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## Annual Homeless Count Seeks Volunteers



A Point-in-Time Count canvasser speaks with a person experiencing homelessness in February 2022. Photo via Sacramento Steps Forward

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The organization that makes an annual measurement of homelessness in Sacramento County is looking for volunteers in Elk Grove.

The Point-in-Time

(PIT) Count, organized by Sacramento Steps Forward, will take place throughout the county over two days, coming to Elk Grove on Jan. 25, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

“The PIT Count is an essential effort to ending homelessness,” Sacramento Steps

forward said in its call for volunteers. “We need volunteers (18 and up) to help us count people experiencing homelessness (PEH) across Sacramento. By volunteering, your conversations with PEH can help us increase public awareness about issues

PEH commonly face, learn about their service needs, and better guide our community’s homelessness response and resource allocation.”

According to Sacramento Steps Forward, more than 500 people participated in the

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## Solo Crash on Franklin Kills Driver

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - One person died Jan. 2 when their vehicle crashed into a pole on Franklin Boulevard, south of Elk Grove.

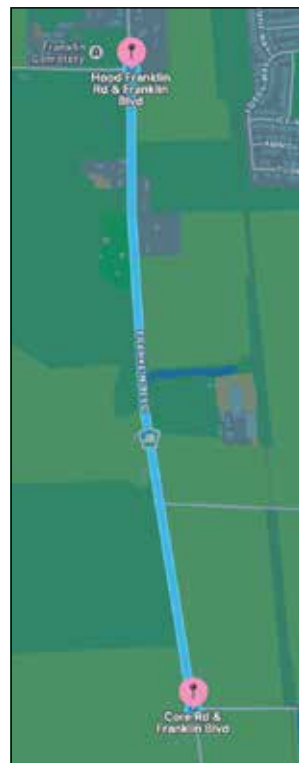
California Highway Patrol (CHP) reported that it received a call to the collision at 7:13 a.m. Cosumnes Fire Department also responded and confirmed that the crash had been fatal.

“Preliminary investigation indicated a white Ford sedan was traveling at a high rate of speed, northbound on Franklin Blvd south of Hood Franklin Road,” a CHP collision report read. “For an unknown reason, the vehicle left the east roadway edge, traveled down an embankment, prior to colliding into a utility pole (owned by SMUD). The vehicle caught fire and was fully engulfed with flames when elements of the fire department arrived on scene.”

An entry for Cosumnes Fire on the PulsePoint app gave the location as the intersection of Franklin and Core Road, and the fire department’s response lasted just less than two hours.

The driver was alone in the vehicle, and the statement said that their identity is still under investigation, due to the severe damage to the vehicle and “extensive injuries.” As of

Northbound Franklin between Hood Franklin and Core roads was closed so the fire could be put out, the driver’s remains extracted, and the vehicle towed. ★



Northbound Franklin Boulevard was closed between Hood Franklin and Core roads after a fatal crash on Jan. 2. Photo via Apple Maps

## Coming February, Student Work at Fine Arts Center



‘Zimulinda,’ a photograph by Dylan Zimulinda, one of the pieces featured in the upcoming ‘A Celebration of Art’ showcase. Image courtesy of Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

**By Matthew Malone Staff Writer**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove students will show off their artistic talents during a show at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

“A Celebration of Art” will run Feb. 3-24, and it kicks off with a First Saturday reception and awards presentation on Feb. 3, 4-7 p.m.

The center invited students in grades 9-12 in

the Elk Grove Unified School District to participate in the annual show.

“We challenged them to use traditional artistic expression, or to surprise us to make us think, and articulate emotions in

new and exciting ways,” the center said in a release.

Also in February, look out for the center’s annual Valentine’s Boutique, featuring artwork and jewelry

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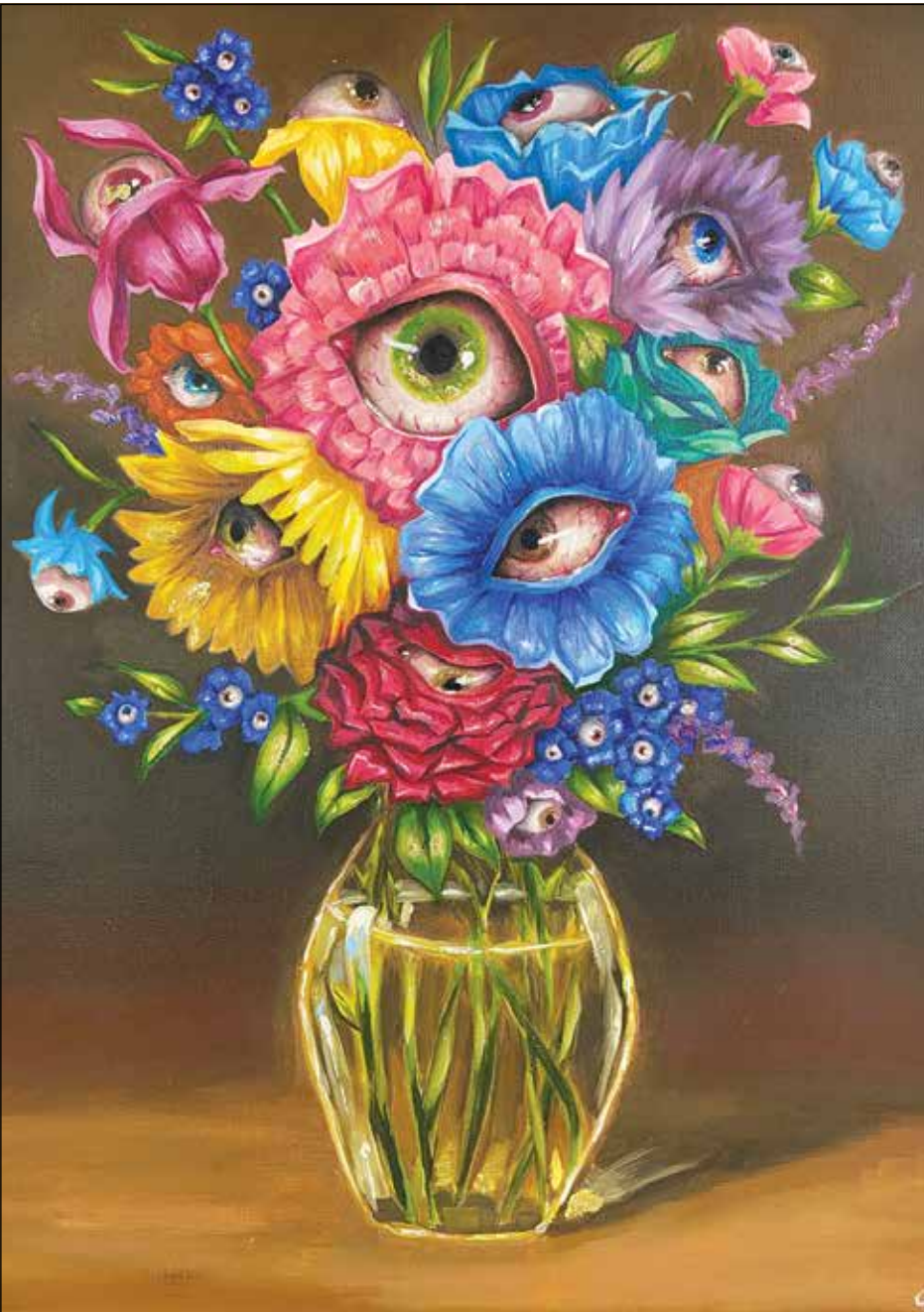
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# Coming February, Student Work at Fine Arts Center



'Karla,' an acrylic by art teacher Freddy Santana Image courtesy of Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

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The center's current exhibition is "Divergence," with paintings, sculpture and mixed media by Yoshio Taylor, Jon Lowe and Frank Mendoza. It continues through Jan. 25.

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is now at its new location, 9020 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 101. Its hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit its website, [elkgrovefineartscenter.org](http://elkgrovefineartscenter.org). ★

# Elk Grove FFA's Honored for Nationals Win

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three Elk Grove High School FFA members were recognized at the Dec. 12 Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting after being named national champions for their marketing plan.

