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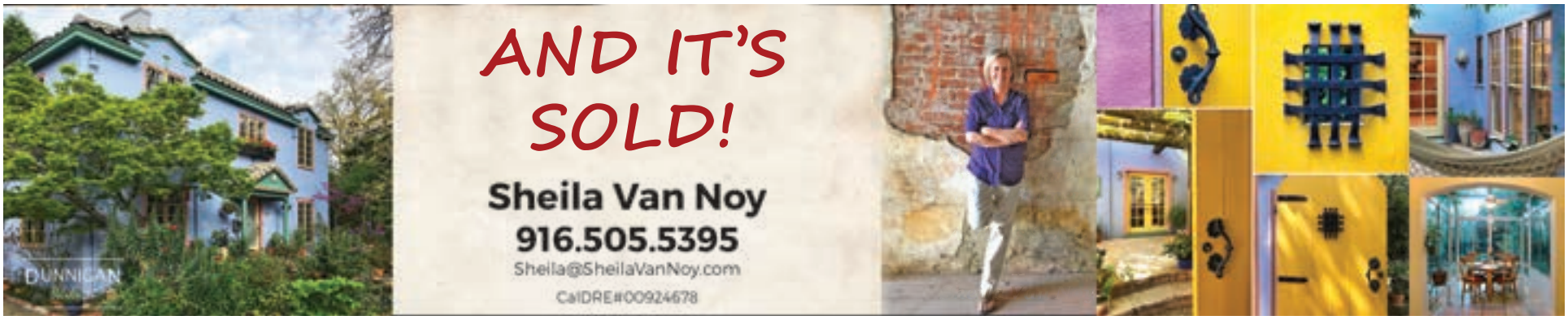
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School music librarian asks to keep library open

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Council votes in favor of eminent domain proceedings to further Sacramento River Parkway

Paving expected to begin in three years



Photos by Monica Stark
There are a couple of docks between Garcia Bend and Arabella Way.



Tractors maintaining weeds on the levee in the Pocket neighborhood.



"No Trespassing" signs like this one hang on multiple levee

By Monica Stark

On May 21, The Sacramento City Council unanimously voted to use eminent domain on six properties from Garcia Bend to Arabella Way in the Pocket neighborhood whose owners have not sold their levee easements, marking a big step for cyclists who have advocated for over 50 years for the extension of the Sacramento River Parkway. They hope to one day connect the two river bike trails but this is a big step in that direction. Eminent domain is not anything they take lightly.

While City Councilman Steve Hansen's district, which includes Little Pocket, will not be included in this stretch of the Parkway, the contingency is that there will be a protective two-way cycle track from Scott's Seafood to where the trail will connect again in the Pocket. While Hansen has shown support for the Parkway in the Pocket, he has not supported it in his district.

Then, on May 30, just days later after that critical eminent domain vote, Mayor Darrell Steinberg held a news conference, announcing his budget proposal for 2019-20, which included more than $2 million for the Sacramento River Parkway.

According to the Sacramento River Parkway Coalition, that will fund planning, permitting, and environmental review necessary to complete the Parkway in the Pocket, and it will include acquisition of easements from all properties between Northpoint Way (behind the Elks Lodge) and Zacharias Park.

The coalition expects the city will be able to fund the remaining acquisitions in next year's budget, meaning the Parkway will be ready to be paved as soon as major levee work is complete in the Pocket, which will take about three years.

At a budget hearing on June 4, the council voted in favor 8 to 1 (Jeff Harris dissenting) to approve the mayor's budget priorities, which included the $2.03 million for the Parkway.

The council will consider the budget proposal on Tuesday, June 11 at 5 p.m. in council chambers.

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Meanwhile, some Measure U funds are being used to help complete the Parkway.

During the public comment at the May 21 meeting, speaking on the side of the property owners Billy Garza fears vandalism and undue stress. "The lack of a bike trail may be an inconvenience, but how is our injury addressed?" Urging the council to vote no on the eminent domain proceedings, he suggested a ballot measure or holding off on the vote.

Speaking on behalf of the Jones family, attorney Brian Manning who represents property and business owners in eminent domain cases, called the action putting the "cart before the horse."

