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Land Park Ski & Sports Looks Ahead



Land Park Ski & Sports owner Carson Schmidt poses in the shop on Freeport Boulevard.

Story and photos by Abbey Wicks

LAND PARK, CA (MPG) - For Carson Schmidt, the path to owning a business was less a deliberate pursuit than an opportunity that fell into his lap.

Land Park Ski & Sports, located in an A-Frame on Freeport Boulevard, sought new ownership earlier this year following the retirement of long-time owner Bill Proffit.

Schmidt, a Land Park local, had worked at the shop for the past six years.

"It was my really only



The shop sells winter sports gear including skis, snowboards, boots, clothing and more.

job," he. said. Over the summer, the opportunity

opened for him to take on the business.

According to Schmidt, the transition to owner has been fairly seamless due to preparations made leading up to the changeover.

"It's definitely a little bit more of a social presence, which is a little different," Schmidt said.

According to the 22-year-old, there is a strong sense of community in Land Park, where he lives just around the corner from the shop.

"Everybody knows everyone, so I can't be anywhere without these people," he said. The

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One Dead, One Critical in Shooting

By Keith Burbank

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A 29-year-old woman is dead following a shooting here Sept. 26, police said.

Samantha Cromwell was shot in the parking lot of Urban Air Trampoline Park & Indoor Playground, 1700 Arden Way and another woman suffered critical injuries there in the shooting, according to the Sacramento County Coroner and police. She was still in critical condition as of Sept. 30, police spokesperson Sgt. Justin Boyd said.

The shooting was reported to police just after 3:30 p.m. Sept. 26, according to a police news release.

Officers arrested 36-year-old Edward Tucker of Fresno as a suspect in the shooting, police said. Tucker was booked in the Sacramento County Main Jail on charges related to homicide, according to police.

Tucker is ineligible for bail, jail records say.

Cromwell has at least one child, according to a GoFundMe account, which Cromwell's sister Alyvia Cromwell started to raise money for funeral expenses and Samantha Cromwell's 8-year-old son DJ.

More than \$5,000 had been raised as of 3:15 p.m. Oct. 1, toward the \$9,000 goal.

Alyvia Cromwell said on the GoFundMe page the shooting was "due to a domestic violence situation."

Police are still investigating the relationship between Tucker and Cromwell, Boyd said. ★

Long-time News Writer Passes

By Pattie McDaniel

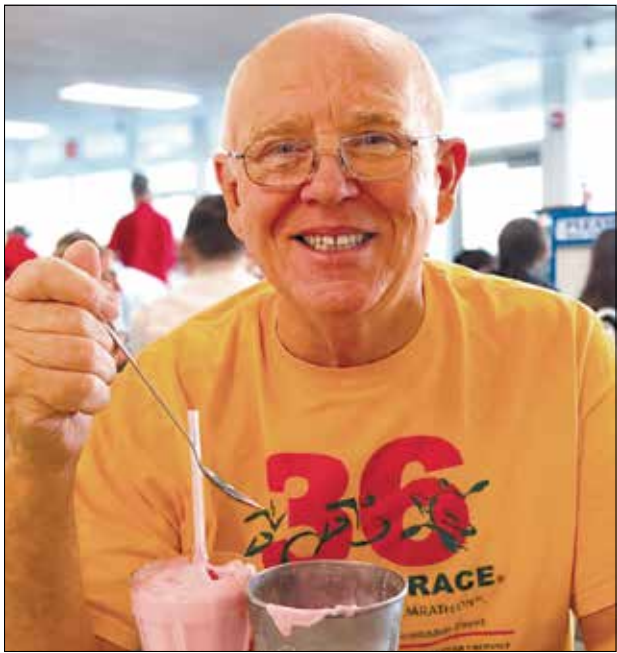
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Long-time contributor to Messenger Publishing Group, and past exalted ruler of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, Steven B. Clazie, died Aug. 15. He was preceded in death by his wife Joan Louise Maloney.

She was the love of his life, and they enjoyed over 60 years together before she died Dec. 17. They had two daughters, Stephanie Kinder of Tennessee, and Karyn Clazie of Oregon. Clazie has three grandchildren, John, Kyle, and Shane Denison.

