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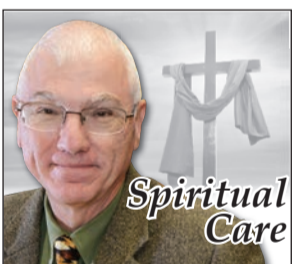
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## No Football for Florin, Valley



Florin and Valley high schools, competing here, played last year in the Greater Sacramento League. Citizen file photo

By Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Prior to the start of the football season, the Florin Panthers and Valley Vikings didn't get a chance to run out onto their field under the Friday night lights before having their football seasons canceled.

This decision was due

to low roster numbers for both squads, as they were both slated to start their season on Aug. 30, according to the school district.

Panthers head coach Dan Davis noted the low participation during the preview to their season for the Elk Grove Citizen but did not cite this as a disadvantage.

"We're small in numbers

but they definitely will work hard," Davis said. "They do anything at practice; they don't know how to quit."

Just a few weeks after this statement, his team was forced to quit on its season.

Elk Grove Unified School District spokesperson Lori Gerber confirmed

the cancellations.

Gerber said seniors on the Panthers squad are being granted the opportunity to transfer schools without a sit-out period in order to play their last high school season.

The Panthers will continue with their junior varsity season and will

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## Not Just Horsin' Around at Project R.I.D.E.



Lauren Young is in the saddle and headed for the outdoor path with volunteers.

Story and photos by Ramona and Chris Scarborough

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Project R.I.D.E. has a worthy purpose. The Elk Grove program provides a recreational outlet with horse-riding lessons for people with special needs, who might need help physically, mentally and socially.

Project R.I.D.E. participants feel included in the activities, according to the organization, and the touch and interaction between horse and rider creates a close bond.

"This program has helped Lauren

to have increased mobility, balance and boosted her confidence," said Kelly Young, whose daughter, Lauren, has been a participant for 20 years.

### Safety for Riders

Safety for riders is paramount. The horses selected are gentle but extra caution is exercised on behalf of the riders. On each side of the horse and rider are walkers and another person leads the horse.

New applicants can fill out a form online at projectride.org and then they are individually evaluated by

riding instructors as to their abilities. Consideration is given to which horse might suit them best.

### Volunteering

With 14 horses to feed and care for, there is plenty of hands-on work.

"We couldn't run this project without our volunteers," Racheal Prettyman, riding instructor and former schoolteacher, said. "They willingly pitch in with barn chores, general clean-up, preparing the horses for riding, and staffing booths at fairs. We are always looking for

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## Council Eyes Salary Increase

By Matthew Malone  
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove City Council members began considering its first raise in 12 years with a discussion at its Aug. 28 regular meeting.

Recently passed Senate Bill 329 increased the maximum salary for California's City Council members, with tiers based on population.

With a population of more than 170,000, the new maximum for Elk Grove City Council members is \$2,550 per month or \$30,600 per year.

Currently, councilmembers receive a base salary of \$800 per month, or \$9,600 per year, less than a third of the new maximum. The councilmembers last had a raise in 2012.

According to Transparent California, which lists public employee compensation, the councilmembers also receive benefits augmenting this pay.

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen receives a total of about \$42,800 per year in salary and benefits. The other councilmembers receive between about \$22,100 and \$24,200.

A salary change would require City Council to pass an ordinance, which must receive two readings during regular council meetings. City Council must also demonstrate the need for an increase.

The salary change would not go into effect until at least one councilmember starts a new term. City staff advised beginning the ordinance process in September in order for an approved raise to take effect after the 2024 election.

Three public commenters including Elk Grove mayoral candidate Lynn Wheat voiced opposition to a raise. Wheat proposed creating an independent commission to set council salary.

Elk Grove resident Cathy Lee opposed giving City Council the maximum increase but was not against a "more reasonable" raise. She said the body's work consists mainly of approving the city manager's proposals.

Lee said that "\$30,600 seems like an awful lot of money for a rubber-stamp type of job," later adding,

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# Traffic Rerouted as Franklin Narrows for Pipe Project

By J.G. Wirt

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With construction beginning on the Sacramento Area Sewer District's Harvest Water pipeline along Franklin Boulevard, northbound traffic is being funneled into a right-turn lane to eastbound Laguna Boulevard and into a single lane on the west side of Franklin.

Northbound and southbound Franklin lanes have been diverted to the west side of Franklin during construction of the pipeline from the EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility north of Sims Road south along Franklin.

Entry to the Safeway shopping center at Laguna and Franklin is available from Laguna and from Laguna Crest Way.

Four bus stops are closed along the construction



Heavy equipment is on site in the northbound lanes of Franklin ahead of the project's excavation.

route, so northbound commuters and local bus riders must board on Laguna before the intersection.

Tegan Road north of the Safeway center is

closed, but residents and church-goers have access from Laguna Boulevard via Laguna Park Drive.

The project will continue into early 2025, with segments to follow



Franklin Boulevard traffic is one lane each way from Laguna Boulevard to Big Horn Boulevard. Photos by J.G. Wirt



Access is closed from Franklin Boulevard into the Safeway-anchored center at Laguna and Franklin.




Sacramento Regional Transit posted signs at closed stops to advise alternate access to buses.

from Laguna to Elk Grove Boulevard and then from Elk Grove to south of Whitelock Parkway. South

of Elk Grove, closures have been in effect on south Franklin, Lambert and Eschinger roads.

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## WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS



# Not Just Horsin' Around at Project R.I.D.E.

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more volunteers.”

## Care for the Horses

To be in tip-top shape, the pampered horses are given the best feed, medical care and regular routine check-ups by farriers, according to Project R.I.D.E.

After working for one week, the horses are trailered to a 52-two-acre ranch where they frolic on a mini-vacation. Meanwhile, a new group that has been at the ranch for a week comes back to the barn, fresh and ready to ride.

## Covering the Cost

To help cover costs, the nonprofit Project R.I.D.E. holds three fundraisers every year: a crab feed, steak supper and a spaghetti feed.

The spaghetti feed, a family friendly event, will be on Oct. 12. Accompaniments will be salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. Games and prizes will be held for children. Get your tickets on the Project R.I.D.E. website at [projectride.org](http://projectride.org).

Also, private donors have generously shared financially. As a result, one of the amazing features of the facility is a mechanical horse that can walk, trot and canter in place. A screen in front of the rider shows realistic videos of outdoor scenes and sounds.

An outdoor path with sounds of nature and aromas of plants helps blind riders to experience the sensory side of riding.



Glory rests in a Project R.I.D.E. stall.

On days too hot for horses and riders, an air-conditioned classroom is where students can learn the correct terms for horse anatomy and the tack they use. This instruction isn't just a dry recitation of facts. Recently, they played horse anatomy Bingo for prizes.

## Becoming Involved

If you would like to see this project in action or become involved, call 916-685-7433 to make an appointment. The Project R.I.D.E. barn is at 8840 Southside Ave., Elk Grove. ★



Riding instructor Racheal Prettyman poses with the mechanical horse, which can walk, trot and canter in place.



The tack room at Project R.I.D.E. holds all the gear for riders.

# No Football for Florin, Valley

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allow juniors to play on the team.

When contacted by the newspaper in regard to the season cancellation, Davis said, “no comment.”

Student-athletes at Valley High School do not have the same luck, as both varsity and junior varsity football will not be played this season.

Despite this, students have started a petition to bring football back this season and additionally to find them a new coach following the dismissal of

their coach.

Gerber said the head coach for the Vikings was dismissed “due to a personnel matter resulting from an investigation.” She did not give a reason for this investigation.

“None of the remaining (Valley High School) football staff were able to take the head coaching position commitment for the entire season,” Gerber said. “The VHS football program also had low turnout of athletes this season and did not have enough athletes to complete a junior varsity or

varsity team.”

She noted that Valley High School administration and the athletic director have met with student-athletes and their parents to discuss transfer opportunities.

Not only will this affect the student-athletes but also other groups, as pointed out by a student and cheerleader from Valley High School, Cali Lloyd, in an interview with KCRA 3.

“It’s the cheerleading, our band, ASB, Link Crew, like it kind of takes

a village to come together and put all these programs on. So it affects everybody, not just the football team,” Lloyd told KCRA 3.

Lloyd initiated the petition online, which reads, “The school states that the reasoning for the cancellation was due to ‘low participation,’ which is completely false. We have 45 players signed up to play this year and have had less than that in past years but a season has never been cancelled.”

