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## COUNTY SUPERVISOR

*"The internal machinery of life, the chemistry of the parts, is something beautiful. And it turns out that all life is interconnected with all other life."* – Richard P. Feynman

Did you know that the largest organism on earth is a 106-acre forest of aspen trees in Utah? What seems like 47,000 separate trees are actually interconnected via a single root system.

In many ways, the people, agencies and government systems that make up the county are like that; separate on the surface yet connected in ways we may not immediately see.

I'm often faced with policy decisions that, when viewed in isolation, seem easy to critique. But when you consider all the interconnected factors and the broader picture, that's when things start to come together and make sense. Just like those aspens trees, what looks separate often turns out to be deeply connected.

Some of my work on public safety and EMS issues are intertwined as well. MIH (Mobile Integrated Health) is a fantastic, innovative program that dispatches a higher level of care into the field when someone calls for help - basically a Licensed Vocational Nurse or Physician's Assistant that can triage and treat on the spot, saving the patient from needing a hospital transport. Naturally, this intersects with the work I have been leading on to reduce wait times in local emergency rooms.

I witnessed the fruits of this labor at a presentation at Sac Metro Fire Station 50 the other night. I was invited there by Hearts 4 Heroes, an incredible organization that places therapy dogs at firehouses and police stations to not only help with victims

and grief responses, but also to serve as support animals for the first responders who often carry the weight of these experiences long after the call is over. They presented me with a commemorative display in appreciation of the support I've offered their organization over the past couple of years. The gesture was an incredibly humbling moment, and I can't express how truly touched I was to receive this recognition, especially standing among the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect others.

While there, I also got to see one of the MIH units providing medical care and met some of the very talented people who staff the rig. One of them had sutured up a patient in the field, saving them a trip to the emergency room just earlier that day. This example of how interconnected the many pieces are around us is an important reminder to look out for one another, as we truly are in this together.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and as always, please feel free to share it with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to [subscribe](#) or follow along on my Facebook page [here](#).

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### **Bounty of the Season: 2024 Ag Report**

As the year winds down and we move full-steam ahead into the holiday season, I find myself reflecting on the blessings in my life and the multitude of reasons I have to be thankful; for my family and friends, for the opportunity to live and work in this beautiful region of our state and, most especially that I get the chance to represent you here in this diverse and bountiful district.

Sacramento County has long been recognized as a cornerstone of California's agricultural landscape, and the rich abundance of our district is never more apparent than at this time of year as fields, vineyards and orchards continue to bless us with their rich, bountiful harvests.



In November, Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores presented the 2024 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report to the Board of Supervisors where she reported that the gross production value of all agricultural commodities in Sacramento County was more than \$536 million. Wine grapes once again led the way as the county's top commodity, generating more than \$167 million, accounting for over 31% of the county's total

crop output and highlighting the impact of Sacramento's vineyards on California's wine industry.

Market milk climbed to second place with a value of \$51.2 million, reflecting steady demand and strong dairy operations, passing up pears which came in number three with a total value of \$49.6 million, maintaining their role as a staple fruit crop in our region. Walnuts, ryegrass, almonds and corn for grain all recorded gains for 2024 over the previous year.

Agriculture is not only an economic driver, but also a vital part of preserving Sacramento County's rural character. Our diverse agricultural landscape includes many generational farms and ranches that produce everything from rice, corn and tomatoes to vital livestock and dairy operations.



There is a delicate symmetry among this landscape as each various sector plays a role in creating a balanced agrarian economy for our region. For example, local apiary (bee) operations enhance pollination efforts for the county's booming fruit and nut crops which saw remarkable growth in 2024. All this underscores the county's dedication to maintaining a vibrant and sustainable approach to farming and production while balancing tradition with innovation.