Joan's long-time caregiver, Suzanne Neill, was more like a family member than a companion. As Clazie became ill, Suzanne took care of him until he died.

Clazie and his wife were raised in Vallejo. Following graduation from Vallejo High School, they attended Sacramento State University. Both graduated with bachelor's degrees and teaching credentials. Clazie returned to Sacramento State to complete his master's degree. They both enjoyed teaching careers in the Sacramento City Unified School District.

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Pocket News contributor Steven Clazie with a peppermint milk shake. Photo by Karyn Clazie

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business also seeks to give back to the community through sponsoring local schools and nonprofits.

“We sponsor a lot of the school events,” he said.

Schmidt is an active skier himself and was responsible for saving a man’s life last season at Palisades Tahoe ski resort following a series of deadly avalanches. His story was featured on news segments including the Today Show.

That experience led him to want to create more awareness surrounding the dangers of the sport.

“Snow is scary,” Schmidt said. “There’s doom and gloom sometimes, but you gotta be educated.”

Schmidt said he hopes that Land Park Ski & Sports can play a part in raising awareness through community events such as awareness nights or dinners.

As an industry that relies heavily on the ski season, business can fluctuate throughout the year. Because of this, the shop offers season leases on equipment, allowing customers to rent equipment for an entire year, garnering income in the off season.

The business is located roughly 113 miles from popular ski destinations like Lake Tahoe.

“I think it’s really important to keep the money in Sacramento,” Schmidt said. “It’s how community grows.”

As owner, Schmidt said he ultimately hopes to carry on the legacy left by Proffit, who started the business 47



Land Park Ski & Sports is located at 4207 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento.



The shop sells winter sports gear including skis, snowboards, boots, clothing and more.

years ago.

“I’d love to live up to that expectation,” he said.

According to Tom Gwinn, longtime employee of the business, Proffit made an impact in the way he met and treated customers positively.

“It’s important in any business,” Gwinn said.

Schmidt also explained the tight-knit relationships between employees, many of whom, like Gwinn, have become more like family.

“He’s (Proffit) really given a lot of people a home,” Schmidt said. “And appreciated them and grown with them, wants them to flourish. So I’d love to continue that.”

In Schmidt’s time as owner so far, the staff has remained the same.

“Everybody’s super open with me taking over and excited for me, and I’m excited that they were willing to stay with me,” Schmidt said.

Other services offered by the business include short-term rentals, boot fittings, full-service equipment tuning and mounting.

Gwinn and Schmidt both look forward expanding the shop’s custom boot-fitting services.

Land Park Ski & Sports is located at 4207 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ★

Season Final Yields Three Medals

By Keith Burbank

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three Sacramento athletes took home medals in the 2026 USA Taekwondo season final in Arkansas in September.

Emily Shimomura, 9, and Khai Chang, 9, won first-place while 64-year-old Artavia Edwards took home a bronze medal in the final Sept. 11-13 in Little Rock. Ian Chang, 11, also competed and fell just short of reaching the medal round.

“Arkansas was a great experience,” said Edwards, a second-degree black belt.

Of her competitors, Edwards said, “Win or lose, we’re family.”

She will be traveling later this month, along with Khai, to Daytona Beach, Florida, to compete in the Pan American Club Championship. The event is being held Oct. 22-25.

Khai Chang won first place, too in Arkansas. He is pursuing the USA Taekwondo Aspiring Dominant Athlete status for 2026, said Xai Lor, owner of iYa Taekwondo.

Emily too has had an exceptional season, said Lor, a taekwondo master, remaining undefeated through the finals in Arkansas.

“Her performance capped another impressive competition in a season defined by consistency, discipline, and determination,” Lor added.

Ian finished just 0.04 points shy of advancing to the medal round, Lor said, “a difference small enough to show that he was



Sacramento's Khai Chang, 9, will travel to Daytona Beach, Florida, in October to compete in taekwondo's Pan American Club Championship. Photo by Albert Chang

competing right alongside some of the strongest athletes in his division.”

