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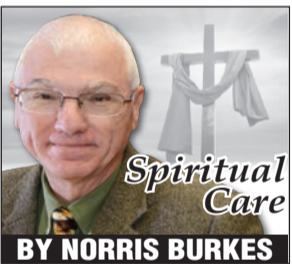
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"The Elk" was painted by local artist Jenn Ponci, who works with art organization Wide Open Walls. Its centerpiece is a vibrantly painted elk framed by grapevines and vineyard views, tying the artwork to its winery setting. Photos by ASlyFilm

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Elk Grove received one of its first large-scale murals on Saturday, Sept. 13 with the unveiling of "The Elk" on Bartholomew Barn, located at Christopher Cellars, 9654 Bradshaw Road.

The mural was painted by local artist Jenn Ponci, who works with art organization Wide Open Walls. Its centerpiece is a vibrantly painted elk framed by grapevines

and vineyard views, tying the artwork to its winery setting.

Community members and art enthusiasts gathered that evening to meet the artist, enjoy live music and celebrate the addition of a new public art piece to the city. The unveiling coincided with Elk Grove's 25th anniversary, marking a step toward strengthening the city's arts scene in the years ahead.

"This is our first venture into Elk Grove; the

25th anniversary mural here," said Wide Open Walls Founder David Sobon. He told the Elk Grove Citizen that Wide Open Walls began by focusing on murals in downtown Sacramento but now, in its ninth year, has expanded into surrounding communities.

"Our mission in the very beginning was art for all. Basically, creating art in public spaces for everybody to enjoy," Sobon said. He added that the

organization has emphasized school partnerships through its Wide Open Walls Uplifting Schools initiative, which has produced about 225 murals at schools and roughly 250 community murals.

Sobon noted that although Wide Open Walls was one of two finalists considered to coordinate the city's inaugural Mural Festival, the Elk Grove City Council ultimately chose a different vendor

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Peace Festival Returns for Third Year

Celebration of Unity, Community and Culture



This year's International Peace Festival will continue the theme of unity and peace by offering art, cultural performances, educational panels, and community resources for families and individuals. Photo courtesy of VI-SH Koranne Foundation

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The VI-SH Koranne Foundation will host the Third International Peace Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. at District 56 Main Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

The event honors the International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981, and brings the global celebration to the greater Sacramento region.

Founded in May 2016, the VI-SH Koranne Foundation is a charitable organization serving communities in the United States and India. It hosted its first Peace Festival in 2019, paused during the pandemic and returned in 2024 for its second gathering.

This year's festival, sponsored by the City of Elk Grove, continues the theme of unity and peace with art, cultural performances, educational panels and community resources for families and individuals.

Honorary director Heera Kulkarni, a longtime resident and former educator with the Elk Grove Unified School District, said inclusivity has always been her guiding principle. Inspired by the 150th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, Kulkarni envisioned a large-scale event to honor Gandhi's legacy of nonviolence and peace.

"My father was a youth volunteer working with Mahatma Gandhi. I was very much influenced through my father for the Gandhian approach of non-violence in fostering

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City Salutes War Prisoners, Missing Heroes



American Legion Post 233 performs the gun salute.

**Story and photos
by Nathan Felix Valencia**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW&MIA) Recognition Day ceremony was held at the Veteran's Grove located at District 56. It was hosted by veterans organizations American Legion Posts 55

and 233, the Marine Corps League Detachment 1238 and the VFW Post 2073.

Coffee and donuts were offered to those who arrived at 10 a.m. as they went around and talked before the ceremony started at 11 a.m. After the ceremony, a barbecue was held where attendees had more time to socialize.

Members of the veterans organizations, city council members, Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen and assembly-member Stephanie Nguyen gave speeches honoring the prisoners of war and those who are missing in action. All speakers acknowledged the sacrifice every soldier has made for their country.

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'Dancing the Globe' Highlights Cultural Heritage

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Dancing the Globe event was held on Saturday, Sept. 13 as part of the monthlong festivities for Elk Grove's Diversity Month 2025. This event featured more than a dozen cultural dance groups.

It also included a special presentation by Mayor Bobbie Allen-Singh to Troop 288 member Ismail Ahmed, chartered by the American Legion Post 233. Ahmed has been a dedicated volunteer for several years at the Multicultural Festival. He received his Eagle

Scout award during the opening ceremony.

Performances began with the Florin High School Vietnamese Student Association, and subsequent performances followed including from Riar Academy of Performing Arts, Sacramento Turn Verein Alpentänzer Schuhplattler, Strauss Festival of Elk Grove, Victoria Mendoza Folklorico, Sinagtala Filipino Theatre & Performing Arts Association, Future Lao Generation, ScotDance Sacramento, Vahana & The Jewels of the North, and Fenix Drum and Dance Company. ★



Victoria Mendoza Folklorico were among the dance group performers at Dancing the Globe.



This year's Dancing the Globe celebration coincided with the city's 25th anniversary. Photos by Dave Soto Productions

Mural Marks New Era for City Arts



An aerial view shows artist Jenn Ponci working on an early stage of "The Elk" at Christopher Cellars on Bradshaw Road. Photo by ASlyFilm

Continued from page 1 during its Sept. 10 meeting. The Arts and Creative Economy Commission reviewed five applicants before making its recommendation.

Commission Chair Brian Rickel told the council the decision was a "very close conversation."

Still, Sobon said the outcome does not prevent the organization from continuing its work in Elk Grove through privately funded projects and that he still hopes to collaborate with the city in the future. Two more murals are set to be completed this month, one at the nonprofit XHope's warehouse and another at Elk Grove Food Bank Services.

For this first Elk Grove project, Sobon partnered with Bret Bartholomew, a seventh-generation Elk Grovian and active community leader.

Bartholomew, who serves as president of the Elk Grove Historical Society and sits on the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce board, recently joined Wide Open Walls as a board member.

His family has deep roots in the city starting with Bartholomew Family Vineyards, which has been family-operated for more than 20 years. The Bartholomew name can also be found at local parks named in the family's honor.

His father, Hal Bartholomew, is a longtime community leader who played a key role in Elk Grove's incorporation as president of the Incorporation Committee in 2000 and attended the unveiling celebration on Sept. 13.

Bartholomew said the barn that now hosts the mural has served many

purposes over the years, from housing his great grandfather's land-leveling business to providing space for high schoolers to build homecoming floats and functioning as a storage unit for two decades.

"It's had multiple iterations," Bartholomew said. "I think where we're at now is just the next step."

He added that art is a "broad term" that extends beyond painting, emphasizing the value of creating a space for music, gatherings and shared experiences.

"A winery seems like a logical place for people to come, let loose and relax," Bartholomew said. "... Hopefully, with the mural being here, this signals to artists and the community that they're welcome to experience the winery, Elk Grove and have that 'third space' to congregate other than work or home." ★

Peace Festival Returns for Third Year

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peace even if someone feels aggrieved by injustice," Kulkarni said.

The festival will open with a question-and-answer session featuring Dr. Bill Durston of Americans Against Gun Violence, Tammy Wu of City of Dharma Realm Schools, Sacramento State anthropology professor Serena Williams and Kaiser Permanente nurse Juliana Bienes. The panel will discuss "Peace on Your Plate."

Visitors will also be able to connect with organizations such as Sacramento Area Peace Action, SacTown Veg Society, SMUD, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Filipino nonprofit BLPAPA.

The program will include a social justice-themed art exhibit by award-winning Elk Grove artist William (Bill) Larsen, as well as an interactive calligraphy station led by local artist Annie Peony, where guests can create Chinese peace symbols to take home.

