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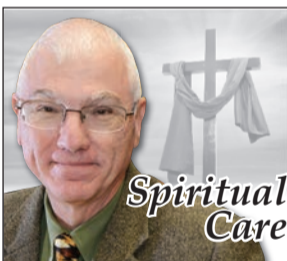
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Santa Rescued at Dickens Faire



The Cosumnes Fire Department rescued Santa Claus from being trapped on the roof. Mrs. Claus was grateful.

**Story and photos
by Emanuel Espinoza**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The streets of Old Town Elk Grove were filled with holiday cheer as the 37th annual Dickens Street Faire was held on Nov. 30.

From 2nd Avenue to School Street, the streets of Elk Grove Boulevard teemed with vendors, performers and attendees. A secondary stage hosted local musicians such as Hannah Kile and Neil Nayyar to perform

Christmas carols. Elsewhere, kids could have a photo opportunity with The Grinch. Many of the festivities near the entryway led up to Old Town Plaza, where many activities took place.

Old Town Plaza had games provided by the Cosumnes CSD like Skee-Ball and bowling, along with photo opportunities with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Businesses open for attendees included School of Rock, Pinot's Palette and Designs by Ray. Pinot's

Palette invited children to participate in decorating cookies and having some hot cocoa. Designs by Ray held a fundraiser by selling See's Candies.

Organizer Isabel Pires said this event usually draws 10,000 attendees, but with the weather being nice and with an additional amount of vendors, she said it would draw up to 12,000 attendees. The Dickens Faire helps to bring the holiday spirit to the community and also helps to support the small businesses on Elk Grove
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County Property Tax Due Dec. 10



**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The deadline for paying the first installment of your 2024-2025 Sacramento County property taxes is coming up shortly. Payments are due no later than Dec. 10. Late payments will incur a 10% penalty for each tax bill and partial payments are not accepted.

Payment must be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. Dec. 10 or either be postmarked or paid through the county website at eproptax.saccounty.gov by Dec. 10.

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To avoid penalties, transactions made either on the internet or over the telephone must be completed before midnight on the payment pay by date. Plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to make your payment. If you are unable to get through on the internet or telephone, causing you to miss the payment deadline, penalties will not be waived.

Verify your data entry very carefully when making online payments. If your payment is rejected by your financial institution
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Wilton Parade to Honor Donnelly as Marshal



Corky Donnelly, the longtime operator of Sheldon Feed & Supply, is to be the grand marshal in the Wilton Winter Festival parade on Dec. 7. MPG file photo by Gail Bullen

By Patsy Nemetz

Patsy Nemetz is the chair of the Sacramento County Service Area 4B Council, known informally as the Cosumnes Parks & Rec Council. The council is presenting the Wilton Winter Festival on Dec. 7.

WILTON, CA (MPG) - Some people leave their mark on a community. In Wilton, we have an annual event, the Wilton Winter Festival and Parade, which presents us with the opportunity to recognize those among us who have shaped this area we

know and love. This year, the Grand Marshal of the Wilton Parade will be our very own Corky Donnelly, who is best known for managing Sheldon Feed & Supply for around 40 years. His steadfast commitment to helping others has made a real difference in our community for generations.

The beginning:

Corky Donnelly was born in 1950 and spent his early years in Oakdale, Calif. — the "Cowboy Capital of the World." He was one of six children and, at the age of 15, began working at Oakdale Feed and Seed, started by

his father the year Corky was born. Over the years, the business consisted of multiple Northern California feed stores and in 1962 Sheldon Feed was added to the list.

Donnelly worked afternoons and weekends at Oakdale Feed and Seed through high school, then attended Modesto Junior College. Upon graduation from MJC, Donnelly went to work full time for his father; the only one of the six children to take on the family business. When asked what made him want to be involved in the feed business, he answered frankly,
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Wilton Parade to Honor Donnelly

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“I love it. It’s as simple as that.”

On Family:

Donnelly married his wife, Teena, in 1980 and in 1981 welcomed the first of their four children. In 1982, with a tiny daughter in tow, Corky and Teena came to Sheldon Feed to relieve the manager during a medical leave. When the manager did not return, Corky and Teena took over the operation with Teena and the baby in the office doing the books and Corky manning the store. Forty-something years later, Corky is still at the helm with Teena by his side. He says, “Teena has been my partner the whole time.” They are “partners for life.”

As the family grew, the hard work continued. The Donnellys worked a lot, raised the kids and were involved a variety of activities. There were years of soccer games and countless 4-H and FFA projects that kept them busy. At one point, their sheep project included 30 ewes. Donnelly recounted that every year, without fail, there would be lambs that needed bottle feeding. The kids would put diapers on the lambs and raised them in the house. Corky and Teena chuckled as they reminisced about lambs jumping into their laps and sleeping with the kids.

Because they worked a lot, they didn’t take lavish vacations. The Donnellys enjoyed taking the family on camping trips into the mountains to hike and fish. They loved it when the kids got older and would bring their friends out to Wilton to enjoy the country life, having barbecues, fishing and enjoying campfires out back. The couple has always loved the outdoors and Mother Nature and still try to spend time outdoors hiking, camping, fishing and hunting whenever possible. As they reflected on the times raising their children, Corky remarked with Teena’s agreement, “We cherish those times.”

And the Donnellys love their family traditions. Every year since Corky got his hunting license in 1961, they have gathered for the opening day of dove season on Sept. 1. For decades, they have hosted the event at their home, welcoming the family including all the kids, their spouses and their six grandchildren.

On Wilton:

Arriving in Wilton in the early ’80s was strange for the Donnellys. They said their hometown of Oakdale felt much farther away than it seems now. They were struck by the lack of trees in the area (In the ’80s, Wilton was mostly pastureland and poultry farming).

“It really didn’t feel like an established community back then.” Their current neighborhood was a 100-acre field that produced corn in the summer and wheat in the winter.

But as time passed, neighborhoods began to develop, with many trees being planted that changed the landscape. Now, the Donnellys enjoy their neighbors, who are also great friends. In addition to driving to the other houses in their golf carts to enjoy a meal together or to visit, they have many traditions.

One of their favorites takes place during Christmastime, when they decorate their golf carts and take a fire pit to the end of the street. There, they light a fire and wait for the Wilton Firefighters to pass by with their fire



Corky and Teena Donnelly reflect on community changes over 40 years. Courtesy photo

truck adorned with holiday decorations, indulging them with a flash of lights and sirens at the fire in the fire pit.

On Business:

Since the Donnellys’ arrival at Sheldon Feed in 1982, they have made lasting friendships across generations of Wilton residents. From the old timers who told of a Grant Line Road with almost no cars, to the children of children coming in for 4-H project advice, there have been many great friendships. And the clientele has evolved over the years, which required him to be flexible and change with the times.

Several decades ago, the customers were primarily large, commercial dairies, feedlots and cattlemen; today it is mostly smaller ranchers. He has always been committed to changing with the community. Although he has passed the management of Sheldon Feed on to his son, Corky — at 74 years old — is still going to work every day and helping people (although now it is usually one of their other stores, Robinson’s Feed in Lodi).

Corky Donnelly is quite a storyteller and has no shortage of tales from his years at Sheldon Feed. As he recounted stories from the past, he was on his feet demonstrating how to coax a newborn calf to accept a bottle. He and Teena recalled the phone ringing in the middle of the night with customers needing advice; and how Corky slept all night with a 4-H person’s sick pig because the County Fair was the next day; and how Corky would keep the store open well past the stated hours on Christmas Eve so customers could finish their last minute shopping — as Teena and the kids waited in the car to go to their own family Christmas dinner.