Ian is promoting to his black belt Oct. 3, he said by phone.

Taekwondo “has taught me many things,” he said, such as courtesy, integrity and perseverance.

This year is the first Ian and Khai traveled nationally to compete, their father Albert Chang said.

For Khai, he likes taekwondo because it has taught him self-defense and new things, he said.

“Every tournament brings

a new challenge,” said Lor. “There are no guarantees once an athlete steps onto the competition floor. What these athletes can control is their preparation, their discipline, and how they represent themselves, their team, and their community. That is what makes us especially proud.”

iYa Taekwondo is on Greenhaven Drive in Sacramento’s Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood. The school’s eighth annual haunted house and trunk-or-treat event is planned for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 17. ★

California Writers Week in the Capitol Region

California Writers Week News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California Writers Week, an annual recognition of the talents and contributions of writers in our state, takes place the third week of October. Established in 2003 via Joint Legislative Resolution 2170 and sponsored by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, California Writers Week was initiated by the California Writers Club.

The resolution mentions founders of the club in 1909, including Jack London, Ina Coolbrith and George Sterling and traces California’s literary tradition back to the writing of Mark Twain, Bret Harte, Mary Austin, John Steinbeck, among others. The sponsors of the resolution encourage all Californians to honor the contributions that California writers make to humankind.

During Oct. 11-17, members of the Sacramento branch of California Writers Club will provide readings of their work

to seniors living in five of the area’s assisted living facilities. The goals are to entertain, generate awareness of the writing of local authors, and encourage residents of the facilities in their own reading and writing endeavors. More information can be found at California Writers Club, Sacramento.

In addition to the readings offered to seniors, Sacramento CWC branch board member Julie Snider is offering a public reading and book signing. Julie is a retired teacher living near Sacramento, and she writes both fiction and nonfiction. Her heartwarming stories, often centered on themes of social justice, help readers from diverse backgrounds find common ground.

The event will take place from 1-2 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Fair Oaks Library, 11601 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks.

Julie will read short selections from her debut novel, Chapel Bay Secrets, published in January 2026. You can find more information about Julie and her writing on her website, <https://juliesniderauthor.com/> ★

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Clazie’s most recent story was the front-page Pocket News article “A teen’s story of survival in war time.”

This human-interest story is about Janina Korzeniewska Clark, who survived World War II as a teenager despite her capture by the Nazi’s several times. Little did anyone know it would be Clazie’s last story.

Janina’s children, Jane Gallagher and Kevin Clark, researched their mother’s childhood. A cousin, Jalyn Venis, wrote the book “Janina’s war: How a teenager survived Nazis, the resistance, and the most horrific war on earth.” The book is for sale on Amazon.

Clazie enjoyed a hearty laugh, even if it was at his expense. During a family gathering at a local ice cream parlor, Clazie ordered his favorite: peppermint milkshake.

As the pink ice cream began to melt and the foam ran down the side of the glass, one of his grandsons exclaimed that he had ordered a “pretty, pretty princess milkshake.” This family moniker was a favorite tease for years.

Clazie was inspired to be a teacher after hearing President John F. Kennedy’s famous



Clazie receives special citations from the Elks. Photo by Nicole Holton-Alveraze

words, “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”

He taught for years at John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento. He proudly served as class sponsor and as the faculty advisor for the Kennedy High Clarion, the student newspaper.

After a career teaching secondary students, Clazie delighted in reading to kindergarteners at Genevieve F. Didion TK-8 School. Clazie once again exhibited his sense of humor when he surprised the students dressed as The Grinch.

While sitting at his wife’s

bedside, Clazie often wrote late at night or in the early morning hours. He remained devoted to her and shared her battle against supranuclear palsy. This rare neurological disease has no cure.

After his wife became wheelchair-bound, Clazie was often seen pushing her around the Pocket-Greenhaven Farmer’s Market on Sundays.

Clazie wrote a touching story about the 60 years, 5 months and 10 days he and his wife were together. “My journey with Joan” can be found in the Feb. 11 issue of Pocket News.

