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Gold Star Flag Returns to Elks Lodge



This Gold Star American Flag is being escorted to Arlington National Cemetery to honor our fallen service members. The Gold Star flag will arrive in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 25, when Tribute to Fallen Soldiers will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Story and photos by Stephen B. Clazie, Sacramento Elks 6 past exalted ruler

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Elks 6 hosted a Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride visit, and the Lodge held a dinner, last fall on Wednesday, September 28, 2023, to honor the visit. While staying at the Sacramento Elks Lodge #6 the Motorcycle Ride Tribute had visits with three Gold Star Families

in the Sacramento area. Since its inception by Warren Williamson in 2009, the ride has honored more than 800 fallen service members across the nation. Williamson said, "It was our ambition to honor each and every one of these fallen service members, and to graciously acknowledge their service and sacrifice, and to remind each Gold Star family their fallen service member wasn't forgotten." James Shearer coordinated Elks

6's participation, and Exalted Ruler Sue Hill noted the service at Elks 6 last fall was for Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Ivan Roberts, a 2007 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. He served with Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment as a "Centurion." In the United States Army a "Centurion" is roughly equivalent to a captain. During that 24-day ride last fall, the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers visited
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\$3 Mil to Fund Blight Removal

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget hearings, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved \$3,000,000 in funding, budgeted in the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund, for a Neighborhood Improvement Initiative. The Neighborhood Improvement Initiative aims to target the elimination of blight and enhance public spaces through investments in projects improving safety and livability in underserved areas of the county, with a specific focus on Environmental Justice communities, commercial corridors and areas adjacent to vacant or blighted properties. "I am extremely proud of this investment," said Third District Supervisor Rich Desmond. "The Neighborhood Improvement Initiative is funding projects that are really important to many of our communities and are crucial to their identity, pride and sense of place." Said County Board of Supervisors Chair and Second District Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, "This initiative really reflects our support of the diverse needs in the county. We're not just revitalizing spaces; we're improving safety, connections and dignity in our communities." The County Board of Supervisors directed the Office of Economic Development to conduct extensive outreach to develop a comprehensive list of potential projects for the Neighborhood Improvement Initiative. During summer and fall 2023, the Office of Economic Development, with the supervisory district offices and county Departments of Transportation and Community Development,
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Thunderbirds Back for Airshow



The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Jet Demonstration Team returns to the California Capital Airshow by popular demand. Courtesy photo

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Jet Demonstration Team will be at this year's California

Capital Airshow lineup, in addition to the much-anticipated visit from the Italian Jet Team, Frece Tricolori. The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the city of Rancho

Cordova, returns to Mather Airport on July 13 and 14. This event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances concluding with a massive pyro-musical

fireworks show. "To have both the Thunderbirds and Frece Tricolori performing at the same show is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Darcy Brewer, executive director of California
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Elks 6 Hosts California Bridgeway Choir



The California Bridgeway Choir performs at Elks 6's Mother's Day concert.

Story and photos by Stephen B. Clazie, Sacramento Elks 6 past exalted ruler

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Elks 6 enhanced their traditional Mother's Day tribute on Sunday, May 12, at Elks 6 Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd. As usual, all of the officers were in their tuxedos and presented the Elks traditional ceremony to mothers. Elks 6's Chaplin Shannon Lewis also had the traditional white carnation for every guest whose mother was deceased, or a red carnation if their mother was living.

Besides the Lodge officers presenting their traditional tribute to mothers, this year's program also had a special free performance by the California Bridgeway Choir from 9 to 10 a.m. An organist to accompany the choir and enhance the Lodge's tribute to mothers was greatly appreciated.

Elk 6's President Sue Hill said, "This was a touching ceremony on its own, and the audience really enjoyed it." This

free concert was open to the public in celebration of Mother's Day. Hill also noted, "The California Bridgeway Choir has performed at the State Capitol."

Hill thanked Sacramento Elks Lodge 6's event coordinator Catherine Gonzales for making the arrangements for the Bridgeway concert.

The California Bridgeway Choir had a full choir with a men's choir of 6, and a women's choir of 14. The men's choir did a rousing rendition of "Red River Valley," and the women's choir did a very moving performance of "Beautiful Dreamer."

The choir was under the direction of conductor Adagio Tao, and there was a special piano accompaniment by Alex Tao. Their finale was a partial choir of women in beautiful gowns performing "On Wings of Song."