Madison Machado, Alyssa Nolan and Gracie

Morrow accepted a resolution presented by Supervisor Pat Hume. In May last year, they were named California State FFA Marketing Plan Champions, and in November, they were selected as national champions. Their business plan involved turning wine-infused oak wood chips — a waste product of wine production — into wood chips

for smoking food. "What a genius idea and a way of keeping this out of the waste stream but also repurposing it," Hume said. "We'd just like to say a huge thank-you for being able to be recognized here, and we are very honored to be able to take this back to our school," Nolan said as she and her classmates accepted the resolution. ★



Elk Grove FFA members Madison Machado, Alyssa Nolan and Gracie Morrow accept a resolution from Supervisor Pat Hume (second from right), honoring their selection as state and national champions for marketing. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County



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# Annual Homeless Count Seeks Volunteers

# A Big Change at EDD

EDD changes unemployment contractor after scams

BY LYNN LA,  
CalMatters.org



Employment Development Department office in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of CalMatters.org

The offices of the Employment Development Department in Sacramento where it all went wrong. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

California has a new unemployment and disability payment contractor after the state's multi-billion-dollar pandemic fraud panic. The Employment Development Department hopes it will be the end of an era of brazen scams, which wreaked havoc for laid-off workers and fueled police busts involving stacks of ill-gotten debit cards issued at the department's direction by then-contractor Bank of America.

EDD tells CalMatters that on Monday it plans to begin notifying 850,000 benefit recipients of the new payment provider: Money Network, an electronic payment company owned by finance tech company Fiserv. Money Network may sound familiar; it was also tapped by the federal government and Gov. Gavin Newsom to pay out COVID-era stimulus funds, which attracted its own waves of debit card scams.

Money Network won the EDD contract after a competitive bidding process. It comes as the agency embarks on a five-year, \$1.2 billion tech overhaul known as EDDNext.

The contract will primarily be paid for through a debit card revenue-sharing agreement, similar to the EDD's previous deal with Bank of America. The

agency will also pay \$32 million over five years for Money Network to offer a long-discussed direct deposit option to workers' bank accounts, which the EDD says will launch in spring 2024.

In mid-January, people receiving unemployment, disability and paid leave benefits from the EDD will be mailed new Money Network debit cards. Payments will officially begin on these cards on Feb. 15. Anyone who still has a Bank of America EDD debit card will have until April 15, 2024, to spend the money.

In the meantime, fraud analysts tracking an uptick in attacks on government benefit debit cards — not just California's unemployment program, but also food assistance and others — will be watching to see what lessons have (or haven't) been learned from the pandemic. The new EDD cards will include both security chips and tap-to-pay options common in consumer credit cards.

Still, the EDD is advising cardholders to be vigilant: "Beware of scammers. We will never request your personal information by text message, e-mail or

on social media."

Tens of thousands of Californians are still awaiting aid from the COVID-19 rent relief program. But as CalMatters housing reporter Ben Christopher explains, the program may run out of money before it can help the remaining eligible applicants.

The \$5.2 billion program launched in 2021 to help Californians pay down rental debt they accumulated during the pandemic. Though it stopped taking new applications in 2022, more than 70,000 households still have applications pending. The program has enough funding to cover a little more than 14,000 people — meaning the remaining 80% of the total applicant pool is out of luck.

That's devastating news for tenants and landlords alike who may ultimately wait in vain for relief to come. As one graphic designer and single mother told Ben: "I'm trying to find a way to freelance or do whatever I can do to get the money to just pay it myself... I can't sit and depend on it and wait because it's been two years." ★



Canvassers for the 2022 Point-in-Time Count have a discussion. Photo via Sacramento Steps Forward

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last PIT in February 2022. At the time, the nonprofit found that nearly 9,300 people were experiencing homelessness in the county on a single night, which indicated a "significant" increase over 2019 numbers. Of the roughly 6,700 homeless people who were unsheltered, 45 were counted in Elk Grove.

The count primarily calls for people to canvass designated areas, tallying and interviewing homeless people; assistance is also needed at deployment centers.

Volunteers are required to complete a training session over Zoom on Jan. 10 or 17.

No special experience is needed to join, Sacramento Steps Forward said. "All that is needed is a willingness to help, an open heart, and a few hours of your time."

To register for the PIT and a training session, visit [bit.ly/3THdino](http://bit.ly/3THdino) (case sensitive). For questions and concerns, Zoom office hours are also available Jan. 11 and 27, 5-6:30 p.m., with registration on the above webpage. ★

## A Veteran Thank Today

### MEMORIAL

**GEORGE FRED SIELER • 4/09/1934 - 12/11/2023**

George was born in Plevna, Montana to Walter and Caroline Sieler. He was one of eight children. He attended Plevna schools and worked on the family farm.

George married his childhood sweetheart, Shirley Carlson in 1954 and they had three children. 1964 brought them to California. George lived in Elk Grove for the last 40 years.

During his career he sold vacuums, cars, and later went to work for East Lawn from where he retired. It was there he met the recently widowed Pearl Inderbitzin. This December they celebrated 41 years of marriage. Their greatest joy was watching

George was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley, brother Manual, sisters Verna Remington and Freida Heim. Survived by his wife Pearl, children Larry Sieler, Gary Sieler, Cheryl Fechner (Scott), stepchildren Ed Inderbitzin (Alice), Rita Akol and Mike Inderbitzin (Michelle), eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, sisters Loraine Anderson, Leona Besel, Tab Gunderson (Gary), Carol Downer (Dick), and many nieces and nephews.

Donations to be made to the SJVSC Memorial Fund - P. O. Box 273, Ripon, CA 95366.

their family grow from 12-45!  
During retirement, George enjoyed fishing, golf, and the 12-member dinner group. He was the member of the Lions Club, St. Joseph's Church, San Joaquin Vealley Swiss Club (SJVSC), and he volunteered at Kaiser Hospital.

### MEMORIAL

**JOHNNY "JC" CHUONG • 07/03/1989 - 12/19/2023**

It is with heavy hearts that we share the loss of our dearest Johnny "JC" Chuong.

To know him was to love him.

Johnny had energy that made you feel safe; he could walk into a room full of strangers and come out with many friends. He was a Jack-of-all-trades, with so much knowledge to share with everyone.

In 2019, shortly after marrying the love of his life, Tina, Johnny triumphed against his first battle with cancer.

In 2022, Tina & Johnny welcomed their firstborn son, Johnny Jr., affectionately nicknamed "J.J." for short.

Later that year, Johnny received devastating news that the cancer had relapsed. He endured countless medical procedures, including chemotherapy & radiation treatments. His strong will to fight was inspiring, as he remained full of God's Spirit and hope the entire way through.

Despite his relentless pain, he blessed us with his humor, loving smile, and genuine kindness every single day; even when life felt so cruel and unfair to him and his family. He unfortunately encountered side effects and complications from cancer treatments. Johnny courageously fought long and hard until his body couldn't.

Johnny passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, December 19th, 2023, surrounded by close family and friends.

Johnny would have given the shirt off his back, the last dollar in his wallet, and all the hours in his day to help out any family and friends in need.

Leaving behind his wife and one -year-old son, the loss has brought immense grief and unexpected financial responsibilities to Johnny's family.

During this incredibly challenging time, your contributions will help alleviate the financial burden as Johnny's now family-of- two navigate the emotional and practical challenges ahead.

Your contribution will make a meaningful impact in helping them rebuild as they navigate this new life without their loving father and husband.

Thank you so much for extending your generosity and compassion to a family in need, and for opening your hearts to empathize for a family in mourning.

May God bless Johnny "JC", Tina, Johnny Jr. "JJ" and your loving soul and contribution!