"It's desirable, but that's not contest to take private property." He told council that the city better have "everything lined up" before proceedings begin. Also, he questioned the uncertainty of patrols and the millions of dollars that will be needed for maintenance. "Are there better places to spend that money?" he asked.

"I don't understand the rush. You need to find funding. You don't have it.... there are a lot of factors."

In response, Sacramento River Parkway Coalition member Jim Houpt, said in an interview with this publication, "let's say he's right that we can wait to take this vote, are we going to wait until we are in the position of the city conducting 69 or whatever eminent domain proceedings all at the same time they are doing planning, permitting, and environmental review?

"It takes time to get these things done. If we don't start now, we won't be in a position to finish the parkway when the levee work is done. That's why funding coming in at this time is so critical. We can't do everything at once. If we could, we could wait," Houpt said.

On a public Facebook post, the Sacramento Parkway Coalition stated, "As we understand it, landowners face the risk that they will get less money in eminent domain proceedings than they would get from voluntarily accepting an offer from the city."

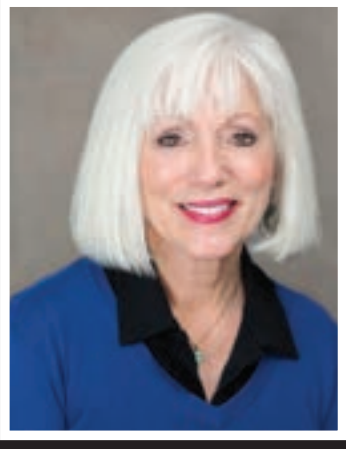
Property owners who sell get 10 percent of the appraised value of their entire property. In 2014, Jeff and Diane Omand sold their easement for $80,000 and that same year Richard and Irene Ryder sold their Little Pocket easement for $49,000.



Supporters of the Sacramento River Parkway outside council chambers on May 21, the day electeds voted to use eminent domain on properties from Garcia Bend to Arabella Way.



A man walks his dogs through a break in one of the gates that were erected to keep the public off the levee.



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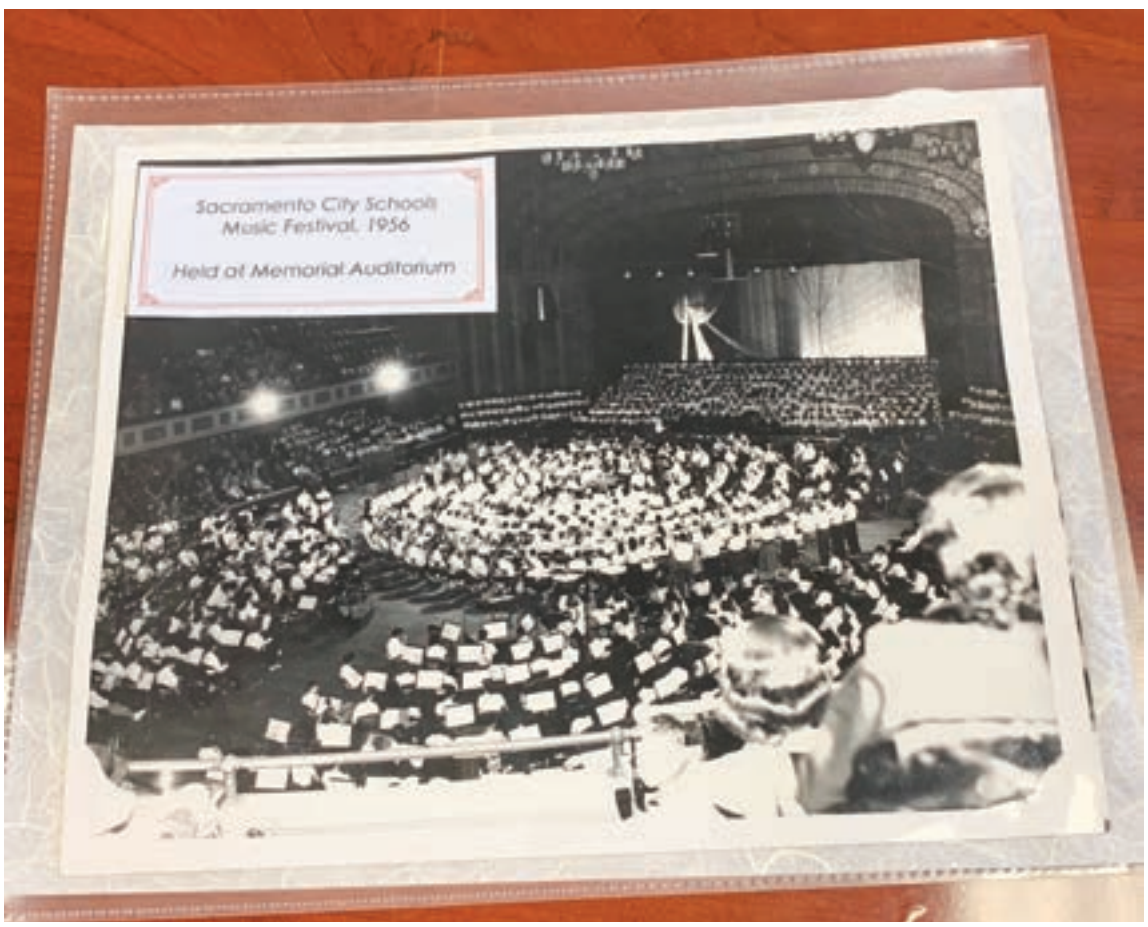