At press time Monday, the petition has 672

signatures of the 1,000 that organizers aim to have.

Jaden Carter, a sophomore at Valley High School, said to KCRA 3, “It caught us by surprise because it came out of nowhere. There was a lot of blood, sweat and tears. We’ve been working for it since last school year, the start of the school year. It’s not fair.”

Also at press time, it was reported by The Sacramento Bee that five seniors have transferred from Valley High School to join the Elk Grove Thundering Herd.

In the 2023-2024 school year, the schools with the lowest enrollment in the

Elk Grove Unified School District are Florin and Valley, with Florin’s 1,663 total students and Valley’s 1,631 total students, which can be a contributing factor to low roster numbers.

Both programs have been unable to generate any success in recent years, with Valley having one playoff team in the past 22 years and Florin fielding one playoff team in school history since it opened in 1989.

The teams scheduled to face both programs will receive forfeit victories as the Panthers and Vikings will not take the field. ★

Matthew Malone contributed to this article.

# Senior Lifestyle

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Light Body Toning 8:30	Gentle Yoga 8:30	Standing Pilates 8:30	NO CLASSES THURS. 9/19	Quilting No class 9/13 8:30
Chair Exercise 8:30	Knit & Crochet 9:30	Brain & Body 8:30	Gentle Yoga No class 9/12 8:30	Chair Exercise 9:00
Women's Talk Group 10:00	Men's Talk Group 9:30	Grief Group 3rd Wed 8:30	Chair Exercise 9:00	Mahjong 9:30
Chair Exercise 10:00	Zumba Gold 10:00	Chair Exercise 9:00	Open Artist Studio 9:00	Chair Exercise 10:00
Standing Pilates 10:00	Guitar Workshop 11:00	Chair Exercise 10:00	Open Games 9:00	Parkinson's Caregivers Support Grp 3rd Fri 10:15
Open Games 10:00	Zumba Chair No class 9/10 11:30	Tai Chi 10:00	Zumba Gold 10:00	Bingo 12:00
Aerobics 11:30	Sign Language 12:30	Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Grp 1st Wed 10:00	Intermediate Spanish 10:30	Women's Talk Group 12:00
Core & Strength 11:30	Mahjong 1:00	Parkinson's Support Grp 3rd Wed 10:30	Improv 11:30	Bridge 1:00
Western Line Dance 1:00	Hula 1:00	Ukulele 10:30	Light Body Toning 11:30	
Bridge 1:00	Line Dance All Levels 2:00	Book Group 2nd Wed 11:00	Scrabble 12:00	
Writers Group 1:00	Genealogy 2:00	Sambasa World Fitness 11:00	G.I.T. F.I.T 1:00	
Intermediate Hatha Yoga 1:30	Mindfulness & Meditation 2:00	Aerobics 11:30	Rock Painting 1st & 3rd Thu 1:00	
		Chair Yoga No class 9/11 12:15	Get Artsy w/ Renee 2nd & 4th Thu 1:00	
		Zumba Chair No class 9/14 & 9/15 12:30	Men's Talk Group 1:00	
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# California's Water Workforce Is Aging

## Promoting Next Generation of Workers Is Essential

Commentary by Travis Hinkle  
CALMatters.org

A career building and maintaining California's water and wastewater treatment systems may be unglamorous, failing to spring to mind — at least it did for me — when young people contemplate their future careers.

However, the state faces a looming shortage of workers in these critical roles. It is imperative to support local, state and federal policies that help fill them.

Some 17 million workers will be retiring from infrastructure jobs during the next 10 years, taking their skills and institutional knowledge with them, as the workforce ages. According to a US Water Alliance report, approximately one-third of water utility operators are eligible to retire during the next decade. In 2018, Brookings projected that water utilities must fill 9,200 water treatment positions annually.

While President Biden and Congress agreed to spend \$1 trillion on thousands of infrastructure projects, including \$50 billion alone on water resilience projects in the West, California needs to ensure that there are enough workers equipped with the know-how and sweat equity to build and operate these projects.

These are jobs that get your hands dirty. It's work that makes a difference. It typically requires less formal education than many other jobs, but can offer a lifelong

career, good pay and solid opportunities for advancement.

Infrastructure work pays 30% more to lower-income workers and those just starting their careers, relative to all jobs nationally.

I got my own start after high school by joining my brother's remodeling business — kitchens, bathrooms and the like — in San Jose, where I grew up. But a friend in Sacramento stumbled into wastewater collections for Sacramento County and encouraged me to visit his plant. There I discovered the range of jobs available: electricians, control technicians and treatment and distribution operators.

Even though I pursued online specialty courses, it took a few years for my first job in the water industry to come together.

My work requires lots of on-the-job training, but all of it is teachable and learnable. Once hired, workers can bid through labor unions for other available positions they're qualified for. Even if they decide to go elsewhere, they'll leave the department knowing how a water distribution system works.

I have noticed that more attention is being paid these days to proactively recruit water industry workers, helping them understand the training and skills needed to grow in the industry. Last fall, I even told my story to a joint session of the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Workforce Development Board, as the state seeks to



Environmental scientist Mackenzie Miner, from the California Department of Water Resources Division of Integrated Science and Engineering Aquatic Ecology and Estuarine Science and Synthesis teams, performs routine water sampling on the Sacramento River in Yolo County on June 18. Photo by Andrew Nixon, California Department of Water Resources

widen doors to infrastructure jobs, especially for disadvantaged workers.

When I entered this field, serendipity was my guide. Today, there are resources such as the EPA report "Making Water a Career of Choice," with case studies of utility-worker pathways to encourage more people to consider working in water systems.

In the years ahead, tens of thousands more workers will be needed to meet California's water delivery and other infrastructure needs, and more effort required to attract new talent into this crucial industry.

While work in the water industry may seem obscure, it is rewarding, meaningful and essential for the wellbeing of communities throughout our state. Promoting

community college, state university, private sector and state and federal programs designed to inspire and train the next generation of water infrastructure leaders is vital for California's future.

Encouraging more young people to enter this career field will not only help California meet its mushrooming needs, but will provide important, well-paying work for those who don't mind rolling up their sleeves to keep California's water pipelines flowing.

*Financial support for this story was provided by the Smidt Foundation and The James Irvine Foundation. Travis Hinkle is a distribution system supervisor for San Jose Water. He has worked in the water industry for 13 years.* ★

## Council Eyes Salary Increase

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"Remember that you all chose this public-service opportunity to serve the public."

Elk Grove resident Savannah Brown supported a raise, praising the councilmembers' work and approachability. She added that the \$2,550 is a maximum.

The councilmembers uniformly emphasized their commitment to public service but their views

on receiving a raise varied.

"We're not doing this for the money and certainly a little over \$600 a week, taxable, is not something anyone's going to get rich over," Councilmember Darren Suen said. He pointed to inflation and the length of time since City Council's last raise to explain what "feels like a big jump."

Singh-Allen also focused on the 12 years since the last raise.

"I think what's important for me is that it (the salary) hasn't been adjusted since 2012. I think that that is concerning," Singh-Allen said, continuing that she reinvests "100%" of her salary in the community through donations. The mayor said she sees a need for an adjustment and wants more discussion of the topic.

Councilmember Rod Brewer said City Council should "really come back

and do something that is going to be fair and say this is the job that we are doing for the community," continuing that the level of service councilmembers provide would not change based on their compensation.

Councilmember Kevin Spease said City Council's discussion of its own compensation made him uncomfortable but he added that the current pay is "fair." He said the total of salary plus benefits amounts to pay of \$78 per hour.

"So for me, I consider that \$78 an hour is extremely generous, and honestly I don't support more," Spease said.

Councilmember Sergio Robles voiced "full support" for a raise, saying money is a barrier preventing younger residents from running for elected office.

Multiple councilmembers called the base compensation a "stipend" rather than a "salary."

"I think about salaries as something that's a livable type of thing, and again, I agree with another (public

comment) speaker: This is not something that you would expect to be living off of," Suen said.

City documents and state law call the payment a salary.

City Council asked to consider an ordinance authorizing the raise on Sept. 25. The ordinance presented will give the maximum of \$2,550 per month but City Council will be able to lower the amount. The ordinance would then need to return for final approval on Oct. 9.

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## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



It's well known that the Sacramento Kings have gotten little love over the years from the NBA pundits, and almost everyone outside of the city of Sacramento for literally decades. We can argue the merits, but imagine my surprise when of all people, I hear Stephen A. Smith recently come to the Kings defense.

