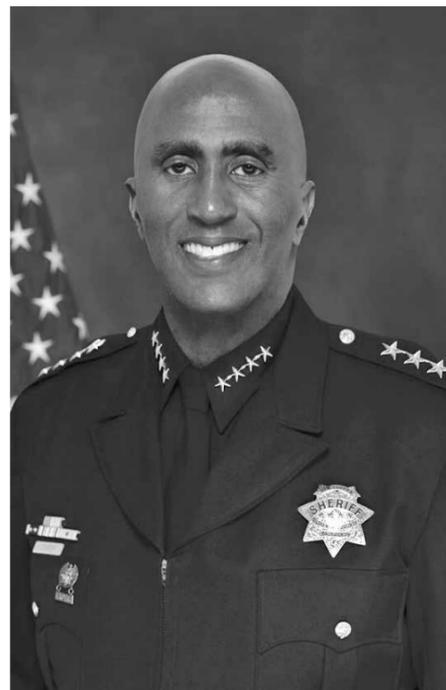
therefore, have no incentive to get treatment. Proposition 47 clearly states that any effort to increase penalties related to theft or drug crimes requires voter approval.

https://repository.uclawsf.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2328&context=ca_ballot_props

Per Proposition 47, the legislature has no power to make any meaningful change to address the retail theft crisis California faces. Given the extraordinary losses suffered by the retail industry and the significant impact it has on the consumer, I express my deepest concerns about California Retail Association President Rachel Michelin's willingness to misrepresent to the public the facts on these critical matters.

While I still have my reservations because of their past history, I am hopeful we can find some common ground with the big box retailers and work together to resolve the crisis of retail theft.

Jim Cooper
Sacramento County Sheriff



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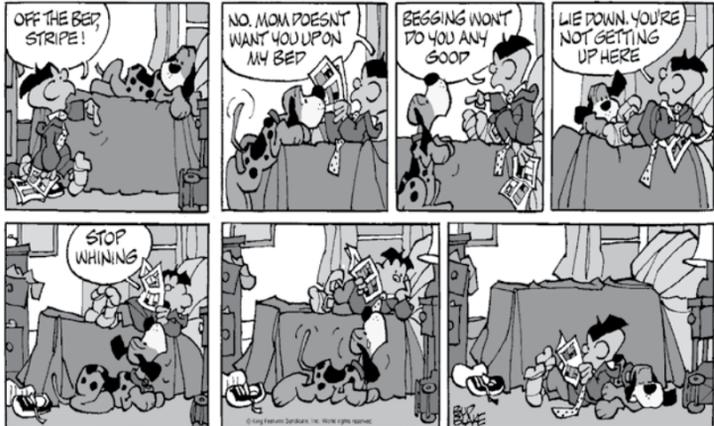
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What Is Your Reason for Giving This Season?

Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

This is the time of year that many of us consider our charitable-donation budget. But as we decide how much to give, perhaps we also ought to calculate why we give.

In his list called "Eight Degrees of Charity," the 13th century Rabbi Moses Maimonides offers wise council for weighing our motives.

I've mentioned his list a few times in this column, but like Dicken's "Christmas Carol," the list inspires me each time I revisit it. The unabridged catalogue can be found on my website, but since it has many nuances, allow me this paraphrased summary.

Maimonides describes his list as a ladder, so let's begin at the bottom rung, the lowest form of charity.

8. Sometimes we give only because we are uncomfortable with our wealth. This sentiment is aptly described by Tibetan Buddhist Trungpa Rinpoche as "Idiot compassion." You can see it in the actions of retirees like me who did this during the pandemic. As our savings bulged with stimulus checks and investment returns, we started giving to the local foodbank. No judgment here. I think Maimonides would say that most charity is good charity. Still,

it's hard to sort our good motives from our lesser ones. That's why the rabbi encouraged us to work our way up the ladder.

7. Let us give cheerfully but not too much. We do this by dropping a few bucks in the Salvation Army kettle or the church offering. We smile generously, but we know it's woefully inadequate.

6. Just ask me and I'll donate. Generous, yes. But why must we be asked first? In Honduras, as in many Latin countries, people of all income levels will carry charity money to give to those who ask. The San Francisco company GoFundMe began with the premise of giving to those who ask. The tragic drama in many requests inspires us to give. In 2021 they generated \$22.6M in revenue.

5. Let's give without being asked. This sounds like a clean motive but it's low on the ladder because the giver may be doing it to gain attention. On one hand, it's the kind of giving we might do when we say we pick up the dinner check. On the positive side, it's the kind of giving we do when a neighbor needs our assistance.

4. We should give to those we don't know, but they should know who we are. A lot of us achieve this when we give to the homeless woman at the intersection. It's a kind act, but there's no way to avoid making the recipient feel less-than.

3. I like to give anonymously but I need to know who's getting it. This may seem like a high form of giving, but not quite. Maimonides cautions that since "subconsciously, the giver might gain a pleasure and a sense of power over the recipient, this detracts from his act."