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By Sally King

There's a great musical idiom that says, "Music Makes the World Go Round." Walking into the Sacramento City Unified District Music Library definitely gives one the impression that music is not the top priority for the school district. It consists of two rooms at Leonardo Da Vinci elementary school's gymnasium, tucked away in the far right corner of the campus.

Jennifer Nakayama has been the music librarian for the past three years and she loves her job.

"I'm immensely proud of our library and the work accomplished there with all of our instrumental music teachers," Nakayama said.

Nakayama wrote a letter to the district recently when she heard rumors that the district might close the music library. Nakayama, who is a product of SCUSD, felt she had to fight to keep the music program going. Nakayama said she has personally seen the benefits of the music library and the music programs across the region.

"This is such an incredible resource," Christina Maradik-Symkowick, a music teacher at Sutterville Elementary School, said. "The name, music library is a misnomer, it is so much more than that," she added.

Nakayama explained the library holds sheet music arrangements for bands, orchestras, choirs and soloists. When she was training to be the librarian she learned that the music library collection was the largest west of the Mississippi for a K-12 public school district and she believes it is still true.

"The collection of music our District has invested in is an incredible resource, and many of the arrangements we house are no longer in print or would cost a small fortune to replace, Nakayama said.

In addition to sheet music, the library serves as a hub for all District owned instruments needing repair. The instruments are kept in working order by local repair technicians. Nakayama articulated how this allows music teachers to use instruments that are 10, 20, 30 or more years old when there weren't funds to purchase new instruments. It also provides equity to students across the District, so those who can't afford to purchase or rent an instrument had the same opportunities to learn a musical instrument as those who can.

Nakayama attended the May school board meeting and said she recalls that many young students stood up and gave detailed speeches to the

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board how important music was in their lives.

One important event that happens every year is the 'All City Orchestra' concert. It usually takes place at the Sacramento Community Theatre and students, parents, teachers and the public truly enjoy the program. Many years ago, KCRA radio would broadcast the concert.

Nakayama also mentioned that the music library serves as a hub for middle school teachers to gather necessary supplies for our student musicians, such as cleaning swabs, violin strings, valve oil and reeds. On a minimal budget, the music library has been able to provide required supplies to all students. "Without the supplies," Nakayama said, "our instruments would be silent."

Nakayama wants the district to know she understands the budget situation is daunting. She said the music programs students once had access to have been eliminated and have never been restored. At one time, the library had a full-time administrator and a full-time music librarian, now Nakayama works six hours a week after her teaching day and she said they are making it work.

"If we lose our music library and the ability to repair instruments and provide supplies, not to mention the loss of a priceless collection of music, I believe it will be the final nail in the coffin for SCUSD music programs," emphasized Nakayama.

"Our individual schools cannot afford repairs and supplies, and we will eventually run out for working instruments to give to our students," said Nakayama.

Nakayama did find out that for next year the music library is in the budget, she isn't certain about future budgets.





