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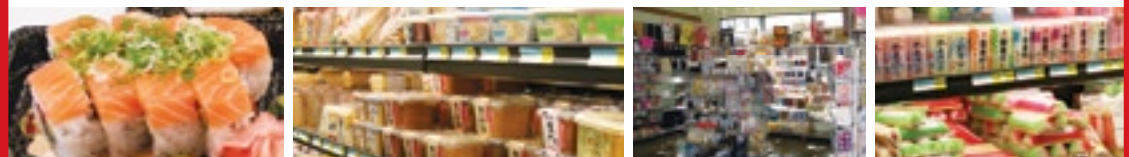
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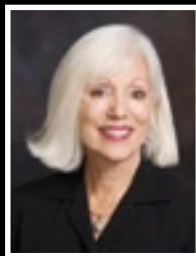
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This facility is an auditory/oral school for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. At the CCHAT Center, children use hearing aids and cochlear implants to listen and develop spoken language. Kids from birth to eight years of age are enrolled with the goal of becoming competent in oral communication to achieve successful main-streaming in their local, neighborhood schools.

Children come to this Rancho Cordova non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization from throughout the Sacramento area, including Land Park, the Pocket, East Sacramento, Arden and Carmichael.

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RAISING FUNDS for children who are deaf or hard of hearing is the objective of this year's 13th annual Health Net Charity Golf Classic Tournament on Oct. 1.

receive is not fully absorbed by the school districts that place children at the CCHAT Center. Therefore, the CCHAT Center must raise a minimum of \$20,000 through community support for each child that is served.

Health Net is hosting a charity golf tournament to benefit the CCHAT Center. The 13th annual Health Net Charity Golf Classic Tournament will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Sunset Whitney Country Club in Rocklin. Golf registration is \$125 per player and includes a box lunch, beverages and an awards banquet dinner – plus a tee shirt. For non-golfers (and golfers, too), there is an afternoon casino party. The casino party is \$25 per player and includes four hours of gambling, live music, snacks and beverages.

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the Belle Cooledge Library on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Compost is organic matter that has broken down (decomposed) and can be recycled as a fertilizer and soil amendment for the garden. It is a key ingredient in organic gardening.

Compost is also useful for erosion control, landfill cover and more.

The Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. For information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).



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COMPOST helps to correct soil problems, aerate soil and grow healthy plants. Learn more about this easy, convenient garden tool from a master gardener at the Belle Cooledge Library on Saturday, Sept. 10.

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**Chewie**

#160767

Breed: Chihuahua

Color: Brown & Tan

Gender: Male

Hair: Long

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**Spike**

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Breed: DSH

Color: Black & White

Gender: Female

Hair: Short

Age: 1 year 6 months

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**Buggy**

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Breed: Terrier

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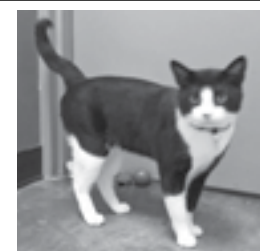
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Hair: Short

Age: 2 months

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# Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies: 26+ years in the Land Park area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
Land Park News writer  
lance@valcomnews.com

When it comes to the topic of bees in the capital city, Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies has a strong reputation, as it has served as a premier one-stop shop for bees, beekeeping supplies, honey and other bee-associated items for about a quarter century.

Located in the brightly-colored, bee-themed, artistically-painted building at 2110 X St., where the wholesale carpet business, Berven Carpets operated during the late 1960s and 1970s, this local business has been serving its customers at this site since 1993. The store was located at 2400 21st St. from 1985 to 1990 and at 2100 21st St., near Pancake Circus – 2101 Broadway – for the following three years.

Among the store's offerings is a full line of backyard beekeeping supplies, including boxes and beeswax frames.

One can also purchase soap and candle making supplies, as well as many ready-made bee products, which include candles, lotions, creams, lipsticks, shampoos and conditioners.