Family-friendly activities will include a youth poster contest for ages 8 to 18, with prizes of \$50.

The theme is "Peace Begins with Me," and entries must be submitted before the festival. All posters will be displayed at the event. Contest guidelines are available at korannefoundation.org. Music and dance will



The Third International Peace Festival on Oct. 5 will feature poetry performances and a special art exhibit on social justice themes. Photo courtesy of VI-SH Koranne Foundation

also fill the day, including a Heritage Parade with performances from India, the Philippines, Vietnam, Mexico and Latin America. The schedule also features a communitywide Dandiya dance, a Breaking Barriers performance by local artist Neil Nayyar, spoken-word poetry, the Westminster Presbyterian's 40-member Peace and Justice Choir, and a meditation session led by the City of Dharma Realm.

Another highlight will be the recognition of this year's Peace Ambassadors, an award introduced in 2024 to honor city officials and community members who have made outstanding contributions toward peace.

Last year's recipients included Mayor Bobbie

Singh-Allen, and this year's honorees will be announced during the festival.

"This festival will focus on uniting our diverse communities," Kulkarni said. "Peace begins at the individual level, which supports peace within families. Families at peace contribute to a peaceful community."

She added that the Peace Festival goes beyond cultural celebration by creating space for dialogue.

"Many people ask how this festival differs from a multicultural festival. At the Peace Festival, we create opportunities for the audience to engage in conversations about peace, rather than being passive observers of performances." ★

Get Your Garden Fall-Ready with Free Compost

City of Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Fall is the perfect time to refresh your garden, and Elk Grove residents have access to a great resource: free compost from the Elder Creek Transfer Station.

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retention and reduces the need for store-bought fertilizers.

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Elder Creek Transfer Station is at 8642 Elder Creek Road and is open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. No appointment is needed.


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AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Lisa Bailey

Lisa Bailey's career has always been in servicing others such as being an Assistant Branch Manager for a bank for over 16 years, Business Office Manager, and Executive Administrator for several businesses. She loves being able to make a difference in someone's life or in the community. She has been a resident of Elk Grove since 2000 and has raised my 3 children and now 4 grandchildren here. She has been an Elk Grove Chamber Ambassador since 2018 as well as a graduate of the 2018-2019 Elk Grove Leadership Class. Lisa enjoys making connections in the community and servicing in any way possible, and trying to set an example for her grandchildren that servicing and volunteering is a necessity and is rewarding. Lisa is a Rotarian of the Laguna Sunrise Rotary Club since 2014 and their Past President for the 2022-2023 year.






Community Band Colors it 'Blue'

Christopher J. Tootle leads the Elk Grove Community Concert Band on Sept. 19 in "The Blue Concert," featuring songs with "blue" in the title. The band includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The next concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The band's future concerts are Dec. 15, Feb. 2, 2026, April 6, 2026, and May 18, 2026. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. Photo by Idaly Valencia



City Salutes War Prisoners, Missing Heroes

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U.S. Army and Marine veteran Oscar O'Con said that the significance of POW&MIA day is really for the families.

He noted that there's still a total of around 83,000 soldiers considered missing in action since World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War.

"It's a way to honor veterans that we haven't had a chance to mourn them or even bury them," said O'Con. "It's a big day, and as a veteran, it's something that I cannot miss because I lost a lot of friends over there and some of them are still there, probably."

Not only were speeches given, but symbolic displays of honor were demonstrated as well. They had the "Missing Man Table," a gun salute and a playing of "Taps."

The Missing Man Table itself served to honor those



Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen honors POW & MIA veterans.

who are prisoners of war, went missing in action or are a fallen service member.

It began with a set-up consisting of a small round table with a white tablecloth. Then, multiple items were placed on the table. They included a red rose in a vase, a slice of lemon and a sprinkle of salt on a bread plate, an inverted glass, a Bible, a lighted candle and an empty chair.

Each item represented sacrifices that were made by service members and their loved ones.

After that came a gun salute that was performed by the veterans rifle squad.

The veterans of American Legion Post 233 performed the salute showing respect to the sacrifice, duty and honor that the service members had shown to their country.

Following the gun

salute, they finished off with the playing of "Taps," a 24-note bugle call. This bugle call is not just to signify the end of the day in the military, but a tribute to fallen service members and a call for their remembrance.

After the playing of "Taps," those in attendance enjoyed each other's company, conversed and waited for the barbecue to begin.



Items on the POW & MIA Missing Man Table represent sacrifices that were made by service members and their loved ones.



The playing of "Taps" closes out the ceremony.

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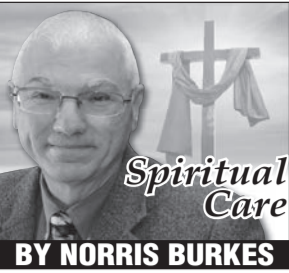
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Does God Hear Me Now?



Readers: I began writing this syndicated column October 2001. Now, after 24 years, I'm retiring the column on October 12th. You can stay in touch by joining my weekly email newsletter at www.thechaplain.net/newsletter or send email request to comment@thechaplain.net. As I approach my 68th year around our sun, I'm doing a lot of reflecting.

My active days are full of grandkids, home repairs, charity work with Chispa Project, all while pastoring a small church in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

With this summertime busyness, I was feeling that my God-connection was breaking up.

No, not a complete disconnect, but my reception of the divine felt crackly and fuzzy. You know, the kind you get from a fading phone signal. You walk in circles, waving your phone above your head asking, "Can you hear me now?"

I found myself needing to find a place, a moment, an event, to reconnect with God.

As I minister, I hear people claim they don't need a church to find God. They tell me that God can be found anywhere – even on a beach.

So earlier this summer, I drove my wife and twelve-year-old grandson to Half Moon Bay for a few days off. I went to see if God indeed had beachfront property in California.

It had been one of those weeks where the inconsistencies of my faith had been apparent to more than just myself. It was one of those weeks where I was longing to simply be the same person I had been the previous week.

So, as my grandson dug tunnels in the sand and my wife kicked at the cold waves, I walked alone up the rocky beach, explaining to God my ground rules of our upcoming conversation.

"I just need a moment to double check stuff with you – a moment to make sure you're still covering my back.

"So, I thought I'd say 'howdy' here at the beach. I know that you make every day special, but I'm needing this day to be extra."

There, on the water's edge, I found an isolated rock and quickly breached its top. Sitting atop the rock with my soul exposed, I began scanning the waves for some kind of epiphany.

As I searched, the cold wind pounded my heart like a burglar's hammer working to unlock a treasure, so I hid my face beneath my sweatshirt's hood.

From this rock, I hoped to find a still place, a space where I could both hide and be exposed, see and be seen – an abode high enough to make my prayer heard but low enough to nurture humility.

My prayer began: Lord, find what I've hidden.

Touch what I've hurt

Open what I've closed.

Teach what I wouldn't learn.

Fill the places I've emptied.

And empty what

consumes me.

Release what I've captured.

Hold what escapes me

Invade what I defend.

And defend what I've surrounded.

Amen

Opening my eyes, I saw my grandson writing messages in the sand, but the finicky waves quickly rinsed them away, like an Etch-a-Sketch turned upside down.

On the horizon, I watched the pacific swallow the setting sun. "Wow! God really does own beachfront property!"

As I made my way back to my family, I inched around a deep rocky tide-pool and fell – hard. Blood oozed from my shins and elbows, but I still managed to get up to check if anyone was looking.

Becky came running over with my grandson.

The next day, bandaged, but ambulatory, I heard God's voice again.

"See what I did there, son.