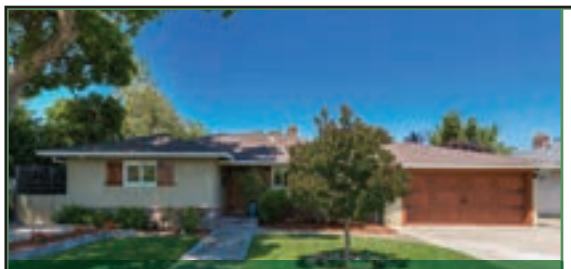
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The Annual Elks, No. 6 Scholarship Dinner honored top Sacramento area students

By Stephen B. Clazie
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Photos by Monica Stark
All the awardees from the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 annual scholarship dinner

On Tuesday, May 28, the Elks, No. 6 celebrated top Sacramento area students with a dinner and scholarship award ceremony. Two brothers received Legacy Scholarships from ENF. One brother received an Eagle Scout scholarship from the local lodge. The other brother received the Legacy Scholarship for the fourth time as a senior at UC Davis. He was also an Elk Student of the Month as an eighth grader at Sam Brannan.

Five female students were recognized as outstanding Junior ROTC cadets from five local high schools. This is a brand new award from the Grand Lodge.

Additionally, an outstanding middle school teacher and an outstanding high school teacher were recognized by two different ENF Most Valuable scholarship winners. One teacher is from Sutter Middle School and the other is from Sheldon High School.

Finally, four students received scholarships from the Elks Golf Club. It is a very interesting story about the local high school golf coach who started a golf club at the high school. He also happened to be the Junior ROTC instructor at the school and he got two of his top ROTC students to play golf. They had never played before. They were both recognized.

After a dinner by Rick Barone, Sr. and John F. Kennedy Marines Junior ROTC volunteers and served by Elk volunteers and cadets, the ceremony began with a presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by scouts from Boy Scout Troop 259. Then, Elks 6 Chaplain Teresa Daniels provided the invocation. The Elks paid tribute to Marilyn & Clarence Facha

Marilyn was very proud of both her work and her volunteerism with the Elks and was well known for selling her "blinkies" for charity, and she won awards for her success at this. Clarence played an integral role with the Elks PM Crew team where he held a life membership.

What follows are the awardees and descriptions of some of their accomplishments:

Elks 6 Educators of the Year

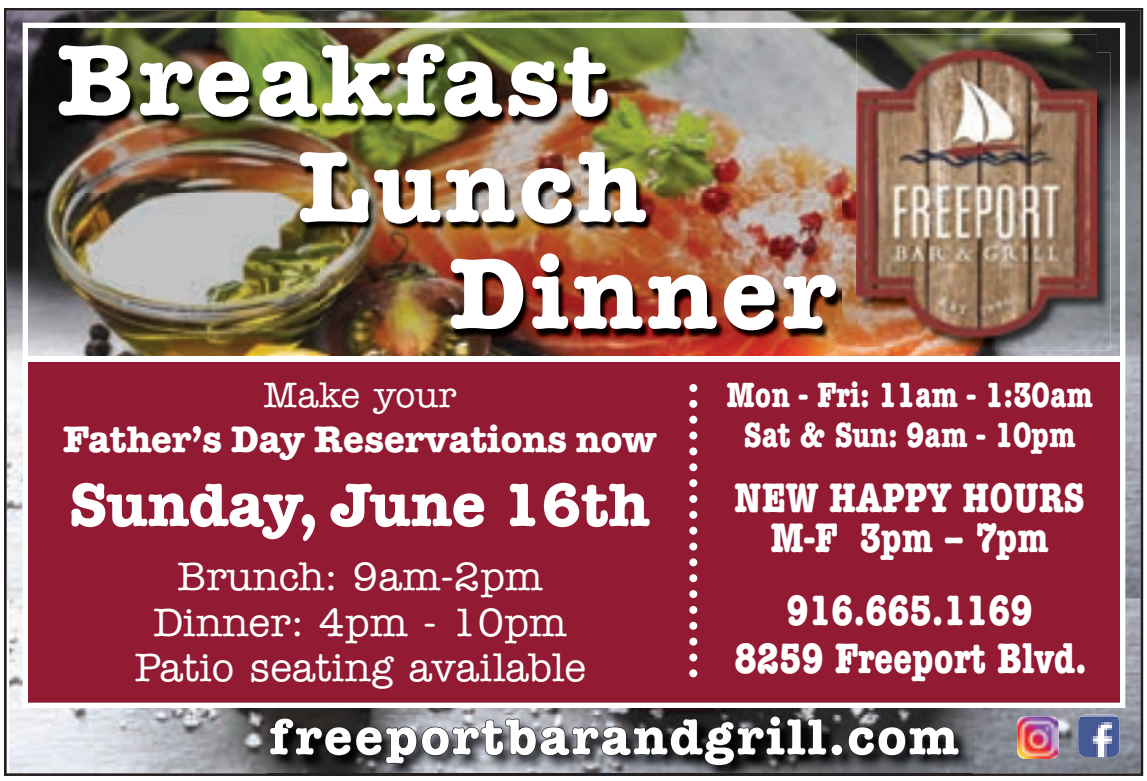
Outstanding Middle School Educator for 2019: Mrs. Jody Cooperman, Sutter Middle School presented by Nicole Nubla.