Corky Donnelly says, “Honestly, I love helping people. It’s hard work, but people come into our stores with questions on how to raise animals, what to feed them and how to care for them. I just very much enjoy helping people live this lifestyle. Always have.”

When asked about the changes Donnelly has seen over the years, he described the economic down cycles they have experienced. He feels we are in one now and has been through the process three or four times since he started in business.

He says, “It’s always tough for about a year or two, then it slowly gets better. They come and go. It’ll get better.”

In Donnelly’s opinion, the most rewarding aspect of his business has been the customers.

He says, “So many of the friends we have made were customers first.” Corky and Teena both describe their patrons from the community as friendly, quality, wholesome people. When reflecting on his career, Corky states, “It’s been a great lifestyle. We’ve worked hard, we’ve made a good living doing what

we love to do — living the rural lifestyle.”

Favorite Memories:

When Donnelly was 16 or 17 years old, he became the community Santa Claus, dressing up in a costume purchased for him by the City of Oakdale. His dad would allow him a day or two off work to make his rounds. He visited the hospital first, starting around 5 p.m. to talk with the elderly people in their rooms and deliver a small gift.

Then he visited individual homes; the owners invited some of their neighbors in advance and left a bag of presents outside in the bushes, arranging for Donnelly to have a list of their kids’ names and gifts they had requested from Santa.

Donnelly’s routine was to throw pebbles on the roof to mimic reindeer hooves as he approached the house with a hearty, “Ho ho ho!” and called out to his reindeer. The children would come to the door, amazed that Santa was there in person, and Donnelly would go in to deliver the gifts to the children and sing a few Christmas carols.

He attempted to limit each visit to 20 minutes and still didn’t finish until around 1 a.m. His services became so popular that there were waiting lists for Santa and people from neighboring towns were requesting visits. Donnelly was the anonymous Oakdale Santa for 15-plus years until his daughter was born. When he finally decided to retire, there was an article on the front page of the Oakdale Leader dedicated to the loss of the City of Oakdale’s beloved Santa Claus.

On the Future:

The Donnellys have seen a lot of changes within our community over the years. Corky isn’t crazy about the idea of developers building thousands of homes, but he is happy to have witnessed the growth and development of the Wilton community. He has seen positive changes to the landscape with neighborhoods popping up all around.

“We have a post office now, the Dillard Store has been remodeled and improved, and Dillard School has been remodeled and enlarged. We have a lot of stuff today we didn’t have 30 or 40 years ago,” he said.

For anyone looking to make a positive impact, he advises, “Get involved.” He is excited about our community events, the Wilton Winter Festival included, and would like to see more opportunities for the people of Wilton to get together.

Please join us at the Wilton Winter Festival and Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Wilton Community Center. The event will include vendors, free crafts for kids between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., a youth choir performance, the parade at noon, and free cookies and hot cocoa for the kids following the parade. ★

Santa Rescued at Dickens Faire



The streets of Old Town Elk Grove were brimming with vendors and attendees.

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Boulevard, Pires said.

“I love this event,” Pires said. “I get excited putting this event together, like the planning portion and everything comes together in bringing in the magic.”

One event held early in the festival was the “Santa Rescue,” where Santa Claus was stuck on the roof of Elk Grove Lock and Safe Co. and The Sandwich Spot. In this performance, the Cosmunes Fire Department would help Santa come down from the rooftop and be led to Old Town Plaza.

Elk Grove resident Jimmy Sandison, who attended this event with his wife Courtney and their children, said that his family loves this event and watching the fire department rescue Santa, along with visiting the local shops and vendors.

“This is definitely a holiday tradition for my family,” Sandison said. “It kicks off our Christmas holidays and spirits after Thanksgiving, so it’s our official start of Christmas for my family.”

The main stage at Old Town Plaza had live performances by Sacramento musical duo Asparagus Pee, students from the School of Rock and the Creekside Christian Church Choir. There was also a performance from the Strauss Festival Dancers.

Summer Mitchell, artistic director for Strauss Festival of Elk Grove, said that during the off months from the Strauss Festival, she and her dance troupe love taking part in other events such as the Dickens Street Faire and Giant Pumpkin Festival. Although the performances were no different than what was exhibited at Strauss-related events, Mitchell said that the group would wear costumes that



Hannah Kile performed Christmas Carols on the second stage.



The Strauss Festival Dancers performed.

coincide with the themes of the holidays.

“Our costumes lend themselves beautifully to the Dickens Faire aesthetic,” Mitchell said. “We like to have a little spirit with the green and gold, and we perform excerpts from pieces that we performed in prior seasons.” ★

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Gobble Wobblers Make Time for Charity



Runners on their mark to run in the Gobble Wobble.

Story and photos by Emanuel Espinoza

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - More than 1,600 runners gave thanks by participating in this year's Gobble Wobble on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

This eighth-annual event was sponsored by Chicks in Crisis, an organization that specializes in supporting young parents through the challenges of parenthood, according to its website. This event was also sponsored by Sky River Casino, KISS 107.9, Sheldon Wine Shop and many others.

Marya Cooley, co-director of Chicks in Crisis, said that prior to the event, more than 200 people had registered to participate, which increased the number from the previous year's event. The organization had raised \$120,000 from this year's race.

Cooley said that as far as this event being a Thanksgiving tradition goes, it was a lot of work, but she was thankful to see all the families starting their Thanksgiving by running in the race.

"It warms my heart to see everyone race for the babies who need help," Cooley said. "We appreciate the community's support in this race."

The event kicked off with the kids' run and then the 5K commenced.

Elk Grove City Councilmember Kevin Spease said that this event showed the "true spirit and generosity" of the Elk Grove community. He called it one of those events that make you proud to see the community come together.

"There is a time where Elk Grove residents are thankful for what they have and they recognize



Jay Chew, a college cross-country runner, finishes first in the 5K in 16:07.

when some residents need some assistance," Spease said. "As part of their Thanksgiving tradition, they are giving thanks and

assistance back to Chicks in Crisis."

Jay Chew, a junior at Willamette University, came in at first place and



Victoria Chappelle (far right), Sarah Sprock (center), their children and their friend Nicole Duff (far left) all make the Gobble Wobble a group event.



Eighth-graders Taigan Richardson, left, and Kylie Jones finish at 21:38.

clocked in at 16:07. In the 2022 Gobble Wobble, he came in at first but clocked in at 15:25. Chew said that although this year's result was "far from his best," it felt good to be a part of this event with friends and family.

"I took a break after my cross-country season had ended and had only been running for about a week, but I just looked to shake some rust off," Chew said.

Taigan Richardson and Kylie Jones, eighth-grade students at Joseph Kerr Middle School, both finished at the same time, clocking in at 21:38 and their pace at roughly 7 minutes a mile. Jones said that this was her first Gobble Wobble and she was happy to participate, while Richardson said that this was her second Gobble Wobble.

Both students ran in cross country. Jones said

that this was her third 5K and was her personal best.

Richardson said that this was her personal best, as well. Jones added that she was currently in the off-season for cross country and had little opportunity to run in the off-season.

Elk Grove City Councilmember Darren Suen also participated in the race. Suen said that he had taken part in the run ever since its inception in 2017.

Suen said that he felt he had done better in this race compared to others but was also happy to be a part of this event.

"I was just happy to be out here and making this event a part of my Thanksgiving tradition and thankful for everyone to make this a part of their Thanksgiving tradition, too," Suen said. ★

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After Hoesch was transported to the hospital by the same ambulance that allegedly caused the crash it was later learned that the ambulance owner, the city of Ranier, invoiced Mr. Hoesch \$1,800 for the transport. The ambulance bill was on top of the thousands of dollars in medical care Mr. Hoesch was billed as a result of the negligence of the driver according to the lawsuit filed by Hoesch's attorney Travis Mayor. This sounds like something from a science fiction movie but it is very real. They're seeking just under \$1 million because of the ambulance bill and the almost \$100,000 in medical bills Hoesch incurred.