Writing was Clazie’s talent and passion. It gave him



Clazie with his wife of 60 years Joan Louise Maloney. Photo by Karen Clazie

pleasure to share stories of the Sacramento area and its people. Steve wrote many articles about the Pocket-Greenhaven Farmers Market and Elks or community events.

He highlighted the many youth groups that Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 helped, and he continued to support many Elks events financially.

Clazie was proud to be recognized as a fidelity donor to the Elks National Foundation, which provides grants for community projects.

The California-Hawaii Elks

Association gave Clazie many first-place awards for his articles.

Clazie served as Elks Lodge No. 6 exalted ruler in 2008-2009. The exalted ruler is the president and highest-ranking officer in an Elks Lodge. He was proud of his leadership roles in the Elks, and he embodied the Elks principles of charity, justice, fidelity, and brotherly love.

Members of the public celebrated Clazie’s life Sept. 20 at Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. ★

Hello, Dolly – Let’s Do It!

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) -

More than 1200 teenage girls last week flocked to the Aerospace Museum of California’s annual ‘We Can Do It Together’ open days.

Free to middle school and high school students, the event introduces young women to options in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) careers. In six years, more than 6000 girls have attended.

The date coincided with national appreciation for the late Dolly Parton, whose Imagination Library loaned a larger-than-life cutout of the star. “Dolly’s people told us this was an event she would have loved,” said Museum Advancement Director Karen Jones. “We thank Dolly for inspiring us to be life-long readers.”

Other open-day opportunities included meeting mentors from STEAM

fields. Architects, aviators and women making waves in energy, medicine and construction fields discussed their careers.

Neuro-surgeon Dr. Kawanaa Carter said she grew up with a love of medicine fueled by her drive to help children. “I wanted to be useful,” said Carter. “I never wanted to be bored, so it’s great my career allows me to practice medicine, to teach, to operate and do research.”

The surgeon told girls how STEAM capability was everywhere in their day-to-day activities. Food preparation, she explained, was about chemistry. Household budgeting required math. “Choosing makeup that suits your face - that’s science,” Carter told the girls. “We take our use of science for granted. Don’t say you can’t do it. It is already inside you.”

The teens had free range of museum exhibits, including artifacts



Role models at the Aerospace Museum of California “We Can Do it Together” open days include education administrator Linda Martin (left), Dr Kawanaa Carter (center) Dolly Parton (in effigy), pilot Zahra Hosseini and education specialist Karla Rojas.

from the early years of flight. They also got handy in STEAM-based activities: making solar system bracelets, paper airplanes and wind turbines.

The expo this year saluted Dolly Parton as

an example of what can be achieved through hard work and mentorship.

“We want girls to know they can be anything they want to be,” said Museum Director Karen Jones. “Dolly Parton said that when

girls follow their dreams, the sky was the limit. We tell young people the limit is the sky and far beyond it. We want them to aim high and dream big.”

Event supports included: SMUD,

Carmichael Kiwanis, San Juan and Twin Rivers School Districts; SAFE Credit Union and County Supervisors Rich Desmond and Phil Serna. Learn about Museum events at www.aerospaceCA.org★



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Homecoming Parade a Hit

Story and photos
by Keith Burbank

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For three years John F. Kennedy High School held no homecoming parade, but 2026 was different.

Hundreds of students this year participated and hundreds more watched as the band, floats, cheerleaders, JOTC and other groups marched down Gloria Drive Sept. 25. Festivities began at 3 p.m.

“This parade has been months in the making,” said Kevin Inlay, activities director at the school. “The moment last year’s seniors graduated I submitted my permit for this because to shut down a street like this in the city as big as Sacramento requires a permit.”

He met with Sacramento police, fire and transportation, he said. Then Inlay had to reach out to clubs and his team had to place notices on the doors of about 400 homes letting them know the street would be closed.

“It is quite the effort, but as you can see, well worth it in the end,” Inlay added.

Kennedy High School in the Greenhaven/Pocket neighborhood is in the Sacramento Unified School District and has about 2,250 students, according to the school.

About 500 participated in the parade, Inlay said, and more watched from the sidewalk.