If you would like to help his wife and kid, we've setup a GoFundMe fundraiser page: <https://gofund.me/ce6243c7>

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

### MEMORIAL

**KATHERINE (RUNOW) FISCHLIN 06/11/1942 - 12/24/2023**

Katherine Fischlin, age 81, passed peacefully on December 24, 2023. Longtime resident of Elk Grove. She was born on June 11, 1942, in Huntington Park, Calif. to Marjorie & James Runow. Katherine was a loving wife to Marty for 64 years and a wonderful mother to Debbie Hottman (Bryan) of

Rancho Murieta and Dawn Pinasco (Gene) of Galt. She was also a cherished grandmother to six grandchildren and a great grandmother to eight. She is also survived by her sister, Gayle Grigsby, of Kingman, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Rochelle Snider & sister, Joyce Maria.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the EG Park Pavilion on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 11:00am for all family & friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in her name to Project Ride or the Firefighters Burn Institute.

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# Free Holistic Health and Fitness Expo Coming to Elk Grove

Submitted by Fitness without Borders

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Fitness Without Borders, in partnership with Valley High's Health TECH Academy, presents Elk Grove's premier Holistic Health & Fitness Expo on Saturday, January 14, 2024, where attendees will have access to a wide range of options aimed at enhancing their overall well-being.

Centered around physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health, the expo adopts a holistic approach that resonates with the growing movement towards integrative and inclusive access to health and wellness.

Our mission is to generate cross-cultural community involvement and raise awareness of diverse practices that contribute to health and healing. With a lineup of vendors spanning sports medicine, mental health services, Ayurveda, traditional Chinese medicine, and more, participants will have an opportunity to delve into the latest techniques supporting their wellness journey and engage with various practices to promote a

health-conscious lifestyle.

Special guests and hosts of the event include the host of the hit TV series, Fit to Fat to Fit and New York Times Bestselling author Drew Manning, YouTube and Instagram health celebrity with over 4 million followers, author and mother My Healthy Dish and renowned local fitness influencers, including CalFit's Body Combat & Kickboxing Instructor, Kerry Carson.

The event will take place at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, #100, Elk Grove, CA.

Space is limited, so you must sign up on our website to be guaranteed a spot at any of the workshops. To sign up and find out more info, please visit [holistichealthfitnessexpo.com](http://holistichealthfitnessexpo.com)

*Fitness Without Borders is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2007 and devoted to the development and fitness education of community leaders organized in a unified effort to foster healthy children. We work primarily, but not exclusively, in underprivileged neighborhoods, in order to build self-reliance, health, and capacity.* ★

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Kundalini Yoga and YogaSix	10:00am - 11:00am
Kerry Carson's Body Combat Kickboxing	11:00am - 12:00pm
Mental Health Forum: How thoughts become things	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Conscious Fitness w/ Drew Manning: Lose 60lbs in 7mths	1:00 - 2:00pm
Influencer Panel: Motherhood, Wellness and Entrepreneurship	2:00 - 3:00pm
Dinah McCain's Workshop: Meditation and Manifesting your Dreams	3:00 - 4:00pm
Maria Kang's Breathwork and Belly Balls	4:00 - 5:00pm

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## POLICE LOGS

### Friday, Dec. 22

6:48 a.m., 8200 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Delara Nance, 37, on resisting arrest and warrant charges.

11:06 a.m., 8700 block of Newry Court: Elk Grove police arrested Bennette Dansers, 38, on warrant charges.

4:03 p.m., 10070 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove police arrested Herbert Lofton, 35, on shoplifting charges.

7:41 p.m., Cape Verde Drive/Carico Way: Elk Grove police arrested Christian Walker, 32, on DUI charges.

### Saturday, Dec. 23

1:21 a.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Giovanni Rebolino, 19; Jacob Shikaloff, 26; and Kassandra Perez, 28, on DUI, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and warrant charges.

2:25 a.m., Bruceville Road/Soaring Oaks Drive: Elk Grove police arrested Myles Marquez, 22, on DUI charges.

8:04 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Alejandro Gutierrez, 28, on possession of a controlled substance charges.

9:37 p.m., Sheldon Road/State Highway 99: Elk Grove police arrested Wayne Fancher, 72, on DUI charges.

### Sunday, Dec. 24

6:18 p.m., 8800 block of Calvine Road: Elk Grove police arrested Antonio Ibarra, 37, on warrant charges.

### Monday, Dec. 25

3:46 a.m., 7200 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Kera Vaughn, 36, on charges of shoplifting, forgery, unlawful tear gas use and drug paraphernalia possession.  
2:03 p.m., confidential

location: Elk Grove police arrested Sonia Roquebannert, 33, on domestic violence charges.

Wednesday, Dec. 27  
9:40 a.m., 9400 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested Monay Wormley, 48, on weapon brandishing, battery and child endangerment charges.

3:40 p.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove police arrested

Nhat Nguyen, 50, on shoplifting charges.

5:12 p.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Eric Harris, 69, on charges of unauthorized driving or taking of a vehicle, and receiving a stolen vehicle.

9:07 p.m., Lewis Stein Road/Sheldon Road: Elk Grove police arrested Robert Turner, 18, on controlled substance and cannabis possession charges.

# Senior Lifestyle

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Monday	NO CLASSES Jan 18-15	Tuesday	NO CLASSES Jan 2	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Light Body Toning	8:30 am	Gentle Yoga	8:30 am	Cardio Moves	8:30 am	Gentle Yoga
Chair Exercise	9:00 am	Knit & Crochet	9:30 am	Chair Exercise	9:00 am	Chair Exercise
Women's Talk Group	10:00 am	Men's Talk Group	9:30 am	Chair Exercise	10:00 am	Open Artist Studio
Chair Exercise	10:00 am	Zumba Gold	10:00 am	Tai Chi	10:00 am	Open Games
Standing Pilates	10:00 am	Guitar Workshop	11:00 am	Alzheimer's	10:00 am	Zumba Gold
Open Games	10:00 am	Zumba Chair	11:30 am	Chair Fitness	10:30 am	Beginning Spanish
Core 6 Strength	11:30 am	Sign Language	12:30 pm	Parkinson's	10:30 am	Light Body Toning
Beginning Line Dance	1:00 pm	Mahjong	1:00 pm	Ukulele	10:30 am	Intermediate Spanish
Bridge	1:00 pm	Hawaiian Hula	Back in Feb.	Book Group	11:00 am	Scrabble
Writers Group	1:00 pm	Line Dance	Back in Feb.	Jazz Dance	11:00 am	Rock Painting
Intermediate Hatha Yoga	1:30 pm	Genealogy	2:00 pm	Aerobics	11:30 am	Get Artsy w/ Renee
		Mindfulness	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga	12:15 pm	Advanced Line Dance
				Zumba Chair	12:30 pm	
				Bunco	12:45 pm	
				Cardmaking	1:00 pm	

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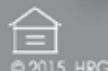
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## American Legion Post 55 Hosting a County Veterans Service Officer

American Legion Post 55 with the help of Sacramento County Office of Veterans will have a County Veterans 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 January

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.

Jan 5 - 10:00 AM - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923

Jan 8 - 10:30 AM - WPSC Board Meeting at Patt Taylor's home 9883 Hatherton Way Elk Grove

Jan 8- 12 Noon - Lunch at Yum Buffet & Grill 4300 Florin Rd, Sacramento Contact Barbara 916-516-6609

Jan 10- 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.

Jan 12 - 10:00 AM - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781.

Jan 15 - 11:30 PM American Mah Jongg at Oaks Mobile Park, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact is Dianne 951-233-3138

Jan 18 - 11:45am General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club. Contact is Pat B. 916-802-4524

Jan 19 - 10:00 AM Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923

Jan 24 - 1:00 PM - Book Club at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd, Contact is Merrylynn 916-549-4264

Jan 25 - 12:00 Noon - Bunco at Mountain Mikes 9320 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Bonnie at 916-685-3402

Jan 26 - 10:00 AM Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Linda at 916-686-6781

Jan 30 - 5PM Dinner at the Brick House 9027 Elk Grove Blvd Contacty Susan Leoni 916-798-0007

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

## 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 Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

Our January 2024 meeting will be held January 25th.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour at 6 pm, followed by the veteran's general meeting at 7 pm.

Veteran's spouses are welcome to join the Elk Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets separately at 7-8 pm in the same location.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H. You may also visit us at www.elkgrovepost233.com.

We also invite veterans and spouses to join us each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast.

This is usually scheduled for the first Saturday of the month.

The next Saturday breakfast will be January 6th 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!

## Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove's Monthly Meetings

The Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove invites you to attend their monthly meeting currently held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Wackford Community Center (9014 Bruceville Road) in Poppy Room B. Join in for social time at 6:30pm by bringing your own meal and dining with the club members or come at 7:00pm for the meeting. Learn how you can help out the kids of our community and be a part of this fun and engaging club. Visit them on Facebook for updates on fundraisers and changes to meetings at www.facebook.com/LagunaElkGroveKiwanis2015.

## Elk Grove Garden Club Meeting January 11

Paul Miller, President, Sacramento Audubon Society will be our guest speaker on Thursday, January 11 at the Gil Albani Recreation Center.

Attendees can enjoy breakfast at 10:00 a.m. before the meeting which starts at 10:30 a.m. The Albani Recreation Center is at 8830 Sharkey Avenue. For more information, contact Mary Anne Strohmaier at marystrohmaier@yahoo.com

## 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, 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.

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

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.

## Certified Farmers Markets of Sacramento County

Buy directly from California Growers at our markets and support your local community!

Every Saturday, from 8:00am - 12:00pm in the Laguna Gateway Center, which is located on the corner of Laguna Blvd. and Big Horn Blvd.

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# 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, Jan. 9 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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## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#23CV013082  
Liam John Francis Abair has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Liam John Francis Abair to Liam John Francis Abair Alcantara.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 27, 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 11, 2023  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024

LIAM 1-5-24  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#23CV013880

Thais Helena McAbeer Turner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Thais Helena McAbeer Turner to Helena McAbeer Turner.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 10, 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 21, 2023  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$221,453.80 The purported property address is: 6701 RAYCROFT WAY, ELK GROVE, CA 95757-4015 Assessor's Parcel No.: 132-1320-012-0000 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. 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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

CITY OF ELK GROVE  
NEW ZOO AT ELK GROVE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022110393  
NOTICE DATED JANUARY 5, 2024

COMMENT PERIOD JANUARY 5, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 20, 2024

**Notice is hereby given** that the City of Elk Grove, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the below referenced Project. The Draft EIR analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft EIR and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Elk Grove  
Attn: Christopher Jordan, AICP, Director Strategic Planning and Innovation  
8401 Laguna Palms Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95758  
Email: [cjordan@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:cjordan@elkgrovecity.org)  
Fax: (916) 478-2222

**PROJECT TITLE:** New Zoo at Elk Grove

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Northwest corner of Lotz Parkway and Kammerer Road, City of Elk Grove 8663, 8665, and 8675 Kammerer Road, APNs 132-0320-001, 002, & 010, and 132-2390-006

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project would result in the operation of a zoological park and associated support and operational, retail, and guest services facilities on the Project site as part of the development of the New Zoo in Elk Grove. The Project would include a new Special Planning Area (SPA) referred to as the Zoological Park SPA, development of the zoo, parking facilities, off-site public infrastructure improvements, and an animal browse program. These components are further described below.

**Zoological Park SPA**  
The Project would result in a new SPA for the Project site that would establish a land use plan and allowed uses for properties within the Zoological Park SPA. The SPA would also include development standards including, but not limited to, minimum setbacks and height limits. The SPA would cover approximately 100 acres including areas for off-site improvements, such as the proposed parking facilities. Permitting requirements including thresholds for Design Review and identification of the approving authority for various permits required to construct and operate the proposed New Zoo would be contained in the SPA.

**Zoological Park**  
The zoological park would include various facilities and buildings to be developed in phases potentially starting in 2025 that would encompass the proposed New Zoo. The main facility would be on approximately 65 acres and would be designed to support an average annual attendance of between 1.1 and 1.6 million visitors. The facility would be organized into four primary zones: Green Corridor, Africa, California, and Australasia. The Green Corridor would be the main pedestrian pathway through the New Zoo.

**Parking Facilities**  
The primary parking facilities are two guest parking lots: the North Lot, which adjoins the guest entrance to the facility, and the South Lot, which would be across Classical Way to the south of the New Zoo. The North Lot would be paved with asphalt, while the South Lot would be a gravel lot. Between 1,600 and 1,700 parking stalls would be constructed in the two lots.

**Off-Site Public Infrastructure**  
To support development of the New Zoo several off-site public infrastructure facilities would be constructed. Specific infrastructure improvements including construction of one additional lane in each direction on Kammerer Road between Lotz Parkway and Lent Ranch Parkway, addition of an outside southbound lane along the Project frontage on Lotz Parkway, intersection improvements, and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Animal Browse Program**  
To address the nutritional needs of the herbivore and omnivore species housed at the New Zoo, the Project would include the development of a new Animal Browse Program. Under this program, plant clippings would be gathered from various sites around the community, processed at the New Zoo, and then fed to the animals. A shed would be located in the northeast corner of the Project site to process vegetation from the Animal Browse Program.

**SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Draft EIR evaluates Project impacts in the areas of aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gases and climate change, hazards, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise and vibration, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, and utilities.

The following impacts were identified in the Draft EIR as significant and unavoidable; that is, no feasible mitigation is available to reduce the Project's impact to a less-than-significant level:

- Impact 3.7-1: Project-generated GHG emissions and consistency with plans and regulations
- Impact 3.13-2: Result in an Exceedance of City of Elk Grove General Plan VMT Thresholds
- Impact 4-12: Contribute to Cumulative Greenhouse Gas Impacts
- Impact 4-22: Contribute to Cumulative Impacts on Vehicle Miles Traveled

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**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on **January 5, 2024** and end on **February 20, 2024**, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted to the Lead Agency at the above address within the public review period.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at:

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**PUBLIC MEETING:** The City of Elk Grove will receive public comments on the Draft EIR at a public meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm**, or soon thereafter, in the City Council Chambers at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove.



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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](http://www.egusdplans.com)

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.** at the **William Daylor High School, 6131 Orange Avenue, 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.