Stephen A. was asked the question, "are there any surprises that we can look for in the upcoming season?" His response was, "the sleeper team in the NBA this year is the Sacramento Kings."

Now as elated as I was to hear something positive about our hometown team, Stephen A. didn't go on and on about the merits of the team. He simply believed that a lot of people have it wrong, and that with the recent addition of DeMar DeRozan, the Kings are going to surprise a lot of people.

No surprise to Kings fans I can assure you. Sacramento embraces their team with a fervor that most cities could only hope for and is rarely seen. I think of the Seattle Supersonics and realize that many cities don't appreciate what they have, but I have never seen that behavior in the city of Sacramento.

Yes, we are proud of our Kings team, and the expectations for the upcoming season are reaching a fever pitch. If you have a seat for opening night, you're holding a valuable commodity, and whatever you do, don't sell it.

I believe that the introductions alone for the starting lineup are worth the price of admission, and this team will undoubtedly get a standing ovation that is well deserved.

Excluding the Sacramento River Cats, and the offing of the Oakland A's coming to town next year, the Kings have been the sole representative of major league sports for Sacramento and the surrounding region for over 35 years.

For many years the hope of a season ticket was a pipe dream, and you could count on waiting 3-5 years. Sold out crowds every night would eventually translate into the Kings setting attendance records, and that with teams with a subpar winning record.

DeMar DeRozan cannot come to town

and do it alone, and he isn't expecting to!

De'Aaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis are not the only Kings that will vie for a spot on the all-star team this year, and I look for former NCAA scoring champ and three-point specialist Keegan Murray to put a stamp on his lofty #4 pick by the Kings two seasons ago.

Many were critical of Murray's selection, but a credible rookie season silenced most critics. Last season was a bit of a mixed bag, but I saw a young NBA player adding to his repertoire by developing his mid-range game and interior play significantly. Add to that rebounding at a higher clip and becoming more defensive minded, it makes me think Keegan is about to put it all together.

Everyone knows what we have in De'Aaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis, so while they consistently live up to expectations, have they reached their ceiling yet? I don't think so, but let's wait and see how much Mr. DeRozan can tip those scales.

Is there a number of wins that Kings fans are wanting, or even expecting? I hear the number 50 all the time and if that number is right, Sacramento fans are in for a real treat this year.

Recent acquisitions and trades have been tepid at best, but I am excited about the team assembled right now.

Little has been said about Orlando Robinson since he was acquired as a free agent, but at 6'10" and 235 lbs., I'll be watching intently as he interns under Mr. double-double Domantas Sabonis, and at the ripe old age of 24, Orlando has plenty of time to show Sacramento fans what his upside looks like.

Many players, some future hall-of-famers such as Kawhi Leonard, came into the league but took several seasons to find their stride, so I am hopeful that Orlando's time in Miami has been well spent, and what he needs now is a team that will give him the floor time he's looking for.

As always, stay tuned Kings fans. Training camp is less than 30 days away and the action is about to begin.

All the best! ★  
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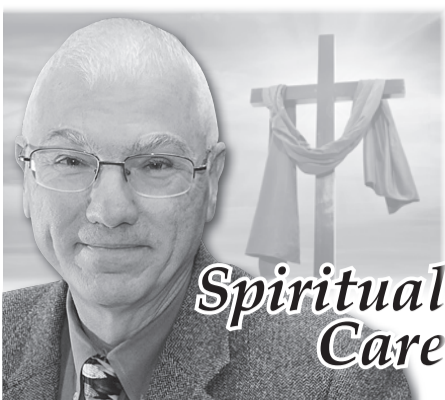


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**BY NORRIS BURKES**

Early September, just after Labor Day, I share my annual book recommendations as well as shamelessly plug my own four books. So if you read only one book this year, read all four of mine.

But after that, please read “The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism” by Tim Alberta (Harper Books, 2024).

The title may sound a bit like a political argument, but it recounts the heartfelt struggle by a journalist who suddenly loses his beloved pastor dad.

He’s honored to preach his father’s funeral, but he’s soon lambasted by family friends for his journalistic coverage of the political machinery that has crept into the church.

The situation sends Alberta on a journey to understand the tension between his professional responsibilities as a journalist and his deeply personal, conservative, Christian faith.

The book’s main strength is Alberta’s storytelling. Each chapter employs biblical insight and shares stories of everyday pastors who struggle to understand their role in contemporary politics.

Spoiler alert: Alberta deeply believes that God calls his followers to obey Jesus, not politicians. His conclusions are so biblically based that I read the last chapter aloud as my sermon a few months back.

Also mentioned in some of my past sermons is the book “An Immense World,” by Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist Ed Yong.

The book challenged my human-centric perspective, the tendency to limit my views to only what I personally can make out with my own eyes.

Yong bases his book on the Umwelt Concept, a theory that differentiates how creatures perceive their environs in ways that are often unimaginable to humans.

For example, bats use echolocation to navigate in complete darkness, while certain fish can detect electric fields in the water. These abilities demonstrate the vast diversity of sensory experiences across the animal kingdom.

By simplifying complex scientific concepts, Yong makes them understandable for readers of all backgrounds. Anecdotes and interviews with researchers bring the

science to life, highlighting the astonishing diversity of perception in the animal kingdom.

Whether you’re a science enthusiast or simply curious about the natural world, “An Immense World” is a must-read that will leave you marveling at the unseen wonders of God’s world.

The next book on my list, “The Demon of Unrest,” by Erik Larson, may evoke images of the Jan. 6 attack on the nation’s capital and those who sought to circumvent the certification of the electoral college.

Well, not quite. But almost.

This insurrection began 164 years ago, Nov. 6, 1860, after congress peacefully certified the election results for Abraham Lincoln.

Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers and plantation records, the book focuses on a lonely federal fortress in Charleston Harbor: Fort Sumter.

The fort becomes a helpless pawn, as South Carolina leads one state after another to secede from the Union. Within six months of the election, the Confederacy opens the Civil War by shelling the U.S. garrison of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.

At the heart of this battle is Major Robert Anderson, Sumter’s commander

and a former slave owner sympathetic to the South but loyal to the Union.

In the middle of it all, the overwhelmed Lincoln must deal with his double-dealing Secretary of State, William Seward, as he tries to avoid a war that will eventually kill 750,000 Americans.

Erik Larson’s sharp prose and keen insights have caused me to read all his books. But “Demons of Unrest” is a definite read for anyone interested in how history can repeat itself.

After reading these, I hope you’ll consider reading one of my books: “Tell it to the Chaplain,” “Thriving Beyond Surviving,” “Hero’s Highway” and “No Small Miracles.”

Finally, if you happen to be the romantic type, check out Davalynn Spencer’s books. This award-winning Christian romance writer has edited my column for 15 years and is clearly a good judge of great writing.

*For an autographed copy of one of my books, order on my website or send a \$20 check to 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. (\$65 will get you all four books.)*

*Email comments to comment@thechaplain.net or by text or voicemail to (843) 608-9715.* ★

## RELIGION NEWS

### Grace Church Now Hosts Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering help in finding freedom from the issues (hurts, hang-ups, and habits) controlling your life. Meetings are held weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grace Church, located at 9766 Waterman Road, next to Mel Dogs Restaurant.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 a.m. For more information call (916 714 3444) or email: office@gracechurch.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.

### Chabad of Elk Grove’s Weekly Torah Classes

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

The course, “Flashbacks in Jewish History,” will examine how our past

informs our future.

Rabbi Chaim Groner leads the discussion. For location, call (917) 724-4443.

### Field of Hope United Church of Christ’s Services.

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

Sunday School and nursery services are available. For more information, visit www.FieldOfHopeUCC.org.

### Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church MUSIC EVENTS

Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR continues the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm. On Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band will perform.

Scotty Inman will return to Elk Grove on Nov. 15 for an evening concert of worship and fellowship. Joining Scotty will be

the Herb Henry Family, California’s First Family of Gospel Music, and Faith Valley. Tickets are \$25 with assigned seating. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit several charities – One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down. For tickets go to www.itickets.com/events/479656.

The concert will be held at The Center at District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Come early before the concert starts and listen to the musical talents of Chan Louie and enjoy some refreshments. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the concert starts at 7:00 pm.

**UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS**  
Rev. Dexter McNamara has announced upcoming sermon topics:  
Sept. 8 – “How Big Is God’s Circle?”  
Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 am.

Our church is located at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn Blvd. For more information Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

### St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church’s Mass Schedule

Elk Grove’s St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to their celebrations of Holy Mass at 8700 Bradshaw Road..