“It took a huge effort, and it wasn't just me,” Inlay said, “it was our amazing new principal Jill Thom.”

Thom is serving as interim principal. Kennedy’s Homecoming football game was delayed until Saturday morning because of safety concerns, Rebecca Alvarado, school community liaison, said.

But the Kennedy Cougars notched one for the win column Sept. 26 with a 31-6 victory over the Luther Burbank High School Titans. ★



Students on the John F. Kennedy High School Class of 2027 float participate in the 2026 homecoming parade.



Junior ROTC students at John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento march Sept. 25 in the school's 2026 homecoming parade.



A person dressed as Jack Skellington from the movie “The Nightmare Before Christmas” walks in John F. Kennedy High School’s homecoming parade Sept. 25, 2026.



Students from Sacramento’s John F. Kennedy High School lead their fellow students Sept. 25 in the first homecoming parade at the school since 2023.

New Law Limits CIPA Lawsuits

By Stop CIPA
Shakedown Lawsuits
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Stop CIPA Shakedown Lawsuits coalition Oct. 1 celebrated Gov. Gavin Newsom's signing of SB 690, a major reform to the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) that will provide much-needed relief to thousands of California small businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies facing abusive lawsuits and demand letters.

SB 690 passed the California Legislature without a single “no” vote, reflecting broad recognition among lawmakers of the need to address the misuse of a decades-old privacy law against organizations using ordinary website technologies.

The new law will take effect Jan. 1, limiting private lawsuits involving CIPA's pen register and trap-and-trace provisions when claims arise from activity on websites, online applications, or mobile applications, while preserving California's strong consumer privacy protections and government enforcement authority.

"Tonight, thousands of California businesses have gotten relief from abusive litigation," said Andrew Kingman, general counsel for the Alliance for Legal Fairness, in a statement. "We applaud Gov. Newsom for signing SB 690 into law and delivering real relief to businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies that have been forced to spend valuable resources defending themselves against abusive CIPA

lawsuits.

“This is a meaningful step forward for organizations across California that have faced costly litigation and significant disruption, even when there is no allegation of actual harm or injury.

“We thank Sen. Caballero for her leadership and Assemblymember Bauerkahan for her sincere engagement in moving this issue through the Legislature, and we thank Gov. Newsom for recognizing the urgent need for CIPA reform.”

Originally enacted in 1967, CIPA was intended to protect Californians from unlawful wiretapping and eavesdropping on landline phones.

But the decades-old law, written long before the internet existed, has increasingly been exploited to bring over

4,000 abusive lawsuits over common website tools such as analytics tools, pixels and other digital services, without any allegation of actual harm or injury.

The signing of SB 690 marks an important step toward modernizing CIPA and ensuring California's privacy laws protect consumers without being exploited to pursue abusive litigation against businesses and organizations.

While SB 690 provides important relief, more work remains. The coalition will continue working with policymakers and stakeholders to pursue additional reforms addressing CIPA Section 631 and ensure California's privacy laws provide strong protections for consumers without enabling abusive litigation. ★



Pictured are Andrew and Gytahna Loffgren of Dixon firm Element Electric. A CIPA lawsuit was filed against the company for alleged violations of the California Invasion of Privacy Act. Photo by Kevin Dietrich

ABOUT TOWN

Area Museum Experiences

A sampling of must-see and must-do experiences and special activations offered by local museums include:

Sacramento History Museum – “Play Ball! Sacramento in the National Pastime.” The exhibition is filled with historical baseball uniforms, bats, balls, and gloves from different time periods, along with programs, tickets, awards and trophies, an Edmonds field base, home plate and ticket box, along with scrap-books, news articles, photos and more. Through October. Details at sachistory-museum.org.

California Museum – Celebrate the grand opening of Sendero de las Almas Luminosas (Path of the Luminous Souls), a new experience featuring a path of altars illuminating spaces throughout the Museum. From 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10. Includes appearances by altar artists from Self Help Graphics & Arts. Details at california-museum.org.