Outstanding High School Educator for 2019: Mrs. Kelli Kosney, Sheldon High School, presented by Tracy Ly

Elks 6 Outstanding Middle School Students

As part of the California Middle School theater program, Kate Morris played a starring role as the "Genie" in the Aladdin production. She completely stole the show with her energy and comedic acting abilities. She received a check for $100 from Elks Lodge # 6.

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From day one, Luckypaul Moua of Genevieve Didion K-8 School, exemplified what a highly qualified student leader can do for the student body. Although he shines in academics, he prides himself with a positive attitude and respect for both the teaching staff and his fellow classmates. He received a check for $100 from Elks Lodge # 6.

Lisa Pan of Sam Brannan Middle School is an active participant of the cheer team, holds a position on the Site Council, and has hosted many school rallies. She definitely has the qualities of a great leader. She received a check for $100 from Elks Lodge # 6.

Anais Perez of Sutter Middle School is positive and energetic on campus and away from school. She has created friendships at school that go beyond the norm of middle school. She will be very successful throughout life. She received a check for $100 from Elks Lodge # 6.

Jonathan Chi of Will C. Wood Middle School shows motivation to do well that is often not found in. Student of his age or grade. He is a capable young man who is well liked by his peers and has shown himself to be a mature social leader. He is receiving a check for $100 from Elks # 6.

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Golf Club Scholarship

Dave Osaki, Golf Club President, provided the awards to Leyla Basurto and Alejandro Fimbres both of Hiram W. Johnson High School; Sidney Fong of C.K. McClatchy High School and Patricia Sweeney of St. Francis High School.

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet

In July of 2018 the Grand Elks Lodge called for a new program to recognize outstanding high school students enrolled in Junior ROTC. Elks 6 has five high schools in our area that have Junior ROTC students, and the Elks awarded one outstanding individual per school chosen by the Junior ROTC representative from each of these schools. Selection criteria for the award includes leadership attributes, academic achievement, community service, and maintaining the highest standards of performance in all JROTC fields.

The Junior ROTC Medal is attached to a ribbon and is approximately four inches high by one and half inches wide. The sturdy ribbon is a 2-piece lapel pin and the medal itself is of quality brass, with the etching so precise you can see the smallest detail. It comes with black velveteen backing and clear plastic front. Each student received a medal and a certificate. Twenty-four girls applied and while only three boys did.

Marissa DeCristofaro of Rio Linda High School: "Returning from JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge, I began to look into ROTC as it would allow me to stay in college as well as improve my leadership abilities and put them to good use. I was introduced to the Army ROTC Minuteman Scholarship by a recruiter and decided to apply. As a result of my abilities acquired throughout the years in the JROTC program, I am now on my way to obtaining a full ride scholarship to the college of my choice where I will then be able to serve my country."

Leniha LaGarde of John F. Kennedy High School Corps: "I learned to stand my ground . . . and command my way. I learned that you can copy bits and pieces of people's style, but you can't improve if you completely imitate someone who isn't you. Including your own input and experimenting could lead to positive or negative results it's how you take results that determine if you're leadership material."

Leyla Basurto of Hiram W. Johnson High School is the first generation in her family to graduate high school and to attend college. She has always shown the eagerness to learn. She is an important member of the Business Academy. She has been the Academy President this year and has been in charge of fundraisers and event planning.