Mass will be held there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays. They also have weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The church’s office hours are Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9:30-2:30, Wed, 9:30-6:00.

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

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8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.

Pastor Joe Dapelo

916-689-7300

Summer Service Hours (June 2-Aug. 25):

One in Worship service 9:30 am

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# ABOUT TOWN

## Elk Grove High 1984 Reunion Sept. 14

Exciting news! Tickets are now available for the Elk Grove High School Class of 1984's 40-year Reunion!

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Red Barn Events located at Van Steyn Family Farm (11146 Ed Rau Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757).

Tickets are priced at \$70 each, which covers a taco bar, delicious desserts and non-alcoholic beverages.

To purchase your ticket, you can send payment to Jeni (Hess) Gunn via Venmo @Jennifer-Gunn-15 or mail it to Jennifer Hess Gunn, P.O. Box 396, Elk Grove, CA 95759.

If you have any questions, reach out to eghsclassof1984@gmail.com.

## Elk Grove Community Band Concert Sept. 16

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Fall Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The Sept. 16 theme is "The Olympic Spirit."

The band's future concerts are Oct. 28, Dec. 16, Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025.

Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

## Chamber Seeks Citizen of the Year Nominations

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce is inviting nominations for 2024 Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes an Elk Grove resident who "has rendered outstanding volunteer service directly to the greater Elk Grove Community."

A nominee must be a resident of the Elk Grove area, be an individual or a couple, be alive at the time of nomination, and must not be campaigning for political office at the time of nomination.

To submit a nomination, fill out the form found at bit.ly/3X4p0Zq (case sensitive) and send it, along with a signed letter of recommendation, to the chamber.

Submissions are accepted by mail at Citizen of the Year Committee, C/O Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624. Email is chamber@elkgroveca.com, and fax is 916-691-3810. The deadline is Sept. 18.

## Widowed Persons Social Club Activities for September

Sept. 7 - 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 8 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Picnic at Elk Grove Park, Site 9A. Club to provide chicken and water. Bring a dish to share. Contact is Carol at 916-747-5621.

Sept. 11 - noon - No-host Lunch followed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Sept. 13 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Sept. 16 - noon - Mahjongg at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada. Contact is Pat Hunter, 530-559-0191.

Sept. 18 - 10 a.m. - Meet at Big Lots to rideshare to a tour of Sutter's Fort (admission \$5) with lunch to follow. Contact is Myra at 916-838-7509.

Sept. 19 - noon - General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., \$35 includes lunch. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance by calling Pat at 916-802-4524.

Sept. 20 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at La Bou, 8694 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

## After-Hours Business Mixer Sept. 17

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce will hold its After-Hours Business Mixer on Sept. 17, co-hosted by BMO Bank and Town Planner Calendar.

The networking event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at BMO Bank (7500 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 100). Attendance is free for chamber members, and \$15 for nonmembers.

## Weekend in Greek Food Fest Sept. 23-24

The annual Weekend in Greece food festival will take place Sept. 23 and 24 at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (9165 Peets St.)

The event will run 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the 23rd, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 24th. Greek dishes, drinks and pastries will be on offer, and visitors can also enjoy live music, dancing, vendors and church tours. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit weekendin-greece.org or call 916-683-3443.

## Wilton Bingo Played Monthly

Wilton Bingo is the first Saturday of each month in the Wilton Community Center at the corner of Colony Road and Dillard Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 10 games.

Unfortunately, the Taco Girl truck will not be there in September; our usual fare will still be available for sale. Our Good Neighbor table is still happening, so if you can donate a quality used item, it would be appreciated.

All proceeds go to two non-profits: The local Park Council and the Wilton History Group.

Any questions: call Lorraine Robinson, 916-212-8896.

## Jazz and Blues Hour Held Monthly

The monthly Jazz and Blues Hour concert series will bring various bands and musicians to Elk Grove Presbyterian Church (8153 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 50) on first Sundays through November.

Performances start at 4 p.m., and attendees are asked to make a \$10 donation at the door. For more information, email jbvspers@gmail.com or call Nan Mahon at 916-806-9476.

Upcoming acts are: Oct. 6, Papa Day Blues Band (blues); and Nov. 3, Beth Duncan (jazz).

## Legion Baseball Team Fundraiser Set for Sept. 27

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 will host a fundraiser Sept. 27 in support of its new Legion Baseball Team.

The funds generated by this event will be used to purchase equipment, to pay for umpires, tournament entry fees and Legion insurance, among other costs to support the team.

The event, from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Civic Center at District 56, will include a Bratwurst Dinner; beer, wine and spirits; live music by Nina Kuhl; casino (3-card poker, poker and blackjack-21.5); raffles and gift baskets.

Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets, go to post233.americanlegionelkgrove.com; click on website; click on Post 233; click on Fundraiser.

## Veterans Meetings Listed

American Legion Post 233, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Social Breakfast 1st Saturday each month, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, Laguna Blvd. and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99).

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: 4th Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday, 8-10 am., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Marine Corps League: 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073: 2nd Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

## Local Pioneer History Talk on Sept. 16

Elk Grove Historical Society's monthly speaker series continues on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m., with a talk from David Lema on the Edgingtons and the Springsteds, two of Elk Grove's pioneer families.

Lema is chair of the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation, whose goal is to preserve the personal and family stories of the Elk Grove area.

The free, hourlong presentation will take place at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 8153 Elk Grove Blvd. For more information, visit elkgrovehistoricalscociety.com.



## DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?

### Uncomfortable Spinal Cord Injury Facts

Anyone who experiences daily back pain will tell you how uncertain it can make life. It stands to reason that a serious back injury can change your life in an instant. It doesn't matter if the injury was sustained in a motorcycle accident, pedestrian accident, or at work, a spinal cord injury can put your entire life on hold. The more you know about these types of injuries, the better.

The Majority Of Spinal Injuries Are The Result Of A Car Crash - The leading cause of spinal cord injuries are car accidents. The research suggests that in excess of 36% of all back injuries occurring due to a motor vehicle collision, according to the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC). Additionally, 30% of spinal injuries are caused by slip and falls. The balance result from personal violence, sports, and surgical or medical errors.

Typical Rehabilitation Treatment For Spinal Cord Injuries Is 31 Days - For anyone diagnosed with a Spinal Cord Injury, the average hospitalization time is about 11 days, while the average time spent in a rehabilitation center is up to 31 days. For accident victims, this means more than a month on average of missed work, lost wages, and mounting medical bills. Almost 30% of those diagnosed with a spinal cord injury will be re-hospitalized in the years following the initial injury. This return to the hospital for care will result in another 18 days of hospitalization.

Spinal Cord Injury Victims Are Prone to Complications - The economic impact of traumatic spinal cord injuries is tremendous. One study found serious complications are relatively common in patients who have sustained spinal cord injuries. Urinary tract infections, pneumonia-related sepsis, and pressure ulcers can be recurring and may sometimes lead to death. Many of these complications are more than just physical pain. The same study found over 26% of these victims sought treatment for depression following their injuries.

Fewer Than 35% Of Spinal Cord Injury Victims Return to Work - The severity of spinal cord injuries varies from person to person. While some make a full recovery with minimal symptoms others may become permanently disabled. Data indicates fewer than 35% of those victims return to their previous jobs and pay scale while as many as 25% file for bankruptcy within 5 years of injury. A percentage of spinal cord injuries result from random accidents, others are caused by the actions or inactions of another.

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# POLICE LOGS

## Friday, Aug. 23

9:57 p.m., 8300 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Mandiko Howard, 51, on DUI charges.

## Saturday, Aug. 24

2:01 a.m., 9200 block of Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Carreira, 19, on charges of vandalism, damaging a communication device to prevent help, resisting a police officer, battery on a police officer.

2 a.m., Elk Grove-Florin Road/West Camden Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Sonia Aguilar, 29, on charges of DUI and driving on the wrong side of the road.

3 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Kimberly Cameron, 53, on restraining order violation charges.

4:21 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Audriane Ballard, 20, on domestic battery charges.

10:59 p.m., Bond Road/Emerald Crest Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Haley Tobias, 22, on DUI charges.

11:17 p.m., 9600 block of Darley Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Jefferson Milbourne, 49, on charges of criminal threats, burglary and weapon brandishing.

11:50 p.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Ahmad

Aziz, 19, on shoplifting charges.