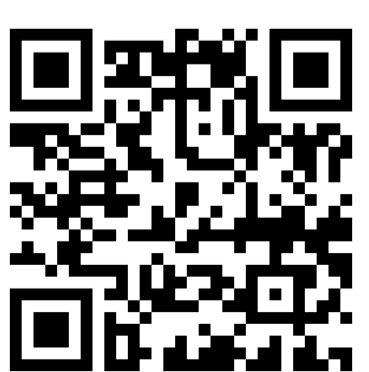
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PHYLLIS KETCHERSIDE • 3/27/1942-11/7/2024

Phyllis Jean Ketcherside (Fizer) born March 27, 1942 to Delbert and Cecelia (Watkins) Fizer. Passed away at home in Elk Grove on November 7, 2024.

Phyllis leaves behind her loving husband of 62 years Frank Ketcherside, daughter Bonnie Mical (Paul) and grandsons Joshua and Nicholas Mical as well as her sisters Carole Barnett and Joanne Flores along with many nieces and nephews. Phyllis was preceded in death by her son Bryon Ketcherside.

A private remembrance was held.



Women's Empowerment to Hold Annual Holiday Drive

Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Local residents can spread holiday cheer to Sacramento women and children who have experienced homelessness by contributing to Women's Empowerment's annual Holiday Drive.

The nonprofit is seeking fully assembled gift bags that include a \$25 Target and Walmart gift card, winter hat, socks and holiday candy. Assembled gift bags are needed for all ages from infant to adult. For those who prefer to make a financial donation, the average cost of a gift bag is \$40, but any amount is helpful. Items also can be purchased individually through the group's Amazon Wishlist at www.womens-empowerment.org. Items are needed at Women's Empowerment, 1590 North A St. in Sacramento, by Dec. 11.

"These gift bags provide warm and celebratory items for the women and children in our programs during the holiday season, but they also demonstrate that they have a community of love and support encouraging them as they work to break the generational cycle of homelessness," said Lisa Culp, executive director of Women's Empowerment.

Items will be distributed to families at Women's Empowerment's upcoming Holiday Craft Party in mid-December where women and children will create gifts for family and friends. At the event, mothers also will



A Women's Empowerment graduate makes holiday gifts with her grandson at the annual Holiday Craft Party, where they also received gifts from the group's annual holiday drive. Women's Empowerment is seeking items for its 2024 Holiday Drive. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

have the opportunity to choose gifts for their children, thanks to a toy drive held by California State Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, District 6.

Women's Empowerment provides a two-month employment-readiness and empowerment program, paid job training, childcare and support services so women and their children can break the generational cycle of homelessness. Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento

area designed specifically for women experiencing homelessness and their children.

In 2023, 165 jobs were secured by graduates, and 189 women either secured or maintained housing.

Since 2001, 1,903 women have graduated from Women's Empowerment with their 4,000 children. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation, visit Womens-Empowerment.org. ★



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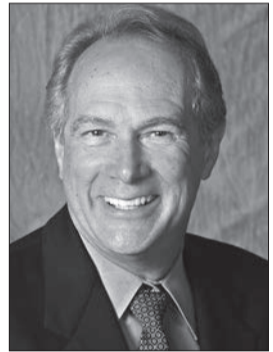
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The Elk Grove Planning Commission has its online meetings at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.

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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 and they are held at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees meets the first and third Tuesday of each month 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 by using the Zoom application and visiting the school district's website, www.egusd.net.

EGUSD.net.

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The Parade of Trees will be decorated by local nonprofits.

There will also be a snow-blowing machine, a holiday playland and cookie decorating.

Admission \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert Dec. 16

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Winter Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 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.

Future concerts are Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

American Legion Post 233

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

There will be no scheduled general meeting in December.

We invite veterans and spouses to join us the first Saturday of each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast at 9 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99).

For questions, please contact Henry at

916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128.

Other Veterans Meetings Listed

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.

Widowed Persons Activities

Dec. 6 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at EG Methodist Church, 8686 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

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

Dec. 11 - noon - No-host Lunch followed by Beginners Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is

Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

Dec. 13 - 10 a.m. - Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove Methodist Church, 8686 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Dec. 17 - 11:30 a.m. - Lunch and a Movie ("Christmas Vacation") at Bert's Diner, 8972 Grant Line Road. Cost is \$15, paid in advance. Contact Cat at 916-230-4157

Dec. 18 - 1 p.m. - Book Club at 8880 Mohammed Circle, Elk Grove. Contact is Carole at 916-685-3981.

Dec. 19 - noon - Christmas Party and General Meeting at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd. Make reservations and pay \$47 before Dec. 2. Contact is Pat at 916-802-4524.

Dec. 20 - 10 a.m. - Pinochle at EG Methodist Church, 8686 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: December 6, 2024
TO: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
LEAD AGENCY: City of Elk Grove
CONTACT: Carrie Whitlock, Strategic Planning and Innovation Program Manager 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758
PROJECT: Climate Compass Project
APPLICANT: City of Elk Grove
COMMENT PERIOD: December 6, 2024 to January 15, 2025

In discharging its duties under Section 15021 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove (hereinafter "City" or "Elk Grove"), as lead agency, intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (GPU EIR) (SCH No. 2017062058), as updated by the General Plan Amendments and Update to Vehicle Miles Traveled Standards Subsequent EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2022020463) (hereinafter referred to collectively as the GPU EIR), for the update to its 2019 Climate Action Plan (CAP), referred to now as the Climate Compass (the "Project"). Since the City made the determination that a SEIR would be appropriate based on a preliminary review of the Project, an initial study has not been prepared pursuant with 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 implementation of the proposed Project.

The NOP will be circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period, which extends from December 6, 2024 to January 15, 2025. The City is soliciting comments regarding the scope and content of the SEIR as they relate to other agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed 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. The City welcomes public input during the review period. If the City has not received either a response or a well-justified request for additional time by a responsible agency or the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly known as the Office of Planning and Research) by the end of the review period, the City may presume that each responsible and trustee agency and the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation had no response to make (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15082(b)(2)).

Comments may be submitted in writing during the review period and addressed to:
City of Elk Grove
Office of Strategic Planning and Innovation
c/o Carrie Whitlock 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758
cwhitlock@elkgrovecity.org

This NOP is also posted at: <https://www.elkgrovecity.org/planning/environmental-review>
CEQA provides for a lead agency to facilitate one or more scoping meetings, which provide additional opportunity for determining the scope and content of the SEIR. The City will host a scoping meeting on January 9, 2025, from 6 pm at City of Elk Grove, Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Information related to the proposed 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 Climate Compass is intended to serve as the long-term climate action plan for the City of Elk Grove. The City is approximately 43 square miles and is generally bounded by Interstate 5 (I-5) on the west; Calvine Road and the City of Sacramento on the north; Grant Line Road on the east; and Kammerer Road on the south. State Route (SR) 99 runs north-south, bisecting the City near its center (refer to Figure 1). Existing land uses include a mix of agriculture, residential, nonresidential (commercial, office, and industrial), parks and open space, civic/institutional, public and quasi-public spaces, roadways, and other infrastructure, and vacant land.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City prioritizes climate action in both communitywide and in City operations. In 2013, the City adopted its first CAP as a citywide plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The 2013 CAP was updated in 2019 to incorporate state-recommended targets and monitor progress from its previous iteration. The Climate Compass is proposed as an update to the 2019 CAP.