The store also offers various gift items such as bee-related T-shirts, books, home and garden decorations, jewelry, cookbooks, stuffed animals and even beeswax crayons.

One of the most popular attractions of the store is its honey products tasting bar. A generous selection of raw, local honeys, comb honeys, spun honeys, honey sticks, pollen and royal jelly are available.

Many people are impressed by the store's selection of honeys, and at times customers inquire whether the store adds flavor to some honeys, since they are only familiar the typical clover honey that is available in grocery stores.

Those interested in purchasing local honey from the store can do so at the \$4 per pound, "fill-your-own jar" cost or at the \$5.95 to \$6.95 per pound, pre-bottled cost.

Because of its relatively large inventory, the store is also well equipped for setting up new hobbyists with all the necessities for entering the beekeeping world.

One can begin beekeeping for as little as \$250 to \$400, which includes a box, board bottom, suit and gloves.

Although the number of bee boxes one can operate depends upon the size of one's property, a standard size backyard is allowed to contain up to two boxes.

As a mainly family-operated business, the store is headed by its own-



NANCY STEWART, owner of Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies, has operated her business for the past 26 years.

Land Park News photo, Lance Armstrong

er Nancy Stewart, who is assisted by her daughters, Donna Stewart and Pam Hill.

Working as volunteers in the store are Nancy's husband, Fred, who Nancy married in 1957, and her grandchildren, Courtney Hill, 15, and Brooklynne Hill, 12.

With a chuckle, Nancy, who earned a degree in psychology at California State University, Sacramento in 1972, said that Fred is a full-time volunteer, except when his golf outings get in the way.

Although the Stewarts' involvement in the beekeeping business world began in 1985, the roots of Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies can be traced back much earlier.

During his youth, Fred found himself fascinated by the bees that his aunt kept on her property in Arkansas.

Already carrying with him this fond memory, in the 1970s, Fred was loaned a book about beekeeping and his interest expanded, resulting in his acquisition of his first beehive in 1975.

By the early 1980s, while working for Caltrans, Fred was maintaining 100 beehives with his friend and co-worker, Al Brink.

Through Fred's interest in beekeeping, Nancy also grew fond of beekeeping. But her desire to venture into the



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BEESWAX candles are among the products sold at Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies.

beekeeping world did not occur until 1983, when she met Barbara Dwyer of the now-defunct, West Sacramento business, United Bee Craft.

After opening her store in 1985, Nancy purchased United Bee Craft a year later.

Pondering her years of operating Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies, Nancy, who resides in the Little Pocket neighborhood of Sacramento, said that she has had many rewarding experiences and that she is very content

with her store and the success that it continually experiences.

"I really enjoy the store and its ongoing success," Nancy said. "Most of all, I like dealing with people who are involved in beekeeping. I also enjoy helping people who are new to the hobby, who want to learn how to do it."

Nancy said that the popularity of beekeeping is on the rise and that

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SACRAMENTO BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES offers a wide variety of beekeeping equipment and accessories, local honey, pollen, royal jelly and bee-themed gifts.

# Bees: Taste and see – local store more than just beekeeping supplies

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her business has assisted about 100 to 200 new beekeeping hobbyists within the past year.

“Beekeeping has become pretty popular as a hobby in the last three years,” Nancy said. “The bees have had something called colony collapse disorder and they’ve had some heavy die out. That’s improving and there’s been a lot of people who I think were thinking about beekeeping for years who finally decided to do it.”

Nancy added that the current gardening boom has also added to the popularity of beekeeping.

“There have been a lot of people doing their own gardening and eating local and organic food, and bees and beekeeping go along with that, as well,” Nancy said.

Nancy’s desire to educate others about beekeeping is something that she has passed on to her store’s employees, who are eager to assist the general public in answering any beekeeping questions.

Wilton resident Brian Fishback, a past president of the Sacramento Area Beekeepers Association, said that he is very appreciative

*“Most of all, I like dealing with people who are involved in beekeeping. I also enjoy helping people who are new to the hobby, who want to learn how to do it.”*  
**–Nancy Stewart**

of the willingness that workers of Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies have to share their beekeeping-related knowledge.