2. I like to give anonymously and don't want anyone to know This one is tricky, but the best modern-day example is the Salvation Army Kettle. Your donation helps the poor, but you will never know who they are, and they will never know who you are. You have no say in where the money goes and cannot take it back. And the highest degree of charity motive on Maimonides list is...

1. Let's form a business partnership with the poor. "What?" you ask. "Business is not charity!" The rabbi considered this the highest charitable form because it "strengthens the hand of the poor through either a gift or an interest-free loan." Surprisingly, Maimonides considered the loan better than an outright gift "since the poor are not shamed."

This charity is best illustrated in the saying, "Give a person a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime."

It's this charitable approach that has inspired me to proudly promote Chispa Project in this column for the past eight years.

Chispa establishes libraries in Honduran elementary schools with the help of Honduran teachers, parents and students who will organize, plan and monitor the libraries.

Each Honduran community is asked to raise a symbolic portion of the costs (less than 4% of the total project). In this way Maimonides highest principle is applied and the schools establish ownership, pride, and better sustainability of the library.

"Pure" charity is about improving the

lives of others, not our own. Yet still I think even Maimonides would have to admit that sometimes we need to do something to feel better. Regardless of our motive, someone is helped.

In any case none of us have a pure heart, so thankfully most charities are able to help those in need regardless of our motive to give.

Maimonides' full writing is available at <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/maimonides-ladder-of-tzedakah/>

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The Chispa Project still needs your help to meet our Giving Tuesday goal. Funds are needed for new school year in Honduras, that runs from February to November. Donate at <https://www.chispa-project.org/nextchapter>.

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RELIGION NEWS

Sermon topics at EG Presbyterian Church in Dec.

JAZZ AND BLUES HOUR

One of the monthly events we host at our church is the "Jazz and Blues Hour". The Papa Day Blues Band performed on Nov 5 th .This was the last performance for this year, but this concert series will resume in the spring.

SCOTTY INMAN CONCERT

Another musical event, recently sponsored by our church and Diane Sakakihara, was the Scotty Inman concert at District 56. This was a fundraiser primarily for Sacramento Stand Down, Chicks in Crisis and Elk Grove Food Bank. About 140 people enjoyed the concert and Scotty was joined by the Herb Henry Family of Modesto and local singer Bill Miller. It was a great evening of gospel music with a country flair. During the concert, our veterans were honored with a special salute to those who have served.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Under our sanctuary "Giving" Tree we are now

collecting items (or checks) for Chicks in Crisis and Elk Grove Food Bank. Special events coming up include an Advent potluck at church, a Women's Christmas Tea and our Annual Christmas Party. The December 24th Christmas Eve service will be held at 10 am.

SERMON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER

Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics for the remainder of the year: Dec 10 th – The Beginnings of Faith; Dec 17 th – What Do We Anticipate; Dec 24 th (Morning of Christmas Eve) – Beware of Angels' Greetings; Dec 31 st – Rick Hall guest minister. Rev. Deter McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Light of the Valley's Service Times

The Light of the Valley Lutheran Church updated their service times.

Traditional services will be held at 8:45 a.m., and contemporary services will start at 10:30 a.m.

Light of the Valley is at 9270 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove. For more information, call (916) 691-3568 or visit www.LightOfTheValley.net.

Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Services

Community members are invited to the Field of Hope United Church of Christ's Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. at 9624 Melrose Ave., Elk Grove. Sunday School and nursery services are available.

For more information, visit www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass schedule

Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass. Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon on Sundays. They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The church's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays.

For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and center the code, 55321.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church is at 8700 Bradshaw Road.

Grace Church Welcomes You to Join Us as We Worship the One True God

Begin your week with a congregation who seeks to glorify Jesus Christ through singing and God's Word, the Bible. Sunday worship service begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Our gatherings are at 9766 Waterman Road, Suite F (next to the Mel Dogs restaurant). For more information, call (916) 714-3444 or email: office@gracechurcheg.org. Check out our website at www.GraceChurchEG.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church Offers Food Pantry

All Nations Seventh-Day Adventist Church is offering a food pantry

for community members in need. This pantry is open every second and third Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Organizers request identification such as a driver's license, Social Security card, or a food stamp card before they offer supplies to recipients.

For more information, contact Rudy at (916) 271-9315. The church is located at 8280 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Sacramento.

Good Shepherd Parish Group Helps Needy in Area

St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in the Laguna Creek area of Elk Grove maintains a small storage locker for items for the needy in the church's immediate area, ZIP codes 95757 and 95758.

Members help those in need with utility bills when funds are available, and have clothing and miscellaneous items available on Monday mornings. They do home visits to assess the needs

of the family and discuss furniture needs on a one-on-one basis. The organization also offers assistance with utility bills.

St. Vincent de Paul's hours of operation are 10-11 a.m. from Oct. 1 through April 30, and 9-10 a.m. from May 1 through Sept. 30.

It is located on the south side of the church parking lot, 9539 Racquet Court, near the tennis courts of the Racquet Club. For more information, call (916) 647-1243.

Chabad of Elk Grove's weekly Torah classes

Local community members are invited to attend weekly Torah classes that will be offered by Chabad of Elk Grove. Each class will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at a private location.

