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## COUNTY SUPERVISOR

*"Strategy is a commodity, execution is an art."* – Peter Drucker

A phrase has recently come into favor in our vernacular that goes something like this: "I didn't have [insert unexpected oddity here] on my bingo card for today." Call it collective unconscious, or situational awareness, but I didn't realize until now how much I needed that phrase in my life. We can neither predict nor control what external force is going to enter our life; we can only manage how we choose to respond to it. This phrase seems to me to be a perfect combination of wonderment and resolve.

This past month, I've spent a good amount of time and effort conferring with County staff in unravelling a code ordinance that was put into place in response to the occurrence of Woodstock. You read that correctly: Woodstock. Needless to say, it was overly restrictive for a use that, today, we may feel is more acceptable and manageable. Nonetheless, it is adopted code, a waiver was not allowed, and changing it would require a process that at best would take about three months. Through some creativity and collaboration between agencies, I am confident we are going to welcome a Luke Bryan concert to the region, but Woodstock almost got in the way some 57 years later.

That wasn't on my bingo card.

Earlier today, I was at an impromptu town hall meeting and was asked how I deal with incompetent people. My answer was that there are very few people who are truly unintelligent – the majority of those one would label incompetent are either untrained, ill-informed, are operating with a different motivation or, in the worst

case, working subversively against you. The trick is to try and figure out who of that group you're up against, so you know whether you are trying to educate, convince or combat. If it is the unintelligent though, don't bother arguing. As they say, that's like wrestling with pigs: you both end up dirty, but the pigs enjoy it.

As always, please share this newsletter with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to [subscribe](#) for future newsletters or check out my Facebook page [here](#).

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### **Sacramento International Airport Takes Off - Major Improvements Ahead**

Sacramento International Airport (SMF) has always been one of the region's quiet powerhouses, but in 2025, its impact was impossible to miss. The airport had a record-setting year, welcoming over 13.9 million passengers and an incredible 23-month streak of year-over-year growth that is still continuing. That momentum now places SMF among the fastest-growing, mid-sized airports in the country.

A big part of that shift came from expanded airline service. In 2025 alone, SMF added nonstop, direct flights to Anchorage, Baltimore, Orlando and Tucson and to Morelia and Puerto Vallarta in Mexico. With more seats and more destinations, the airport kept hundreds of thousands of travelers local where our residents can opt to fly closer to home rather than make the long drive to the Bay Area to board a plane. In fact, SMF offered service to more than 400,000 passengers who previously would have had to drive to other airports instead, offering greater convenience to travelers while also fueling our regional economy.



And while the growth is impressive, what's happening behind the scenes may be even more transformative. One of the most visible changes on the horizon is the new elevated pedestrian walkway connecting Terminal B to Concourse B. Opening this summer, the walkway will feature moving sidewalks, escalators and elevators, which is a major accessibility upgrade and a welcome alternative to the tram system.

Parking relief is also on the way. A new garage west of Terminal B is set to open later this year, adding 5,500 much-needed parking spaces and

easing the crunch that travelers have felt during peak travel periods.

Traffic flow is getting attention too. A redesigned Terminal A exit road, expected in 2027, will streamline arrivals and departures and help reduce congestion around the terminal loop.

Inside the airport, SMF is preparing for the future with a major expansion of Concourse B. Construction begins this year and will add new gates and more space to support continued growth and new routes. At the same time, both terminals will also receive baggage handling improvements, essential to keeping operations running smoothly as passenger volumes climb further.

All of these projects fall under SMForward, the airport's long-term improvement program. But the upgrades aren't limited to infrastructure. SMF is also investing in the whole traveler experience, especially when it comes to food and retail. A new wave of concessions is rolling out, including the familiar Starbucks, Sourdough & Co., and Wendy's. Even more exciting for locals, the airport is bringing in

Sacramento favorites like Magpie, Temple Coffee, OneSpeed Pizza, Bawk!, Café Bernardo, Nixtaco and more, all scheduled to open this year.

As the region continues to grow, so does the airport that serves it. With record passenger numbers, new routes and major improvements underway, Sacramento International Airport is positioning itself to remain a reliable and distinctly local gateway for years to come.

### **Touring North America's Largest Caviar Farm**

Did you know the largest caviar farm in North America is right here in Sacramento County? I recently had the chance to tour Tsar Nicoulai's Wilton farm, and it was one of those experiences that reminds you just how much is happening in our own backyard.

Walking through the farm, we saw sturgeons of all sizes, ranging from small babies to massive, decades-old fish, each group in its own tank. It's not every day you get to stand a few feet away from a fish that weighs more than you do.