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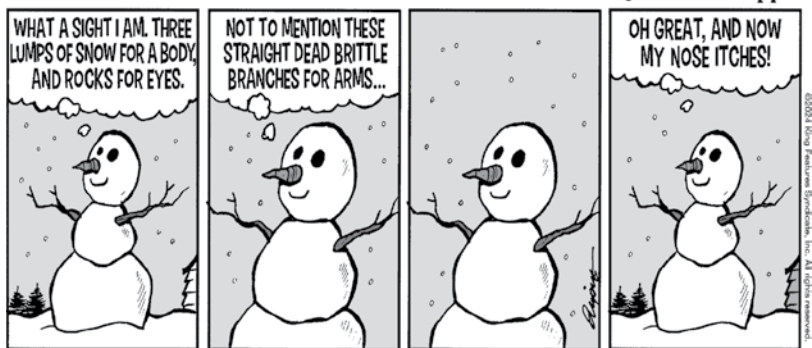
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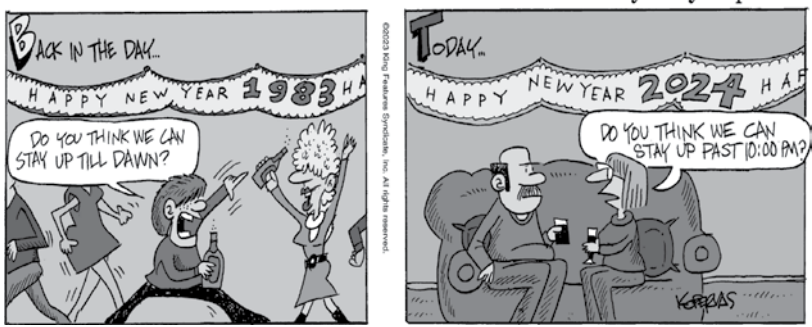
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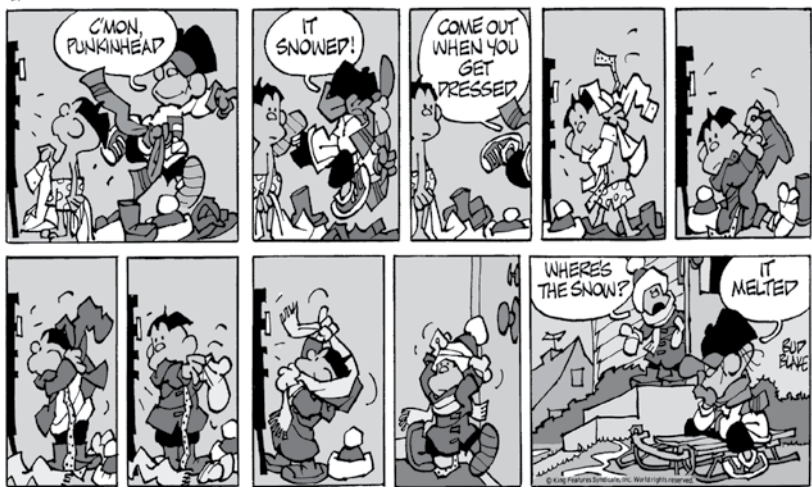
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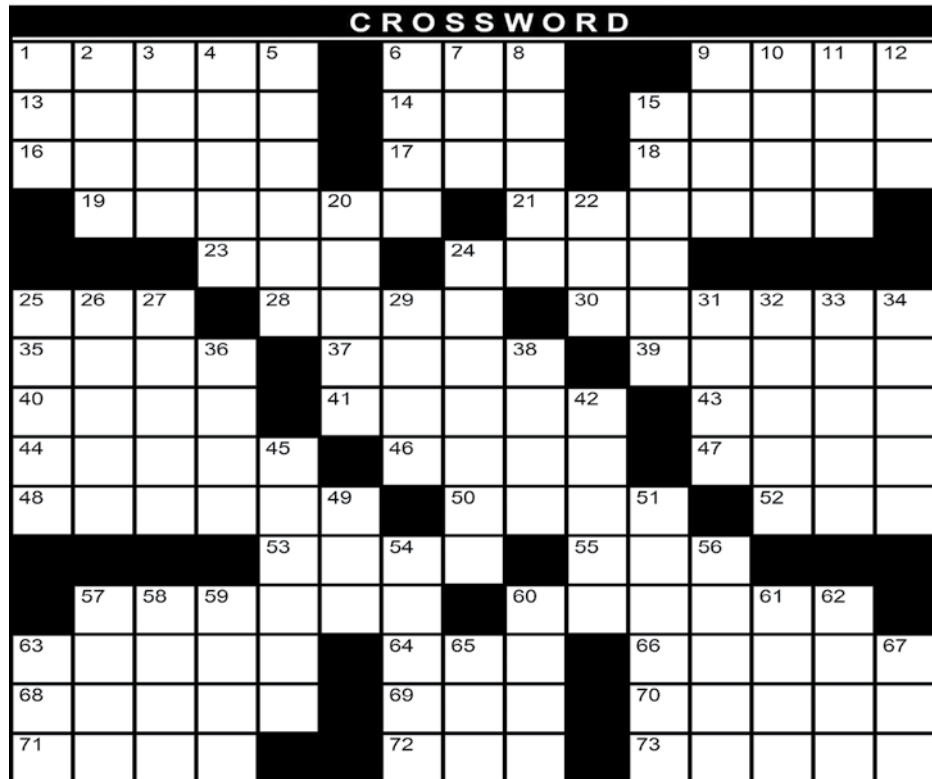
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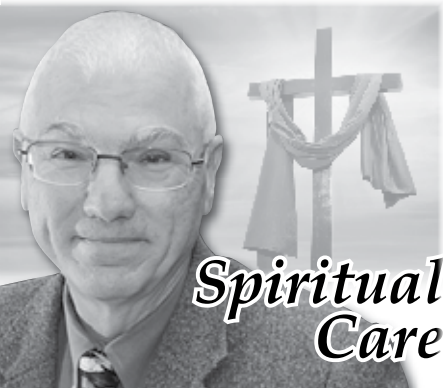
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# Public Prayer Journal Shares Private Heartbreak

Some of the prayers are simple one-liners, like the short prayer of a child asking, "Lord, help me to be a football player." But most are deeply moving entreaties searching for healing, acceptance and understanding.

One of the writers was earnestly searching for meaning:

"God, or whoever,  
"I don't know if there is a Creator/God. I only know that my day to leave this life will come. I just hope that the memories of my mother and father will be with me just like my parents were with me the day I was born. If there is a Creator/God, he/she will know that I tried to live my life with a clean heart."

Some of the petitioners, like this one, were clearly scared:

"Dear Lord,  
"I need your guidance now. I don't have my mom anymore, so my dad and I are lost. My son and his wife have a sick baby girl. I need you to help us. Please hold my family tight. I love you, dear Father.

"In the name of the Father and Holy Spirit."

Other prayers showed a struggle that no one wants to face:

"Dear Lord,

"Mom's accident crossed your desk and you approved it. Now we have to turn off the ventilator. It's the hardest decision this family has ever made. My sister is hanging on with vain hope. Please help her see the truth and let mom go.

"Mom is your child, Lord. I know she has a mansion waiting for her. The rest of us have peace about letting her go. Please pass that peace on to my sister. Time is a factor, Lord. Finances are a factor, too.

"The life she's living now isn't life. It isn't fair to mom to have to be like she is. Please help my sister to understand that we are all suffering. Give our family the strength to cross this bridge and give mom a peace that only you can give. Amen."

One writer, likely a caregiver, compared her pain to that of her patients. She expressed the guilt many of us feel when seeing our problems in the light of the tragedy experienced by others:

"Dear God,  
"No one I know is dying or suffering,

so I need to stop being a baby about my problems. I should be praying for those who truly need love and support. I'm going through a divorce, and I feel depressed all the time. However, I'm grateful for my health, friends and family.

"Please help me overcome this feeling of anguish, loss, anxiety and jealousy. It's not good for my health, and I'm unable to help my patients who truly need it.

"Thanks for listening.  
"Amen."

Finally, the last page of these collected prayers offers a benediction for this column:

"To anyone who reads this:

I hope God answers all your prayers in the New Year. The Lord is good!

"Amen."

*If you like healthcare stories, take a look at my first book, "No Small Miracles" on display at Combie Mail. See my website for more details. www.thechaplain.net. Comments are received at 10556 Combie Rd Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602 or by email comment@thechaplain.net or at (843) 608-9715.* ★

## RELIGION NEWS

### Past Events at EG Presbyterian Church 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.

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 elk-grovepres@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)

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### 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.

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### St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass schedule

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# Hawks Nest: News and Notes from Cosumnes River College

Compiled by the Citizen Sports Staff



## Womens Basketball now 13-1

Cosumnes River's womens team is off to its best start, perhaps ever, with just a single loss through its first 14 games. Prior to Christmas, the Hawks won the Grossmont Holiday Classic in El Cajon. They, too, won their first two Big 8 Conference games, 82-53 over American River College on Dec. 22 and 51-50 over Modesto College Dec. 29.

Leading the Hawks in scoring in the win over ARC was LaKayla Hale with 28 points. Saray White added 20, Karisma Gunn-Briggs added 12 and Ashley Gonzalez scored 10 points.

Tamai Mancuso led the Beavers with 28 points in the loss. She leads the conference in scoring at 31.4. ★

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** -Cosumnes River College's mens basketball team opened the Big 8 Conference slate of games with a pair of wins in December. On the Dec. 22, the Hawks defeated American River College, 72-64, and followed that with an 80-64 victory over Modesto College on Dec. 29.

In the win over the Beavers, Isaiah Griffin scored 16 points while Antonio Tercero added 15.

The Hawks are now 9-5 overall on the season. They play at Sierra College on Jan. 3 and host Santa Rosa College on Jan. 6

Their 2-0 Big Eight mark ties the Hawks with Sacramento City College for first place. The Panthers are now 12-1 overall, led by conference top scorer Sidney Duplessis who is averaging 21.5 points a game, top rebounder Dejon Lott (Elk Grove H.S.) at 10.2 a game and the number one assists and steals man in Drew Fischer (8.2 and 3.0 a game, respectively). Lott also leads the Big 8 with 3.5 blocks a game.