Hill introduced Elks 6's organist Dan Baldassari, and exclaimed how proud she was that "Elks 6 Lodge has an organist for the first time in many years." In conjunction with the



The California Bridgeway Choir finale was women in beautiful gowns performing "On Wings of Song."

Lodge officers, Baldassari played six songs as part of the Elks 6's Mother Day Tribute. They included "I'll Be Seeing You" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

After the concert, an optional Mother's Day Brunch was available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It was a special breakfast with an egg casserole, fried rice, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, and a ham carving station.

The breakfast, under the direction of Glen Smith, also included choices of bacon, sausage, waffles, pancakes, and French

toast. Juice and coffee were included as well. Smith said the Lodge served breakfast to over 200 members and guests.

A few members had flowers delivered to the Lodge for their mothers,

and Smith said, "A few families brought special cakes, and the adults enjoyed the mimosas."

Elks 6's organist Dan Baldassari continued playing music during the brunch for the listening

pleasure of the mothers and their families.

Joe Di Pinto, Elks 6's oldest member at 97, said, "The music enhanced this special Sunday morning celebration, and helped stir fond memories." ★



Exalted Ruler Sue Hill leads her officers into the Lodge to conduct the traditional Mother's Day ceremony.



Elks 6 officers wait to perform the traditional Mother's Day tribute.

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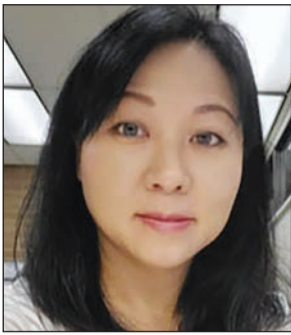
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Chu Goes Beyond the Call for Adult Protective Services

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - This month, Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) is celebrating employee, Irene Chu, as part of the video and story series “Beyond the Call: Chronicles of Compassion in Child, Family and Adult Services.”

Having started her career with the County in Child Protective Services, Irene eventually transitioned to working with older adults through Adult Protective Services (APS). Irene has over 27 years of experience working for the County. Her background in counseling helps give her a unique perspective,



Irene Chu has been working for the county for 27 years.
Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

allowing her to engage with clients and guide them through decision-making processes.

“The mission of Adult Protective Services is to protect the health and safety of older adults and dependent adults in our community in the least restrictive environment,” Irene explains. That

mission involves a delicate balance of advocating for their well-being while also respecting their autonomy and choices.

Irene wants people to know that APS operates under regulations that encourage employees to respect the rights of older adults while addressing issues such as self-neglect, which is a unique challenge.

“Self-neglect cases require a nuanced approach,” Irene said. This is because self-neglect cases highlight the complex nature of ensuring the safety of someone while still honoring their boundaries and individual agency. Self-neglect is when someone doesn’t take care of their basic needs like personal

hygiene or eating. Self-neglect can have many underlying causes including depression, isolation, or an underlying condition like undiagnosed Alzheimer’s disease. Irene said APS workers encourage clients to weigh the pros and cons to decide whether they want help for self-neglect.

“Ultimately, we let them [the client] make the decision. Because ultimately, they have to feel that they own it, they have the ownership of that choice,” Irene explains.

As a Program Planner, Irene’s job goes far beyond advocating for older and disabled adults. She helps newer staff members as they learn the ropes, provides presentations, runs statistical reports, and

writes and monitors contracts. Currently, Irene is also handling a housing project that helps shelter older adults through rehousing and homeless prevention services. The project, called HomeSafe, showcases Irene’s commitment to providing innovative solutions to address issues in her community.

Reflecting on her 27 years with the County, Irene says she is grateful for her career. These experiences helped her professionally and allowed her to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those she serves.

As Irene continues her work, she hopes sharing her story will encourage others to seek out a long-lasting career with

Sacramento County.
“I really like it so much because I really enjoy all the opportunities that I was given through the years,” Irene said.
DCFAS is proud of the dedication and passion that Irene and many other employees demonstrate. Irene is a shining example of going beyond the call, and that is why the County is happy to feature her in the ongoing video series “Beyond the Call: Chronicles of Compassion in Child, Family and Adult Services.”
Throughout the year, the County will continue to explore different roles within DCFAS and teach people about the ongoing efforts DCFAS makes to serve Sacramento County. ★

Thunderbirds Back for Airshow

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Capital Airshow. “Our attendees will get to see some of the best pilots in the world fly right here in Sacramento. We hope everybody is ready for jets, jets and more jets!”