"I met you on the top of the rocks where I heard your praises.

"But I also fall with you to the bottom of those rocks.

"I always hear you perfectly, even when you've lost reception on your end.

"I'm with you always and I will never leave you."

My reception was clear again.

Email me with questions or comment at comment@thechaplain.net. Sign up to receive this column by email at thechaplain.net/columns/ Contact Chaplain Norris at comment@thechaplain.net or 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602 or voicemail (843) 608-9715. ★

RELIGION NEWS

Chabad of Elk Grove Offers 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.

Events at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church

Our next Jazz & Blues Concert at our church will be on Oct. 7 with Val Starr/Blues. Concerts are held the first Sunday of every month through November.

Rev. McNamara welcomes members and visitors every Sunday at 10 a.m. Our church is at 8153 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 50, facing Big Horn.

We have open Communion the first Sunday of the month.

For more information, Rev. McNamara can be reached at (916) 683-1435 or elkgrovepres@gmail.com.

Grace Church 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.

Sunday 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. ★

MEMORIAL

SUSAN ELIZABETH HENSLEY-STRONG • 07/23/1942 – 09/01/2025

With heavy hearts, we share that Susan Elizabeth Hensley-Strong passed away peacefully on September 1, 2025, at the age of 83.

Born on July 23, 1942, Susan made her home in Elk Grove, California, where she spent her life surrounded by family, friends, and a community she deeply loved.

She was the proud mother of Stacey Morrison (husband William Morrison) and Nicki Smith, (husband Chris Smith); the beloved grandmother of Jillian Torres (husband Jorg'e Torres, passed) and Brittney Tatton (husband Jeremy Tatton); and the joyful great-grandmother of Wyatt Tatton and Eve Tatton, who brought endless smiles to her days. She is also lovingly survived by her dear sisters: Carol Uffelman, Lynn Thibeault, and



Dixie Hensley, who shared with her a lifetime of love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Susan was a woman of incredible strength, warmth, and resilience. She built and ran her own business with passion and dedication, always leading by example and with a generous heart. Beyond her work, she

was a single mother, she was a cherished member of various social and community groups, and she cultivated deep friendships and brought joy to all who knew her.

Those who knew Susan will always remember her bright smile, her welcoming spirit, and her unique ability to make others feel seen, heard, and loved. Her legacy is one of kindness, family, perseverance, and grace.

A celebration of Susan's life will be held in Elk Grove, November 7, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:30 at the Elk Grove Park Pavilion. Family and friends will gather to share stories, honor her memory, and celebrate a life so beautifully lived. Susan loved color, so feel free to dress festively.

Though she may be gone from our sight, Susan's love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

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MEMORIAL

CINDY MAHON • 8/22/1961 — 9/14/2025

Cindy Mahon was born on Aug. 22, 1961, to Maria Ramos Libby and Henry E. Libby in the California Castro Valley. Cindy was raised in Hayward in a very loving and large family. She and her cousin Brent were raised together and had a bond like brother and sister. That girl could skate, bicycle, climb and run faster than most of the boys in her neighborhood. Cindy started working in her mother's bakery as a teenager. Her great work ethic was instilled by her mom and her beloved grandpa Teofredo Ramos.

She moved to Elk Grove to be closer to her sister Liz in 1979. There she got a job at the Stagecoach restaurant as a server, and later a hostess. One day her sister invited her to a party at the Mahon Ranch, as Liz had just started dating Jack Mahon. You could tell that the pretty and stylishly dressed Cindy was impressed with Jack's brother Tom when he rolled up on his motorcycle wearing gum boots, checkered pants, striped shirt and a dirty cowboy hat. So much so that by the night's end she pushed him into the deep water of the river by the dam ... not knowing Tom couldn't swim! She'd go on to marry that cowboy in 1981.

Going from city girl to ranch wife is a huge adjustment, but Cindy took it in stride. Cindy was a quick learner: how to raise a baby calf, drive a tractor, set siphons, mix vaccine, get parts for whatever broke that day or shoot a coyote threatening her dog. All of this while also feeding the whole branding crew on a moment's notice! Thus began a whole new chapter in her life.

Cindy was blessed with two children: her daughter Saoirse and her son Troy. Having kids came with far more than she could have known: P.T.A. teacher's assistant,



yard duty, after-school programs, 4H and FFA. Wherever she was needed, she was there, and that meant so many new friends and connections that led to lifelong friendships.

Cindy became involved in the Elk Grove Historical Society, first as a volunteer and later as a board member. She enjoyed working shoulder to shoulder with a new group of close friends. She was very vocal at meetings as she was the type where no one ever had to guess what Cindy was thinking. One of her proudest achievements was becoming a member of AA. She put her heart and soul into it. As she learned from others it was also in her nature to want to help and teach others as she found new community. Cindy loved her sisters dearly in her life and thought of her friends just as dearly.

Cindy was taken from us too soon, but her grace, style and compassion will never be forgotten. Services will be on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. at Herbergers in Old Town Elk Grove, followed by a get-together down back at the little island on Mahon Ranch, 10171 Grant Line Road.

ARTS CALENDAR

'All Creatures Great and Small'

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will present the annual art competition show "All Creatures Great and Small" from Oct 4 to Oct. 23, with a First Saturday Public Reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

Details at elkgrovefineartscenter.org.

Italian Renaissance Lecture Oct. 11

Learn about the artists of Florence, known as the birthplace of the

Renaissance from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11; admission \$10. Highlights of the Dale Chilcoat lecture include Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and the Medici family. Visit <https://elkgrovefineartscenter.org/events/lectures/>

View Artwork from Elk Grove

At webmaps.elkgrovecity.org/publicartelkgrove.

The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission has created a virtual Citywide Art Guide to art pieces and art events

in Elk Grove.

Art Workshops for Adults

Enhance your visual arts skills or learn a new technique in an art class or workshop at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center.

If you're looking for basic to advanced instruction in Batiking, Ceramics, Clay, Encaustics, Fabric Art, Mixed-Media, Mosaics, Plein Air, or Watercolor (and more!), you will find it here. To learn more, visit elkgrovefineartscenter.org. ★

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 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.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has in-person meetings at 5:30 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

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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 Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room, 9510 Elk Grove Florin Road.

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11:15 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Mohammad Abid, 53, on domestic violence and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury charges.

8:46 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Carol Xiong, 30, on domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon charges.

8:52 p.m., Laguna Springs Drive/Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Djallon Walker, 40, on felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, reckless evasion, driving without a license and possession of a controlled substance while armed charges.

9:41 p.m., East Stockton Boulevard/Elkmont Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Benjamin Smulson, 29, on DUI/drug charges.

Sept. 13

3:05 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Erik Aguilar, 34, on domestic violence and child endangerment

charges.

4:44 a.m., 7500 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Dereka Foster, 35; Imoni Cobbs, 25; and a female juvenile, 17, on grand theft, organized retail theft, criminal conspiracy, resisting arrest, false impersonation, reckless evasion, evading by driving opposite of traffic, possession of cocaine or heroin and warrant charges.

7:45 a.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Manuel Gonzales, 56; and Tiffany Randolph, 44, on violation of probation and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Sept. 14

12:25 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Corey Kirkendoll, 52, on domestic violence charges.

Sept. 15

5:46 p.m., 7500 block of Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a female juvenile, 16, on minor in possession of alcohol in public and resisting arrest charges.

8:35 a.m., 8100 block of Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Dale Johnson, 43, on warrant charges.

1:36 a.m., Big Horn Boulevard/Elk

Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested a male juvenile, 17; Cooper Collum, 18; and a male juvenile, 17, on trespassing, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and resisting arrest charges.