There are actually a few different fish farms throughout the county, but with Tsar Nicoulai's recent acquisition of Sterling Caviar, they are now the largest caviar producer in the United States. They've produced more than 50 TONS of caviar over the years, and those tiny eggs from right here in Sacramento County end up everywhere from the Ferry Building in San Francisco to top-rated restaurants in New York. Not bad for a product grown just a short drive from home.



What I appreciated most was learning how this industry started. Back in the early 1980s, California farmers saw the overfishing crisis happening in Russia and decided to create a sustainable alternative. Tsar Nicoulai and Sterling Caviar opted to raise California white sturgeon, which is a native fish from the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta and also the largest freshwater fish in North America. Both farms have spent decades working with UC Davis to refine their aquaculture practices.

Today, tank-raised, California white sturgeon is rated a “best choice” by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch, and Tsar Nicoulai holds an ECOCERT certification. Their water is continuously filtered and recirculated, and the fish are born and raised entirely on the farm. Long before sustainability became a buzzword, our region was already leading the way.

During the tour, the owner told us he wants Sacramento to be known for caviar the way Napa is known for wine. And after seeing the operation up close, that doesn’t feel too far-fetched. This is exactly the kind of innovation that puts our county on the map.

It’s also a reminder of something people sometimes forget: Sacramento County is one of the world’s major food-producing regions. District 5 alone is home to thousands of acres of farmland that play a huge role in our local economy. Agriculture is part of our county’s history, our identity, and is a major part of our future. I’m proud to support the farmers and local businesses who make it possible, and to help ensure Sacramento County remains a place where agriculture can thrive.





## 5 Over 50 Award Nominations Now Open

During the month of May, Sacramento County, in observance of Older American's Month, will have the opportunity to pay tribute to our older community members and honor their volunteer efforts during the Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission's (Commission) 5 Over 50 Volunteer Awards ceremony, an annual event where we recognize the amazing contributions of the over 50 population to the health and vitality of our communities.

The 5 Over 50 Volunteer Awards is one of the most visible ways the Commission honors the folks who make our county such a great place to live, work and play and, if you know someone who does amazing work as a volunteer you can recognize their efforts by nominating them for this award, which will be presented during a Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's meeting this May. The ideal candidate must meet the following requirements:



- ✓ Age 50 or older
- ✓ Completed the volunteer work after age 50
- ✓ Reside in Sacramento County

Please know employees of Sacramento County are not eligible and members of the Adult and Aging Commission are also not eligible.

Additionally, applicants will need to provide information about the communities that benefited from the volunteer's work and how their volunteer service positively

impacted those communities. Applicants will also need to provide information on how to contact the nominee.

**Applications are due by February 15th** and winners will be announced by the end of March. You can find more information about how to apply on the [Adult and Aging Commission's webpage](#).

The Commission, which is made up entirely of volunteers, is tasked with tracking aging trends, monitoring services, gathering input from providers and researching the needs of older adults and people living with disabilities. All this information is ultimately shared with the Board of Supervisors to make sure our older community members, and their families, are receiving the support and resources they need. The Commission is always looking for folks to serve on the board and applications are currently being accepted. You can find more information about the Commission and how to apply to the Commission [here](#).

As Sacramento County gets ready to honor our senior volunteers, this is a great opportunity to remember that age is not a barrier to meaningful contribution. As our Sacramento County senior volunteers have shown time and again, when you combine your passion with helping others, it's inevitable that you will end up making a lasting impact on those you serve.

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**Out & About in District 5**





*What a powerful event to celebrate and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Top left: me with Rev. Dr. Tecoy Porter and Rev. Dr. Efreem Smith from Midtown Church. Top right: Fortune School Marching Band. Bottom right: me, Elk Grove Mayor Bobbi Singh-Allen and Elk Grove Police Chief Bobby Davis.*



*Happy Birthday to Remedios Cepeda who turned 85 years young in January! Right photo: Special guest of honor, Marine Sgt. Frank S. Wright, who helped liberate Remedios from Guam during WWII over 80 years ago!*



*Congratulations to Steamboat Landing Bar & Grill as they celebrated their 2nd Anniversary in the Delta. Left photo: me with owners, Reggie Dalton and Andy Chen. Right photo: Alex Chen, me, Judy Chen, Lisa and Andy Chen.*



*Speaking at the Independence at Mather Owner's Association meeting.*





*Supporting the Grand Opening of the new Sourdough & Co. location in Sunridge Plaza in Rancho Cordova. Pictured right: FCUSD School Board Trustee YK Chalamcherla, owner Bhavin Parikh, me and Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Siri Pulipati.*



*Presenting a proclamation to the My Sister's House CEO Christine Nguyen in honor of the nonprofit's 25th Anniversary.*