The course, "Flashbacks in Jewish History" will examine how our past informs our future. Rabbi Chaim Groner is leading the discussion. Classes are free.

For location, call (916) 724-4443. ★

Places of Worship

Full Gospel Church

9286 E. Stockton Blvd.,
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Pastor Daniels

916-685-6607

Tuesday Prayer Healing 6pm

Sunday School 10am

Sunday Worship 11am

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.

Pastor Joe Dapelo

916-689-7300

Sunday Services:

Traditional 8:30 a.m. | Blended 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>

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In addition to our regular church services, we have the following additional services:

Christmas Eve Services: 6 pm and 8 pm.

Christmas Day Service: 10am

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday at either our traditional service at 8:45 am or our contemporary service at 10:30 am.

Find us at 9270 Bruceville Road in Elk Grove or watch us at lightofthevalley.net

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Sac State Turnovers Costly in FCS Playoff Loss

By HornetSports.com

VERMILLION, S.D. (MPG) —Sacramento State fell behind early with two first half turnovers and was not able to recover in a 34-24 loss at No. 3 South Dakota in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs Dec. 2 at the DakotaDome.

The victory ends the Hornet season with an 8-5 overall record. The Coyotes improved to 10-2, and will host the winner of the North Dakota State-Montana State game in the quarterfinals next weekend.

A week after playing a near-perfect first half in the first-round win at North Dakota, Sacramento State was plagued by early miscues which led to South Dakota taking control of the game. The Coyotes scored first with a 37-yard field goal from Will Leyland.

The lead quickly grew early in the second quarter as USD scored twice in the first minute of the period. The team's first touchdown was set up by an interception on a pass which deflected off the hands of a Hornet receiver. South Dakota faced 3rd-and-10 from the Hornet 18 but was able to convert with a strike from Aidan Bauman to Javion Phelps.

The Hornets had a great start to the ensuing drive with a 33-yard rush from Marshel Martin to bring the ball into USD territory. However, on the next play, the ball was jarred from the ball carrier and recovered by Mi'Quise Grace who returned it 56 yards for a touchdown to make it 17-0 and give South Dakota two touchdowns in 38 seconds.

Sacramento State found the end zone for the first time on its next drive. Kaiden Bennett was shaken up on the first play of the series and replaced by Carson Camp who completed 2-of-3 passes for 36 yards and also rushed for 24 yards during the drive. Marcus Fulcher scored from 2 yards for his seventh rushing, and ninth

total touchdown, of the season.

USD answered quickly needing just two plays to score a touchdown of its own. Tight end JD Galbreath found himself uncovered in the Hornet secondary and traveled 75 yards for a score.

Following a fumble recovery by Dillon Juniell, the Hornets traveled 59 yards on eight plays to make the score 24-14 at the half. The Hornets scored on another 2-yard rush from Fulcher with 14 seconds left in the second quarter.

South Dakota was able to dim hope of a Hornet comeback with a 10-play, 63-yard touchdown drive late in the third quarter. The Coyotes chewed over five minutes off the clock and scored on 3rd-and-goal with a 3-yard run from Travis Theis.

The Hornets moved the ball to the 10-yard line but were forced to settle for a 28-yard field goal from Zach Schreiner to pull the team within two scores (31-17). The drive was aided by a 48-yard completion from Camp to Anderson Grover. The field goal was the 14th of the season for Schreiner who moved into a five-way tie for third place in school single-season history.

After USD matched the score with a 34-yard field goal from Leyland, Sacramento State added the final points of the game with a 3-yard pass from Camp to Jared Gipson. The Hornets' onside kick attempt was recovered by South Dakota which was able to run out the clock.

The stats were balanced between the two teams with Sacramento State compiling 350 yards on 62 plays while the Coyotes had 368 yards on 58 plays.

Fulcher led the team with 63 rushing yards while Martin added 41 rushing yards. Gipson had a game-high six receptions, and Grover led all players with 79 yards on three catches.

Gavin Davis-Smith paced the Hornets with 10 total tackles and was



Sacramento State's football season is over after a 34-24 loss to South Dakota on Dec. 2. Photo courtesy HornetSports.com

followed by true freshman Anta'Veon McKenzie and senior Armon Bailey who each had seven.

College of San Mateo 30, American River College 27

SAN MATEO, CA. (MPG) - American River College was down 30-13 heading into the final quarter, scored twice but couldn't a third time and lost to College of San Mateo, 30-27, in the CCCAA's Northern California Regional football championship game.

Robert Freeman scored on a 20-yard pass from Kenneth Lueth with 8:34 remaining to bring the Beavers to within three points of San Mateo. Anthony Grigsby (Cosumnes Oaks H.S.) led San Mateo with 294 yards passing and three TD passes.

Freeman had eight receptions for 116 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Beavers who conclude the season with a 10-2 record.

San Mateo now moves on to the State championship game Dec. 9 against either Riverside City or Ventura.