If you would like to learn more about Sacramento's agricultural contributions, you can find the full 2024 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report [here](#). Additionally, the report also includes a list of local, certified Farmers Markets where you can shop these locally grown products, as well as information regarding the Agriculture Department's Pest Detection and Pest Exclusion Programs, the Phytosanitary Program, the Pesticide Use Enforcement Program and the Weights & Measures Program.

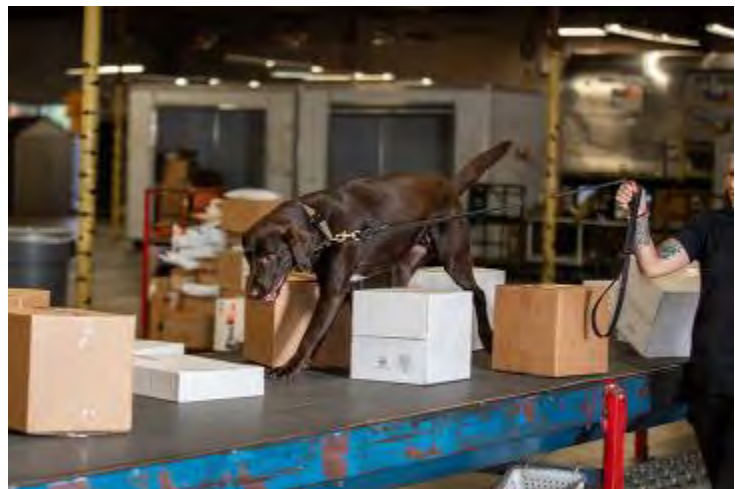
## A Well-Earned Retirement for Kernul



This month, we're putting a very special spotlight on one of the county's most dedicated and lovable employees: Kernul, Sacramento County's highly trained agricultural detector dog whose job was to keep pests out of Sacramento County and protect our agriculture.

Kernul, a nine-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, spent his career at the county working alongside his handler, Michelle King. His journey began in 2018, when he was rescued from a shelter by the USDA and brought to the National Detector Dog Training Center in Newnan, Georgia, where he completed his training as an Agricultural Detection K9 before being placed in Sacramento County.

On any given day, Kernul could be found sniffing through parcel facilities including FedEx, UPS, and USPS, searching for unmarked packages containing agricultural materials such as produce, flowers, seeds, plants and soil.





Throughout his service, Kernul detected approximately 35,000 parcels containing agricultural material. Within those parcels, he and Michelle have found 600 live insects, more than 460 of which were invasive pests including the South American fruit fly, little fire ant, avocado whitefly and citrus black fly. Some of his most notable finds include an illegal mango tree shipped from Puerto Rico and a guava fruit from Florida that was infested with invasive Caribbean fruit flies.

Beyond fieldwork, Michelle and Kernul have also done outreach for Sacramento County, promoting the California Agricultural Detector Dog Program and its importance at numerous events each year including Ag Day at the Capitol, Bring Your Child to Work days at both the California Department of Food and Agriculture and Sacramento County as well as youth-focused agricultural events across the region.



After six years of service on the Agriculture Pest Exclusion Team, Kernul is officially hanging up his vest and heading into retirement. In California, agricultural detector dogs must retire at age nine, but for Kernul that comes with the best perk of all: a forever home. Michelle will be officially adopting him, ensuring his next chapter is full of many well-deserved treats.

While funding for Kernul's position traditionally came from the state, the California Department of Food and

Agriculture is reallocating detector dog resources across California and has chosen not to replace the K9 role in Sacramento County. We are fortunate, however, that Michelle King will remain with us and continue serving as a Senior Agricultural & Standards Inspector.

Thank you Kernul for your service to the county and endless, wagging enthusiasm. Enjoy retirement!