This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 6 p.m. each day. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will kick off the event, followed by Frece Tricolori, United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams and an impressive roster of highly skilled civilian performers.

As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, a spectacular fireworks show and more.

Airshow tickets are on sale now at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. Tickets are limited and selling quickly, so those hoping to attend are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon.

The California Capital Airshow’s partners are Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge, Donaghy Sales, SMUD, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, Elite Power, FOX 40, iHeart Media and UPS.

In addition, the Airshow team is grateful to a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe.

For more information,

tickets, event details and volunteer opportunities, check online at www.californiacapitalairshow.com.

About the California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the non-profit California Capital Airshow plans and operates the family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region’s rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people.

The California Capital Airshow gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year.

For more information about the airshow, performers and discount tickets, visit the airshow’s website at www.californiacapitalairshow.com. ★



The skies will light up July 13 and July 14 with performances by the top airshow performers during the annual California Capital Airshow. Courtesy photo

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But First, Answer Me This

“First, I’m curious as to what kind of church you are running up there?” asked a caller to my church office.

His was the kind of question I get lately since returning to the pastor role.

Most often, callers are like the young mother of three who told me, “I have three churches I’m considering attending, but first I’m asking the pastors to answer some questions.”

She squashed that ordinal number “FIRST,” as if drawing a line in the theological sand.

“FIRST, does your church teach tithing?”

I assumed she knew most churches encourage donations, but not wanting to scare her off, I was slow to answer. Was she looking for a discount? Or was she searching for a rich church?

Some people call the



Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

church directly and others find me through my local column. Readers usually leave a voicemail, graciously giving me time to formulate an answer.

I played back a message from a man last week wanting to know how he could donate to Chispa Project. I returned the call, excited to tell him about my upcoming trip to Honduras, but he too began with a question.

FIRST, “I want to know if angels are able to speak to us.”

His challenging question made me want to ask,

“Can I call a friend? Or ask the audience?” Maybe I should have said, “Yes. The angels are telling you to donate to Chispa Project at Chispaproject.org/chaplain.”

Another man saw that I had a woman scheduled to preach while I was away.

“FIRST of all, should women really be allowed to preach in church?”

I knew he was referring to 1 Timothy 2:12: “I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet” (NIV).

Since I assumed he knew I invited the guest pastor, his question seemed more challenging than inquisitory, intoned much like the political questions I get.

“You must FIRST believe that abortion is wrong,” suggested a Pro-life advocate.

“Isn’t God against

homosexuality?” was the message left in a weathered tone. “God FIRST made man and then made woman.”

“We need to FIRST return prayer to the schools,” said one visitor who dared attend without first checking my political pedigree.

“God is on the side of Israel! Shouldn’t we all be calling for the destruction of Hamas?” asked one local pastor.

I know that many books have been written about all of these issues by good Christians on both sides. I know sincere believers can disagree about things.

But I try to discourage those seeking a binary faith of yes-and-no answers by sharing first the words from The Message in Matthew 22:36-40.

“When asked what was the FIRST and most

important of all of God’s laws, Jesus said, Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list.

“But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

I know I didn’t answer most of my callers as they would have hoped. But perhaps once I’ve mastered Jesus’ list, I’ll have better responses to their questions.

Finally, my best call began last week, with “FIRST, I think your new picture makes you look like Jean-Luc Picard.”

Of course, as a Trek fan, I knew he was referring to Patrick Stewart, the

fictional captain of the USS Enterprise-D in “Star Trek: The Next Generation.”

I felt a bit affronted as Stewart is totally bald. I’m not – yet.

Should I allow this caller to make the final cut for our church membership? Stay tuned.

Readers: I return to Honduras next month to help establish the 86th library for Chispa Project. Honestly, we'll need some big last-minute donations to fully fund this library.

Give online today at Chispaproject.org/chaplain or make check to “Chispa Project.” Send to 10556 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602.

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Big Day of Giving Big Deal for Nonprofits

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Local nonprofit organizations were big winners in the May 7 Big Day of Giving. Many achieved support that surpassed their hopes.