-by John Hull, Citizen Sports Editor ★

CIF STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES

Open Division –

Serra vs. Mater Dei, 12/9 8 p.m. at Saddleback College

Division 1-AA

DeLaSalle vs. Mission Viejo, 12/8 8 p.m. at Saddleback College

Division 1-A

Folsom vs. St. Bonaventure, 12/9 3:30 p.m. at Saddleback College

Division 2-AA

Grant vs. LaSerna, 12/8, 4 p.m. at Saddleback College

Division 2-A

Los Gatos vs. Central Valley Christian, 12/9 7 p.m. at Pasadena City College

Division 3-AA

Acalanes vs. Birmingham, 12/9 11:30 a.m. at Saddleback College

Division 3-A

Marin Catholic vs. Mayfair, 12/9 7 p.m. at El Camino College

Division 4-AA

Soquel vs. Jurupa Hills, 12/8 8 p.m. at Pasadena City College

Division 4-A

Palma vs. Mission Oak, 12/9, 3 p.m. at Pasadena City College

Division 5-AA

Pleasant Valley vs. Ramona, 12/8, 8 p.m. at El Camino College

Division 5-A

Woodland Christian vs. Banning, 12/9 3 p.m. at El Camino College

Division 6-AA

St. Vincent de Paul vs. Wasco, 12/8, 4 p.m. at Pasadena City College

Division 6-A

Colusa vs. Sweetwater, 12/9, 11 a.m. at El Camino College

Division 7-AA

Ferndale vs. Fairfax, 12/8, 4 p.m. at El Camino College

Division 7-A

Strathmore vs. Bell Gardens, 12/9, 11 a.m. at Pasadena City College

SCOREBOARD

Local Sports Results

Monday, Nov. 27

Boys Basketball

Armijo 53, Florin 52

Girls Basketball

Bradshaw Chr. 33, Florin 22

Christian Bros. 70, Pleasant Grove 46

Boys Soccer

Laguna Creek 1, Florin 0

Valley 4, Twelve Bridges 0

Monterey Trail 1, Tokay 1

Girls Soccer

Sheldon 2, Laguna Creek 2

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Boys Basketball

Laguna Creek 54, Vacaville 52

Franklin 47, Antelope 46

Whitney 66, Pleasant Grove 52

Girls Basketball

Franklin 47, Ponderosa 39

Cosumnes Oaks 82, West Park 49

Boys Soccer

Elk Grove 4, Liberty Ranch 1

Bradshaw Chr. 4, Capital Chr. 1

Sheldon 1, Cordova 0

Franklin 2, Lodi 1

Girls Soccer

Elk Grove 1, Monterey Trail 0

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Girls Basketball

Florin vs. Encina Prep

Pleasant Grove 57, Sacramento 25

Boys Soccer

McClatchy 3, Sheldon 0

Christian Bros. 1, Laguna Creek 0

Folsom 4, Cosumnes Oaks 2

Union Mine 2, Florin 1

Girls Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks 6, Bradshaw Chr. 0

Rosemont 1, Laguna Creek 1

Monterey Trail 1, West Campus 0

Thursday, Nov. 30

Boys Basketball

Franklin 58, Del Campo 52

Pleasant Grove 82, El Camino 57

Florin 70, Winters 48

Cosumnes Oaks 86, Hoopa Valley 58

Bradshaw Chr. 59, Natomas 58

Lodi 70, Fortune School 51

Monterey Trail 80, Analy 63

Cartwright Classic -

Liberty Ranch 44, McClatchy 32

St. Mary's 74, Edison 52

Elk Grove 57, Tokay 47

Woodcreek 63, Kennedy 54

Girls Basketball

Cosumnes Oaks 64, Chavez 24

Franklin 55, Cordova 13

Maria Carrillo 69, Pleasant Grove 35

Twelve Bridges 52, Valley 16

Rosemont 60, Florin 22

Edison 39, Elk Grove 33

Oakmont 54, Bradshaw Chr. 8

Men's College Basketball

James Clark Classic – CRC

Cosumnes River 78, Shasta 39

Boys Soccer

Pleasant Grove 3, Liberty Ranch 0

Girls Soccer

Sheldon 5, Galt 0

Burbank 1, Valley 0

Lodi 4, Elk Grove 0

Capital Christian 3, Florin 0

Friday, Dec. 1

CIF State Football NorCal Regional Championships

Division 1-AA

De LaSalle 41, Clovis North 0

Division 2-AA

Grant 41, Rocklin 14

Division 3-AA

Acalanes 49, Escalon 14

Division 4-AA

Soquel 42, Casa Roble 14

Division 5-AA

Pleasant Valley 31, Miramonte 12

Division 6-AA

St. Vincent de Paul 28, Palo Alto 26

Division 7-AA

Ferndale 32, Portola 7

Boys Basketball

Bradshaw Christian 64, Lathrop 31

Cosumnes Oaks 72, McKinleyville 54

Monterey Trail 77, San Marin 42

Franklin 44, Ponderosa 24

Cartwright Classic – Elk Grove H.S.