The Climate Compass establishes a roadmap for the City to achieve its GHG emission reduction targets and includes actions and strategies to adapt to anticipated climate-related impacts. The plan intends to enhance the quality of life for all residents, promote equity, and strengthen community resilience in the face of a changing climate. In addition, the Project aligns local efforts with Assembly Bill (AB) 1279, which requires California to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2045 and an 85 percent reduction in anthropogenic GHG emissions by 2045.

The Climate Compass is comprised of the following six chapters and appendices:

- Chapter 1, Introduction: this chapter provides an introduction to the Climate Compass as well as to the overall climate action planning process and key methodologies and terms. This chapter also provides an overview of the development of the Climate Compass to date, including summarizing public and agency input, as well as how the plan fits in with the State's larger climate planning efforts.
- Chapter 2, GHG Inventory and Targets: this chapter provides the foundation for the Climate Compass, presenting the City's GHG emissions inventory, emissions forecasts, and the targets for reducing emissions in line with State and local goals.
- Chapter 3, Climate Action Strategies: this chapter addresses the comprehensive strategies and actions the City would implement to reduce GHG emissions across various sectors, such as energy, transportation, land use, and waste management, while also promoting community resilience and adaptation to climate change impacts.
- Chapter 4, City Operations: this chapter focuses on the strategies and actions the City would adopt to reduce GHG emissions from government operations.
- Chapter 5, Implementation and Monitoring: this chapter details the implementation framework for the Climate Compass, including timelines, funding strategies, partnerships, and the monitoring and reporting processes to ensure the plan's success.
- Chapter 6, Work Cited: this chapter provides the sources used in the development of the plan.
- Appendices include more detailed information on GHG emissions inventories and forecasts, strategy quantification, and supporting documents, such as a cost analysis and funding and financing roadmap.

As detailed within Chapter 3, the Climate Compass includes various strategies and actions that aid in mitigating GHG emissions and promote adapting to climate impacts in the community. The strategies are centered around six focus areas and are further supported with specific actions defining activities, programs, policies, community partnerships, or projects the City would implement to achieve GHG mitigation and adaptation goals. The six focus areas and proposed strategies include:

- 1) Building Energy
 - Strategy BE-1: Electrify and Decarbonize Buildings
 - Strategy BE-2: Increase Density and Expand Affordable Housing
 - Strategy BE-3: Increase Local Renewable Energy Use and Storage
 - Strategy BE-4: Reduce Energy Consumption and Energy Burden

- 2) Transportation
 - Strategy TR-1: Decrease Vehicle Miles Traveled
 - Strategy TR-2: Increase Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Adoption
 - Strategy TR-3: Reduce Off-Road Transportation Emissions
- 3) Resilience and Adaptation
 - Strategy RA-1: Improve Climate and Emergency Preparedness
 - Strategy RA-2: Building Capacity for Current and Future Flooding
 - Strategy RA-3: Protect Populations from Wildfire Smoke
 - Strategy RA-4: Reduce Exposure to Extreme Heat and Mitigate the Urban Heat Island Effect
 - Strategy RA-5: Expand the Tree Canopy
 - Strategy RA-6: Expand Nature-Based Solutions
- 4) Resource Consumption
 - Strategy RC-1: Increase Organic Waste Diversion
 - Strategy RC-2: Promote Circular Economy
 - Strategy RC-3: Reduce Water Use
- 5) Green Economy
 - Strategy GE-1: Support Green Businesses
 - Strategy GE-2: Develop a Green Workforce
- 6) Climate Action Commitment
 - Strategy CA-1: Conduct Meaningful Community Outreach
 - Strategy CA-4: Provide Community Education on Public Health and Wellbeing
 - Strategy CA-5: Provide Community Education on Water Efficiency
 - Strategy CA-6: Identify Metrics for Success

While the strategies and actions included in the Climate Compass are primarily intended to mitigate GHG emissions and promote adaptation, many of them would also result in one or more co-benefits related to community resilience, economic diversity, equity, air pollution reduction, health and wellbeing, infrastructure reliability, and resource preservation.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft SEIR to the City's GPU EIR will evaluate whether implementing the proposed Project would potentially result in one or more significant environmental effects. Due to the nature of the proposed Project, the following issue areas will be addressed in detail within the Draft SEIR:

- ▶ energy, and
- ▶ greenhouse gases emissions and climate change.

In regard to all other environmental issue areas, the Project is not anticipated to result in new significant impacts or substantially increase the severity of significant environmental impacts evaluated in the GPU EIR. For this reason, the following environmental issue areas will be briefly discussed within the Draft SEIR to disclose the rationale why the proposed Project would not result in foreseeable significant environmental impacts from those disclosed in the GPU EIR:

- ▶ aesthetics;
- ▶ agricultural resources;
- ▶ air quality;
- ▶ biological resources;
- ▶ archaeological, historical, and tribal cultural resources;
- ▶ geology, soils, mineral resources, and paleontology;
- ▶ hazards and hazardous materials;
- ▶ hydrology and water quality;
- ▶ noise and vibration;
- ▶ population and housing;
- ▶ public services and recreation;
- ▶ utilities and service systems;
- ▶ transportation; and
- ▶ wildfire.

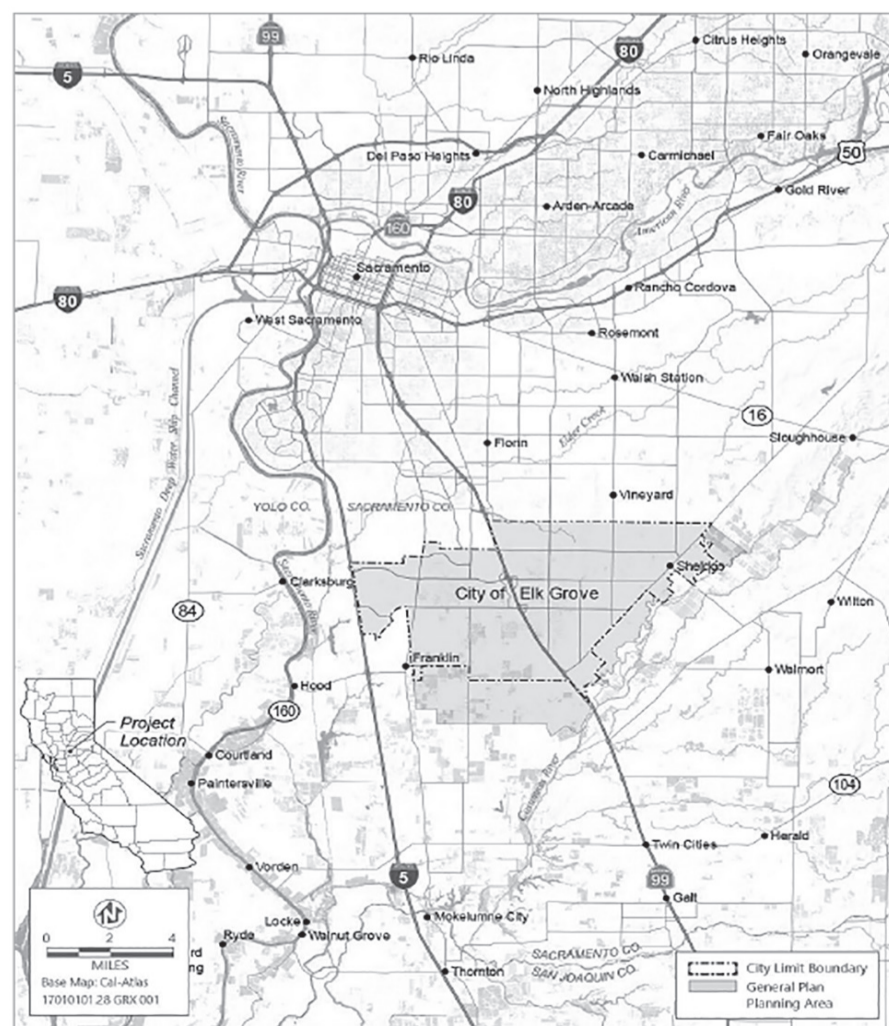
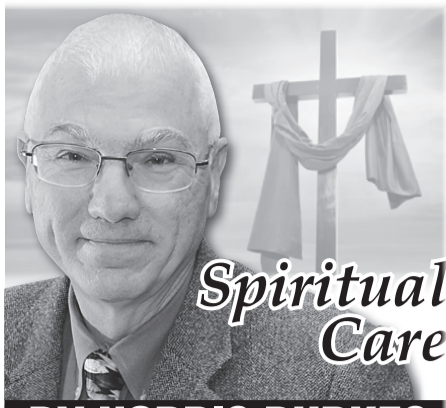