Choreographed by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, the 24-hour give-a-thon this year helped 826 organizations and raised record donations. Gifts totaled more than \$13.25 million. Since the 2013 inception of this annual appeal, public philanthropy has helped Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer County charities to the tune of \$100 million.

Administered by the American River Natural History Association, Effie Yeaw Nature Center is funded solely by public support. Big Day of Giving boosted donations by \$65,000.

“We had matching funds from two of our strongest supporters,” said staffer Kalee Christensen. “It was an exciting day for us watching our computers and seeing funds come in. They’ll help us enormously.”

Carmichael Library Friends gained a share of almost \$98,000 donated to Sacramento Public Library’s Friends organization. Summer reading programs and a scheme that gives free books to hundreds of Carmichael children will be funded.

“We’re so grateful for community generosity,” said local Friends President Barbara Safford. “The lifetimes of many wonderful children will be enriched by reading.”

Carmichael Kiwanis raised \$12,500. It also benefited from a \$500 booster prize for most donations between 5 and 6 a.m. A random prize from Big Day of Giving organizers brought in another \$100.

“I’m always impressed by the generosity of our club members and our community,” said Kiwanian Mike Koerner. “We’re all about helping kids. These donations go a long way toward that aim.”

Carmichael Parks Foundation gained almost \$20,000 to boost park beautification and youth programs. This total



Carmichael Kiwanis Club members rejoiced at \$12,500 in donations.

includes gifts from the Borman family, community benefactor Susan Marszal and former Supervisor Susan Peters.

Current Supervisor Rich Desmond included the Parks Foundation among 24 Big Day of Giving donations.

His choices included Carmichael Kiwanis, Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Fair Oaks Rotary, Carmichael HART and the San Juan Education Foundation.

“I dedicate District 3 discretionary funds, as well as my personal funds,” he said. “I chose organizations that help our most vulnerable residents, care for animals, promote arts and culture, and generally improve quality of life.”

Boosted by Desmond’s donation and a further \$20,000 in gifts, Sacramento Fine Arts Center exceeded hopes.

“These donations are vital to keeping the center and our programs going,” said Sacramento Fine Arts Center executive Angelia Gordon. “We’re grateful for so much generosity.”

Nature protectors opened wallets wide across the region. Placer Land Trust yielded nearly \$194,000. The American River Conservancy reaped more than \$34,000. The American River Parkway Foundation and Save the American River Association gained \$21,048 and \$18,395, respectively.

Rancho Cordova’s Soil Born Farms, which promotes sustainable food production, harvested almost \$21,000.

May 7 also restocked food closets. Donors fed Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services more than \$255,000; Sacramento Loaves and Fishes more than \$165,000; Yolo Food Bank almost \$146,000. Locally, Fair Oaks/Orangevale



Carmichael Library will benefit from the recent Big Day of Giving. Giving a thumbs-up for almost \$98,000 in donations to Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are Sacramento Library staffer Catlin Greenwood, left, and Carmichael Library Friends Barbara Safford, Margot Howard and Sydney Sadler.

Food Bank gained more than \$33,000. Carmichael’s Homeless Assistance Resources Team was boosted by almost \$5,000.

Top regional beneficiaries included Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera with more than \$327,000 to sing about. The Salvation Army drummed up more than \$322,000; Sacramento SPCA scooped \$221,705; ACC Senior Services got \$204,957.

Culture was handsomely applauded. B Street Theatre (The Sophia) raised nearly \$104,000. The Crocker Art Museum collected more than \$92,570. CapRadio beamed in around \$94,000. Stage patrons backed Fair Oaks Theater Festival to the tune of \$10,000.

In North Highlands, California Aerospace Museum was refueled with more than \$26,000.

“Sending kids to programs for hands-on STEM learning would not be possible for some families without this generosity,” said museum director Karen Jones. “Almost 86 per cent of our summer campers are on scholarships. These are largely

enabled by BDOG.”

Youth charities compelled grown-up generosity. Sacramento Children’s Home collected more than \$176,500. Shriners Hospitals brought in \$82,677. Kiwanis Family House banked \$73,500-plus. Children’s Receiving Home of Sacramento supporters gave more than \$59,000.

“Big Day of Giving allows the community to learn about nonprofits,” explained Sacramento Region Community Foundation officer Kelly Siefkin. “Participating organizations also love to build relationships with new donors. This year, we lowered the gift minimum to \$10. This made philanthropy more accessible.”