## Sunday, Aug. 25

2:25 a.m., 8700 block of Mesa Brook Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Aldo Camarillo Gonzalez, 22, on charges of DUI, driving with an open container of alcohol or cannabis, and improper parking.

3:32 a.m., Mack Road/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested Curtis Jackson, 45, on DUI charges.

8:05 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Kemasson Washington, 43, on trespassing charges.

7:33 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/Four Winds Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Johnthan Howard, 34, on warrant charges.

11:30 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Franklin Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Juan Navarro Rodriguez, 44, on DUI charges.

5:16 p.m., 5040 block of Laguna Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Christian Barbo, 32, on shoplifting charges.

5:29 p.m., 8400 block of Laguna Palms Way: Elk Grove Police arrested Jakub Dorazil, 37, on warrant charges and child endangerment charges.

5:44 p.m., Laguna Boulevard/Franklin Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Jasue Ramirez Maldonado, 28, on DUI

charges.

9:17 p.m., Sheldon Road/Elk Grove-Florin Road: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 16-year-old on charges of felony reckless evading and evading a police officer by driving against traffic.

## Monday, Aug. 26

4:10 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Richard Kirkman, 35, on restraining order violation charges.

## Tuesday, Aug. 27

1:07 a.m., Sheldon Road/Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Keith Egly, 56, on warrant charges.

7 a.m., Franklin High Road/Whitelock Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Cahjewan Thomas, 33, on reckless driving and child endangerment charges.

7:19 a.m., 9600 block of Auto Center Drive: Elk Grove Police arrested Aston Belgarde, 40, on parole violation charges.

7:34 a.m., Sky River Parkway/Promenade Parkway: Elk Grove Police arrested Tariq Zaman, 42, on meth and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

8:02 a.m., Kammerer Road/Bruceville Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Zackary Beauchamp, 28, on DUI charges.

12:16 p.m., Grant Line Road/Highway 99: Elk Grove Police arrested Jesus

Valtierra Altamirano, 42, on resisting arrest charges.

3 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Oghenetega Okoro, 32, on restraining order violation charges.

9:39 p.m., confidential location: Elk Grove Police arrested Christina Gonzalez, 44, on restraining order violation charges.

## Wednesday, Aug. 28

12 a.m., 9100 block of West Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Kaleb Saelee, 18, on embezzlement charges.

11:59 a.m., 8800 block of Elk Grove Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Alfredo Ramos, 24, on warrant charges.

10:56 p.m., Power Inn Road/East Stockton Boulevard: Elk Grove Police arrested Sandra Duarte Dodds, 52, on warrant charges.

## Thursday, Aug. 29

5:16 p.m., Elk Grove Boulevard/School Street: Elk Grove Police arrested Giovanni Hernandez, 19, on vandalism charges.

9:38 p.m., 6200 block of Laguna Vale Way: Elk Grove Police arrested an unidentified 16-year-old on warrant charges.

11:04 p.m., Power Inn Road/Calvine Road: Elk Grove Police arrested Aaron Turner, 37, on DUI charges. ★

# MEETING MINDERS

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

**The Elk Grove City Council** has its 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](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

**The Elk Grove Planning Commission** has its 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](http://www.ElkGroveCity.org).

**The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors** has in-person meetings at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. It governs 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](http://www.CosumnesCSD.gov) and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

**The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. This meeting is in-person

at the Cosumnes Community Services District headquarters, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Members of the public can also view it online by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, [www.EGUSD.net](http://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](http://www.egwd.org).

**The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District Board** has in-person meetings every second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. They meet at their district office, 8540 Elk Grove Blvd.

Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. Find agendas at [www.EGCCD.com](http://www.EGCCD.com). ★



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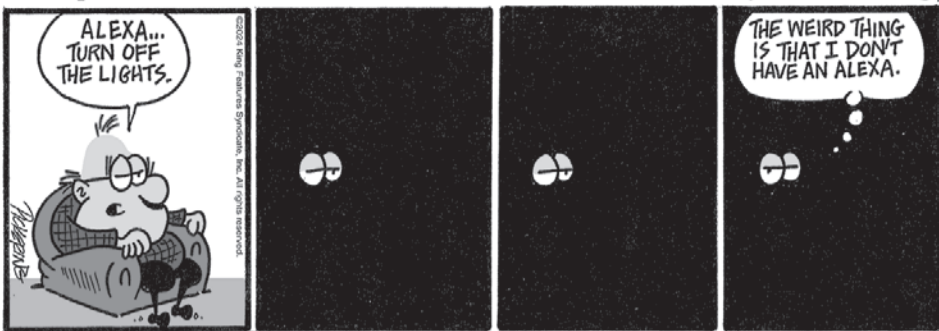






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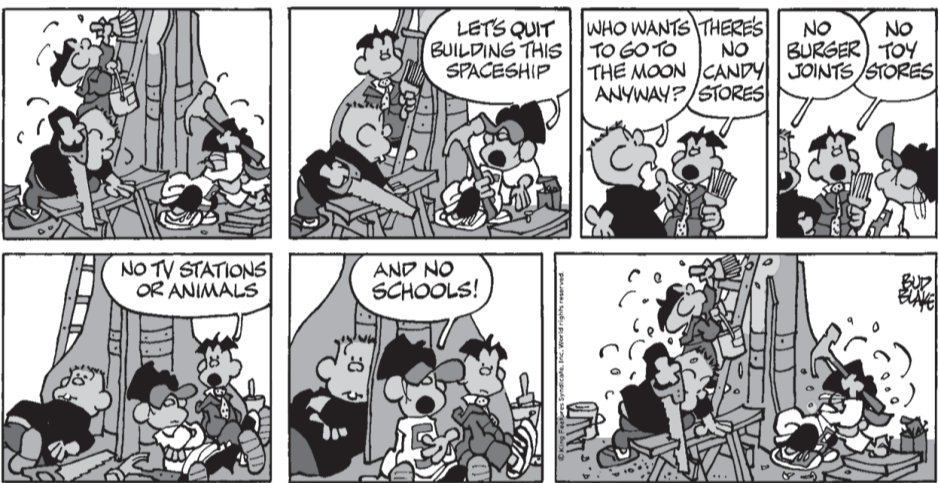
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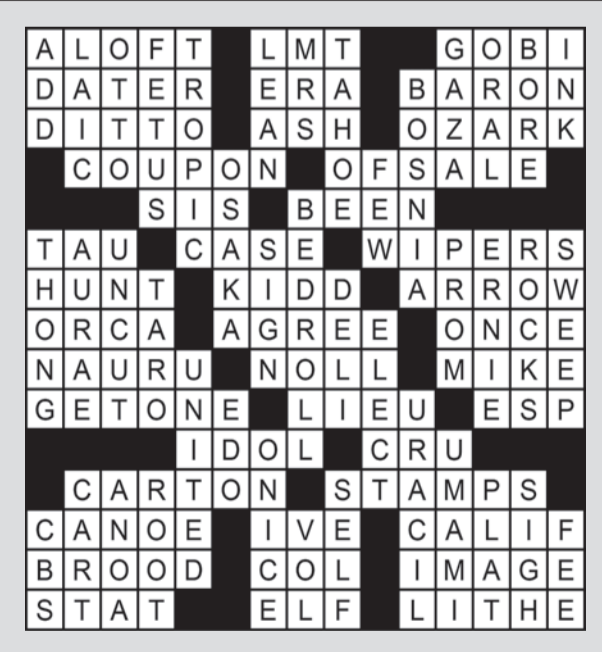
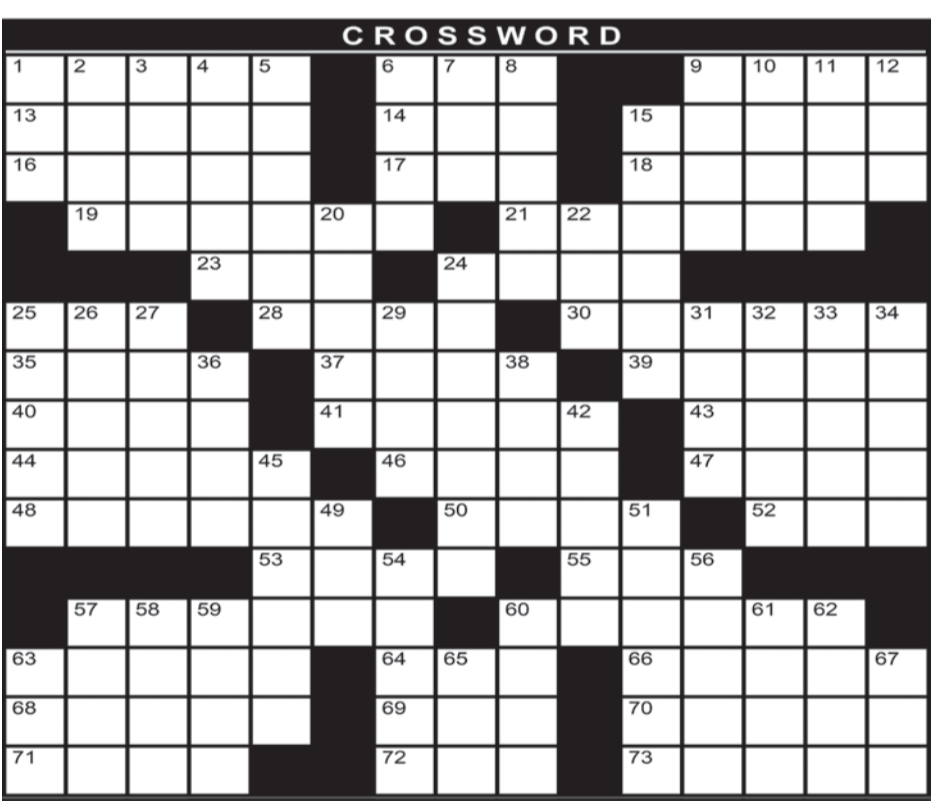
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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