Consolation Bracket:

Kennedy 54, Tokay 52

Championship Bracket:

St. Mary's 53, Liberty Ranch 28

Woodcreek 62, Elk Grove 57 (OT)

Proving Grounds – Sheldon H.S.

San Ramon Valley 90, Serra (Gardena) 71

Sheldon 47, Oakland 45

Men's College Basketball

James Clark Classic – CRC

Cos. River 68, Coll of Siskiyou 66

CCCAA State Women's Soccer Semi-finals

Cypress College 3, Cosumnes River 0

Boys Soccer

Valley 1, Central Valley 0

Monterey Trail 3, Johnson 0

Pleasant Grove 2, Florin 0

Dixon 3, Cosumnes Oaks 1

Laguna Creek 1, Woodland 1

Franklin 2, Lincoln 0

Girls Soccer

Laguna Creek 1, Edison 0

Franklin 3, Liberty Ranch 0

Saturday, Dec. 2

CIF State Football NorCal Regional Championships

Division 1-A

Folsom 28, Pittsburg 25

Division 2-A

Los Gatos 14, El Cerrito 6

Division 3-A

Marin Catholic 35, McClymonds 28

Division 4-A

Palma 31, Hughson 21

Division 5-A

Woodland Christian 28, Orland 0

Division 6-A

Colusa 42, So. San Francisco 6

Division 7-A

Strathmore 41, Lincoln 15

CCCAA Northern California

Regional Championship

San Mateo 30, American River 27

FCS Playoffs (2nd Round)

South Dakota 34, Sac State 24

Boys Basketball

Pleasant Grove 76, Marysville 58

Monterey Trail 62, Campolindo 40

Franklin 59, Fairfield 44

Cartwright Classic:

7th place – Tokay 71, McClatchy 64

5th place – Kennedy 44, Edison 36

3rd place – E.G. 54, Liberty Ranch 45

Championship

– St. Mary's 69, Woodcreek 66

Proving Grounds:

San Ramon Valley 74, Folsom 62

St. Bernard 60, Sheldon 59

WHAT'S ON TAP

Herd Takes Third at Cartwright; Trail, Franklin Win Tournaments

Local Sports Schedules

Friday, Dec. 8

Boys Basketball

Pleas. Gr. vs. Fort. School, 5 p.m.
Vacaville vs. Mont. Trail, 8 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Johnson vs. Brads. Chr., 6 p.m.
Lag. Creek vs. St. Fran. 7 p.m.

Men's College Basketball

Cosumnes River at Reedley
Tournament
Vs. Reedley, 7 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

Skyline vs. Cosu. River, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer

EG vs. Lincoln, 12:30 p.m.
Del Oro vs. Mont. Trail, 2 p.m.
Edison vs. Valley, 1:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Lag. Creek, 3 p.m.
Brads. Chr. vs. Ripon Chr., 4:30 p.m.
Rocklin vs. EG 6:30 p.m.
Florin vs. Natomas, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Cosu. Oaks vs. Vaca., 12:15 p.m.
Lib. Ranch vs. EG, 1:30 p.m.
Cos. Oaks vs. Oakdale, 4 p.m.
Chr. Bros. vs. Franklin, 6 p.m.
Natomas vs. Florin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Boys Basketball

Vacaville vs. Fort. School, 11 a.m.
Plea. Grove vs. Hug, 12:30 p.m.
San Lea. vs. Mont. Trail, 2 p.m.
Bradshaw Chr. vs. Mission
College Prep, 6:30 p.m.

Men's College Basketball

Cosumnes River at Reedley
Tournament
Vs. San Mateo, 1 p.m.

Women's College Basketball

Cosumnes River vs. San
Mateo, 1 p.m.

Wrestling

Curt Mettler Invitational, Elk
Grove High School

Boys Soccer

Sacred Heart Prep vs Laguna
Creek, 9 a.m.
Kennedy vs. EG, 9:30 a.m.
Mont. Trail vs. Del Campo, 2 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Franklin vs. Inderkum, 8:30 a.m.
Ponderosa vs. EG, 12:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11

Boys Basketball

Gregori vs. Brads. Chr., 7 p.m.
Valley vs. Casa Roble, 7 p.m.
Kennedy vs. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Franklin vs. Chr. Bros, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Plea. Grove vs. Lincoln, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Lincoln vs. Cos. Oaks, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Boys Basketball

Chr. Bros. Vs. Mont. Trail, 7 p.m.
Center vs. Florin, 7 p.m.
EG vs. Lag. Creek, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Oak Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Fort. School vs. Burbank, 6:30 p.m.
Florin vs. Rosemont, 7 p.m.
Cos. Oaks vs. Lag. Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Fortune School vs. Gold. Sierra,
5:30 p.m.
Cordova vs. Elk Grove, 7 p.m.
Valley vs. Rio Linda, 7 p.m.
Woodcreek vs. Cos. Oaks, 7 p.m.
Plea. Grove vs. Inderkum, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

River City vs. Lag. Cr., 4:30 p.m.
Mont. Trail vs. Kennedy, 6 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Kennedy vs. Monterey Trail,
6:30 p.m.
Laguna Creek vs. River City,
6:30 p.m.