Perhaps \$10 doesn’t seem much. But small donations make a huge difference. With average gifts still under \$50, they added up to \$13.2 million.”

The next Big Day of Giving is scheduled for May 1, 2025. For more details, visit www.bigdayofgiving.org.

Footnote: This report reflects BDOG leaderboards. Some May 7 donations are not recorded by this source. ★

County Set to Distribute \$3M for 12 Neighborhood Improvement Projects

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met with community partners, residents and businesses through community meetings and online engagement to gather feedback and have the public suggest projects.

County staff evaluated project feasibility and

community benefits within each supervisory district for recommendations to receive Neighborhood Improvement Initiative funding.

On May 7, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of all \$3,000,000 for 12 projects, primarily

within Environmental Justice communities, commercial corridors and/or areas adjacent to vacant or blighted properties located throughout each supervisory district.

A full report of the projects is available online at www.saccounty.gov. ★

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July 19, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Jazz in July @Garcia Bend Park
July 26, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. @Belle Cooledge Park
July 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Music in the Park @ Curtis Park
August 25, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Music in the Park @ Curtis Park

Elk’s Lodge Calendar of Events
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Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 to 7 pm
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Saturday 7:30 pm
Friday Happy Hour, Friday 4-7 pm
Line Dancing, 2nd and 4th Fridays

Elks 6 Volunteer Opportunities Available
This is just a partial list of ways you can be of service to the Lodge and by extension the community.
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- Bar Back - Help out the paid bartenders for large events.
- Bartender - Riverside bar for Elks events
There will be a meeting for volunteer bar tenders

some time this week. email or text Sue Hill if you want to be on the meeting list
- Sunday Breakfast - Cook, Serve, bus tables
- Wednesday Night Dinners - Help or adopt a night one time or once a month
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Friends of Sutter’s Fort Discounted Admission Rates
SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Friends of Sutter’s Fort, in partnership with Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park, is proud to present a series of family-friendly events and activations this fall highlighted by holiday themed movies, an all-ages concert, and adventurous self-guided evening tours by flashlight or lantern light.
For those interested in

visiting inside Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park (that is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily), all Fort admission fees will be waived for the duration of a major roof replacement and seismic stabilization project that is currently underway.
For more information, please visit www.sutters-fort.org.

Sacramento Area Museums Showcase Region’s Farm-to-Fork Roots All Year Long
The Greater Sacramento region is rich with popular museums and destinations that offer diverse and enriching experiences for individuals, families, residents, and visitors alike.
Given the critically important role agriculture continues to play in the region, many local museums offer special exhibits, experiences and activations that highlight ever-enduring Farm-to-Fork connections. A sampling of some of the Farm-to-Fork offerings at local museums includes the following:
California Agriculture Museum – Woodland is home to an entire museum focused

on agriculture, filled with a unique collection of harvesters, wheel and crawler-type tractors, combines, trucks, art, artifacts, rotating interactive exhibits and much more.

California State Railroad Museum & Foundation – A Fruit Growers Express refrigerated rail car is on permanent display inside the Museum’s Roundhouse.
Museum visitors can explore this historic rail car and exhibit, “Farm to Fork: A Public History,” and learn about how refrigerated rail cars enabled California farmers, growers, and producers send farm-to-fork freshness all over the country.
Visitors can step inside the historic Fruit Growers Express rail car to see how the ice-cooled rail cars transported produce and built an agricultural system that exports more wealth than the California Gold Rush.
For more about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, “like” them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit www.SacMuseums.org. ★



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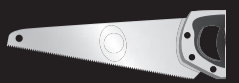
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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)- Sacramento County Public Health confirms one case of measles in a child who visited the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department between 10 p.m. and 3:15 a.m. May 6 and between 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. May 7.

UC Davis Medical Center is contacting those who were potentially exposed in the Emergency Department during those hours. Unvaccinated persons or those with unknown vaccination status who were in the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department during the aforementioned periods of time are at risk of developing measles from seven to 21 days after being exposed.

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symptoms develop, stay at home and immediately call a healthcare provider. If individuals become ill enough that they need medical attention in person, wear a mask and inform the registration staff about possible measles exposure so that appropriate isolation can occur in the healthcare setting.

UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento County Public Health and Public Health Departments in surrounding counties are contacting identified patients to assess immunization status and provide guidance to individuals who were exposed.

People with measles are infectious from four days before to four days after the onset of the rash. Anyone diagnosed with measles or suspected of having measles should stay home for four days after the onset of the rash. However, infected people without symptoms of measles might still be able to transmit the virus.

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Dear District 7 Residents,

As the warm embrace of summer draws near, we are thrilled to announce a vibrant array of community events to brighten your days and create lasting memories.

The D7 event calendar is packed with activities tailored to all ages and interests, ensuring that everyone can participate!

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We encourage you to mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the spirit of community and togetherness.

Let's make this summer one to remember, filled with laughter, friendship and endless possibilities.



These events are not just opportunities for entertainment but also chances to strengthen the bonds that unite us as neighbors and friends.

So, whether you're a long-time resident or new to our community, we invite you to join us in celebrating the spirit of summer and the vibrant tapestry of our community.

Plus, a huge thank you to the community groups who are offering events in the district this summer.

June: 6/2 - Curtis Fest Artisan Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Curtis Park
6/21 - Trucks & Such, 5-8 p.m., Garcia Bend Park
6/28 - Jazz in July, 6-8 p.m., William Land Park "Panhandle"

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July: 7/4 - Pocket/ Greenhaven 4th of July Parade, 10 a.m.

7/12 - Jazz in July, 6-8 p.m., Marriott Park

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7/26 - Jazz in July, 6-8 p.m., Belle Cooledge

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August: 8/6 - National Night Out

8/16 - Trucks & Such, 5-8 p.m., Garcia Bend Park

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Gardening books grace the main display for spring.

**Story and photos by
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

When you enter Crawford's Books at 5301 Freeport Blvd., bright-eyed, soft-spoken owner Sue Richards may be there to greet you. A natural "librarian" passionate about reading, her nametag states "Owner & Bookworm." Still, Richards admitted she was a late reader: "I didn't read much as a child, but after college, I began reading with friends. Sharing and talking about them kindled my love for books."

The independent little bookstore is within walking distance of Richards' Hollywood Park home. She used to visit it frequently when the Crawfords owned it, and she asked them to contact her when they were ready to sell. They did, and as of Jan. 1, 2018, she became the new owner.

Various new and used books grace the shelves as

well as colorful displays of locally made greeting cards, pins, t-shirts and book totes. Ardent book readers can quickly exchange their gently used books for credit or cash but are encouraged to take their time and browse, too.

The customer base drives the types of books Richards takes in. She makes those decisions as she goes through used books and orders new ones. When asked about the most popular topics for adults, she replied, "I have a large community of mystery readers," herself included. Richards hosts a monthly book club called Mysteries & More. People can pick up a small calendar print-out with upcoming novels at the register. This group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. And it's not always mysteries; some historical fiction is occasionally thrown in. Readers only need to show up to participate.

I asked about other

popular fiction, and Sue answered, "Fantasy is also huge, but there is a generational preference. Teens like dystopian stories, whereas adults tend to like spicy 'Romantacies' like the Sarah J. Maas Fae Series 'A Court of Thorns and Roses.'" Fantasy readers love good world-building, and Richards' staff member, Jude, keeps her in the know for the best stories. He also ensures the store retains a very healthy science fiction selection.

Children's literacy is another interest, and there is a wide selection of reading materials, such as chapter books, young-adult books and Japanese manga. "Some formats are more appealing than others, so the selection is vast to inspire kids with any interests," Richards said. When parents ask, Richards will set aside reader-friendly books for children with dyslexia and other reading challenges (dyslexia is considered a common reading disability and can be hereditary. It is how the eye transmits images and letters to the brain).

Being spring, the current store display highlights



Sue Richards stands in front of a colorful book and merchandise display at Crawford's Books.

gardening books. Native and drought-resistant plants are trending right now, and there is a full assortment. I asked Richards if there are other hobbies folks come in to find information on. She said, "The fiber arts are experiencing a resurgence in popularity. Young adults like knitting and crocheting. So, I carry a lot of those books." Richards continued: "Young people are also interested in sewing clothes and costumes (for cosplay). The older generation likes sewing, too, but mostly quilting."