*Speaking at the County's Behavioral Health Community Conversation in Elk Grove.*

## **Upcoming Events**

THE CREATIVE SPACE presents

# Lunar New Year Celebration



JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM. FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS AND PERFORMANCES.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026  
10 AM - 3 PM  
OLD TOWN PLAZA ELK GROVE  
9615 RAILROAD ST  
ELK GROVE, CA 95624

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2026



Locke Foundation Presents

## **Celebrate Chinese New Year In Locke**

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**Saturday, February 14, 2026  
12 Noon to 4 PM at Main Street**

Lion Dance (12 noon)  
Martial Arts Demonstration  
Tai Chi Demonstration  
Chinese Musical Performance  
Free screening of Voices documentary  
Delta Owyang Family Lecture  
Chinese Painting & Calligraphy  
Children's Arts & Crafts  
Children's Face Painting  
Food

Red Envelope Lucky Money of The Year  
(For the first 100 children under age 12)

For more information please contact  
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Website: [locke-foundation.org](http://locke-foundation.org)

**Free Admission  
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# 2026 CA is My Home

## Lunar New Year Market Fair

Vendor Booth: Feb 14th, 9:00AM- 3:30PM

Performances: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Lion Dances: 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Address: District 56, 8230 Civic Center Dr., Elk Grove

Please email [caismyhome1@gmail.com](mailto:caismyhome1@gmail.com) for Vendor Booth and/or Sponsorship



Aaron Le Ca Lini My Duyen Mark & Mary Teng-Fu Lion Dance

# 2026 Lunar New Year Tết Festival & Parade

introducing **Mardi Gras** Feb 14-15  
Elk Grove Park

**Free Admission**

Featuring  
 Redbone 20 "Come and Get Your Love" Valentine's Day Concert  
 Big Chiefs Lucky Wav Edition (Tradition Meets Modernity Show)

Asian & Cajun Food, Snacks, Sweets • Beer Garden • Auto Show •  
 Dance Performances • Lunar New Year • Mardi Gras Parade •  
 Second Line Parade • Áo Dài Parade • Karaoke Parade • Karaoke in  
 the Park • Tug-of-War Games • Kids Games • Carnival Rides • Mrs.  
 Vietnam NorCal Sacramento Pageant

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**TIME & DATE**  
Sunday, February 15, 2026  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**LOCATION**  
Champaign Ranch  
12174 Borden Rd, Herald, CA

Questions? Contact Karissa at  
(916) 926-2008

SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN  
THE COMPETITION.

# *Sabrina the Songstress*



*February 20 | 6:30 pm.*



Sabrina and her fabulous trio will perform some of the greatest hits from the HR Era including recordings by Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole and more! They will bring these artists to life with their dynamic sound, beautiful arrangements and historical accounts of the lives of these legends!



10181 Mills Station Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA

# ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

## 75th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

★ 75 for 75 – Celebrating 75 Years of Service

### Help Us Reach Our Goal: \$75,000

In honor of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Elk Grove Lions Club is launching the 75 for 75 fundraising campaign to allow us to expand our support of the Elk Grove area in a bigger way than every before:

**\$7.50 -- \$75 -- \$750 -- \$7,500**



### Has the Elk Grove Lions Club Helped You or Your Organization?

If so, please let us know how:

- Cooked for Your Organization
- Helped Your School
- Supported Your Event
- Provided Meals or Assistance

**Thank You for Helping Us Serve Elk Grove for the  
past 75 years... and Beyond**

<https://ElkGroveLionsFoundation.org>

Join us for Dinner on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Wackford Ballroom. Tickets are \$45 per person. Doors open at 6pm and dinner is served at 7:30 pm. For More Info, Contact Dave King at 916-479-6547 or [dking30@hotmail.com](mailto:dking30@hotmail.com)





## WILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

FREE WILL  
DONATION

6AM – 12PM

318 E 5<sup>TH</sup> ST WILTON

DINE IN OR DRIVE-THRU

Raffle  
Baskets

ALL YOU CAN EAT:

PANCAKES

BISCUITS AND GRAVY

EGGS

SAUSAGE LINKS



50 Corridor TMA

## ROSEMONT COMMUNITY RIDE

Sat. Feb 28 | 11 AM

Meet @ Geisthaus Brewing Company  
9564 Micron Ave. Sacramento, CA

Learn More & Sign Up!  
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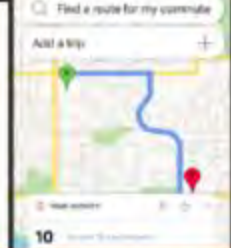




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\*Ok, maybe not all doctors, but we do...

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