### Summer Villas Special Planning Area Draft Environmental Impact Report

**DATE:** September 9, 2024  
**TO:** Public Agencies and Interested Parties  
**FROM:** City of Elk Grove  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Summer Villas Special Planning Area

The City of Elk Grove is recirculating the Notice of Preparation (NOP) to reflect revised descriptions to the surrounding uses and to extend the comment period to October 9, 2024. All comments previously submitted to the City during the initial NOP public comment period (August 9 to September 9, 2024) have been retained and any previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

The City of Elk Grove (City) will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Summer Villas Special Planning Area ("Project"). Because the City has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the Project, an Initial Study will not be prepared (CEQA Guidelines Section 15063[a]). In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) provides a project description, location, and the probable environmental effects of construction and implementation of the Project. The NOP is circulated for a public review and comment period that begins on **September 9, 2024, and ends on October 9, 2024.**

The City is soliciting comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR as they relate to other agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project, as well as comments from interested members of the public. The City will rely on responsible and trustee agencies to provide information relevant to the analysis of resources falling within the jurisdiction of such agencies. Specifically, input is required on:

- Scope of Environmental Analysis** – guidance on the scope of analysis for this EIR, including identification of specific issues that will require closer study due to the location, scale, and character of the Project;
- Mitigation Measures** – ideas for feasible mitigation, including mitigation that would avoid, offset, eliminate, or reduce potentially significant or significant impacts; and
- Alternatives** – suggestions for alternatives to the Project that could reduce or avoid potentially significant or significant impacts.

The City welcomes input during the review and comment period. If the City has not received a response (or a well-justified request for additional time) from a responsible or trustee agency by the end of the review period, the City may presume that the responsible or trustee agency has no response (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082[b][2]).

Please provide any written comments that you would like the City to consider, along with the name of the appropriate contact person in your agency and their contact information, to the address shown below by **5:00 PM on October 9, 2024.**

City of Elk Grove Development Services Department

Planning Division  
c/o Kyra Killingsworth  
8401 Laguna Palms Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95758  
Email: kkillingsworth@elkgrovecity.org

### SCOPING MEETING

CEQA provides for a lead agency to facilitate a scoping meeting(s), which provide additional opportunity for informing the scope and content of an EIR. The City will host a second scoping meeting on **Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at City of Elk Grove Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758.** Information related to the Project, including how to access project documents and how to participate in the public review process, will be provided at the scoping meeting.

### PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING

The City of Elk Grove is located within Sacramento County and is generally bounded by Interstate 5 (I-5) to the west, Calvine Road and the City of Sacramento to the north, Grant Line Road to the east, and Kammerer Road to the south. State Route (SR) 99 runs north-south through the City center, and provides regional access to the City. The project site ("site") is located at 9350 Sheldon Road, southeast of the intersection of Sheldon Road and Waterman Road, in the northeastern portion of the City (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The approximately 116-acre site is identified by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 127-0010-077.

The site is currently developed with a rural residence and barn in the northwest corner of the site. The remainder of the site consists of grassland vegetation, which is used for grazing. In addition, Laguna Creek tributaries generally run from the northern boundary of the site to the southern boundary of the site. The site is located within the City's Rural Area Community Plan. Both the Rural Area Community Plan and the City of Elk Grove General Plan designate the site as Rural Residential (RR). The site is zoned Agricultural Residential-Two Acre Minimum (AR-2).

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project would require approval of a General Plan/Rural Area Community Plan Amendment and a Rezone to allow for the creation of the 116-acre Summer Villas Special Planning Area (SPA). The Summer Villas SPA contains three distinct sub-zones: 1) Active Adult Neighborhood (71.3 acres), 2) Laguna Creek Open Space (20.3 acres), and 3) Waterman Recreational Open Space (19.4 acres). It should be noted that the remaining five acres of the site would be dedicated to the Waterman Road and Sheldon Road right-of-way (ROW) (see Exhibit 1). However, the SPA would not entitle any specific development proposals, but would adopt site-specific zoning, development standards, and criteria for future development proposals within the site.

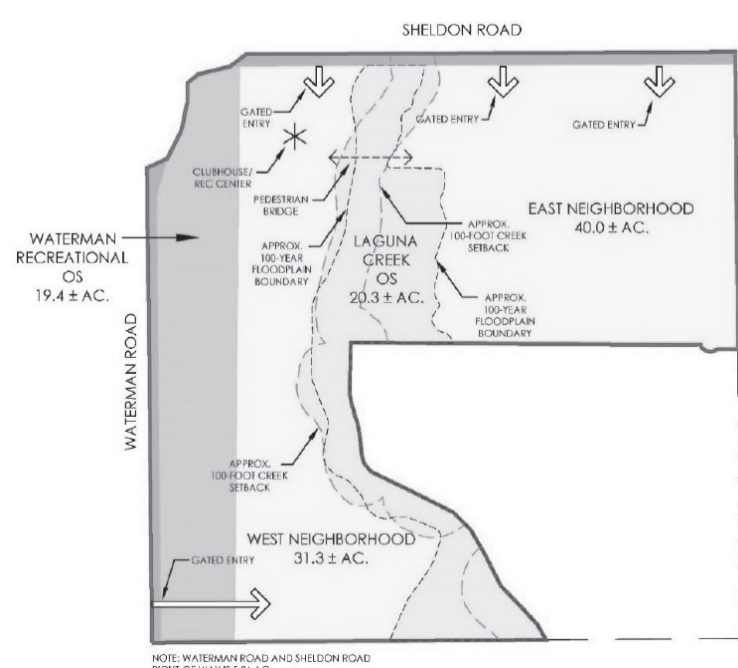
Given the sub-zones included in the SPA, a reasonable assumption can be made that on-site development of an active adult residential community would occur if the SPA is approved by the City. As such, this EIR will evaluate the impacts associated with approval of the General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Summer Villas SPA, as well as subsequent potential development of the 116-acre site with a maximum of 499 age-restricted (55+) single-family homes, as well as various associated improvements, such as a private community recreation center/clubhouse, private park space, trails and open space areas, landscaping, and a number of on- and off-site roadway and utility improvements.

### POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The following environmental topic areas are preliminarily anticipated to be evaluated in the EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (including Energy)
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning, Population, and Housing
- Noise
- Public Services /Utilities and Service Systems
- Transportation

### EXHIBIT 1: SPA BOUNDARY AND SUB-ZONES



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## City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

#### COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2006-1 (MAINTENANCE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 99 FOR THE IRON ROCK INDUSTRIAL PROJECT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on August 28, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 2024-142, in which it declared its intention to annex territory to the existing Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "CFD"), and to levy a special tax to pay for certain maintenance services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code. The resolution describes the territory to be annexed, specifies the type of services to be financed, and describes the rate and method of apportionment of the proposed special tax. No change in the tax levied in the existing CFD is proposed. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the City Council has fixed **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**, at the hour of **6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the annexation. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annexation of the territory or the levying of the special taxes will be heard.