2:49 a.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Sarah Hasabumutima, 26, on DUI/drug and DUI while on probation charges.

Sept. 16

9:52 a.m., Bilby Road/Stathos Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Leticia Martinez, 41, on possession of a controlled substance, driving without a license and warrant charges.

9:52 a.m., Bruceville Road/Sheldon Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Antonio Rodriguea, 39, on receiving a stolen vehicle and warrant charges.

1:09 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Allen Buchman, 31, on warrant charges.

6:27 p.m., 8900 block of Upbeat Way, Elk Grove Police arrested Jalani Totty, 24; and James Watson, 76, on criminal threats, assault with a deadly weapon and elder abuse charges.

9:07 p.m., 8200 block of Artemis Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Jonathan Shah,

28, on DUI/drug charges.

Sept. 17

10:58 a.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Daquon Wadley, 28, on domestic violence and violation of restraining order charges.

3:14 p.m., 8400 block of Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Police arrested Vandi Czech, 51, on possession of cocaine or heroin, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

3:54 p.m., 9600 block of Webb Street, Elk Grove Police arrested Yousef Abuhassan, 20, on battery charges.

5:58 p.m., Spring Flower Drive/Fire Poppy Drive, Elk Grove Police arrested Joseph Maglaya, 24, on felon in possession of a firearm, altering a firearm serial number, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a large-capacity magazine and felon in possession of ammunition charges.

7:24 p.m., confidential location, Elk Grove Police arrested Desiree Crenshaw, 25, on domestic violence charges.

10:18 p.m., Elk Grove Florin Road/Calvine Road, Elk Grove Police arrested Kattrell Walker, 53, on DUI/drug charges

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Can it be that the NBA preseason is upon us, and less than two weeks away? Yes, Kings fans, it's nearly time to don those jerseys and break out the rally towels once again.

Much has been said about the lack of moves the Kings have made during the offseason, and the numbers don't lie.

Aside from shoring up the point guard position with the acquisition of veteran Dennis Schroder, Sacramento has only the draft to look back on as it relates to adding talent to this year's squad.

Much discussion about adding Russell Westbrook to the team, and a constant dialogue about acquiring Jonathan Kuminga from the Golden State Warriors, but as of today, neither of those transactions has been consummated.

Do the Sacramento Kings really need those two players to be successful this year? You bet they do, and Scott Perry is on the hot seat before he literally has a chance to sit down. This is the life of an NBA general manager, and it's what he signed up for.

Obviously, there are other players besides Westbrook and Kuminga that could add talent to the current squad, but for now if we can believe what we hear and read, the focus remains on these two veterans to boost our winning chances.

Fans and Pundits are looking askance at the Kings in general, so what are the glaring needs that can silence the critics and get the Sacramento Kings out of the gate on a winning note?

Front court help remains the most pressing need, and athletic big men are a tough commodity to come by, particularly this late in the off season.

Watching 6'9" Trey Lyles quietly walk out the back door after four plus years with the Kings made no sense, and losing a proven veteran was a gut punch to those of us that appreciated what Lyles brought to the court every night. Mistake, yes, I believe it was a definite mistake, but the Kings will have to move on and try to find someone to replace those missing minutes going forward.

Isaac Jones has been waiting for an opportunity to log more minutes, and this may be the chance he has been

looking for. But even if Isaac steps up and plays well, the Sacramento Kings are still in need of front-court help.

Apparently, the pressing issue that has stalled trade talks with Jonathan Kuminga, has been the Kings reluctance to giving the Warriors a 1st round unrestricted free agent in the package.

The Kings have been willing to offer up a first round draft pick, but it comes with restrictions.

I believe the time has come to acquiesce and give the Warriors the unrestricted 1st round pick they're looking for. Kuminga is worth it, and his upside is huge.

On paper this just doesn't seem to be a difficult decision, so I'm baffled that the Kings don't see the obvious upside to pulling the switch.

The energy that the Kuminga trade would bring to Sacramento is incalculable, but rest assured it wouldn't hurt ticket sales!

As fans we can only go by what's reported and what we read, but for this writers money, do what is necessary to put the name of Jonathan Kuminga on the roster, and let's start the 2025/2026 season of a high note.

I also support adding aging veteran Russell Westbrook, largely because he has a reputation for being an excellent team player and would add a presence in the locker room that is hard to measure. In addition, Westbrook looks and plays like he did ten years ago, and whether occasionally starting or coming off the bench, there is no doubt in my mind that Westbrook will be a welcome addition that will bring with it wins.

Is there a surprise in store that no ones heard or read about? Probably, and let's hope that Scott Perry has done his homework and has just such a surprise in store for the Kings faithful.

Don't lose heart, Kings fans because it's always darkest before the dawn.

Stay tuned and get ready, because NBA basketball is right around the corner!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

Should I Claim Social Security Early Because it is Going Bankrupt?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately. Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible? **Signed: Uncertain what to do.**

Dear Uncertain: Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being

used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security, and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will soon address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt. That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation,

considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision, and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need, and marital status.

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The Siren Song of Despair

Charlie Kirk was a one-man answer to campus illiberalism. He rose to prominence at a time when university administrators and progressive students were working in league to make campuses no-go zones for conservatives.

They effectively banned them from their faculties. They didn't invite them on campus, or if they did, they were liable to disinvite and cancel them. They banned so-called hate speech. They shouted down speakers they didn't like. They created "safe spaces." In short, they did everything they could to render the opposing point of view illegitimate and indefensible.

Kirk showed not only that it was possible to punch through these obstacles and get a hearing, but to win the argument despite them.

He created a student movement that he leveraged into a huge, multi-faceted organization and that he mobilized to vote in 2024, to great political effect.

He was provocative, occasionally outlandish and sometimes wrong, but always interesting and brave.

His events on campus should be viewed as a public service. All of the best, most creative college deans could have gotten together to figure out how to routinely get thousands of energized students to

events about public affairs, and never managed it. No worries. Kirk figured it out for them. That he was shot while he engaged in an act of peaceful persuasion makes his murder all the more devastating.

Kirk wasn't a literary figure, but his assassination was a little like, say, William F. Buckley or James Baldwin getting gunned down in the midst of their famous 1965 debate at the Cambridge Union.

What Kirk was doing drew on some of the finest traditions of civilized life. Gathering on a hill to hear people speak and argue, like what we saw at Utah Valley University prior to the shot ringing out, is as old as the Nyx in ancient Athens.

The university as a battleground of ideas, with clashing worldviews vying for influence, goes back to the Middle Ages. Founded in 1231, the University of Paris quickly became "a forum where great questions of theology, society, and government were analyzed and answered," writes historian Dan Jones.

More fundamentally, language and abstract reasoning make us distinctly human; violence, the tool of brutes, does not. What are young people on the right to conclude from the horror at Utah Valley? Progressives viewed Kirk as a "MAGA troll" (as a New Republic headline put it in the immediate aftermath of his shooting), but for his fans, he was a figure of hope and inspiration.

It's also important to realize that Kirk worked diligently and effectively to bring disaffected kids into mainstream politics.

He pushed back against anti-semitism and other poisonous influences. The far-right envied and hated him.

It would be natural for Utah Valley to become the Right's equivalent of Kent State in the 1970s, a shattering experience, and a radicalizing one.

Charlie Kirk did it the right way, and now he's gone. He espoused the Christian faith, and what did it get him? He believed in open debate, and it left him defenseless unto his enemies. He did his enemies the favor of taking their arguments seriously, whereas (presumably) one of them used a bullet to silence him forever.