## Out & About in District 5



*Being honored by Hearts for Heroes at Sac Metro Fire Station 50. With me bottom left are Sac Metro Fire Chief Adam House and the Founder and Director of Hearts 4 Heroes Shelley Martell. Bottom right: Couldn't resist giving some pets to Blitz, one of the therapy dogs.*





*I was proud to join celebrations throughout Mather, Elk Grove and Galt in honor of Veterans Day. Top left: Speaking at the Mather VA Hospital. Top right: Me with Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen & Elk Grove Police Chief Bobby Davis. Bottom left: With Oscar O'Con at the Elk Grove Veterans Day Parade. Bottom right: With Galt City Councilmember Bonnie Rodriguez and Kat Seabolt from the Galt Chamber of Commerce.*





*Presenting a certificate to Juan Heredia at the Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) meeting. Juan founded the Angels Recovery Dive Team nonprofit where he performs recovery efforts for those that have tragically lost their life in the waters of the Delta and beyond. Pictured with us are Juan's wife and President of their nonprofit Mercedes Heredia and Anna Swenson, Chair of the DPAC.*



*At the CAAPS 2025 Autumn Lantern Festival & Night Market held at the Power Inn Light Rail Station. Pictured with me top right: Thomas Quach and bottom left: Peter Phong. Bottom right photo: Kevin Phan, Jinky Dolar, Sonya Bradley from Visit Sacramento, Howard Chan, Sacramento City Councilmember Lisa Kaplan, me, District Attorney Thien Ho, Sacramento City Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum, Peter Phong and Tai Tuoti from Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen's office.*





*Celebrating 2025 NASCAR Cup Champion and Elk Grove native Kyle Larson! Kyle is only the ninth driver in history to earn multiple Cup Championships and is listed as one of NASCAR's 75 Greatest Drivers. I was glad to help the City of Elk Grove organize a parade in his honor. Bottom left, watch out for these young drivers, Cash and Maycie Brooks, who we may see again in their own parade celebration one day.*



*Attending the 2025 Golden Harvest Festival at the State Capitol. Top left: Douglas Hsia and Elk Grove City Councilmember Darren Suen. Middle right: Douglas Hsia, Ram Thanapandian, President of the Golden Harvest Parade, me, Michael Harris and Darren Suen.*





*I was honored to join the community at Cal Expo in celebrating Hmong New Year and the 50th anniversary of the Hmong journey to the United States.*



*At the Rancho Cordova State of the City event. Pictured with me top left: Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Linda Budge and Sac Metro Fire District Chief Adam House. Bottom left: Folsom Cordova Unified School District Trustee YK Chalamcherla and Superintendent Erik Swanson. Top right: Joshua Wood. Middle right: JP Morgan and Sadie St. Lawrence. Bottom right: the Rancho Cordova City Council and Rancho Cordovan of the Year, Kevin Sims.*

**Upcoming Events**



# illumination

## HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

December 6  
3-8pm  
District56  
9701 Big Horn Blvd.



Learn more at:  
[elkgrove.gov/illumination](http://elkgrove.gov/illumination)





# Season of Cheer

## at City Hall and Littleton Center

**Saturday December 6, 2025**

**Join us for a festive evening featuring  
the lighting of the tree, performances by  
local choirs, holiday crafts, and much  
more!**

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Santa Photos  
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Christmas Arts and Crafts  
6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony



## Holiday Performances:

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Galt Community Band  
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Galt Elementary School CHOIRS  
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. McCaffery Middle School Choir  
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. McCaffery Middle School Band



**Hot Chocolate Provided by Ramos  
Jewelers**



**GALT CHAMBER**  
OF COMMERCE



For more information contact  
the Special Event Division  
(209)366-7115.