Jigsaw puzzles and games are also exchanged. "This started during COVID-19," Richards explained. Neighborhood puzzlers found it a great way to pass the time at home. Games, puzzles and playing cards can be found



Little readers can also sit and take their time deciding which books to take home at Crawford's Books.

in the very back.

Unlike a library or typical bookstore, the shop offers moments of musical delight. In fact, a piano is front and center. Sue Richards loves music and encourages local pianists to stop by and play a few keys. Musical trios are scheduled to play on Wednesdays at noon, Thursdays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays around 1 p.m.

Crawford's Bookstore is next to the recently closed Hollywood Hardware. Richards is personally sad about it closing; she enjoyed the staff there. The closure has also affected her business. She said, "I feel like people would make it a destination by hitting the hardware store first, then come to my store and finally walk over to Little Caesars for pizza. I have seen an impact from the store closing."

Richards is doing a few things to remind customers

that Crawford's is still open. She partners with other independent bookstores and hosts a Book Crawl, where readers can visit several locally owned bookshops and win raffle prizes. She said, "We have close to 80 people who do it every year and hit most of our stores." Events are scheduled in spring and before Christmas.

The little Hollywood Park shop can be active hosting book clubs, offering puzzles and inviting musicians. Yet most of the time, it is a serene little respite from the day. The bookshelves can put customers in a calming, Zen-like state as they wander at leisure discovering the next reading adventure.

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Warren Williamson speaks at the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Gold Star American Flag arrival ceremony at Elks 6 Lodge on Thursday, May 9.

Gold Star American Flag Returns to Elks Lodge 6

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six different states to honor America’s fallen service members. They traveled through Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and California, and they did 45 individual Honor Visits through those six states.

At each of these Honor Visits, Williamson said, “We asked each family to write a loving note to their service member on the single American Flag we were traveling with.”

According to Williamson, “This has always been a tradition of ours dating back to the very beginning of our mission. This provides Tribute to Fallen Soldiers with a special keepsake for every mission we’ve done. It also allows Americans around the country to read these messages to understand there is a cost to serving our country.”

Warren Williamson and many of those same riders returned to Sacramento on May 9, at 5:45 p.m. Eight months after gathering those writings, that same flag became a Gold Star American Flag. It had begun to make its way across the country through



Elks 6 hosted a Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch last fall on Sept. 28, 2023.

a 17-day journey of 3,900 miles from Eugene, Oregon, to Arlington National Cemetery.

The 50 motorcycle riders arrived at Sacramento Elks Lodge 6 on Riverside Boulevard. Williamson said, “During each of these stops, this Gold Star flag is paid great reverence for what it represents. It’s treated with incredible respect and honor to those who died protecting it and for those families who paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

Upon arrival at each visit, the Gold Star American Flag will be honorably carried into the facility they are visiting. There is an “Arrival

Ceremony” each evening and a “Departure Ceremony” each morning. The Gold Star flag will be honorably protected wherever it goes because of what it stands for.

Two Gold Star families joined Warren Williamson and the other riders for dinner on May 9 at Sacramento Elks 6. They got to witness the honor and respect shown to this flag that holds the precious name of their fallen loved one.

Bernie Hilaman is a Gold Star father of Army Spc Kevin Hilaman (28) who was KIA June 26, 2011. The May 9 dinner at Elks 6 was a special



A Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Gold Star American Flag arrival ceremony at Elks 6 Lodge took place on Thursday, May 9, at exactly 5:45 p.m.



Warren Williamson, the founder of the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride, did one of the 45 individual Honor Visits they did last fall.



Bernie Hilaman, Gold Star father of Army Spc Kevin Hillman (28) who was KIA June 26, 2011, holds the Gold Star American Flag during the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Gold Star American Flag arrival ceremony at Elks 6 Lodge on May 9.



Exalted Ruler Sue Hill receives the Gold Star American Flag from Warren Williamson for safekeeping for the night of May 9.



Paul McIntyre, Wayne Shires, John Stellmach (Ramrod Chef) and Tyler Martin prepared the dinner for two Gold Star parents, Warren Williamson and his fellow motorcyclists in the Gold Star American Flag ride.



Dianne Layfield attended the dinner at Elks 6 on May 9. She is a Gold Star mother of Marine Lance Cpl Travis Layfield (19) who was KIA April 6, 2004.

evening for Bernie because he is one of the motorcycle riders. He is a first-time rider on this 17-day journey of 3,900 miles from Eugene, Oregon, to Arlington National Cemetery with that Gold Star American Flag.