To quit on persuasion, though, is the counsel of despair. Political violence in a free society is always wrong. There's no substitute for convincing our fellow citizens, and we should also assume -- as Kirk did, even with the odds stacked heavily against him -- that they can be convinced by good arguments made sincerely and passionately.

Kirk's murder will long be remembered as a symbol of the irrationality and hatred of this era, with, one fears, worse to come. His life's work, on the other hand, is a testament to how one person can, with enough pluck and talent, move the needle of our politics.

Kirk fought back against illiberalism, and his supporters -- when the shock and grief subsides -- should be equally committed to his mission.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Sky-High Living Costs Afford It the Nation's Highest Poverty Label - Again



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year's presidential election underscored, particularly to Democrats, that the costs of living were a major factor in the outcome.

Inflation had increased sharply during Joe Biden's presidency, and voters' angst about rising prices worked against Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign to succeed him in the White House.

Not surprisingly, therefore, when the California Legislature opened its 2025 session, its dominant Democrats declared that they would focus on taming the state's notoriously high costs for housing, fuel, utilities and other necessities of modern life.

The session ended last week and as it did, by happenstance, the Census Bureau reported that California once again has the nation's highest "supplemental" rate of poverty when its living costs are included in calculations over a three-year period.

California's rate, 17.7%, means that nearly 7 million of its residents are impoverished, 5 percentage points higher than the national rate and tied with Louisiana. The lowest rate is 6.7% in Maine.

California's rate is also 2.3 percentage points higher than it was in the Census Bureau's previous three-year calculation, implying that its living costs vis-à-vis incomes had

increased markedly.

The situation is even gloomier in a report last month from the Public Policy Institute of California and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality.

Using methodology similar to that of the Census Bureau, they calculate that 16.9% of Californians were poverty-stricken in 2023 and another 17.9% were near-poor. That translates into 13.2 million Californians struggling to put roofs over their heads, food on the tables, fuel in their cars and electric power in their appliances and light fixtures.

Los Angeles County, which has about 25% of the state's population, has the highest poverty rate of any county, 19.9%. Poverty in the Central Coast region is nearly as high at 19.3%, while Sacramento has the state's lowest rate, 13%.

Another data point about poverty in California is found in the newly enacted state budget. It declares that 14.9 million Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for the poor.

So, one might wonder, did the Legislature's 2025 session deliver on promises to reduce the costs of living?

Legislative leaders claim some success.

"We went big," Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, said in a summary of the session's work. "We produced results. We delivered historic progress — on housing, on energy, on climate, on health care, and on human rights. And that progress is something every one of us can be proud of.

"And while our work is not finished fixing California's housing system,

this year marked a turning point in California's housing story," Rivas continued. "And today, we also advanced the most significant energy package in years. We passed measures that will deliver real relief for families on their electricity bills. We took action to stabilize gas supplies, to prevent price shocks — while keeping health and environmental protections in place."

By easing what had been a crackdown on gasoline refiners and sanctioning more oil production, legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom say they are avoiding a gasoline supply crisis that could send costs soaring as the state shifts to a zero-emission economy. Two refineries have already announced closure plans, and Chevron has dropped hints that it could abandon its Richmond refinery.

By integrating California's electric power grid with those of other Western states, the elected officials say, shortages of electric power will be mitigated.

By reducing impediments to housing development, they say, higher levels of construction will moderate increases in rents and home prices.

Whether any of these legislative efforts actually lower or at least stabilize Californians' living costs won't be known for months, or even years. Meanwhile, California's high poverty rate will continue to be a civic embarrassment.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
JL 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06548
K&M Harris, Inc., 11994 Peach Lane, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&M Performance Horses" 11994 Peach Lane, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 4, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
PERFORMANCE 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06697
Blue Oak Spa, 9911 Pringle Road, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Live Hydration Spa Elk Grove" 9332 Elk Grove Boulevard Suite 110, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
LIVE 10-17-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV019276
Rippalner Kaur Pawar has filed a petition with this court for

a decree changing the name(s) of Rippalner Kaur Pawar to Rippalner Kaur Parhar.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 31, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 14, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
PAWAR 10-3-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV014064
Nhu Y Thai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nguyen Thai Hung to Ryan Nguyen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: June 13, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
THAI 10-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV021929
Khac Nam Vu has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Khac Nam Vu to Nam Khac Vu.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 16, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
VU 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV022256
Angela Dawn Wingert has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jude Thomas Wingert to Jude Thomas Wingert Marasigan.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 18, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
WINGERT 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV019399
Sangeeta Ben Bhai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sangeeta Ben Bhai to Sangeeta Ben Malsuria.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 15, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
BHA 10-17-25

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1012411-SH Order No.: 250200988-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/13/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time

of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **LEAH GIAMBASTIANI, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 8/24/2004** as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20040824 Page 1329 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **SACRAMENTO** County, California; Date of Sale: **11/14/2025 at 9:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$220,804.04** The purported property address is: **9558 DOMINION WOOD LANE, ELK GROVE, CA 95758** Assessor's Parcel No.: **116-0930-112-0000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1012411-SH**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1012411-SH** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file

number **CA-25-1012411-SH** and call (866) 645-7711 or log in to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711** For Non Sale information only Sale Line: **800-280-2832** Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Pay-off Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: **CA-25-1012411-SH** IDS
Pub #0250176 9/12/2025 9/19/2025 9/26/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 9-26-25

T.S. No. 23-66563 APN: 125-0161-001-0000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/11/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **RICHARD RIVAS AN UNMARRIED MAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: **ZBS Law, LLP** Deed of Trust recorded 3/16/2023, as Instrument No. 202303160584, Judgment for Reformation of Instruments recorded 8/27/2025 as Instrument No. 202508270305, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: **10/14/2025 at 9:00 AM** Place of Sale: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$65,243.17** Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: **9497 SARA ST ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95624** Described as follows: The land referred to herein below is situated in the City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento, State of California and is described as follows :Lot 51, as shown on the "Plat of Rancho Grande", recorded in Book 40 of Maps, Map No. 11, records of said County.A.P.N #: **125-0161-001-0000** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You

should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the 23-66563. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the 23-66563 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: **9/9/2025 ZBS Law, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606** For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com **Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer** This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 45108
Pub Dates 09/19, 09/26, 10/03/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-03-25

T.S. No. 25-74792 APN: 136-0230-067-0000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/4/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **SALOMON ENRIQUEZ DAVILA, AN UNMARRIED MAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: **ZBS LAW, LLP** Deed of Trust recorded 9/10/2020, as Instrument No. 202009100943,

of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: **10/21/2025 at 1:30 PM** Place of Sale: At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$460,762.17** Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: **11835 HOBDAV RD WILTON, CALIFORNIA 95693** Described as follows: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust A.P.N #: **136-0230-067-0000** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-866-539-4173 or visit this internet website www.servicelinkauction.com, using the 25-74792. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-866-539-4173, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkauction.com, using the 25-74792 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: **9/17/2025 ZBS LAW, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606** For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: 1-866-539-4173 www.servicelinkauction.com **Ryan Bradford, Trustee Sale Officer** This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 45213 Pu
Dates 09/26, 10/03, 10/10/2025
ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-10-25
A.P.N.: 132-0940-109-0000 File No.: 24-255837 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6534 OSCAR CIRCLE. ELK GROVE CA, 95757 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 16, 2024. UNLESS

A Decade of Service: The Story of the Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove

Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Ten years ago, on Sept. 22, a group of passionate community members came together to charter the Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove.

With just 16 original charter members, their vision was simple but powerful: to serve the children and families of our community while making Elk Grove a better place to live, learn and grow.