California Automobile Museum

– Route 66: California Dreamin’: a colorful collection of rare and gorgeous vehicles celebrating the Mother Road through the lens of 100 years of history. Updated version of exhibit: Carburetor Corners, through yearend.

Sunday Drives: Third Sunday of every month, enjoy a free ride (with paid museum admission) in one of the museum’s many beautiful cars from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Details at calautomuseum.org.

California State Railroad Museum – Experience travel as it was over 100 years ago on a 45-minute, 6-mile trip in our fleet of historic railroad cars. Learn about the history of railroading in California. Weekends through Oct. 11.

Polar Express, Nov. 13-Dec. 21: The evening begins in our passenger station where you will be entertained by THE POLAR EXPRESS™ characters, and then board your train to the North Pole where you will enjoy hot chocolate and a sweet treat. Once you reach the North Pole, Santa will come on board to give each

passenger the first gift of Christmas, a silver sleigh bell.

The Chinese Railroad Workers’ Experience offers visitors a view of the Chinese workers who built the western portion of the nation’s first Transcontinental Railroad. Marginalized by history, the Chinese workers were more than a nameless group of laborers.

Details at californiarailroad.museum.

SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity Laser Concert Series – Hallowscream: A Heavy-Metal Laser Show (18+ show), Oct. 23-24. This immersive music experience, paired with spectacular full-dome lasers, is the best way to listen to your favorite artists outside of a live performance. Details at visitmossac.org.

Crocker Art Museum – Suzanne Adan, “I’m No Spring Chicken,” through Oct. 11. Adan (born 1946) creates personal universes that combine fantasy, popular culture and autobiography. Approximately 100 of these compelling works, in a variety of media, are included in this

retrospective assembled in her 80th year.

A native Californian, Adan was born in Woodland and raised in nearby Yolo. She earned her BA and MA from Sacramento State College in 1969 and 1971, respectively. It was there that she met her husband, sculptor Michael Stevens, and became influenced by instructor Jim Nutt, a member of Chicago’s Hairy Who. Details at crockerart.org.

Elks Lodge 6 Events

Greenhaven-Pocket Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November; ghpfarmersmarket.com.

Sunday Morning Breakfast, 8:30-11 a.m.; \$15.

Martial Arts, 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays.

Sactown Swings: lessons, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, social dance, 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 to 7 p.m. See elks6.com for weekly menu.

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Historic School Prepped for Celebration

By Keith Burbank

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A historic school got a cleaning recently for a coming celebration Oct. 10.

The event will mark 50 years since the Rhoads School in Elk Grove Regional Park moved to the park from its original location on Sloughhouse Road.

“In 1976 for the bicentennial, they were encouraging communities to do historic restoration projects,” said Roberta Tanner, director of Rhoads School. “And so, a group of people got together and decided to restore the Rhoads Schoolhouse, which had been sitting vacant for about 25 years.”

The 50-year celebration starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. at the school and will include free tours, food trucks, history displays, photo opportunities, wagon rides and special guests. The event is sponsored by the Elk Grove Historical Society.

The existing building is the second Rhoads School built in

the region. The first was built in the 1850s close to the Cosumnes River and was subject to flooding. Children got sick from mosquito bites. The school closed in 1872.

A second school was built that year on Sloughhouse Road and closed in 1949, Tanner said. The Murphy family, who owned the property on which the schoolhouse was located, later donated the home.

“So, they went out and they jacked it up, put it on a big trailer,” Tanner said, “and trailered it to Elk Grove Park, where it is now.”

The schoolhouse and grounds were cleaned Sept. 24 by No Moss Softwash to get it ready for the Oct. 10 celebration.

Chris Lombardo and his crew applied a special No Moss Soss to clean the roof, for example.

“It’s a shake roof,” Lombardo told the Elk Grove Citizen. “You can’t pressure wash that.”

The company uses a process called softwashing, which



Rhoads School – The Rhoads School is pictured Sept. 24 in Elk Grove Regional Park as workers got ready to clean it for a 50-year celebration Oct. 10. Photo by Keith Burbank

involves cleaning with less than 40 pounds of pressure,

Lombardo said.