# Delta League Basketball Underway



Ken Manfredi and the Franklin Wildcats entered this week's start of Delta League basketball ranked No. 3 overall in Division I in the Sac-Joaquin Section by MaxPreps thanks to a 14-2 record in the non-league portion of the 2023-24 season. This week they took on 10-4 Cosumnes Oaks on Wednesday, a team ranked in the top 10 in Division II. Photo by John Hull

## SCOREBOARD

### Local Sports Results

#### Wednesday, Dec. 27

##### Boys Basketball

Rancho Mirage Desert Classic  
Franklin 70, The Meadows (NV.) 48  
*Clovis Elks Classic*  
Pleasant Grove 72, Hanford West 51  
*Torrey Pines Holiday Classic*  
Monterey Trail 74, Granite Bay 56  
*Damian Lillard Classic*  
Antioch 47, Elk Grove 42

##### Boys Soccer

Franklin 4, Galt 4

##### Girls Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks 1, River City 1

#### Thursday, Dec. 28

##### Boys Basketball

Bradshaw Chr. 64, Woodland Chr. 42  
*Rancho Mirage Desert Classic*  
Franklin 69, Portola 43  
*Clovis Elks Classic*  
Buchanan 66, Pleasant Grove 52  
*Torrey Pines Holiday Classic*  
Canyon View 75, Monterey Trail 71

##### Girls Basketball

*West Coast Jamboree*  
Mont. Trail 63, St.Patrick/St.Vincent 56  
Cosumnes Oaks 57, Dublin 51  
Forest Grove 61, Franklin 50

##### Boys Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks 2, Laguna Creek 1

##### Girls Soccer

Cosumnes Oaks 5, West Campus 0

#### Friday, Dec. 29

##### Boys Basketball

Fortune EC 74, Argonaut 53  
*Clovis Elks Classic*  
Pleasant Grove 69, Roosevelt 51  
*Rancho Mirage Desert Classic*  
Franklin 51, Cajon 39  
*Holiday Classic (San Diego)*  
Foothill 66, Laguna Creek 61  
*Damian Lillard Classic*  
Elk Grove 62, San Rafael 50  
Torrey Pines Holiday Classic  
Monterey Trail 69, Lincoln 67

##### Girls Basketball

*West Coast Jamboree*  
Franklin 55, Los Banos 40  
Caruthers 45, Cosumnes Oaks 33  
Los Gatos 60, Monterey Trail 55

##### Boys Soccer

Pleasant Grove 4, East Union 0  
Valley 2, Franklin 0  
River City 2, Sheldon 1

#### Saturday, Dec. 30

##### Boys Basketball

*Rancho Mirage Desert Classic*  
Corona Del Mar 66, Franklin 57

##### Girls Basketball

*West Coast Classic*  
James Logan 58, Cosumnes Oaks 48  
Franklin 54, Sacramento 25  
Montgomery 44, Monterey Trail 35  
Sheldon 44, Rio Americano 34



MyLeia Campbell, a freshman from Inderkum H.S., puts back a shot following an offensive rebound for Cosumnes River College. The Hawks are now 13-1 on the season. Photo by Jonathan Wong

# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(as of 1/1/24)

### Boys Basketball Delta League

	League	Overall
Franklin	0-0	14-2
Cosumnes Oaks	0-0	10-4
Jesuit	0-0	8-4
Pleasant Grove	0-0	7-7
Sheldon	0-0	6-7
Elk Grove	0-0	7-8
Davis	0-0	5-7

### Girls Basketball Delta League

	League	Overall
Franklin	0-0	9-6
Cosumnes Oaks	0-0	8-7
St. Francis	0-0	5-8
Davis	0-0	6-7
Sheldon	0-0	7-9
Pleasant Grove	0-0	7-8
Elk Grove	0-0	3-7

### Greater Sacramento

	League	Overall
Foothill	0-0	10-4
West Campus	0-0	7-4
Johnson	0-0	8-6
Natomas	0-0	8-5
Cordova	0-0	6-6
Florin	0-0	4-6
Valley	0-0	0-12

### Greater Sacramento

	League	Overall
Johnson	0-0	7-4
West Campus	0-0	8-5
Foothill	0-0	6-6
Cordova	0-0	5-9
Natomas	0-0	3-7
Valley	0-0	3-11
Florin	0-0	0-11

### Metro League

	League	Overall
Laguna Creek	1-0	8-4
Monterey Trail	0-0	11-1
Kennedy	0-0	10-4
Burbank	0-0	9-5
River City	0-0	8-7
McClatchy	0-0	6-10
Grant	0-1	7-6

### Metro League

	League	Overall
Grant	1-0	12-2
Monterey Trail	1-0	8-6
Kennedy	1-0	11-3
McClatchy	0-0	7-5
River City	0-1	9-6
Laguna Creek	0-1	2-9
Burbank	0-1	3-8


### Sierra Valley

	League	Overall
Union Mine	0-0	16-2
Bradshaw Chris.	0-0	9-6
El Dorado	0-0	8-9
Liberty Ranch	0-0	6-10
Rosemont	0-0	3-8
Galt	0-0	3-10

### Sierra Valley

	League	Overall
Liberty Ranch	0-0	13-4
El Dorado	0-0	8-7
Union Mine	0-0	9-7
Rosemont	0-0	7-10
Bradshaw Chris.	0-0	1-12
Galt	0-0	1-13

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**WHAT'S ON TAP**

# Wrestling Roundup

## Herd Grapplers Take Fourth at Tough Sierra Nevada Classic

By John Hull  
Citizen Sports Editor

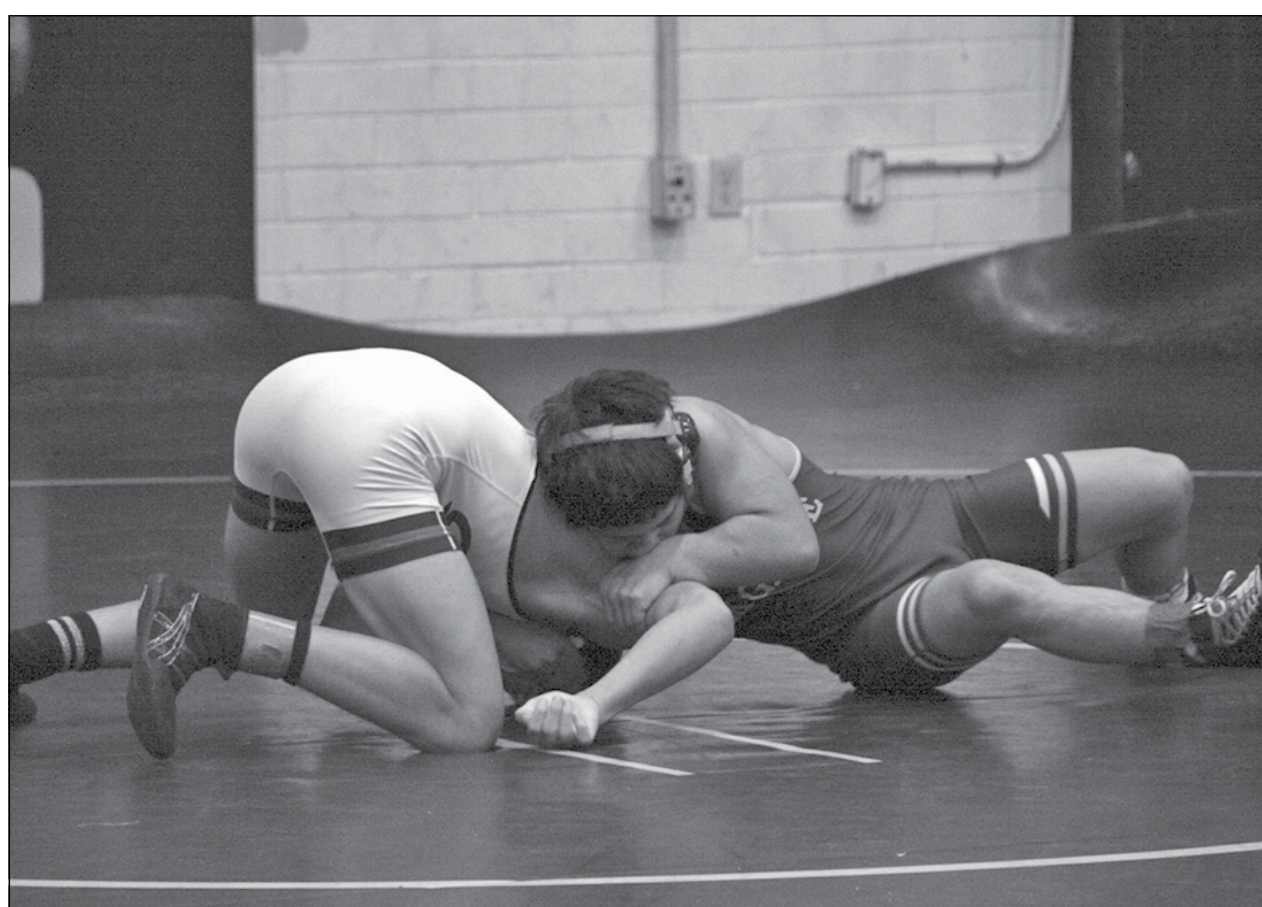
**RENO, NEV. (MPG)** - Elk Grove's talented wrestling squad spent the holidays preparing for and then competing for the Sierra Nevada Classic, a two-day event at the Reno Events Center in Nevada which annually attracts teams from throughout the West. Squads from California, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, New Mexico and Nevada filled into the "Biggest Little City in the USA" for the meet.