Today, the club has grown to 28 dedicated members, each carrying forward that original vision with energy, creativity and heart. Over the years, they've expanded their impact by sponsoring the Circle K Club at California State University, Sacramento; an Aktion Club for developmentally disabled adults and nine Key Clubs in local high schools, nurturing the next generation of servant leaders.

But it's their projects that tell the real story.

In the last decade, the Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove has made over 1,300 sandwiches every year for the Elk Grove Teen Center, along with donating sporting goods and financial support for their mobile recreation van.

The club has brought joy and comfort during the holidays by filling gift bags for chemotherapy patients, foster youth and unhoused youth. They have provided school supplies and backpacks so that Elk

Grove Unified School District students in need could start the year prepared.

They are also responsible for creating and donating 400 "Pediatric Trauma Dolls" to help children at Kaiser's Trauma Center cope with scary medical procedures.

Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove has donated Chromebook computers to an Elk Grove teacher working with autistic students, giving kids vital tools for learning. It has supported local sports initiatives by hosting an End of Year Barbecue for the Champions Baseball Teams, celebrating athletes of all abilities.

The club has sponsored the Elk Grove Optimists Kohl's ChildSpree helping kids shop for back-to-school clothing and showed up with both funds and volunteers.

Kiwanis members have hosted a free magnet fishing day for kids with Cosumnes Community Services District, giving families a fun and educational outdoor experience.

It has sponsored the Cosumnes Community Services District RAD Games and has even provided families with free fire blankets for safety and have made regular blankets for kids, ensuring that they won't be cold during winter months.

They have awarded scholarships to Elk Grove Unified School District foster youth, helping students achieve their dreams, and have built and maintain a "Little Library" book box at Florin



The Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove is celebrating 10 years of serving the community and helping youth thrive through participating and donating to local initiatives. The club will have a 10th Anniversary Installation and Celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7727 Laguna Blvd. Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove

Elementary School, encouraging literacy and sharing the joy of reading.

Members have rolled up their sleeves to volunteer at several local initiatives such as the Folsom Muir House, Lap Cats, UC Davis children's programs, Elk Grove Food Banks, Uplift People of Elk Grove, Project RIDE, the Cosumnes Community Services District RAD program, community trash cleanups, the Kiwanis Family House and the Cosumnes Community Services District Giant Pumpkin Festival.

They've given cash donations to causes such as Kiwanis Family House, Elk Grove Food Bank, Elk Grove HART, Mama Bears Against Cancer, Kiwanis International Children's Fund, Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund, Uplift People of Elk Grove and even the Elk Grove Chamber's Citizen of the Year program.

Every effort, whether large or small, has been fueled by the same purpose: serving the community and helping kids thrive.

The club continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Wackford Community Center (Willow Room). Members gather at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and begin the meeting at 7 p.m. They are always ready to welcome new members who want to make a difference.

For the past 10 years, the Kiwanis Club of Laguna-Elk Grove has been a shining example of what happens when neighbors unite in service. With passion, compassion and commitment, they've touched countless lives and the best part is, their story is only just beginning.

The community is invited to attend the 10th Anniversary Installation and Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 28 at Old Spaghetti Factory. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner, drinks and dessert. Registration is required by Sept. 21 online at tinyurl.com/kleg10party.

For more information, email kiwanis-leg@gmail.com or visit legkiwanis.org. ★

LEGAL ADVERTISING

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TRUSTEE SALE

YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. The property described heretofore is being sold "as is". The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed

of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): TOAN NGUYEN, UNMARRIED MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, & Crane, LLP DEED OF TRUST Recorded on May 22, 2024 at Instrument No 202405220866 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California Sale Date: 10/16/2025 Sale Time: 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$225,449.28 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 6534 OSCAR CIRCLE, ELK GROVE, CA 95757. See Legal Description - LOT 343, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF QUAIL RIDGE UNIT NO. 6B", RECORDED IN BOOK 312 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 9, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If

the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDER(S): If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER(S): The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the

public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866-684-2727) or visit the website <http://www.servicelinkasap.com> using the file number assigned to this case 24-255837. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT(S): Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2924m. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48-hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866-684-2727) or visit the website <http://www.servicelinkasap.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 24-255837 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15-days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45-days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid & Crane, LLP Date 9/18/2025 SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT <http://WWW.SERVICELINKASAP.COM>. FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (866-684-2727). A-4852526 09/26/2025, 10/03/2025, 10/10/2025 ELK GROVE CITIZEN 10-10-25 T.S. No. 25-75032 APN: 119-0710-059-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE/YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/17/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appoint-

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NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE AND BUILDING CODES

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Cosumnes Community Services District to adopt, as amended, the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes. The District shall hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on November 5, 2025, at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA, 95624, regarding the adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869. Copies of the code sections referred to, and any secondary code sections referred to, amended, or adopted by reference, are on file with the Secretary of the District and are open to public inspection. Adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes will enable District personnel to follow one set of rules and regulations throughout the District with regard to the health and safety of the public and the District's response thereto.

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, will receive sealed bids up to but no later than **October 10, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. PST.**

The bid must be obtained, submitted, and received online through the EGUSD Online Bonfire Procurement Portal: <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>.

BID# 807-25/26 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, CHARTER BUS SERVICES

The Bid must be obtained, submitted, and received online through the EGUSD Online Bonfire Procurement Portal: <https://egusd.bonfirehub.com>.

Bids will not be opened or read publicly and will be opened in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 20112 and 1601.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of products and services being offered.

For assistance, please contact Kirsten Garcia at kgarcia@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7773.

Kirsten Garcia
Purchasing Supervisor
Elk Grove Unified School District

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Zoological Society Submits Expansion Request to City



City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Zoological Society has submitted a request to the City of Sacramento to expand the footprint of the Sacramento Zoo's iconic Land Park home. The expanded footprint incorporates two parcels: a 1.4-acre parcel on the northern boundary of the existing zoo, and a 4.4-acre parcel across Land Park Drive from the zoo, which

was previously used for the pony ride operation and has since been vacant. The proposal expands the zoo's current 14.3-acre footprint to 20.1 acres, and represents a 40 percent increase in the size of the zoo: the largest expansion of the zoo since the 1960s. "We have always known that the zoo needs more space to meet the needs of our animals, support our mission and provide the experiences our guests expect and deserve," said Elizabeth

Stallard, president of the Sacramento Zoological Society's Board of Trustees. "We are thrilled to be working with the city on this effort, and can't wait to plan for the zoo's future right here." Mayor Kevin McCarty and Councilmember Rick Jennings echoed the benefits of the expansion. "The Sacramento Zoo has served this community for nearly 100 years and is a beloved Sacramento institution," noted

McCarty. "This expansion and partnership with the city will make sure the zoo is here for the next 100 years." Jennings added: "The Sacramento Zoo is one of the treasures of District 7, our city and our region. I am so excited to see the expansion plans for the Sacramento Zoo. Turning the former pony ride area into new space for the zoo will create even more experiences for families and visitors to enjoy. I'm proud to stand alongside the zoo

as a partner, and grateful for the way it continues to strengthen and connect our community." Land Park residents are also excited about this proposal, and about making it possible for the zoo to commit to staying in Land Park. Kris Rogers, president of the Land Park Community Association, confirmed: "The zoo is a wonderful neighbor; we are excited to see it stay and we are looking forward to working with the zoo and the

city to make that possible." Anthony Jackson, president of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association, stated: "As a South Land Park resident and community leader, I wholly support the proposed expansion of this treasured community asset." ★

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ABOUT TOWN

Saturday, Sept. 27

Battle at Safetyville: Mobile Foam Fights – 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Safetyville, USA. The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce is hosting this fun community event. Bring your nerf blasters to the biggest nerf battle Sacramento has ever seen. Come join the event with food, family, and fun. More information and sign-ups at elk-grove.ca.com/calendar. 3909 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento.