# Wilton Winter Festival

DECEMBER 6TH

8AM – 2PM RAIN OR SHINE  
@ THE WILTON COMMUNITY CENTER

8AM – 10AM  
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST  
FOR PURCHASE

8AM – 12PM  
KIDS' CRAFTS in SANTA'S WORKSHOP  
OPEN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

11AM – 2PM  
HOT LUNCH (Stay Tuned, the Elves are Working on the Menu)  
FOR PURCHASE

12PM – 1PM  
PARADE With SANTA'S ARRIVAL

1PM – 2PM  
COOKIES & HOT COCOA With SANTA  
OPEN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

8AM – 2PM  
HOLIDAY & CRAFT VENDORS



*Sponsored By:*

Wilton Community Center Non-Profit &  
Sacramento County Parks & Rec Council Area 4B

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PARADE & VENDOR APPLICATIONS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
VISIT: [WWW.WILTONCOMMUNITYCENTER.COM](http://WWW.WILTONCOMMUNITYCENTER.COM)







The Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band Presents

# A Fresh Aire Holiday

*Celebrating the Music of Mannheim Steamroller*

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Koreana Plaza**

19971 Olson Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

*Featuring the Cordova High School  
Concert Choir*

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Cordova Performing**

**Arts Center**

2239 Chase Drive,  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**Free Admission**

RCCCB is collecting non-perishable  
donations for the Rancho Cordova Food Locker





Cordova  
Recreation & Park District  
Make This Time Matter

# Holiday Crafts at the Barn

\$5  
per  
person

December 6, 7, 13 & 14 | 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Hagan Community Barn



# Santa comes to Critterville

Cookies, Cocoa and Critters!

8 Th  
DECEMBER

5-7 PM  
OPEN HOUSE

4426 Excelsior Road, Mather



Free event, donations are welcome!  
Come take a picture with Santa,  
meet our critters and help  
support their care



## PEANUTS & POLICE:

A Charlie Brown Holiday at Galt PD



Good Grief,

It's our annual Holiday Open House!

Take a stroll through the police station, enjoy cookies & hot cocoa, and don't forget to snap a photo with SANTA!

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**4pm - 6pm**

455 Industrial Dr.  
Galt, CA 95632



**2025 Rosemont**  
**SANTA**  
**PARADE**  
**and TOY**  
**DRIVE**

**December 9 & 10**



THE 11th ANNUAL  
Lincoln Village Neighborhood

# Christmas PARADE



**Dec. 11**  
**6 PM**

*The Biggest Event of the Year!*  
**Free Advertisement**  
for your business and/or agency.  
Decorate your vehicle and join the Lincoln Village  
neighborhood caravan!



Scan the QR Code to sign-up.

**NORTH  
POLE**





WILTON FIREFIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION  
CHRISTMAS PARADE



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH



*Photos with Santa*



**Cocoa, Coffee, Cider by Henhouse Coffee**

**Dec. 14th only**

13TH/6PM: STARTS AT  
DILLARD/TAVENOR RD TO  
HEAD SOUTH ON TAVENOR  
THEN ONTO CLAYSTATION  
TO STABLEGATE AND  
CONTINUE THE LOOP TO  
STOP ON RIMFIRE TO TAKE  
PHOTOS WITH SANTA

14TH/6 PM: STARTS ON  
GAY RD TO COSUMNES RD  
TOWARDS WILTON RD ON  
TOO GREEN RD THEN  
RIGHT TO RANDOLPH AND  
ON TO OUR FINAL  
DESTINATION THE  
WILTON COMMUNITY  
CENTER





★ **December 13, 2025** ★  
 National Wreaths Across America Day



Help the Galt-Arno Cemetery honor  
 local heroes!  
 Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on  
 a veteran's grave this December at The  
 Galt-Arno Cemetery. For only \$17!

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart  
 phone camera to make a donation online.  
 For any questions or further assistance contact:  
[info@galtarnocemetery.com](mailto:info@galtarnocemetery.com)



#KeepMovingForward 2025



FREE admission!

Chabad of Elk Grove  
invites you to our fourth annual

8"H

# LightUp

## Elk Grove



Experience the magic of Chanukah at the Old Town Plaza!

- Bounce house
- 9 ft LED Menorah
- Latkes & donuts
- Balloon twisting
- Caricature artist
- Strolling Magician

9615 Railroad St, Elk Grove, CA 95624

Sunday, December 14

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



City of  
Elk Grove



Chabad  
Elk Grove





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