Figure 1 Project Location
Climate Compass
Notice of Preparation
City of Elk Grove
December 6, 2024
Elk Grove Citizen 12-6-2024

Let Us Be Truly Thankful



As I built a post-election gratitude list, I remembered a question routinely asked by the minister of music in a church I pastored. He'd stand behind the big Baptist pulpit and ask this question of his sleepy and aging congregation: "Would you rather be in the best prison in America or here in church today?" He used the question to roust our aging congregation and inspire them to sing louder. He often used it at the Thanksgiving service because he felt like it gave congregants a bit of gratitude

perspective. I find the reasoning a bit haggard as it's the same kind of sermonic reasoning ministers use every year that urge us to remember those less fortunate. I ask you, can't we just hold the guilt this year and sit back and relax with our holiday pie? Newspaper columnists like myself, and most especially ministers, of whom I am both, try to make you see that your life is not as bad as it could be. This approach comes off sounding a lot like a parent trying to get their kid to eat turnips. "At least we have turnips and broccoli on our table," goes the paternal reasoning, "I'll bet the kids in Godawfulstan wish they had turnips." That line of reasoning never did much for me. The problem with that perspective is that gratitude and thankfulness has never been about comparing your good fortune

to the misfortunes of others. Thanksgiving will never be about trying to equalize the imbalance of those fortunes. Thanksgiving isn't just about being grateful you don't have a loved one deployed to a war-torn country. It's also about being thankful we have brave service members who are willing to serve when their country calls. Thanksgiving isn't just about being grateful you aren't poor. It is also about being grateful you have resources to give to the poor. It is not only about being grateful you aren't hungry. It is also about sharing your gratitude with the hungry. Being truly thankful is not about comparing what you have with what others do not have. It is not about being glad your home is not a shanty cardboard shack under the freeway. It's about the help we give the homeless as we humbly realize that most of us are one paycheck away from building our own shack.

Gratitude is not about giving thanks for what you have, where you work, where you live or even who you are. Thanksgiving is not about you at all. Thanksgiving is about keeping perspective between recognizing the blessings we've received and utilizing our capacity to return those blessings to others. At the end of the calorie-laden day, perspective will be a constant reminder that we are not alone on this planet. It is the perspective of gratitude that teaches us we've all journeyed from the same place and, as Scripture suggests, "to dust we will return." That is the perspective from which humility comes, and humility will always be about gratitude. *For an autographed copy of "Tell It To The Chaplain," or any of my books, order from my website www.thechaplain.net or send a check for \$20 (per book) to the address above.* ★

RELIGION NEWS

Music and Sermon Topics at Elk Grove Presbyterian
MUSIC EVENTS
Our JAZZ & BLUES HOUR has concluded for the year but will resume in the spring. Scotty Inman performed for the community on Nov. 15 at District 56. It was a wonderful evening concert of worship and fellowship. Joining Scotty was the Herb Henry Family, California's First Family of Gospel Music, along with Faith Valley. A portion of the ticket proceeds went to benefit several charities: One Thousand Schools (formerly Students Helping Honduras), Chicks in Crisis, Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento Stand Down. Just prior to the concert, Chan Louie performed some enjoyable music as people chatted and got settled.
UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS: Rev. Dexter McNamara has

announced sermon topics as we enter the Advent season: Dec. 8, "The World's Time and God's Time"; Dec. 15, "Acting and Waiting"; Dec. 22, "Agents of God's New Beginning."
CHRISTMAS EVE: Our 7 p.m. Christmas eve service will be a festival of Lessons, and Lights.
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 elkgrove-pres@gmail.com.
Seek to Glorify God in All That We Do
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.
Chabad of Elk Grove 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.
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@gracechurcheg.org. Visit GraceChurchEG.org.
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church's Mass Schedule
Elk Grove's St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church invites everyone to 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. For more information, call (916) 647-4538, visit www.SMGCC.net, or download the MyParish app and enter the code, 55321. ★

Places of Worship

Full Gospel Church
9286 E. Stockton Blvd.,
Elk Grove, CA 95624
Pastor Daniels
916-531-8429
Tuesday Prayer Healing 6pm
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
8701 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.
Pastor Joe Dapelo
916-689-7300
Service Hours:
Traditional - 8:30 am
Contemporary - 11:00 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
5th Sunday - 9:30 am
Website: <https://stpeterseg.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.PetersLutheranChurchElkGrove/>

Light of the Valley
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Find Peace and Joy this Holiday Season:
Advent Worship Services Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22
8:45 am & 10:30 am
Children's Christmas Program Dec. 22, 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, 6 pm & 8 pm
Christmas Day Service Dec. 25, 10 am

We look forward to seeing you:
Traditional service at 8:45 a.m.
Contemporary service at 10:30 a.m.
Children's Ministry during Contemporary Service
Nursery available at 10:30 a.m. service
9270 Bruceville Road in Elk Grove
Stream our service at lightofthevalley.net
916-691-3568

Family Praise and Worship Ministries
4099 Emerson Road, Acampo, CA 95220
Pastors Claude & Jan Moore
209-224-8145
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., | Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service 4th Friday 7:00 p.m.

County Property Tax Due Dec. 10

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for any reason, you will be charged a return payment fee as well as penalties if your payment is rejected after the due date. If you use your bank's Online Bill Pay service, a paper check will be printed and mailed to the Tax Collector. Because the check is sent without a payment stub, enter the parcel number, current year's bill number and installment being paid in the online account number field for payment identification. Be sure you are familiar with your bank's online bill pay processing timelines. The Tax Collector uses the date appearing on the check from your bank's

Payment Processing Center as the payment date. Online bill pay checks dated after the due date will be returned for penalty without exception. Be aware that because bank online bill pay checks are delivered in large batches without stubs, they will need to be individually handled and the posting of your payment might be delayed. If you have not received a tax bill, you can obtain your tax bill information and payment stubs at the Tax Collector's website, over the automated telephone system or by contacting the Tax Collector's Office at 916-874-6622. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of their liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment. ★