Thrifthathon: Urban Reclaim Market – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Join an unforgettable day of shopping, music and community fun. You'll find more than 30 unique vendors offering a variety of styles, prices, and one-of-a-kind treasures in sustainable fashion. Americana Vintage is hosting a pop-up buy-sell-trade booth: Bring up to 15 items and get paid in under 20 minutes. You'll also enjoy delicious foods and snacks plus a live DJ spinning great tunes. Remember to bring your reusable bags to carry your finds. 9615 Railroad St.

Senior Saturday – 10 a.m. to noon at WelbeHealth. Come learn how seniors 55 and above can experience the magic of WelbeHealth's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Free community event; please RSVP at 916-302-9875. 7560 Sheldon Road.

Mad Hatter Tea Party – 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Albiani Recreation Center. Join the Kiwanis Club and Cosumnes CSD for this event. Enjoy games, art activities and brunch. Dress in your best tea party outfit, a fun hat or an Alice in Wonderland costume. Register early at 916-405-5600; seating is limited. Walk-up registration will not be accepted. There are two seatings: 10:30 a.m. to noon or 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 8830 Sharkey Ave.

Elk Grove Fall Jazz Festival 2025 – Noon to 7 p.m. at the Laguna Town Hall Amphitheatre. Enjoy Marcus Anderson and Friends plus food trucks, vendors and a wine and spirits garden. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com. 3020 Renwick St.

Beef & Reef Bash – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at SES Hall. Join the Rotary Club of Elk Grove for an evening of food, fun and fundraising to benefit Elk Grove youth programs plus community and international projects. No-host bar and silent auction open at 5 p.m.; dinner and live auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets and more information at elkgroverotary.org. 10428 E. Stockton Blvd.

Teen Takeover: Party Edition

– 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex. Enjoy a glow-in-the-dark session of open recreation games in the teen center or open gym time. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends and have fun in a lively environment. Food and drink will be provided. 9014 Bruceville Road.

Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5

Giant Pumpkin Festival – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Elk Grove Park. Join us for our signature fall celebration. Visitors can enjoy carnival rides, food trucks, live entertainment, crafts and a wide variety of family-friendly attractions including the giant pumpkin weigh-off. Other highlights include scarecrow building and the Pumpkin Regatta, where massive pumpkins are turned into boats for a one-of-a-kind race across the lake. 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Creative Space Market: Matcha vs. Ube – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old Town Plaza. Don't miss this epic battle for foodies. Macarons, cookies, mini cheesecakes, drinks and more. Not into sweets? There will be a hefty lineup of food vendors to hit those savory notes, too. For non-foodies, there will be various craft vendors with seasonal items. Plenty of options for all to enjoy. 9615 Railroad St.

Sunday, Oct. 5

International Peace Festival – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at District56. Join us for a community celebration dedicated to unity, nonviolence and hope. This free public event will feature a rich variety of programs aimed at promoting peace at both the individual and community levels. More information at korannefoundation.org. 8230 Civic Center Drive, #100.

Monday, Oct. 6

Cultural Connections: Elk Grove Out Loud – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at District56. Join us for an event series that celebrates our differences and provides the opportunity to understand and appreciate the many cultures within our community. This series will consist of short TED-style talks from people who live, work and raise families in Elk Grove. More details at elk-grove.gov. 8230 Civic Center Drive #100.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Assist Golf Fundraiser – 8 a.m. to noon

at Emerald Lakes Golf Course. Join us for our inaugural event. The event proceeds will go to support local programs at elementary schools in the Elk Grove Unified School District. Registration includes a round of golf, cart, inaugural polo shirt, drinks, snacks and lunch. More information and registration at AssistPrograms.org. 10651 E. Stockton Blvd.

Ongoing Events

Caregiver Coffee – 10:30 a.m. the third Saturday each month at Elk Grove United Methodist Church. This is open to all as a way to share experiences in caregiving as well as resources. For more information, contact Ruth at 916-509-1414. Next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 18. 8986 Elk Grove Blvd.

Elk Grove Certified Farmers Market – every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 8245 Laguna Blvd.

Rotary Club of Elk Grove – every Wednesday for lunch at noon, The Park at Laguna Springs, 9670 Laguna Springs Drive. More information at elkgroverotary.org

Widowed Persons Social Club – Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove UMC, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Sept. 30, 5 p.m. – Sky River: 32 Brews Street, 1 Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove. Contact is Addie at 916-682-3609.

Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (EG) Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd.; (F) Franklin, 10055 Franklin High Road; (NW) Nonie Wetzel Library, 170 Primasing Ave., Courtland; (VH) Valley Hi/North Laguna, 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento:

Friday, Sept. 26: Explore and learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (EG)

Saturday, Sept. 27: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) STEAM for kids, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Build and program a robot with Cubelets. (VH)

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Elk Grove Navigator office hours, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can connect with trained navigators who provide guidance, answer questions, and connect clients to resources such as shelters, food assistance and housing. (EG)

Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Explore and learn, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (VH) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (EG) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F) Teen advisory board, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (F)

Thursday, Oct. 2: Family story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EG) Adult space, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (VH) Homework Zone, 3:45 p.m. to 5 pm. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get help with their homework. (F)

Friday, Oct. 3: Explore and Learn, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (F) Adult space, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discover engaging activities, enjoy light refreshments and meet good company. (EG)

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesdays. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be Oct. 22. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 23. Post 233 Family Breakfast, first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 11, Post 233 will host its annual fundraiser at District56. Please email egpost233@gmail.com for more information.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays of the month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

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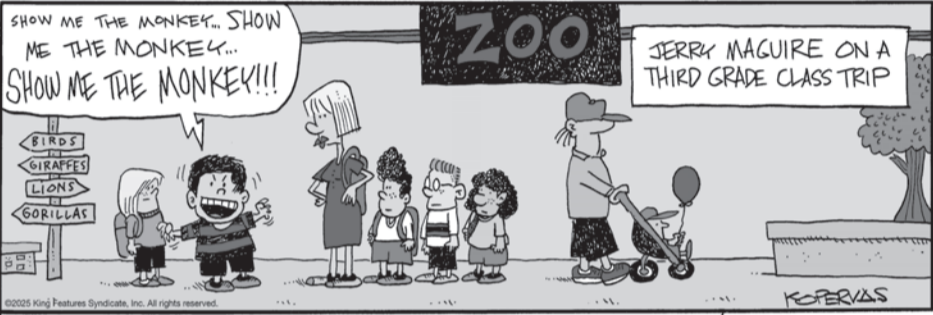
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Elk Grove Girls League Plays Fall Ball

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Elk Grove Girls Softball League was into its second and third week of recreational fall ball season, with four games going on at one time at Elk Grove Park.

Games started at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Three age groups and divisions played: 8U Silver National, 10U Silver National and 12U Silver Pacific. Both the 10U Silver National and the 12U Silver Pacific divisions were in their second week while the 8U Silver National team had started a week earlier and was playing its third week.

Each division had three teams competing at Elk Grove Park and three other teams competed in Dixon, Rocklin or Roseville.

The Elk Grove Girls Softball League was established to provide softball skills and character development. There is constant opportunity for any player to play and to get better in leagues that happen year-round.

Teams play a recreational season in the fall and spring, then recreational All-Stars and a select All-Star team.

