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Turlock brewery opens Old Town taproom

A century-old, brick building that sat vacant for years was revived as a craft beer destination this month. Turlock's Dust Bowl Brewing Company opened their taproom there on Dec. 18 after six months of renovations.

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Folsom GBB shoots Cardinals out of undefeated ranks

It was supposed to be the early-season showdown between two of the best girls' basketball teams in the Sac-Joaquin Section on Friday night. Maxpreps had Folsom ranked No. 2 in the region and host team, Laguna Creek, ranked fourth.

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Today: sunny	44°/54°
Saturday:	50°/39°
Sunday:	60°/37°
Monday:	47°/37°
Tuesday:	46°/37°
Wednesday:	45°/36°
Thursday:	44°/33°

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T.J. Ewing is the only football coach Monterey Trail has ever had. He led his team to three consecutive Sac-Joaquin Section championship games.

Team of the Year:

Monterey Trail varsity football

By John Hull
Citizen Sports Editor

Monterey Trail High School's varsity team played all the big boys

in high school football in 2021, lost six games, and yet, somehow, some way made it to a Sac-Joaquin Section championship game for the third year

in a row.

That fact alone is why the Mustangs, under the direction of head coach

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CSD board approves \$8.9M contract for fire station

Station 77 to serve southern EG, casino areas

By Cameron Macdonald
Citizen News Editor

Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) officials on Dec. 15 unanimously approved an \$8.9 million construction contract for Fire Station 77.

Plans are to open the 3,300 square-foot facility on a 3.35-acre lot at 8350 Poppy Ridge Road in the

fall of 2023. This station's fire and emergency medical crews will mainly serve the growing communities such as Laguna Ridge in southeastern Elk Grove. They will also help cover the nearby area of the Sky River Casino that is scheduled to open in late 2022.

"The fire station will also benefit other areas within the Cosumnes Community Services District by augmenting the services provided to those areas," Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez

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Santa's early visits

Local police, firefighters continue Toy Project tradition

Cosumnes firefighters, Elk Grove police officers, and volunteers delivered Christmas presents to the children of local families in need during the morning of Dec. 18. Gifts were donated by the community as part of the Elk Grove's 26th annual Toy Project. Presents were reportedly delivered to 219 children in 95 families.



Cosumnes Firefighter-Paramedic Cameron Kramer and his son Hunter deliver presents to a family in need, as part of the 26th annual Toy Project.

Cosumnes Fire and Elk Grove police staff and interns join the annual Toy Project delivery last Saturday. Presents were packaged at the Elk Grove SES Hall before being delivered to local families in need.



Election '22:

Local supervisor candidates respond to county's new district map

By Lance Armstrong
Citizen Staff Writer

Sacramento County District 5 supervisor candidates Pat Hume and Jaelyn Moreno last week responded to the recently released, final county supervisors' district map. Both are running to succeed Supervisor Don Notoli who decided to not run for re-election next year.

The Sacramento Board of Supervisors earlier this month approved that redistricted map, which covers the county's five supervisorial districts.

District 5 includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, Wilton, Rosemont, Mather and Rancho Cordova, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta communities.

The new map shows a decrease in the size of this district, with a portion of the Rancho Cordova area no longer being included. The county's description of the new map notes that the portion of that city currently included in Dis-

trict 5 is located "west of Sunrise Boulevard."

This district still contains all of the Delta and the areas to the south and east of Elk Grove, as well as the entire city of Elk Grove and the western part of Rancho Cordova.

District boundaries underwent redistricting following the release of the 2020 census. That process occurs every 10 years to ensure that "each of the electoral district boundaries have about the same number of people and comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965," according to the county's website.

Hume, an Elk Grove City Council member since 2006, responded to the release of the redistricted supervisors' map.

"I'm happy to have defined boundaries and I appreciate all of the thought and work that the supervisors have put into the process," he told the Citizen last week. "District

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Photos courtesy of city of Elk Grove

The Elk Grove Muslim Center expansion will feature a 18,470-square-foot community center. This artistic image depicts a view from Campbell Road.

EG Planning Commission approves Muslim center expansion

Project features new community center structure

By Lance Armstrong
Citizen Staff Writer

The Elk Grove Planning Commission on Dec. 16 unanimously approved a conditional-use permit

amendment for the expansion of the Elk Grove Muslim Center.

This project, which is located near the intersection of Campbell and Elk Grove-Florin roads, features the construction of an 18,470-square-foot community center. Its height will range from 29 feet, 6 inches to 48 feet, 11 inches at the top of its steeple.

The new structure will include prayer halls, a gym, offices, a library and three classrooms. This facility will provide seating for the center's Sunday school program, which has about 70 students.

Kyra Killingsworth, senior planner for the city of Elk Grove, described some of the details of this future

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