Dated / Published: September 6, 2024

JASON LINDGREN  
CITY CLERK, CITY OF ELK GROVE

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## CITY OF ELK GROVE – CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dated: September 6, 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that on **September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove will hold a Public Hearing at the **Elk Grove City Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove**, to consider the following actions:

#### APPROVAL OF THE 2023-24 CDBG CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

The purpose of this public hearing is to consider the adoption of the 2023-24 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CAPER describes the program and activity accomplishments during the 2023-24 program year, in which the City received \$910,987 in federal CDBG funds. The programs and activities that were conducted during the 2023-24 program year include, but are not limited to, sidewalk and curb ramp accessibility improvements, provision of meals for seniors, emergency and transitional shelter, and public service programs.

The release of this notice is one of the City's activities to fulfill citizen participation requirements. Federal regulations require localities to provide the public with reasonable access to the CAPER.

The public review and comment period will begin September 10, 2024 and will end September 25, 2024. The City of Elk Grove City Council will consider adoption of the CAPER and provide an additional opportunity for public comment at their September 25, 2024 meeting.

The CAPER will be available for public review on the City's website at [www.elkgrovecity.org/cdbg](http://www.elkgrovecity.org/cdbg) and at the following locations: Elk Grove City Hall, 8401 Laguna Palms Way; Elk Grove Public Library, 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard; Franklin Public Library, 10055 Franklin High Road; and the Senior Center of Elk Grove, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Copies of the CAPER will be made available upon request and are free of charge. To request a copy please contact the Housing Department at (916) 478-2254 or [housing@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:housing@elkgrovecity.org).

The City of Elk Grove encourages interested parties to participate in public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony but are unable to participate in the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Written comments may be filed with the City Clerk, City of Elk Grove, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

Public comment on all aspects of the City's CDBG program is welcome and may be submitted by mail to Sarah Bontrager, Housing and Public Services Manager, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 or by phone/email: (916) 627-3209 or [sbontrager@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:sbontrager@elkgrovecity.org).

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## City of Elk Grove – City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

#### COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2003-2 (POLICE SERVICES) ANNEXATION 75

#### FOR THE JAIN ESTATES AND HERITAGE HILL DRIVE MAP PROJECTS

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# Mustangs Fall to 0-2 in Loss to Pittsburg

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Like last season, the Monterey Trail Mustangs fell to 0-2 to start the season as they lost to the Pittsburg Pirates on Aug. 30 by a score of 42-13.

Mustangs head coach T.J. Ewing, said the post-game message last season when going down 0-2 is the same as the message this season.

“When we show film of it there’ll be a lot of introspection from coaches and players themselves saying, ‘You could have done this better,’ ‘I could have done that better,’ and then that gets us better because our kids know we’re a good team,” Ewing said.

Ewing also said that his team has to learn the speed of the game against competitive teams like the Pirates, as they have to stick to their system and not improvise.

Speed burnt the Mustangs on the first play of the game, as they went down 7-0 following the opening kick-off with a 96-yard return from the Pirates.

Soon enough, the Mustangs would go down 14-0 and were on the brink of going down 21-0 before a sack and fumble recovery within the Mustangs’ 10-yard line from senior Kharter Turk prevented that and shifted the momentum in their favor.

This would lead to a D’Adrien Sanders touchdown to cut the deficit to 14-7 and contribute to his

160 total rushing yards on the night, according to MaxPreps.

“Great athlete, great player; he’s a fantastic player. We’re still working with him because he’s improvising when he turns, spins, does these crazy awesome moves, sometimes you open stuff to get hit from different positions,” Ewing said.

“So I’m trying to help the kid so he doesn’t hurt himself and can keep busting and get yards because he’s very talented. We don’t want him off the field; we want him on the field,” Ewing said.

Following the touchdown, an unintentional onside kick due to the windy conditions was recovered but couldn’t be capitalized by the Mustangs to tie the game. It allowed the Pirates to regain their momentum and go on to take a 42-7 lead.

Sanders would rush for another touchdown with less than two minutes in the game left to make it a 42-14 game.

Despite the result, Ewing said the Mustangs made a lot of good mistakes.

“I thought our line played really well. There’s stuff that we just got to clean up on film and watch it because at the end of the day you get frustrated sometimes and you try to do too much and I think our kids are really trying hard,” Ewing said.

Defensively the Mustangs were led by Turk, who had eight total



D’Adrien Sanders attempts to escape the tackle of two Pittsburg Pirates’ players on Aug. 30 at the Monterey Trail Mustangs’ home field. Sanders would go on to rush for a total of 160 yards. Photo by Alejandro Barron

tackles and a sack while Ulijah Usher, a senior defensive lineman, had seven tackles and a sack.

The mistakes that were made by the Mustangs come down to discipline and that falls on Ewing, he said.

“We got to limit our mistakes, and that’s just tightening up our discipline and that’s on me as the head coach. I got to do a better job as head coach,” Ewing said.

With two games left

before starting league play, Ewing tried out three different quarterbacks against the Pirates.

“Christian (Coronado) was our starter, (Isaiah) Costley came in second and Kaden (Love) came in third. They all played outstanding; nobody was bad. They all played outstanding in terms of what they gave us for their skill set,” Ewing said.

The Mustangs keep most of their offense on the ground, as the three

quarterbacks combined for a single completion on eight attempts for a combined nine passing yards, according to MaxPreps.

“So we may have to go with three guys, who knows, but we’re going to really evaluate and be smart about it. Look at it introspectively and be like, ‘What can we do to be better?’ Because it’s still a long season; we have eight games left,” Ewing said.

The Mustangs’ next opponent is the El Cerrito

Gauchos, a team Ewing said is very similar to the Pirates.

“Both these teams are kind of the same, so it’ll be a very tough game, but I think we’ll be fine. Our kids will learn a lot from this game. We’ll play well and it should be a good game,” Ewing said.

The Mustangs will look to avoid going down 0-3 overall, as they did last season, when they take on El Cerrito at home on Sept. 6. ★

# Suicide Prevention Month Can Save Lives

By MPG Staff

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - September is Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and discuss this urgently increasing crisis, according to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

NAMI has sobering statistics: Suicide is the second leading cause of death among those aged 10 to 14, the third leading cause of death among those aged 15 to 24 and the 12th leading cause of death overall in the U.S.

Or, as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports, more than 49,000 people in the United States died by suicide in 2022. That’s one death every 11 minutes.

And millions more experience suicidal thoughts.

Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background, according to the NAMI website at nami.org. While suicidal thoughts are common, however, they should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

Many events and activities promoting suicide prevention awareness will be held locally, regionally and nationally throughout September.

During Suicide Prevention Month, NAMI and numerous other mental health organizations stress that all of us can help prevent suicide by reaching out to those who need help.

The National Institute of Mental Health lists five action steps to help someone having suicidal thoughts.

The first step is **Ask** “Are you thinking about suicide?” It’s not an easy question to ask but it can help start a conversation.

The second step is **Be there**: Listening without judgment is key to learning what the person is thinking and feeling.

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Calling or texting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at any time of the day, any day of the week, could help save someone’s life. Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death overall in the U.S. Graphic courtesy of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

The third step is **Help keep them safe**: Reducing access to highly lethal items or places can help prevent suicide.

The fourth step is **Help them connect**: Connecting the person with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (call or text 988) and other community resources can give them a safety net. You can also assist by reaching out to a trusted family member, friend, spiritual advisor or mental health professional.

The fifth National Institute of Mental Health step is **Follow up**: Staying in touch with the person after they have experienced a crisis or been discharged from care can make a difference. Studies show that supportive, ongoing contact can play an important role in suicide prevention.

### How You Can Help

The advocacy groups say to educate yourself and others about suicide prevention by checking out the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at [www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988](https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988).

And visit the Suicide Prevention Resource Center at <https://sprc.org/>: Each year, the resource center creates many ways to get involved in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration invites residents throughout the country to participate in 988 Day on Sept. 8. 988 Day is a national initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the federal agency’s 988 resource and emphasizing the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.

According to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline website at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org/), “We can all help prevent suicide. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.”

The National Institute of Mental Health website at <https://www.nimh.nih.gov> lists warning signs that indicate someone might be considering suicide. During National

Suicide Prevention Month, the institute reminds residents that warning signs include the following:

- Talking about wanting to die or wanting to kill themselves
- Talking about feeling empty or hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or feeling that there are no solutions
- Feeling unbearable emotional or physical pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Giving away important possessions
- Saying goodbye to friends and family
- Putting affairs in order, such as making a will

Taking great risks that could lead to death, such as driving extremely fast

Talking or thinking about death often.