Flora Cox of River City High School is a Top-10 Valedictorian Graduate who has excelled in all aspects of her academic and social life . . . excelling in Russian, English, Robotics and Mathematics. . . . Through her outstanding dedication to our community she lead the way in garnering over 1,400 hours of community service from 110 cadets during the academic year 2018-19, resulting in the Unit earning the United States Air Force's JROTC "Distinguished Unit Award with Merit.

Fate Saephan-Garcia of C.K. McClatchy High School: "These qualities that I learned from federal inspection are something I will always use in life. I will continue to use them to better myself and my future. I understand life is hard and will throw obstacles at you when you want something. The more you want it the more obstacles you have to face. As long as you keep confidence in yourself and keep fighting those obstacles, you will succeed in life."

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Boy Scout Troop 259 2019 Eagle Scout Scholarship

Jeremiah Fong of John F. Kennedy High School is a bright, talented young man who makes a positive impact wherever he goes. There is no doubt he will achieve success in whatever he chooses to do. Further, people around him are more likely to be successful with him in their midst.

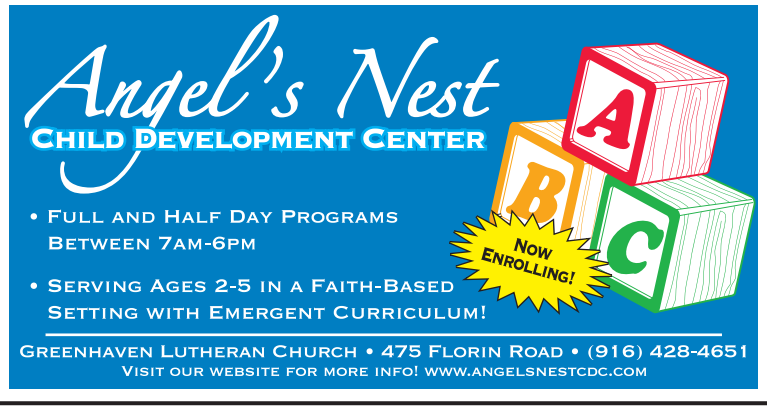


A Boy Scout from Troop 259 leads attendees of the annual scholarship dinner in a flag salute.

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Legacy Scholarship

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of an Elk. The requirements for this scholarship are just as stringent as those for the ENF's Most Valuable Student. Jeremiah is in his first year of receiving a $1,000 scholarship for the next four years, and Abraham is in his last year of receiving a $1,000 scholarship for four years. Both have previously received a thesaurus. Jeremiah just received his, and Abraham received one when he was the Student of the Month as an eighth grader along time ago at Sam Brannan Middle School.

It is a tradition at Elks 6 to have the parent or grandparent make the Legacy presentation. Mother Allison Fong made the presentation on her behalf and that of their grandmother Beverly Owyoung.

2019 Elks Most Valuable Student

The Elks National Foundation awarded 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2019 competition. The 20 top finalists participated in an all expenses paid Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they interviewed with the national judges. These 20 finalists vied for two first-place awards of $50,000; two second-place awards of $40,000; and two third-place awards of $30,000. The remaining 14 finalists received awards of $20,000. The 480 runners-up received fifth-place scholarships of $4,000. Elks 6 has one of the 489 runner-ups.

Elks 6 did best among the seven lodges in the North Central District. Elks 6 had five winners while one lodge had no winners and two lodges only had one winner each. One lodge had two winners and the other two lodges each had four winner.

The ability of Brian Mao of Rosemont High School to give 100% of himself to any task at hand shows his enthusiasm and willingness to become not only a better student, but also a better person, and he will undoubtedly succeed in whatever path he chooses. He received an $800 scholarship from the California-Hawaii Elks.

Nicole Nubla of C.K. McClatchy High School is well respected by her peer for he intellect and her curiosity and her gentle demeanor. He questions are insightful and show a depth of understanding and a desire for clarity. Her writing is strong, as are her critical thinking skills. She received $800 from the California-Hawaii Elks.