“So, it kind of bubbles up and it cleans and disinfects the roof,” he added. “And then we rinse it.”

Community members came together in 1976 – long before this latest cleaning – to restore the school.

“The community – mostly teenagers, high school and middle schoolers – spent the next year sanding it down and repainting it,” Tanner said.

The man in charge, Tanner said, “wanted everyone to use period-appropriate-only restoration methods, and so they just used a lot of elbow grease and a lot of sandpaper on blocks of wood and sanded it down and then repainted it.”

The school is named after

John P. Rhoads, who traveled west from Illinois and arrived in California in 1846. Rhoads’ family traveled part of the way with the Donner Party but was about three weeks ahead of them when the Rhoads family passed through Salt Lake City.

The Donner Party that winter got stuck in the Sierra Nevada. Rhoads went on three rescue missions to deliver supplies and “bring survivors to safety,” according to the Elk Grove Historical Society.

A living history program now operates at the Rhoads School.

The program brings to life what it was like be a student and teacher at the school years ago, Tanner said.



Rhoads School – Workers with No Moss Softwash clean the Rhoads School to get it ready for the Oct. 10 celebration. Photo courtesy of No Moss Softwash

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SacSewer Warriors Take Second Place in Division 3

Team earns first place in Maintenance and third in Safety, highlighting the people and expertise behind SacSewer’s essential services

Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) is demonstrating the depth of operational excellence behind one of the region’s largest essential service providers, as its Warriors earned second place overall in Division 3 at the Water Environment Federation’s (WEF) Operations Challenge at WEFTEC in New Orleans Sept. 28-29.

Competing against 26 teams in Division 3, the SacSewer Warriors earned first place in the Maintenance Event and third place in Safety. Made up of employees from SacSewer’s collection and treatment operations, the team also posted some of its fastest competition times to date after months of preparation and practice leading up to the event. Operations Challenge brings together skilled water sector professionals competing in events designed around technical skills, and real-world scenarios involved in utility operations including collections, process control, maintenance, laboratory and safety.

While the results are a point of pride for the Warriors, the competition also offers a visible look at the people and expertise behind SacSewer’s essential services. The skills demonstrated in the competition – technical knowledge, safety awareness, teamwork, communication and problem-solving – are the same skills employees rely on every day to operate and maintain critical infrastructure and provide reliable service to the community.



Competing against 26 teams in Division 3, the SacSewer Warriors earned first place in the Maintenance Event and third place in Safety. Photo courtesy of SacSewer

“The Warriors give us an opportunity to showcase the people behind the services our community depends on,” said Christoph Dobson, general manager of SacSewer. “Their performance reflects the professionalism, dedication and pride that our employees bring to their work every day. We’re proud to see the Warriors represent SacSewer and demonstrate the caliber of talent we have throughout our organization.”

The Warriors also represent the interconnected nature of a modern sewer utility. While each area of the organization brings specialized knowledge and expertise, it takes people working together across



Preparing for Operations Challenge gives employees an opportunity to sharpen their technical and leadership skills, practice working under pressure, learn from colleagues in different areas and exchange ideas with other utilities. Photo courtesy of SacSewer

disciplines to safely and reliably collect, treat and recover resources from sewage.

“The beauty of SacSewer’s work is the way all of these people with diverse skills come together to serve our community,” Dobson said. “The Warriors are one example of that collaboration. Whether someone works in collections, treatment, the laboratory, engineering or another part of the organization, every role brings a different area of expertise to the work we do. Together, those contributions allow us to safely and reliably serve our community.”

Preparing for Operations Challenge gives employees an opportunity to sharpen their technical and leadership skills, practice working under pressure, learn from colleagues in different areas and exchange ideas with other utilities. SacSewer has captured the Warriors’ preparation, competition and experiences through a series of videos that offer a behind-the-scenes look at the skills and teamwork required to compete – and the benefits Operations Challenge brings to SacSewer and the community we serve. To watch a video demonstrating why Ops Challenge matters, visit: youtube.com/watch?si=Rh-GHvV8g1ZCsRL5F&v=yn-LU-UoG5Js&feature=youtu.be

The experience also provides an opportunity for employees to learn from one another and bring new ideas and perspectives back to their work at SacSewer – an added benefit of participating in a competition that celebrates the expertise and professionalism of utility operations.