This May 9 evening was also special for Bernie Hilaman because he had the honor of holding the Gold Star American Flag during the arrival

ceremony at Elks 6 Lodge.

The other Gold Star family member at Elks 6 was Dianne Layfield. She is a Gold Star mother of Marine Lance Cpl Travis Layfield (19) who was KIA April 6, 2004.

Williamson said, “Once the Gold Star American Flag arrives in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 25, 2024, it will go inside of Arlington National Cemetery with us to the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where it will witness Tribute to Fallen Soldiers laying a wreath at this most honorable site.”

It will be Memorial Day, and the end of their ride. The Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch is like the Elks.

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Memorial Day Reminds Communities to Remember

By Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As Memorial Day draws near, communities prepare to honor and commemorate the sacrifices of fallen heroes. Several events will be held throughout the Sacramento area, providing community members with ample opportunities to participate in the celebrations. Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May, honors service members who have died in military service to the nation, according to the Department of Defense. The holiday has roots dating back to the post-Civil War era, when citizens would informally place spring flower memorials on the graves of fallen soldiers.

All Sacramento-area residents are invited to join in the upcoming observances at any of the following locations. On May 27, community members will also gather at the East Lawn ceremony at 10 a.m., where attendees can gather to honor the fallen heroes of the United States Armed Forces. The event is being hosted at multiple locations, including 9189 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove; East Lawn Sierra Hills at 5757 Greenback Lane, Sacramento; and East Lawn Memorial Park,

4300 Folsom Blvd., East Sacramento. The Memorial Day ceremony promises to be a moving tribute where distinguished military speakers such as Bob Hilton and Gilbert Morales will take the stage, along with musician and bagpiper Liz Tubbs. Part of the program will also include the Armed Forces Medley and the POW/MIA (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action) ceremony. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Other events include the Memorial Day tribute at Mount Vernon Memorial Park at 11 a.m. May 27 at 8201 Greenback Lane. Starting at 5:30 a.m. May 27, Boy and Girl Scout troops will raise donated American flags around the park, followed by the fire department hoisting a 50-foot flag at the entrance at 10 a.m. "On Memorial Day, it is important to stop and reflect on the American patriots who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free," said Mount Vernon Memorial Park's general manager, Carol Rybolt. "I am grateful for the brave men and women who serve in the military, standing guard to protect our country and our rights. Let us honor and remember them on this Memorial Day and every day."

The event will feature a military band, a keynote speech by a colonel from the California National Guard, and a color guard from the UC Davis ROTC program. A possible fly-over, a popular attraction in previous years, is pending confirmation, adding to the day's magic. The tribute concludes at noon, with the symbolic raising of the American Flag honoring the sacrifices and expressing gratitude to those who have given their lives. The Cordova Community Council proudly presents its Memorial Day event at 10 a.m. May 27 at the Cordova High School Performing Arts Center, 2239 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova. The theme of this year's event is "Their Sacrifice, Our Gratitude," encapsulating the essence of remembrance and appreciation for those who have given their lives in service to their country. At the heart of the ceremony lies a musical tribute, featuring patriotic music performed by the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band. This year holds special significance as community members together honor the 21st-Century heroes who witnessed the tragic events of 9/11 and selflessly rushed to aid those in need, many of whom did



Fire department trucks raise the American flag high at Mount Vernon Memorial Park's Memorial Day celebration. Photo courtesy of Mount Vernon Memorial Park



American flags encircle Mount Vernon Memorial Park at last year's Memorial Day celebrations. Photo courtesy of Mount Vernon Memorial Park

"All gave some and some gave all, and we are honoring that here in Rancho Cordova." The 25th annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Fair Oaks Cemetery District will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on May 25, giving special recognition to the women in time of war between the American Revolutionary War and World War II. The cemetery is at 7780 Olive St., Fair Oaks. Speakers at the Fair Oaks ceremony include Eagle Scout Lily Rodriguez, Congressman Ami Bera and State Sen. Roger Niello. Boy Scouts of America Troop 380 will conduct the flag ceremony; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6158 and the American Legion Post 383 will conduct the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Tribute will also be paid to Ray Young, who founded the annual Memorial Day Ceremony in 1999. ★

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