By John Hull
Citizen Sports Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Bill Cartwright Classic has for many years been the eight-team boys basketball tournament that marked the start of the high school season. This season eight area squads came for the three-day event, and it was won by St. Mary's of Stockton, with a 69-66 win Dec. 2 over Woodcreek.

Host Elk Grove was third with a 57-47-win Nov. 30 over Tokay, a 62-57 overtime loss to Woodcreek and then a 54-45 victory Dec. 2 against Liberty Ranch.

Elk Grove is now 2-2 on the young season, two years removed from a CIF State Basketball championship and, like the 2022 team, a group that lives and dies on its three-point shooting.

Dustin Monday is now in his eighth season as Herd coach with a team with some experience and promising young talent.

"We have three guys who were on that team as sophomores," he said. "They are providing us some senior leadership there. We return a lot of guys who played lots of minutes for us, so I am excited. I think we're ready to go on a run."

Monday saw his guys in competitive situations this past weekend and they looked good at times.

"I told them I don't want them to be at their best now, I want them to be at their best in January and February when it really counts," Monday said.

Elk Grove is led by seniors M.J. Bhatia,

Vinny Gonzales and River Venegas.

"There's a sophomore, Noah Hargrave, who we pulled up last year as a freshman who has been playing really well," Monday said.

Elk Grove has a few transfers sitting out right now until Dec. 30 when they'll be eligible to play.

"We like what we see from them in practice," Monday said. "We have a 17-man roster and we've never had a 17-man roster, so it's a great situation. The numbers are the best since I've got here."

Those transfers include Paul Ntchampo from Jesuit, Franco and Angelo Ghio from Pleasant Grove and Jason Raga from Christian Brothers.

Monday expects Jesuit and Sheldon to once again be the two top teams in the Delta League this season but expects Franklin to be much improved. The Wildcats have started the season 6-0 and won the Rio Americano tournament last weekend.

"There's no night in our league where you have a night off," Monday said.

Should Elk Grove return to the playoffs it's likely they'll be in Division II, yet the Delta League is a Division I group.

"Folsom, Jesuit, Sheldon will be top dogs again, but Woodcreek, which is in our tournament, has a couple young guys who are really good," Monday said. "St. Mary's also look really strong. It's the usual cast of characters, but there will be some surprises as we move through it." ★



Noah Hargrave, an Elk Grove sophomore, scored 16 points Dec. 1 in the Herd's 62-57 overtime loss to Woodcreek in the semi-finals of the Cartwright Classic at Elk Grove High School. Photos by John Hull



Vinny Gonzales scored 25 points on 8-of-13 from the floor in Elk Grove's 54-45 win over Liberty Ranch Dec. 2 to grab third place in the Cartwright Classic, an early season tradition in local boys basketball.



Trail Wins Santa Rosa Tourney

Monterey Trail improved to 4-0 on the season with a 62-40 victory over Campolindo Dec. 2 in the final of the Russ Peterich Viking Tip Off Classic in Santa Rosa. The tournament MVP was the Mustangs' Brandon Gibson. In the tournament's semi-final game with San Marin Gibson had 28 points, six rebounds, six assists and three steals. Photo courtesy Robert Fields ★

Wildcats Take Jack Scott Tourney



Franklin's boys basketball team is now 6-0 after winning the Jack Scott Tournament Dec. 2 at Rio Americano High School. The Wildcats this week hosted Granite Bay on 12/4 and Vista Del Lago on 12/7. Photo courtesy Franklin Wildcats ★

Wrestling Roundup

Sheldon Wins Thunder Duals; Herd First at Old Dutch Classic

Compiled by the Citizen Sports Staff

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - Sheldon varsity wrestlers took first place at the Inaugural Thunder Duals, Nov. 24 and 25. Noah Daniels and Wais Amiri went undefeated with five wins each. Ali Ahmad, Samim Khosrawi, and Joseph Campos also had great performances, going 5-1 for the event. Here were the team dual scores:

- Round 1: Sheldon 52 - American 27
- Round 2: Sheldon 69 - Hiram Johnson 6
- Round 3: Sheldon 42 - Placer 33
- Round 4: Sheldon 48 - Linden 27
- Round 5: Sheldon 47 - Downey 24
- Round 6: Sheldon 47 - River Valley 30

On Dec. 2, the Huskies' grapplers placed sixth at the Vista Eagle Invitational, won by Del Oro with Folsom finishing in a close second.

Daniels was second at 166 pounds, losing a 9-6 decision in the championship match to Ryan Clink of Chico. Wade Wells placed second at 215 pounds. Campos ended up fifth overall at 127 pounds.

Old Dutch Classic won by Elk Grove

Eight Thundering Herd wrestlers placed first at the Old Dutch Classic at Righetti High School leading Elk Grove to a team first place finish.

Winners of their weight group were Isaiah Gonzaga (106), Alex Portugal (113), Octavio Negrete (120), Josiah Sandoval (126), Nick Bulanin (132), Jacob Briggs (157), Julien Ford (190) and Gabe Fernandez (285). Place second in the tournament were Jordan Ford at 175 pounds, Bryce Camara at 144 pounds and 138 pounder Alex Heide.