In the team standings Elk Grove finished in fourth place behind Oakdale, Del Oro and Tahoma, Wash.

Leading the way for the Thundering Herd was 132-pounder Nicholas Bulanin who won his weight class. In the championship match he defeated Dylan Clark of Henley, via a 10-7 decision.

At 126 pounds, Josiah Sandoval took second place. He lost in the championship match to Ezeiquel Vela of Oakdale, 6-4.

Other Elk Grove



Elk Grove's wrestling squad placed fourth Dec. 28-29 in the Sierra Nevada Classic at the Reno Events Center in Nevada. Photo by John Hull

wrestlers who medaled with Octavio Negrete, 8th place at 120 pounds, Alex Portugal, fourth place at 106 pounds and Paul Johnson, fifth place at 150 pounds.

Pleasant Grove's 285-pounder Peyton Reiser took fourth place in

his weight class in Reno.

The Delta League dual season opens Jan. 9 at Pleasant Grove. On Mat No. 1 will be Sheldon vs. the Eagles followed by Sheldon vs. Cosumnes Oaks. On Mat No. 2 Elk Grove will take on Cosumnes Oaks, then Elk

Grove duals with Pleasant Grove.

**Girls Wrestling**

Cosumnes Oaks girls team placed seventh at the "No Guts, No Glory" tournament Dec. 28 at Jessup University. Bailey Ratemaker won

the 110 pound weight class via a pin of Maleah Ballejos of Paradise in 4:32. Vanessa Barrientos placed fourth at 100 pounds and Hazel Hy was third at 105 pounds.

Sheldon's Chrystina Ballejos won the 170 pound weight class. ★

### LOCAL BASKETBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Boys Scoring					
Name	School	PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%
Brandon Gibson	Monterey Tr.	21.5	44	29	85
Elijah Sykes	Pl. Grove	18.5	40	31	76
Josh O'Neal	Bradshaw Chr	15.3	49	23	52
Sean Hatter	Florin	14.4	-	-	50
Carson Keplinger	Pl. Grove	14.0	46	48	75
Jabari Pugh	Fortune E.C.	13.7	-	-	77
Ny'j Joiner	Cos. Oaks	13.7	47	37	67

Rebounding			
Name	School	REB	RPG
Isaac Jensen	Bradshaw Chr	143	9.5
Damien Mcalister	Monterey Tr.	54	7.7
Brandon Gibson	Monterey Tr.	57	7.1
Josh O'Neal	Bradshaw Chr	103	6.9
Lionel Williamson	Pl. Grove	66	6.0

Assists			
Name	School	APG	AST/TO
Brandon Gibson	Monterey Tr.	5.4	2.53
Josh O'Neal	Bradshaw Chr	4.5	1.62
Jalen Flenory	Laguna Cr.	4.5	2.37
Elijah Sykes	Pl. Grove	4.2	1.15
Derron White	Monterey Tr.	4.1	2.06

Girls Scoring					
Name	School	PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%
Isabel Tan	Cos. Oaks	21.3	40	41	86
Zakiyyah Azeem	Fortune EC	18.7	-	-	50
Kate Myers	Pl. Grove	17.1	42	38	79
Iliana Baleisuva	Fortune EC	11.7	-	-	22

Rebounding			
Name	School	REB	RPG
Zakiyyah Azeem	Fortune EC	78	13.0
Kate Myers	Pl. Grove	110	7.3
Leila Williamson	Pl. Grove	108	7.2
Kym Hartman	Cos. Oaks	82	6.8

Assists			
Name	School	APG	AST/TO
Aniyah DuBose	Fortune EC	4.7	-
Isabel Tan	Cos. Oaks	4.3	1.34
Kate Myers	Pl. Grove	2.9	0.71
Marissa Perkins	Pl. Grove	2.9	0.79
Kym Hartman	Cos. Oaks	2.7	1.52

Source-MaxPreps.com

## Registration Open For Spring Volleyball Leagues

**Special to the Citizen**

**TORRANCE, CALIF. (MPG)** - The United States Youth Volleyball League (USYVL) has announced that registration is open for their 2024 Spring Leagues. These signature programs provide a fun, safe, and supervised environment for boys and girls to learn and play volleyball.

The Elk Grove USYVL runs from April 11- June 1 on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. at Kloss Park in Elk Grove.

USYVL's eight-week fall leagues provide instruction to boys and girls ages 7 to 15 that is designed to teach basic volleyball skills in a positive environment. The

leagues operate twice per week beginning the second week of September and ending the first week of November. Practices and games operate in a coed format and offer participants the opportunity to develop self-esteem and confidence.

Programs fill quickly, so register early to reserve a spot for your child. The registration fee includes a uniform t-shirt and participation medal. Visit the USYVL online registration page to locate a program in this area.

For information on registration, programs, locations, or schedules visit [www.usyvl.org](http://www.usyvl.org) or contact us at 1-888-988-7985 or [info@usyvl.org](mailto:info@usyvl.org). ★

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# No More Sports Amateurs at the Collegiate Level

By John Hull  
Citizen Sports Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - When a high school or community college athlete signs a National Letter of Intent with a four-year institution to continue playing their sport, nowadays a big part of the negotiation is based upon money they'll earn. That's a new change in the college recruiting landscape. And it's turning into a revolutionary change of collegiate sports overall.

In June 2021 the NCAA started it all by implementing a policy on name, image and likeness, or NIL, allowing student-athletes to make money from their personal brand.

This combined with the also fairly recent "Transfer Portal" has allowed these same student-athletes to change schools annually, looking for a better situation, new scenery and, with that, the likelihood there is more money to be earned.

The NIL landscape involves an agreement between the student-athlete and a third party, such as a brand, company or individual, where the student-athlete receives compensation for the use of their name, image and likeness. What has formed over the past two years are "NIL Collectives" which are support networks for college athletes where donors pool together money to compensate athletes. More on these collectives in a moment. Let's now look at a recent visible example of what is happening with raised frequency at the collegiate level with its athletes.

Washington State's Cameron Ward is one of

the most sought-after QB's in the football transfer portal which opened Dec. 1. He had reportedly 10 offers of at least \$1 million in NIL money. Last season he had an excellent QB rating of 145.27 for the Cougars, completing 324 of 486 passes for 3,732 yards, 25 touchdowns and was intercepted only seven times.

He decided at the end of the season to look to play elsewhere. He had two years of college eligibility. The offers, according to numerous media reports, came rolling in.

Ward ended up deciding Jan. 1 he's entering the NFL Draft, turning down reported multi-million dollar offers from Florida State, Ohio State, Miami, UCLA, South Carolina, Ole Miss, Michigan and Florida.