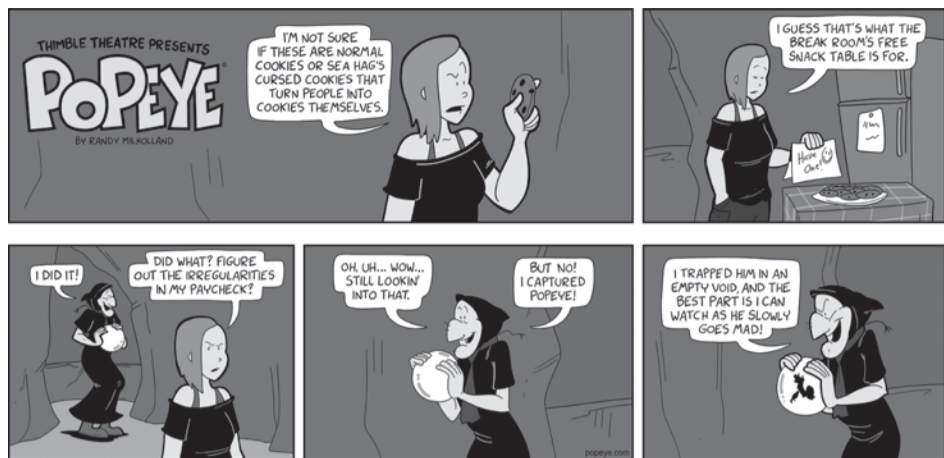
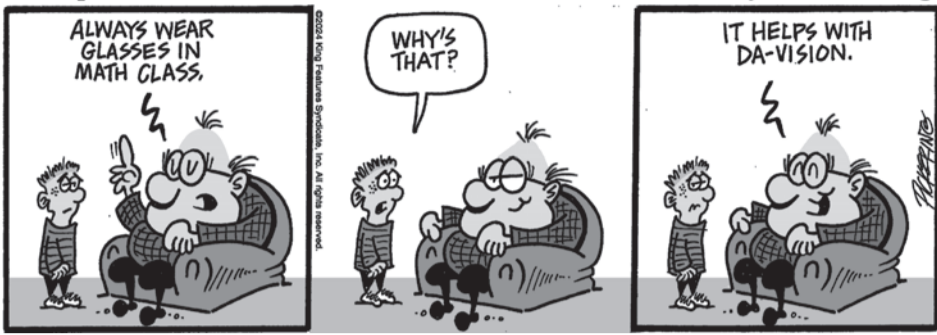
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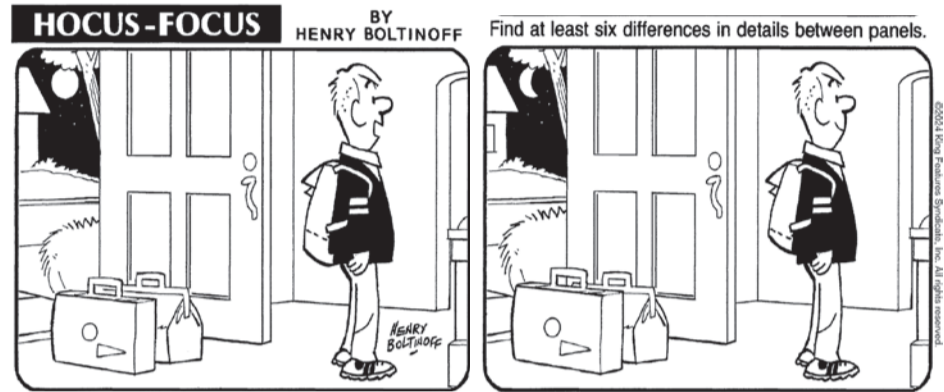
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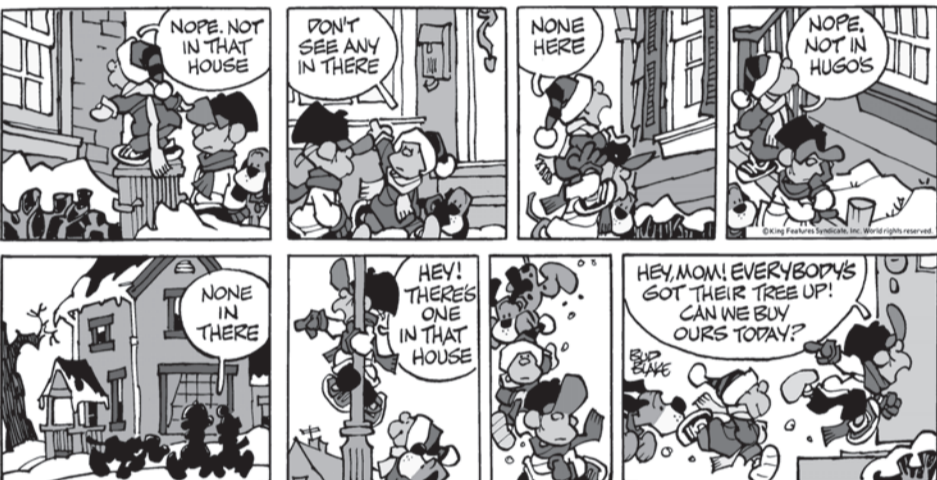
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ARC Coach Named NorCal Coach of the Year



American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American River College Men's Water Polo program has achieved a lot of great things throughout the 2024 season. As the program prepares to open up the 3C2A State Championships, the Beavers can add another achievement: NorCal Coach of the Year.

The Beavers men's water polo head coach, Zac Koerner, was named the 3C2A NorCal Coach of the Year after leading the Beavers to back-to-back Big 8 Conference Championships, a 2nd place finishing in the NorCal Championships, and an opportunity to compete for the 3C2A State Championship.

This is Coach Koerner's first NorCal Coach of the Year award. Congratulations Coach! ★



Beaver Head Coach, Zac Koerner, was named the 3C2A NorCal Coach of the Year. Photo by ARC Athletics

Sac Republic FC to Host Open Tryouts

Sacramento Republic Football Club News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Ahead of the 2025 USL Championship season, Republic FC is hosting its annual Open Tryout, giving the region's top players a chance to impress the technical staff and earn an invitation to training camp.

The 2025 Open Tryout will take place on Saturday, Jan. 18 and Sunday, Jan. 19 at Bartholomew Sports Park in Elk Grove, and is open to players aged 18 and older. Players are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot and take advantage of Early Bird Pricing – a \$50 discount – through December 31. At least one participant will be invited to join the club for its 2025 training camp ahead of the season.

Tryouts have been an important part of Republic FC's roster development since 2014. In total, six attendees have gone on to sign professional contracts with the club, as well as others who have earned a spot in the youth academy. In 2023,

Aldair Sanchez attended the Open Tryout and earned an invitation to training camp, where he would compete in preseason friendlies against USL Championship and MLS clubs and go on to sign his first professional contract with the Indomitable Club. He appeared in 30 appearances in his rookie season and in 2024 was one of five players to appear in every game.

Tryouts are open to eligible males, 18 years or older. Registration fees apply and are non-refundable. In addition to registration fees, each trialist is solely responsible for all accommodation bookings and costs. Players must come prepared for the tryouts with their own boots, socks, shorts, gloves, shin guards or any other equipment related to their position. Republic FC's athletic training and medical services personnel will be onsite throughout tryouts.

For more information on tryout registration and requirements, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Tryouts or e-mail Tryouts@SacRepublicFC.com. ★



Hornet Volleyball Standouts Named All-Big Sky



Hornet senior Bridgette Smith is the first four-time first team all-Big Sky selection in Hornet program history (2021-24). Photos courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics



Sacramento State senior Caitlin Volkmann has tallied double figures in kills on 24 occasions in the 2024 season, and 71 times during her career as a Hornet.



Hornet senior rightside hitter Ellie Tisko named second team all-Big Sky for the second straight season.

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three Hornet seniors were named all-Big Sky Conference on Nov. 26, including outside hitters Bridgette Smith and Caitlin Volkmann being named to the first team, and rightside hitter Ellie Tisko named second team.

The Hornets received three all-league honors after finishing the regular season with an 18-11 overall record and 11-5 conference mark. Sacramento State finished in a tie for second place in the conference

standings and will be the No. 3 seed at the Big Sky Tournament at the Nest.