Fajar Akhter of Inderkum High School: "When people pack for camping trips, they bring all the essentials: food, protective attire, first aid kits, money, and so on. Though I've never gone camping, I know that list by heart. Starting from the time I was in elementary school, that's what I would bring to school every day. I looked more ready for a seven-hour hike than seven hours of education." Akhter received an $800 scholarship from the California-Hawaii Elks and $200 from the North Central District.

Bobby Voong of West Campus High School is one of the nicest and most caring of individuals. He is simply outstanding, and not to mention extremely smart. He is an A.P. Scholar and first generation student to attend college. He goes it alone because his parents are very busy working. He looks after himself, including getting to school, taking care of the household chores and working part time at KFC.

He received $800 from the California-Hawaii Elks and $200 from the North Central District.

Tracy Ly of Sheldon High School demonstrates thoughtfulness in her work and charisma in her personality. She is humble and treats others with kindness. Due to her approachable personality and leadership skills, she was elected by her team-mates to guide the team as the Science Olympiad President. She is an Elks National Finalist and will receive a 1,000 per year for four years.

There are vocational training grants up to $2,000 per year (2 year maximum) available. Applications can be found at: www.CHEA-Elks.org/Youth-Activities/Scholarships.

Stephen B. Clazie is the Sacramento Elks Lodge, No. 6 Scholarship Chair.

Summer Chamber Music Workshop celebrates 30 years of Youth Chamber Music



Under the leadership of founder and cellist Susan Lamb Cook, the Sacramento Youth Symphony's Summer Chamber Music Workshop (SCMW) announces its 30th season. Since 1990, the program has grown from 15 students to 100 as more and more enthusiastic young musicians participate in two exciting weeks of music making. The workshop has expanded from a string and piano workshop to include brass, woodwinds, and harp. Coaching staff has increased from three professional coaches to 23 in 2018

This week long, full day program includes string, wind, harp and piano students. Performances this year include the free Music at Noon concert at Westminster Presbyterian on July 10 along with the Festival Concert and Soirée at Sacramento State University's Capistrano Hall on Saturday, July 13. Mentors also perform at retirement communities in Vacaville, Davis and Carmichael.

The Preparatory Program began in 2006 and with younger students in a half day, week long program of beginning chamber music. This session also includes a Mentor Program for advanced string students who work alongside the professional teachers as they teach the young musicians and perform together. Several of these original Mentors have gone on to become professional musicians, music teachers and SCMW coaches.

Performing in small chamber groups teaches young people teamwork, responsibility and accountability as they rehearse and perform their music in duets, trios, quartets or quintets. This program offers a depth of experience that will last a lifetime for these young musicians.

Concert information:

Who: Summer Chamber Music Workshop concerts, a program of the Sacramento Youth Symphony

What: Festival Concert and Soirée

When: Saturday July 13th, 2019, 6:00 pm, Soirée Performance, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert

Where: CSUS Capistrano Hall, Music Building,. 6000 J St. Sacramento, CA, 95819

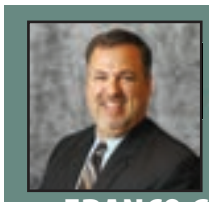
Details: The Summer Chamber Music Workshop, directed and founded by Susan Lamb Cook in 1990, will present final classical concerts of the week long workshop by music students ages 12-19. Chamber music for strings, winds, piano and harp by classical composers will be performed.

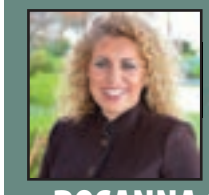
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New Tech students win California Forestry Challenge Championship





Congratulations to David Candia, Michael Rafanan, and Joshua Williams of Sacramento New Technology High School for taking first place at the California Forestry Challenge Championship. This is the second year in a row that the New Tech team has won the championship.

The students wrote a silvicultural prescription for the Kinland Forest, a privately owned tract of land. The proposal aims to help control growth, composition, health and quality of the forest. Their recommendations were practical, economically sound, and in compliance with the California Forest Practice Rules.

The Forestry Challenge is an academic event for high school students in technical forestry and current forestry topics. Since its inception in 2003, the program has grown from one event to five, a complete buildout of the program in California.

Participants spend four days in the forest learning about the ecology and management of the forested landscapes that provide communities with water, recreational opportunities, wood products, and wildlife habitat. Youth benefit by better understanding the relationship of the forested environment to their community, by exposure to natural resource management as a potential career option, and by undertaking a rigorous critical thinking exercise which is timely and addresses current forestry topics such as wildfire, insects, and forest health.