The spring recreational season marks the

primary season for softball. Playing in the beginning of February and ending in May, it allows players ages 6-12 to compete against other youth players. They then head into the recreational All-Stars and the All-Star select team.

The recreational All-Star team will play from May until July. Being overseen by USA Softball, they play higher competition and travel to neighboring leagues to play their best teams. The select All-Star team will play the highest level of competitive softball before getting into the fall season.

The fall season starts in August and goes into October. They play in higher competition against neighboring leagues just as the All-Stars.

If someone is looking to just get started playing youth softball to hopefully play competitively, it's recommended to start playing in the spring season. Spring league allows a newcomer to easily be introduced to softball without the overwhelming feeling of starting something new and it being too much.

Early registration for the spring 2026 recreational season will open Oct. 15. Learn more at elkgrove-softball.com.



A 12U player throws from center field.



12U players wait for the pitch.



Players run off the field in the middle of the inning

Fourth-Grade Families Can Visit 54 State Parks for Free

California State Parks News Release

STATE OF CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Families of fourth-graders in California public schools are invited to download the free California State Park Adventure Pass at parks.ca.gov/AdventurePass

The pass opens the door to California's stunning natural landscapes and rich cultural heritage, granting students and their families a year of free entry to 54 state parks full of sandy beaches and desert canyons, majestic redwood forests and eye-opening historic sites.

Championed by First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, whose California for All Kids initiatives support children's physical, mental and social-emotional well-being, and the Newsom Administration's Outdoors for All initiative, the California State Park Adventure Pass expands the opportunity for fourth-graders and their families to enjoy the benefits of connecting with nature, each other and their communities.

The pass for this school year's fourth graders is valid until Aug. 31, 2026. To date, more than 89,000 passes have opened new doors and fostered a love of state parks for California fourth-graders.

"As a mom, I know how much time in nature shapes a child's health, happiness and love for the outdoors," Siebel Newsom said. "The California State Park Adventure Pass has opened the door for more kids and families to experience the joy and benefits of our beautiful state parks. I encourage all public school fourth-graders and their families to take advantage of this opportunity and to explore all the incredible natural treasures California has to offer."

Said State Parks Director Armando Quintero,



Let the adventures begin. California State Parks and First Partner invite fourth-graders and their families to experience the state's unmatched beauty and history for free. It's easy for Sonoma State Historical Park visitors to picture life here in the 1800s. The historic old town of Sonoma comes alive at the state park. Sonoma State Historical Park is an easy drive from this area. Photo courtesy of California State Parks, 2025

"California's state parks are true wonders of nature and human history. The Adventure Pass is an invitation to fourth-graders and their families to discover the world of California. It's your home."

And California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot said, "California's natural treasures belong to all of us. By opening our parks to public school fourth-graders at no cost, we're investing in healthier kids, stronger communities and the next generation of stewards who will care for the Golden State's wealth of natural and cultural resources."

Obtaining a free California State Park Adventure Pass online is easy. Parents and/or guardians can go online to reservecalifornia.com or call 800-444-7275 (Spanish-speaking customer service available). If they don't already have a ReserveCalifornia

account, they can set up a profile by providing their name, address, phone number and email address. After completing the form, the free pass will be immediately sent to their email to be used at the 54 participating parks.

Individuals without access to a smartphone, computer, printer and/or email address can request a pass by visiting a State Parks Pass Sales Office or by calling 800-444-7275.

What are some of the picturesque state parks that fourth-graders and their families can visit? Two parks within a few hours' drive from home include the Empire Mine State Historical Park and the Sonoma State Historical Park.

Empire Mine State Historical Park is the site of one of the oldest, deepest and richest gold mines in California. The park is at 10791 East Empire St., Grass Valley. In operation for more than 100 years, the mine

extracted 5.8-million ounces of gold before it closed in 1956. The park contains many of the mine's buildings, the owner's home and restored gardens, and the entrance to 367 miles of abandoned and flooded mine shafts. The park encompasses 856 acres of forested backcountry and 14 miles of trails, including easy hikes for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

Sonoma State Historical Park is a scattering of historical sites consisting of six midtown locations near Sonoma's Plaza. Off the Sonoma Plaza are Mission San Francisco Solano, the Blue Wing Inn, Sonoma Barracks, the Toscano Hotel & Kitchen, and the Servants Quarters (the remains of La Casa Grande). General Vallejo's Home, less than a mile west of the Plaza, was the estate of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, Military Commander and Director of Colonization of the Northern Frontier and founder

of Pueblo de Sonoma. The park's main office address is at 363 3rd St. West, Sonoma,

Closer to home are the California State Railroad Museum, Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, State Indian Museum State Historic Park and Sutter's Fort State Historic Park in Sacramento.

Find all 54 participating parks at parks.ca.gov.

Made possible by Assembly Bill 148, the California State Park Adventure Pass program was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in July 2021. The pass is valid for the one-year period during which the child is a fourth-grader or fourth-grade equivalent and attends a public school, from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 of that year. The pass is also a good educational tool for California fourth-grade teachers, who can encourage students to extend their classroom learning into state parks and explore these living classrooms.

In addition to the California State Park Adventure Pass, all Californians can check out a California State Parks Library Pass by using their library cards to access more than 200 participating state park units.

Families receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs), individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and income-eligible Californians 62 and over can apply for the Golden Bear Pass with their smartphone or other web-based device and have access to more than 200 California state park units. The Golden Bear Pass is also available to participants of Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

For more information on all three State Park Pass programs, visit parks.ca.gov/OutdoorsForAll.

Homecoming Season Begins with Pleasant Grove Win



Pleasant Grove High School Homecoming Royalty assembles on Sept. 19. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia



Pleasant Grove captains are lined up at the coin toss: Ivan Saeyang, left; Mason Hanner; Luke Longwedel and D.J. Orpeza. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia



The Pleasant Grove student section reacts after a touchdown. Photo by Nathan Felix Valencia

By Nathan Felix Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Pleasant Grove High School played the first homecoming game of the year for all high schools in Elk Grove on Friday, Sept. 19.

Homecoming is one of the major events in high school. It is also one of the first major events, so every student is going to want to show up and give support to the football team before the dance the next night.

Leading up to the game and the dance, the school is going to be involved with multiple things, like having spirit week to show school spirit, building floats for the homecoming parade and having the actual parade itself.

The football game is something that everyone has a chance to come and see, having former students and athletes come back and support the school and the teams they used to play for.

With homecoming being one of the most important games of the year, the energy was high. And this was not just a homecoming game for Pleasant Grove or just a regular game for Sheldon.

This had already been a meaningful game for both teams as they share the same home stadium, having the winner be named the true home team.

Pleasant Grove had come into the game showing extreme confidence and high energy from the first snap of the game until the last. Executing both on offense and on defense. Constantly scoring on offense while constantly stopping Sheldon while on defense.

Although Sheldon was fighting the entire time, they could not get anything started on their end whether it was on offense or defense.

Pleasant Grove was able to take care of business for their homecoming game, beating Sheldon 64-0. This advanced Pleasant Grove to 4-1 on the season while dropping Sheldon to 0-5.

Pleasant Grove is heading into its bye week, where they will rest up and get ready for Monterey Trail on Oct. 3. The next team Sheldon plays is Monterey Trail as well. Sheldon plays them on Friday



Photos by Ray laea



Sept. 26.

Other homecoming games will be played for weeks following Pleasant Grove's. Elk Grove High School and Franklin High School have their homecoming games on the same day, Sept. 29. Elk Grove will play Cosumnes Oaks High School and Franklin will play Laguna Creek. ★