Mettler Invitational is Saturday

The Curt Mettler Memorial Invitational Wrestling Meet is Saturday, Dec. 9 at Elk Grove High School. Annually one of the biggest local meets, the Mettler will host 23 teams including De LaSalle, Las Lomas, James Logan from the Bay Area and seven-time consecutive CIF State Champion Buchanan.

Coach Pat Coffing will not only have



Eight Elk Grove High School wrestlers placed first Dec. 2 at the Old Dutch Classic at Righetti High School. Pictured with their "trophies" are Nick Bulanin (132), Josiah Sandoval (126), Octavio Negrete (120), Alex Portugal (113) and Isaiah Gonzaga (106). Others who also took first place were Jacob Briggs (157), Julien Ford (190) and Gabe Fernandez (285). Photo by Eva Negrete

his 2023-2024 Thundering Herd competing, but Laguna Creek, Sheldon and Pleasant Grove will send their teams, as well.

Granite Bay Invitational

Pleasant Grove finished in fifth place, Monterey Trail in 10th and Cosumnes Oaks in 11th place Dec. 2 in the 10th annual Granite Bay Invitational wrestling meet. Both girls and boys competed at the same meet.

Vanessa Barrientos of Cosumnes Oaks placed first at 100 pounds. Emily Tu of Monterey Trail was fourth at 105. At 110 pounds Bailey Radermaker of Cosumnes Oaks won the weight class while Cortney Bowman of Pleasant Grove finished third. Chloe Saechao of Monterey Trail was third at 115 pounds.

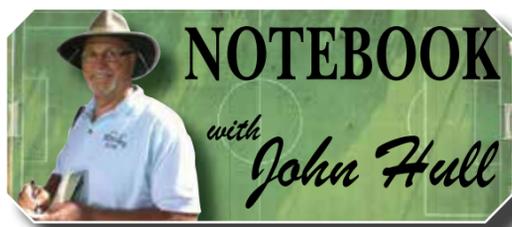
The Mustangs' Sarah Horrell won the 130-pound classification over Aolani Gaspar of Pleasant Grove on a pinfall in 1:00.

At 135 pounds Lizzy Sinclair of Pleasant Grove placed second. Elizabeth Demars of Monterey Trail and Joell Ferguson from Pleasant Grove placed second and third, respectively, at 140 pounds.

Jo Infante of Pleasant Grove won the 145-pound weight class.

In the boys wrestling, Joshua Simons of Cosumnes Oaks won the 106-pound championship. At 113 Logan Robison of Pleasant Grove placed second and teammate Jonathan Basco was fourth. Peyton Reiser of Pleasant Grove took first in the 285-pound group. ★

Huge Disparity in Football Talent With No Apparent Solution



The local football season is now over for the most part with the CIF State Bowl Games coming up this weekend. But, for our local teams the equipment has been turned in and equipment stored for the winter.

A few of our schools got into the playoffs for more than one game led by Bradshaw Christian who went to the Sac-Joaquin Section's Division VI championship game for the first time in seven seasons. They lost in a heart-breaker to Hughson, 40-39.

Cosumnes Oaks played a terrific game at Lincoln of Stockton and then were laid out flat by eventual Division I champion Folsom. Monterey Trail, which earned a first-week bye, looked out manned by Inderkum. Elk Grove handed Vacaville a Division II win thanks to crummy ball control technique. And, Sheldon was just no match for Turlock in a Division I playoff opener.

In these days of everyone gets a trophy and playoff brackets loaded with too many average to poor teams, we should expect these kind of results in the first couple weeks of the post-season.

Reflecting back on the 2023 season a trend some football coaches in Elk Grove have been talking about since the end of the pandemic has seemed to have become quite well pronounced. In this Section, and likely in other Sections of the CIF, we have now three classes of football programs; the elite, the goods and the rest.

Look at the teams who have made the Section semi-finals and beyond the past three seasons and it's the same ones, the elites. I'm talking about Folsom, Oak Ridge, Rocklin and most of the teams in the Sierra Football League, along with Grant, Inderkum, and the parochial schools in the area; St. Mary's, Central Catholic and Jesuit. You might also toss in the top three teams this season in the Trans Valley League, Escalon, Hilmar and Hughson.

Then there are a similar number of football programs in the region who are in the next pack, "the Goods." Elk Grove, Monterey Trail and Bradshaw have to be tossed in here along with teams such as Vanden, Vacaville, Woodcreek, Twelve Bridges, Casa Roble, Oakdale, Lincoln of Stockton, Turlock and Downey. You also have to add small schools with solid programs like Woodland Christian, Sutter and Sonora.

Then there is the rest. Competitively speaking, they just aren't in the same stadium as those above. For proof take any a look at the scoreboards this fall of any of the teams in this group when they played any of the above mentioned. The running clock was turned on in the second half.

The analytics of CalPreps.com backs up this premise. Their top ranked league in this Section is the SFL with a 43.9 rating. Second is the Valley Oak (Central Catholic, Manteca, Oakdale and others) at 17.5. Third is the Tri-City (St. Mary's, Tracy, the Lodi schools) with a 15.3.