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Sutterville Stingrays win city basketball championship

By Sally King

It was the Sutterville Stingrays versus the Phoebe Hearst Dragons in the final basketball game that determined the city championship for the school year. With just ten seconds left on the clock, Justin Wallace, #1, scored the winning basket, and then stole the ball at the end on defense to preserve the victory with a final score of 31 to 29!

The Stingrays excitedly attended the Sacramento City Council meeting on the evening of June 4, 2019 to be recognized by Mayor, Darrell Steinberg, and the city council members for winning the city basketball championship. Forty-nine teams participated this year.

Michael McDoniels is the head coach and Edgar Thielen is the assistant coach. The team included 15 kids, a few fourth graders and the remainder fifth and sixth graders. This was a co-ed team and one girl joined the team.

"It was a little different being the only girl," said Teryn Green, who played point guard. "I felt very welcome and a real part of it all," she added.

"It took team effort. Some of the younger players were nervous and I did my best to pump them up," sixth grader Gannon MaGee said.

Denise Ecks-Esds, another sixth grade player, said the coach did a good job of bonding us together. "He had us attend lots of practices."

"There was a real team chemistry on the court," McDoniels commented.

The team showed up at the city council meeting at 5 p.m. sharp because they were told that was when the meeting would begin. Unfortunately, they had to wait 45 minutes before being called into the meeting, but that didn't keep their spirits down.

When they finally walked into the council chambers, they were all smiles and quite proud of their accomplishments.

The students, parents and teachers hope the program isn't eliminated next year because of budget woes.



Photo by Sally King

The coach, Michael McDoniels is on the left, the assistant coach Edgar Thielen is on the right. Shown here is the Sutterville basketball team while they are patiently waiting to go inside the council chambers to be recognized as champs.

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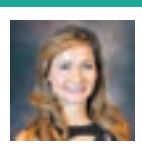
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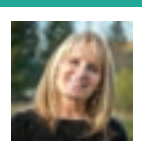
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He is a past President of WASH, Inc., Sacramento's watercolor club and has been awarded NCA Master Painter Signature status. David was a staff member at Sacramento Fine Arts Center through 2018. David's work can be seen in Sacramento at Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael, Rancho Cordova City Hall, various regional art shows.

David portrays the familiar scenes of our neighborhood in a humorous and enigmatic way. He shows you California landmarks, including urban scenes, the American River, and our neighborhood differently, simply and in a unique manner.

David's artist reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 and will include a very vivacious Jazz ensemble, Inception. Barrio Cafe is located at 1188 35th Ave. in South Land Park.



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Please note: This is a special ticketed event; no outside food or drink allowed, Fairytale Town will be closing at 2 p.m. the day of the event in order to prepare for the evening's festivities. Advance tickets (May 1 - June 21):
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SUNDAY, AUG. 25

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PARKINSON ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA South Sacramento Support Group: Every second Thursday of the month from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Location: Asian Community Center (ACC), 7334 Park City Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831. This support group is free to those who are living with Parkinson's Disease, their family and caregivers. The group shares information to help each other and provide guest speakers who can assist with physical and mental challenges in daily living.

ADULT AND TWEEN/TEEN BOOK CLUBS AT CRAWFORD'S BOOKS: Crawford's Books is hosting a monthly adult book club on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. They also host a tween/teen book club every other month. This group convenes on the 1st Saturday of EVEN months from 4 to 5 p.m. Light refreshments are provided. For more information and the list of books that will be discussed, please visit crawfordbooks.net. Crawford's Books is located at 5301 Freeport Blvd., #200, Sacramento. For more information, call 916-731-8001.

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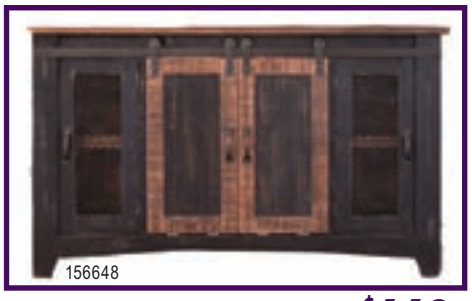




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