FAA Awards Contract for New Air Traffic Control Tower at SMF

Sacramento International Airport News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded a design-build contract to Walsh Federal LLC for a new air traffic control tower at Sacramento International Airport (SMF), marking a major milestone in the long-planned replacement of the airport’s existing tower, which has been in service since 1967.

The contract was awarded Sept. 19, with work scheduled through early 2030. The new tower is expected to become fully operational around 2030.

“This contract award is a significant step forward for the long-term safety, efficiency and resilience of our airspace operations at Sacramento International Airport,” said Harry Barrett Jr., assistant director of airports for Sacramento County. “We have been ready for this investment for many

years, and we are excited to see the project move from planning toward construction.”

The FAA previously identified SMF as a priority site for tower replacement in 2016. SMF is one of eight airports nationwide selected for new tower construction as part of a broader FAA initiative to modernize aging air traffic infrastructure. The program is supported in part by funding from the \$5 billion allocated to the FAA Air

Traffic Organization through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The current SMF control tower presents operational and accessibility limitations as well as challenges associated with aging facility systems. The replacement tower will be located on the airport’s north campus and will provide improved sightlines and a modernized working environment designed to better support FAA air traffic controllers. The

new location will also enhance security by relocating critical operations away from public-facing airport areas.

The FAA contract with Walsh Federal covers design and construction of the replacement tower, with a period of performance extending through February 2030. Construction is currently expected to begin in summer 2027. The new tower will remain FAA-owned and FAA-operated upon completion.



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California Capital Airshow Returns with Night Show and World-Renowned Performer Lineup

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 20th annual California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented in partnership by Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova, returns Oct. 10-11 from noon to 8 p.m. daily at Mather Airport in Sacramento.

The two-day event will recognize CCA's 20th anniversary alongside the nation's 250th with an extraordinary lineup of performers, including the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds. The event will feature miles of aircraft on display and hands-on exhibits for all ages, and conclude with nighttime aerial performances and a massive pyro-musical fireworks show.

This unique show features nonstop aerial performances running from 3:30-8 p.m. each day, culminating with the night show. In addition to the two headlining jet teams, the USAF Thunderbirds and Canadian Snowbirds, airshow highlights include performances from the U-2 Dragon Lady and T-38 Talons of Beale Air Force Base, the United States Air Force C-17 Globemaster III Demonstration Team, and the United States Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet Demonstration Team. As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, spectacular fireworks and hundreds of drones.

"This year's show is a milestone celebration that offers a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Darcy Brewer, CEO of California Capital Airshow. "We're bringing the Thunderbirds and Snowbirds to Sacramento to celebrate our 20th anniversary and the nation's 250th, with a night show and fireworks finale to match."

Airshow tickets are on sale now at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.



The Airshow team is grateful to its 1,000 passionate volunteers that keep the airshow running. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow

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In addition, the Airshow team is grateful to its 1,000 passionate volunteers, a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law



The event heavily relies on volunteers to assist with admissions, guest services, ramp and flight line security and more over the two-day event at Mather Airport. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow

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The USAF Thunderbirds will headline the California Capital Airshow on Oct. 10-11. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow



The Thunderbirds and Snowbirds are coming to Sacramento to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the airshow and the nation's 250th, with a night show and fireworks finale to match. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper/California Capital Airshow

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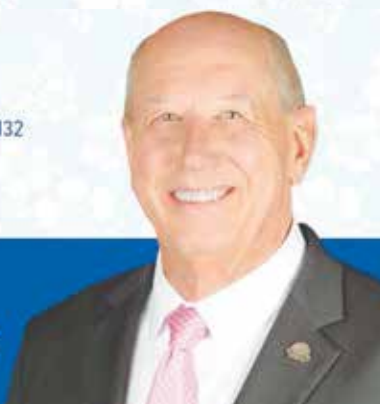
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