The Delta League, mostly with EGUSD teams, is rated sixth-best with a 7.3.

Thirteen of the Section's 23 leagues/conferences have negative ratings from CalPreps.

It didn't used to be this way. The talent base was spread out more. We didn't have the same few teams playing deep into the playoffs year after year like we do now.

I talked to several football coaches and a couple local administrators about this, and they see the same thing. We remember the years, not that long ago, when Valley and Florin had not only competitive football programs, but strong JV and freshman squads. Now they don't. Those two schools were a combined 2-18 in a league competitively-ranked by CalPreps.com 22nd out of the Section's 23 leagues. They struggle to field a varsity squad.

These coaches/admin also note that the elite

teams are from one- or two-school towns. Elk Grove has nine comprehensive high schools from basically the city limits, plus a bit of Sacramento County. Folsom has two schools (Folsom and Vista del Lago). El Dorado Hills, one school (Oak Ridge).

These same men with whom I discussed this issue shrugged their shoulders when I asked what could be done to level the football field competitively. It isn't fun to walk out of stadium after the team on the other sideline just beat you by 50 points. Nor is it enjoyable for most of the guys on the other sideline who know they will beat you by 50. Notice I write, "most."

Why are the elite schools in that classification? Money and lots of it. Players get lots of things for playing at these schools; t-shirts, hoodies, jackets, sweats, shoes, etc. Facilities are top-notch. Plus, the administration does everything it can to support the football programs. Their boosters and alumni get on board to help. It's like a "pre-college-type" football program. That's attractive to the parents of an up-and-coming middle schooler who has some talent.

Discuss the ethical aspects of this all you want, but reality is parents are taking their boys to these schools bypassing the neighborhood high school on their way. That trend doesn't seem like it will end.

One idea, though, that came up in my discussions recently is the idea of competitive equity in football, not just in setting up the CIF State Bowl Championships. Do it when setting up football playoffs. The Section does have a competitive success rule whereby those schools who consistently are winning playoff games and championships are moved up a Division or two. That's why Central Catholic, a school of 379 students, played in the Division I post-season.

Why not shove down football programs who haven't had recent success into the "smaller" divisions?

I would like to hear your ideas and suggestions and I'll put them into next week's Citizen. Email me: sports.egc@gmail.com

Dan Buntzen passes

Elk Grove High School lost another member of their football past recently. Dan Buntzen, who coached for the Thundering Herd from 2000 until his retirement in 2011, passed away Nov. 11 at the age of 74.

Buntzen was a Vietnam veteran, won the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, graduated from Western Washington and coached football at Cornell University as an assistant for five years. He returned to Washington in 1988, married his wife, Donna, in 1991 and was the head coach at Bothell High School. He moved to Elk Grove in 2000.

Recently, school principal Rudy Ortega, Jr., told me Buntzen was an excellent P.E. instructor and always was light-hearted and friendly.

Buntzen's family asks we donate to our favorite high school football team in honor of Coach Buntzen. ★

Important Holiday Recycling & Waste Collection Changes

Attention Elk Grove Residents: There is no service on Christmas Day (12/25) or New Year's Day (1/1). Recycling, garbage and organic waste carts will be serviced one day later for each of these holidays.

WEEK B	Sunday 12/24	Monday 12/25	Tuesday 12/26	Wednesday 12/27	Thursday 12/28	Friday 12/29	Saturday 12/30

WEEK A	Sunday 12/31	Monday 1/1	Tuesday 1/2	Wednesday 1/3	Thursday 1/4	Friday 1/5	Saturday 1/6

Holiday Tree Collection: From 12/26 - 1/31, you can recycle your live-cut trees at no cost!

Recycle your tree one of these ways:

- Cut your tree into pieces to fit inside your organic waste cart with the lid shut.
- Bring your tree to the Republic Services Transfer Station on Elder Creek Road or to the Special Waste Collection Center off Grant Line Road.
- Place trees shorter than 6 feet next to your carts on your scheduled organic waste day.

Please no artificial, flocked or decorated trees.

Visit ElkGroveCity.org/recycling-and-waste/residential-recycling-and-waste for more information.



Sustainability in Action



Sac-Joaquin Section League Ratings

(courtesy - CalPreps.com)

League/Conference	Rating
Sierra Foothill	43.9
Valley Oak	17.5
Tri-City	15.3
Monticello Empire	10.6
Capital Valley	8.7
Delta	7.3
Trans Valley	3.9
Gen. California (CCAL)	3.5
Metropolitan	1.1
Pioneer Valley	1.0
Capital	0.0
Gen. California (CCC)	-1.5
Sierra Valley	-4.3
Foothill Valley	-7.1
Mother Lode	-9.7
San Joaquin AA	-11.0
Golden Empire	-12.8
Western	-13.7
Southern	-29.7
Sacramento Metro	-33.8
Gen. California AA	-36.0
Greater Sacramento	-43.3
Sierra Delta	-52.0