Smith was named to the first team for the fourth straight year, becoming the first player in program history to be named first team on four occasions. Counting her pandemic season of 2020 when she was named to the second team, Smith is also the first player in school history to receive all-conference accolades on five occasions.

Volkmann was named to the first team for the first time in her career, and Tisko received second team honors for the second consecutive season. ★

Sacramento State Women's Basketball Finishes Third

Sacramento State University Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senior Katie Peneueta finished with a career-high tying 20 points to go with nine rebounds while three other Hornets finished in double figures on Sunday Dec. 1, helping push the Sacramento State women's basketball team past Wagner, 73-34, to finish third at the FIU Thanksgiving Classic in Miami.

The Hornets snapped their three-game skid, improving to 5-3 overall on the year, while the Seahawks fell to 1-6 overall with the result. The 39-point victory was the largest of the year and the largest against a Division I opponent since a 48-point triumph over Portland State on Jan. 23, 2016.

Sunday's 34 points allowed are the fewest in the program's Division I history and the fewest since

defeating Concordia College, 78-29, on Nov. 22, 1990. Sacramento State limited Wagner to just 15 first-half points — the lowest scoring first half by a Hornet opponent since Northern Colorado trailed, 24-15, at the break on Jan. 6, 2007.

Overall, from the field, the Hornets stifled the Seahawks to the tune of a .245 (12-for-49) field goal percentage for the game, which is the lowest by an opponent since Pacific Union shot the same percentage on Dec. 19, 2019.

In only her second game back after missing the first six games of the season due to injury, Peneueta came off the bench to finish 7-of-10 from the field and 5-of-7 from long distance in 29 minutes, matching her career high set at Northern Arizona on Feb. 3, 2022, and tied against Montana State just over a year later on Feb. 23, 2023.

Her nine rebounds were also two shy of her career high of 11 set

against Idaho on Jan. 5, 2023.

She was followed closely by sophomore Lina Falk, who finished with 15 points on 6-of-13 from the field and added six rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Senior Jaydia Martin chipped in 12 points on 5-of-11 from the field, adding four rebounds and six assists, while freshman Sofia Alonso finished with 11 points, five rebounds, and six assists.

Freshman Brooklyn Taylor also blocked four shots on the day, the most since Summah Hanson had four against Eastern Washington on Dec. 30, 2023.

The Hornets surrendered the first basket of the game, but it was all Sacramento State from that point on, outscoring Wagner by a 21-2 count the rest of the quarter — including a 14-0 run to close the period. The run grew to 17-0 with the first three points of the second quarter as the Hornets led by as many as 27 points

in the first half en route to the 41-15 halftime advantage.

Sacramento State limited the Seahawks to four points in both the first and third quarters — tied for the fewest in a single quarter this season along with the four-point fourth quarter at Cal State Fullerton back on Nov. 14 — and tallied the fourth and fifth single-digit quarters defensively this year.

Meanwhile, the offense was clicking, finishing the day shooting 49 percent from the field overall (26-of-53) — its second-highest single-game shooting performance of the year behind only the 55 percent against Lincoln University on Nov. 10. The Hornets were also 11-of-25 (.440) from behind the arc as a team, setting season highs for both makes and percentages and the best in both categories since hitting 13-of-24 from three-point range against Idaho State at last year's Big Sky Conference Tournament. ★

Sacramento State opened the second half on a 9-0 run, holding Wagner to without a point for the first six minutes of the period and to without a field goal until the final 30 seconds of the period. The Hornets led by as many as 46 points with two minutes to play in the fourth quarter and led nearly the entire game save for the 15 seconds that the Seahawks went in front to start the day and the 3:55 during which the contest was tied.

Following three straight games away from home, Sacramento State returns to The Nest this coming week, hosting Kansas City to open the second-annual Big Sky-Summit Challenge on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. The Hornets then travel to Nebraska to take on Omaha on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Noon PT prior to the start of final exams. Both games are scheduled after press time. ★

Section Championship Eludes BC Pride

Story and photo
by Alejandro Barron

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Last season the Bradshaw Christian Pride fell to the Hughson Huskies in the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship game at Sacramento City College, and they arguably came back better this season.

This year the Pride once again reached the section championship game at Sacramento City College on Nov. 29, this time against the Sonora Wildcats.

They entered this matchup with a 12-0 record and outscored their opponents 550-112 with a core group of seniors, some playing together since middle school.

Due to these results, the Pride was looking to reverse the fortune from last year and win their sixth-section championship and first since 2015.

The opening play of the game did not favor the Pride as the Wildcats quarterback ran the ball to put themselves at first and goal which later led to the score going up 7-0.

"It's just difficult to simulate what they do," the assistant coach, filling in as the head coach after coach Rickert's ejection, Dan Paige said. "They run so well so to try to simulate it in a week is very difficult."

The Pride came out aggressive as the first play of the game was a pass, although they tended to stay on the ground for the most part and went on to attempt the fourth down conversion on their first offensive drive and failed.

They ultimately went for the fourth down conversion on back-to-back drives but would convert on their second try on a drive that featured big runs from the seniors and team captains Brandon Burden, Mateo Mojica and Ethan Rickert.

Mojica would ultimately run into the endzone to tie the game at 7 but a Wildcat field goal would send the game to halftime with a 10-7 score.

This was Mojica's lone touchdown but rushed for 111 yards on 19 carries.

In the second half, coach Drew Rickert continued to voice his displeasure towards the officiating, something that started in the first quarter.

He became very animated when expressing his disagreement with some of the calls which cost his team a lot of penalties and yardage and ultimately cost him being able to stay on the sidelines.



Bradshaw Christian Pride players console each other after their loss in the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship game at Sacramento City College against the Sonora Wildcats on Nov. 29.

To compound this mistake, Ethan Rickert with third and long threw an interception that was taken back for a touchdown to put the Wildcats up 16-7 after the extra point was missed.

Coach Rickert was eventually ejected from the ballgame.

The response to this was a 40-yard pass to another team captain and senior Devyn McDonald II to get them downfield to attempt to get back into the game.

McDonald II was a big target for Ethan Rickert as he had two receptions for 81 yards.

It wouldn't be easy as again the Pride attempted a fourth down conversion which they got thanks to Mojica and later led to senior Nathan Zeppieri to run into the endzone for a 9-yard rushing touchdown.

This made it 16-14 and the Pride got the stop on defense to get the ball back to sway the momentum back in their favor.

Yet it wasn't going to be that easy as a fumble recovered by the Wildcats' Tanner Navaro who had the interception earlier swayed the momentum back to the Wildcats side.

This drive for the Wildcats led to a fourth and two at the Pride's 35-yard line in the fourth quarter where junior Myles Damallie got the tackle to get the ball back and send their crowd into a frenzy.

The Pride marched downfield and got inside the 10-yard line where Zeppieri was met by two Wildcats near the goal line but pushed through with the help of some of his teammates to get him into the endzone.

He shot up to show his emotion now that his team led 20-16 with 4:43 left in the game.

Zeppieri rushed for a total of 42 yards on nine carries for two touchdowns.

Even with four minutes on the clock, the Wildcats' following drive burned a lot of

clock as they completed screen passes and found open spaces on the ground that led them to the 10-yard line.

The Wildcats would have third and goal on the two-yard line when the Pride called a timeout with 25 seconds left.

The Pride had been clutch on defense on goal-line stops with fourth downs the previous week against the Linden Lions and they looked to replicate that in the biggest game of the season.

The Pride got the stop on third down as they stopped the Wildcats who were inches from taking the lead.

Up to this point, McDonald II led the team with 12 total tackles along with Mojica who had 11. Damallie would also have a sack for a 12-yard loss.