"The Athletic" reported Ward's decision has sent a ripple through the college recruiting circles. They report Florida State is now after Oregon State QB DJ Uiagalelei who spent his first two college years at Clemson. Miami is pursuing Kansas State's Will Howard while Miami, thought to be where Ward would land, now wants KJ Jefferson of Arkansas.

## The Pros Start In College

The point here is that today's four-year college athletes can now be considered professionals. And college coaches are looking to reload their rosters from the rosters of other college programs.

The players are earning money outwardly for playing their sport. The college campus is no longer the last bastion of amateur sports,

with the exception of the community colleges. How long that will remain free of NIL money is anyone's guess.

Back to the NIL collectives: these are independent organizations which generate deals for athletes at specific schools while operating separately from the schools themselves.

In a thorough article for "Ministry Watch" writer Shannon Cuthrell looked into these collectives who were already funding athletes at most of the nation's largest private Christian universities. The collectives raise funds from fans, businesses, or boosters. Then, with coordination from the collective, student-athletes sign agreements with contributors to use their name/image/likeness for any range of activities—from social media posts and brand endorsements to speeches and fundraising events to autographs and merchandise. In the case of nonprofit collectives, players might promote a partner charity.

In her article Cuthrell wrote, "Six-figure deals are common in the NIL industry, as brands want to take advantage of players' significant fan followings. The highest-ranked athletes have valuations from \$561,000 to \$5.9 million each. Opendorse, an NIL deals marketplace, projects a market spend of \$1.17 billion in 2023, up from last year's estimated \$1 billion. The platform saw \$917 million in deals in the first year after the NCAA implemented NIL rules. INFCLR, another NIL exchange, reported its average year-one transaction was \$1,815, but year two bumped that figure to \$1,936."



Washington State University quarterback Cameron Ward was offered at least \$1 million by 10 colleges to transfer to their school for the 2024 football season. He's one of many elite college athletes able to earn money for their name, image and likeness or NIL. Ward announced Jan. 1 he's entering the NFL Draft. Courtesy Washington State University

## NCAA's regulations now forming

A patchwork of state laws has dictated how athletes can cash in on NIL over the past two years. Inconsistencies and a lack of transparency has made it almost impossible for the NCAA to enforce rules prohibiting NIL being used as an improper recruiting inducement or pay for play.

College sports leaders have been lobbying lawmakers in Washington for federal NIL legislation, but with help uncertain to come, the NCAA is working on creating its own rules. In October an NCAA committee arrived upon a set of recommendations which would include the creation of a voluntary registry of NIL service providers, requirements for disclosure of NIL deals worth more than \$600 and development of a standardized NIL contract.

On Dec. 5, the NCAA announced a proposal that would allow colleges to enter into NIL deals directly with their athletes. This policy, if approved, would bring a major change to the NCAA's long-held business model

that prevented schools from providing any non-academic-based compensation to athletes.

According to NCAA president Charlie Baker the new rules would also create a new subdivision of Division I schools that would be allowed to create its own set of rules for recruiting, transfers, roster size and other policies. To be a part of that subdivision each school would have to put millions of dollars each year into a trust fund for athletes. More specifically, these schools would be required to set aside a minimum of \$30,000 per athlete for at least half their athletes on an annual basis. There would be no requirements for how they spend it.

## A changing landscape

Until firmer policies and, perhaps, legislation is drawn, the NIL world will be ever-changing. Many sports news websites toss around figures athletes are offered or earned like they a Wall Street ticker. Most of those numbers are admittedly rumors, but still the elite athlete in college

is making money, both men and women.

For the current high schooler this world of NIL payments looks like a good goal to shoot for, however, getting to the four-year college arena is harder and harder. Virtually every college coach admits they start their recruiting by searching the Transfer Portal. Next comes the community college athlete. For any high schooler to get a real look, you've got to be in the elite level of ability.

Locally, just two graduates from Elk Grove Unified football teams over the past two years signed with FBS schools: Simone Pale from Elk Grove with Stanford in 2022 and Mohammad Othman of Pleasant Grove this year with San Jose State.

We're seeing bigger rosters in all sports, not just football, at schools such as Sacramento City, Cosumnes River and American River colleges. That's where today's aspiring athlete will most generally begin and then they'll need to pray for open doors. ★

# CHP Highlights New Traffic Safety Laws

CHP News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws referenced below take effect on Jan. 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

## Vehicles: Registration AB 256 (Dixon)

Existing law requires current month and year tabs to be displayed on the registered vehicle's rear license plate. Beginning July 1, 2024, and until Jan. 1, 2030, a violation of vehicle registration shall not be the sole basis for any enforcement action before the second month after the month of expiration of a vehicle's registration. However, if a vehicle is stopped for any other Vehicle Code violation, enforcement action for a violation of vehicle registration may be taken before the second month following the month of expiration. Late registration fees from the Department of Motor Vehicles will still apply.

## Vehicle Removal: Expired Registration (AB 925, Ta)

Requires a peace officer or traffic enforcement official to verify the lack of current vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles before towing a vehicle for expired registration longer than six months and prohibits the vehicle from being towed if the officer or traffic enforcement official does not have immediate access to those records.

## Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program - AB 645 (Friedman)

The cities of Los Angeles, Oakland, San Jose, Glendale, Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco may install a limited number of cameras to enforce speed limits for a five-year pilot period in school

zones and designated "safety corridors" – locations that have a high occurrence of fatal and

injury crashes – and areas known for illegal street racing. Recorded violations will be subject to a civil penalty.

## Vehicles: Stopping, Standing, and Parking - AB 413 (Lee)

Designed to increase visibility at crosswalks, this law prohibits parking or stopping a vehicle along a curb at least 20 feet from a marked crosswalk or 15 feet of a crosswalk where a curb extension is present. The regulation only applies to the side of the road of the vehicle's approach to the crosswalk. Local jurisdictions may establish different distances through local

ordinances by marking areas with signs or paint.

## Cruising - AB 436 (Alvarez)

The law removes city and county authority to regulate cruising via local ordinances. Additionally, the law legalizes "low-rider" vehicles to cruise California's streets, by removing the height restriction on

acting as an automobile dismantler. Individuals and businesses who have a legitimate purpose for having catalytic converters, such as repair shops, will be excluded from penalty.

## Vehicles: Catalytic Converters AB 1519 (Bains)

This law makes it illegal to remove a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) marking from a catalytic converter. It also makes it illegal to possess three or more catalytic converters that have had their VIN markings removed.

## Vehicles: Catalytic Converters - SB 55 (Umberg)

This law requires a motor vehicle dealer or retailer to have the catalytic converter engraved or etched with the VIN before a new or used truck or car is sold. The law does allow for the purchaser to decline having the VIN etched or engraved on the catalytic converter.

## Emergency Notification: Ebony Alert: Missing Black Youth - SB 673 (Bradford)

This legislation establishes the "Ebony Alert," which allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate an alert for Black youth, including young women and girls between 12 to 25 years of age, who are reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, at risk, developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, or who have been abducted.

## Emergency Services: Endangered Missing Advisory - AB 946 (Nguyen)

This new law will aid in the recovery of missing persons who do not meet the

age restrictions associated with the AMBER and Silver Alerts. The new law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP activate the "Endangered Missing Advisory" for public distribution of missing person information within appropriate geographical areas when specific criteria is met.

## Vehicle Safety Regulations - SB 68 (McGuire)

This law authorizes the CHP to establish rules and regulations allowing commercial vehicles capable of carrying more than 500 gallons of fuel to exceed the standard 10 hours-of-service limit during Governor-declared State of Emergencies. The exception only applies for the purpose of vehicles transporting fuel for refueling aircraft used in emergency-related activities, including fire suppression.

## Pupil Transportation: Driver Qualifications - SB 88 (Skinner)

This law will require drivers and their vehicles which are used by a local educational agency to provide pupil transportation for compensation, to meet certain safety requirements.

## Vehicles: Zero-Emission School Buses: Signage - SB 775 (Padilla)

This law authorizes a school district, county office of education, or charter school using a zero-emission school bus to transport pupils at or below the 12th-grade level to place signage on the rear of the zero-emission school bus that identifies the school bus as a clean air zero-emission bus. It also authorizes the CHP to issue guidelines governing the size and placement of that signage.

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