Other serious warning signs that someone might be at risk for attempting suicide include:

- Displaying extreme mood swings, suddenly changing from very sad to very calm or happy
- Making a plan or looking for ways to kill themselves, such as searching for lethal methods online, stockpiling pills or buying a gun
- Talking about feeling great guilt or shame
- Using alcohol or drugs more often
- Acting anxious or agitated
- Changing eating or sleeping habits
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, suicidal thoughts or actions are a sign of extreme distress and should not be ignored. If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, the institute urges you to get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has recently increased. ★

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# Tributes Pour in for John Hull

By Alejandro Barron

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Retired longtime sports editor of the Elk Grove Citizen, John Hull, began to experience symptoms of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease at the end of March and was diagnosed about three weeks ago.

This disease is a rare brain disorder that causes unique changes in brain tissue and affects muscle coordination, thinking and memory, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

There is no treatment or cure. In recent years, there have been about 500 to 600 cases reported per year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hull is currently at home in hospice care, Hull's daughter Sylvia Osorno said on her Facebook account.

According to Osorno, Hull was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and grew up in Oklahoma City, although his high school education was in Mendham, New Jersey and Littleton, Colorado.

After high school, Hull received his undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Colorado with a major in journalism and a minor in radio and television.

Hull went on to achieve his Masters of Education in journalism at the University of Missouri, according to his LinkedIn profile.

From there, Hull started his career in Cheyenne, Wyoming as a television newscaster. He spent much of his career in radio at KRAE Cheyenne, KQXI Denver, KKCM Minneapolis, KCFA Sacramento and KFBK Sacramento.

Hull arrived at the Elk Grove Citizen in 2013, according to his LinkedIn profile, as an assistant to Jon Gudel, the sports editor, before eventually taking over the position.

Outside of his role as a journalist, Hull was a teacher, where he started teaching at Sacramento High School in 2003.

Eventually, Hull taught both at Cosumnes River College starting in 2004 and Luther Burbank High School from 2005 to 2019 where he taught classes in radio, broadcasting television, digital media and journalism.

Hull started the journalism program at Luther Burbank High School.

Through his work at Luther Burbank High School, Hull won the 2015 Student Educational Video Awards (SEVA) Allan Hinderstein Award.

In a speech by Thuy Pham at the ceremony in 2015, who is a part of the Creative Connections Arts Academy, Pham said, "Twenty-nine years ago, an amazing CSUS professor named Allen Hinderstein had a vision that recognized the importance and value of media production for teachers."

Pham went on to say that since Hinderstein's passing in 2007 due to cancer, the Student Educational Video Awards honors a teacher who embodies this philosophy.

"This year's honoree supports students not only by teaching digital media and journalism on his campus, he is also a local journalist who highlights students sports achievements in our area," Pham said.

When highlighting Hull's achievements over the years, Pham said that his students had submitted more than 140 entries to the Student Educational Video Awards since 2008.

Some of Hull's students from Luther Burbank High School in 2015 were shown in a video package at the award ceremony with Oscar Lara saying, "Mr. Hull is a good teacher and you learn a lot from him. He shows you how to use the programs and the proper technique."

Hull "knows how to explain everything perfectly," said Jennifer Aguilar, a Luther Burbank High School student in 2015.

"He's one of those teachers you can just get along with, you can just look at him and say, 'Oh that's a cool teacher,'" said Ariel Ruano, a Luther Burbank High School student in 2015.

In his acceptance speech,



John Hull was the sports editor of the Elk Grove Citizen from 2013 to 2019 when he retired but decided to come back in 2021 before retiring again this past March. Photo courtesy of Sylvia Osorno



John Hull poses alongside his loved ones for a family photo. Photo courtesy of Sylvia Osorno



Above: John Hull, photographed with his grandchildren, has touched the lives of many Elk Grove residents. Right: John Hull and his wife, Marcia, pose for a photo. Photos courtesy of Sylvia Osorno

Hull repeatedly said that he was shocked.

"I love the industry, but I felt like, 'What can I do to bring us more people into the industry who were qualified and really loved it, not just pick up a paycheck?'" Hull said.

It was Hull's love for the industry that led him to highlight the athletes of the Elk Grove area, according to retired Elk Grove City Councilman and former Vice-Mayor and Mayor Steve Detrick.

"His demeanor of happiness in seeing the accomplishments of all these kids from Elk Grove and he always just had a real basic Christian value to him as he was honest, his integrity, loyal to the community, loyal to his family

and loyal to his friends," Detrick said.

Detrick first met Hull about 23 years ago through their sons playing baseball together as he was the coach, Detrick said.

"He (Hull) was one of the dads who was very supportive of all the boys and my first impression was he was a very soft-spoken genuine man who's very family-oriented," Detrick said.

Detrick's son, Brian, was an

coverage was able to put those athletes on the map.

"I think what he (Hull) did is he always gave a well-balanced view of what the young men and women were doing so it helped to put Elk Grove athletes on the map," Detrick said.

Sharing this same experience is long-time barber shop owner in Elk Grove, David Keen of Dave's Barber Shop.

"I just saw how genuine and how concerned he was for getting the sports out for the local high schools and colleges. You could tell it was just in his blood, and he put a lot of effort in all his writings about the students and finding out about them and their families. He was a giver of a community," Keen said.

Keen recalls a time when Hull came in at 7 a.m. to his barber shop to have a closed session interview with Rodrigo "RoRo" Lopez, captain and all-time assists leader of Sacramento Republic FC back in 2015.

"He (Hull) interviewed him (RoRo) as he was getting a haircut in the shop and he came in with the recorder, he was all set and it was just so great and that's what John did. He got up at 7 a.m. and we knew it couldn't be during the day of the business, so we had to make it a closed session."

"It was just great how he and RoRo were collaborating about the Sacramento FC and it was just a moment I'll always think of very highly in my career," Keen continued.

Keen met Hull first as a client of his at the barber shop where they hit it off through sports.

"Over 20 years ago, he (Hull) was a teacher at Burbank and he was coming to the shop and that's how I first met him. He's a sports enthusiast and that's how the conversation kind of always went, it was through sports. Just a good guy and we connected really well, really quick," Keen said.

Dave Hoskins, longtime head coach at Elk Grove High School, was on the receiving end of Hull's questions over the years until Hoskins' retirement.

On a Citizen Sports Podcast from Jan. 18, 2024, Hull named Hoskins as one of the "GOATS" (greatest of all time) among local high school football coaches.

"He was always very gracious, very nice, easy to get along with, asked good questions, never tried to embarrass anybody, just a first-class guy," Hoskins said.

One of Hull's passions is teaching at First Church of the Nazarene in Sacramento, where Hull's wife, Marcia Hull, is the pastor.

Keen recalls a time when Hull and the community at the church were handing out clothes to the less fortunate and Keen went to donate clothes.

"He (Hull) was in charge of that and I would bring clothes down to 28th and S so they could be handed out to the less fortunate and that was a pretty big organization that was run down there," Keen said.

Not only did Hull help out with donation drives like the one mentioned by Keen but Hull was an administrator at the church who would run the offices of the church, controlled the sounds for services, preach during services and even played an oboe during services, Keen said.

Among other passions Hull had were golfing, fishing, baseball especially when he would coach his sons and anything sports, Osorno said.

The outpour of support for Hull can be seen on social media with many sharing their experiences and anecdotes of Hull under Osorno's posts as she updates her father's health status.

If you would like to donate a meal for Hull, visit mealtrain.com to donate a meal as he is in hospice care at home. ★

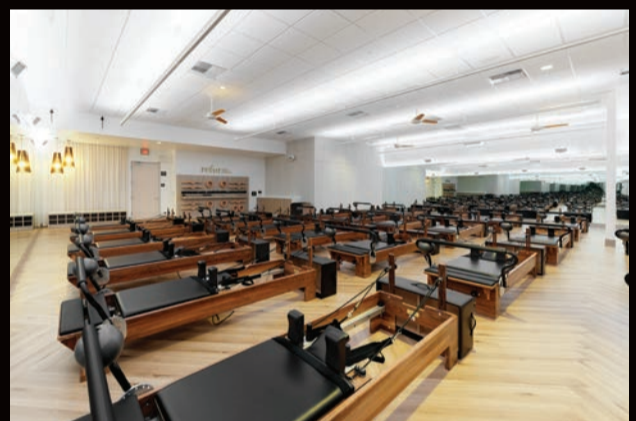


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