With fourth and goal, the Wildcats quarterback ran to the outside and into the endzone to regain the lead at 23-20.

Although they couldn't come up with a stop, Paige and the coaching staff believed they could stop the Wildcats.

"They ran that triple option better than you can replicate in a team so we can all get our assignments down but to do it in the amount of time with how fast they do it is extremely difficult," Paige said.

Although a touchback put the Pride at their own 20 and nine seconds left, they had a chance for a miracle as they attempted to find an open receiver, but Ethan Rickert was met by Wildcat tackles.

A few laterals kept the play alive but ultimately nothing could be done and the Pride lost to make it back-to-back losses in the section championship game.

The Pride's perfect season came to an end in the most important game of the season.

"It's tough, you plan all year for this one day and then fall three points short is as tough as it gets," Paige said.

This is an end of an era of sorts for this senior class which Paige said is "the best group we've ever had here."

"It's just tough when you come to the CIF playoffs sometimes you play a great team and we're looking back through all the years that we've made section title runs and I think this is the best opponent that we've ever played," Paige said.

Paige also said that he thinks every year, except this year, with this senior class that the Pride would've ended up as section champions. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Chicken Little said, "the sky is falling, the sky is falling," but was it? We know of course the answer was no but does this sound vaguely familiar.

Kings fans and supposed experts would have you believe that the current team is in need of an overhaul, as well as a group of new coaches.

I'm the first to say that I'm not pleased with coach Brown's performance thus far, but I'm not clamoring for his job. Coach Brown's rotations have been hard to understand all season, but that is no different than the prior season where continuity was in short supply.

It wasn't long ago the Kings were two games over 500, and suddenly went into a losing tailspin. Losers of five out of the last six games will get people talking, and everyone has an opinion.

On the plus side, no one was casting aspersions when last week the Kings announced the signing of small forward Jae Crowder. Crowder, a free agent, has a history of being on winning basketball teams, and his moniker is his hard-nosed style of play, something the Kings could use more of.

Without question, the current squad plays hard every night, but we are lacking in players that have the dog mentality that can set the bone crushing screens that the Kings seem to see nightly from other teams.

Crowder brings that element, so it remains to be seen in what capacity coach Brown will use his new addition.

Brown chose to put Crowder in the starting lineup without even a single practice, while talented Mr. everything, Malik Monk watched as always from the bench.

Imagine my surprise when not one but two former members of the Kentucky Wildcats were introduced into the starting lineup against the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday, Dec. 1 at Golden One Arena. The arena erupted when Malik Monk was introduced right in back of DeAaron Fox, and I couldn't have been happier for Malik.

Coach Brown and Sacramento Kings fans were treated to the best scoring first quarter of the young season, as the Kings put up a staggering 42 points. ★

Malik was the spark plug he always seems to be, but despite the auspicious start, the Kings played poorly in the fourth quarter, and although they made it close, came away with a 2-point loss.

As is oft the case, the zebras did not help their cause, and the game was replete with calls that one would expect at a high school game, not in the highest court of basketball.

The last week began on a high note, as the Sactown boys went into Minnesota, and after losing the prior two games to the Wolves this season, the Kings put on a fourth quarter show that was a pure pleasure to watch. Surprisingly, while only connecting on 32% of their 3-point efforts, and scoring only 12 3-point field goals all night, the Kings sent the Timberwolves home with a 115-104 spanking.

For Kings fans, this type of overall efficiency, which included solid team defense all night, is what gives everyone hope that this team can turn things around.

Sadly, after breaking a 4-game losing streak by besting the Wolves, Sacramento could not back it up, losing to both Portland and San Antonio back-to-back.

The bright spot for me this past week was the emergence of small forward Isaac Jones. Nearly forgotten at the end of the bench, the rookie out of Washington State brought energy, spirited defense, and added 12 points that were sorely needed against the young and talented Timberwolves.

Why it's taken this long to give Isaac a look is a hard question to answer but look for coach Brown to move this young forward closer to the top of the bench.

Another bright note is hearing Malik Monk in the post-game interview say it's taken him three years in Sacramento to get a single start, and he likes being a starter where he's spent the majority of his career.

Hang on Kings fans. It's not time to pull your hair just yet. Christmas is right around the corner, and something tells me the Sac Town ballers may have some presents in store for basketball hungry Sacramento fans in the month of December.

All the best Kings fans!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Eagles Shaw, Urias are State Cross-Country Qualifiers



Addison Shaw, left, and Ava Urias, who qualified for the 2024 CIF State Cross Country Championships, pose together. Both competed in this event on Nov. 30. Courtesy photo

By Alejandro Barron

FRESNO, CA (MPG) - Two members of the Pleasant Grove Eagles cross-country team qualified for the 2024 CIF State Cross Country Championships in Fresno, California at Woodward Park on Nov. 30.

The two participants were sophomores Addison Shaw and Ava Urias who both participated this season in four different events including two miles, three miles, 4000 meters and 5000 meters.

The first event that Shaw participated in this season was the two-mile event where she ran in a 12:58.1 time at the Pleasant Grove 7th Annual Eagle Run for a personal record.

This would be the only time all season where she participated in the two-mile event.

This wouldn't be the only personal record for Shaw this season as at the 18th Annual Hughson Supercross Invitational in her only participation in the 4000 meters she ran in a 15:57.8 time for a first-place finish.

The two other personal records came in the three-mile and 5000-meter events where she ran in a 19:37.0 time and 19:14.2 time, respectively.

The three-mile personal record came in the Delta League Championships where she placed seventh while the 5000-meter personal record came at the Kim Duyst Invitational co-host where she placed

tenth. It was the 5000-meter event that allowed Shaw to qualify for the state championship as she placed seventh at the SJS XC Sections on Nov. 16 with a 19:36.8 time.

As for Urias, her lone participation in a two-mile event all season was also at the Pleasant Grove 7th Annual Eagle Run where she also had a personal record with a 12:53.7 time where she placed fourth.

That was on Aug. 24 and a couple of days later on Aug. 31 Urias also had a personal record in the 4000-meter event with a 15:26.5 time in the Oakmont Invitational.

In the Delta League Championships, Urias had a personal record and second-place finish in the three-mile event with an 18:41.9 time.

It was the 5000-meter event where Urias shined and had her personal record in this competition at the 45th Annual Asics Clovis Invitational where she ran a 19:35 time for a 22-place finish.

For Urias to qualify for the state championship event, she participated in the 5000-meter event at the SJS XC Sections on Nov. 16 with an eight-place finish and 19:36.8 time.

The event both student-athletes participated at the 2024 CIF State Cross Country Championships in was the 5000-meter event where Urias placed 126 with a 19:39.6 time and Shaw placed 139 with a 19:49.2 time. ★



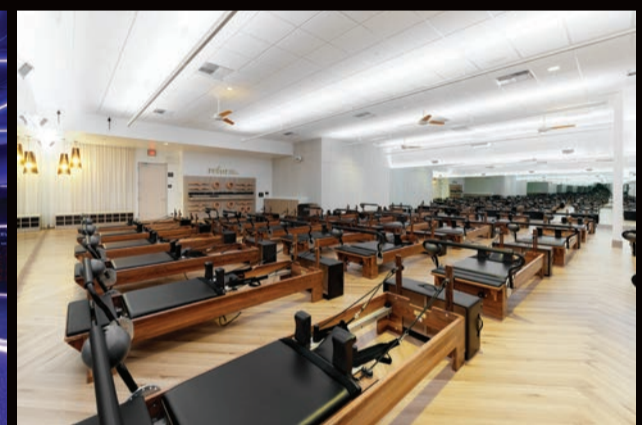
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