“I think (Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies) is a great asset,” Fishback said. “They’re not only an asset to the beekeeping industry, but they’re an asset here to local beekeepers. They are a hub for beekeeping issues in the city, in the county, as well as with local beekeepers. You have a lot of hobbyists who are coming into (beekeeping) and it’s like anything else; you can read a lot of books, but it doesn’t exactly always mean that that’s what is going to happen out in the field. And that’s where Fred, Nancy and, of course, their girls come in. When people come down and find them and have a lot of questions,

they’ve always attended to everybody’s questions and answered them.”

Nancy emphasized that because her business has a partially misleading name, she strives to continuously educate others that her store offers much more than beekeeping supplies.

“I do like to (stress the difference between just beekeeping things (and other products),” Nancy said. “I named the store Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies, because (beekeeping supplies) is all we had at first. It’s much more than beekeeping. Come and see for yourself.”

Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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# Rosemount Grill was a longtime Sacramento institution

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Near the northeast corner of Folsom and Alhambra boulevards sits a large, brick building that housed the now defunct Good Eats market, café and wine lounge. Although the business closed this month, just shy of celebrating its one year anniversary on Aug. 29, the structure has much deeper roots.

Sixty-six years ago, the building became home to the Rosemount Grill, which was once one of the city's most popular restaurants.

But the story actually does not begin there, as this Sacramento landmark was not Rosemount Grill's first location.

Prior to its final location, Rosemount Grill had already acquired much local recognition during its longtime operation at 1011 9th St., near the historic city plaza – now Cesar Chavez Plaza.

When the Rosemount Grill finally closed its doors for the last time at 10 p.m. on January 31, 1989, the com-

munity was left with a void, as it had lost one of its oldest and most cherished eateries.

On the front cover of a Rosemount Grill menu, dated Friday, March 6, 1987, are the words: "Serving fine food to fine people for over 65 years." Residents from every Sacramento neighborhood, including Land Park, came to the restaurant for everything from business meetings to special occasions.

With a search into old city directories, Peter "Pete" Valerio and George Lucich appear as the earliest proprietors of the restaurant.

Although 1914 has often been repeated in local newspaper articles as the initial year of the Rosemount Grill, Pete Valerio is not listed in a city directory until 1917, when he resided at 810 P Street. And the same directory refers to him as co-owner of the Rosemount Grill with George Lucich.

The 1914 directory does list a restaurant being under the proprietorship of Lucich and Valerio, but this restaurant was located in a separate



Photo courtesy, the Mikacich family  
THE ROSEMOUNT GRILL is shown following its 1989 closure. The business's neon sign, which was also located at its former downtown location, was removed from its Folsom Boulevard building in March 1990.

location and was owned by Marco Lucich and Jerry Valerio.

The city directory of 1916 notes that George Lucich was joined with Jerry Valerio in the ownership of a restaurant at the initial site of the Rosemount Grill. However, no reference to

the name Rosemount Grill was mentioned.

The earliest reference to the name Rosemount Grill that was discovered during research for this article

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# Rosemount: Grill served 'fine food to fine people' for over seven decades

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appears in the Sept. 25, 1916 edition of *The Sacramento Bee*, which reported about the restaurant's application for a Class A liquor license.

Barbara (Cordano) Mikacich, who co-owns the old Rosemount Grill building and its property with her husband, Pete Mikacich, and the Sacramento-based, commercial real estate business, Cordano Company, said that the notion that the Rosemount Grill opened in 1916 "seems about right."

"To me, 1914 seems a bit too early," said Barbara Mikacich, who graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in 1951.

If pinpointing an exact year as to when the Rosemount Grill was established was not complicated enough, a 1961 advertisement for the restaurant boasts that the business had been "Serving Sacramento since 1915."

But whatever the precise year may be for the founding of the Rosemount Grill, one thing is for certain: Pete Valerio was in many ways synonymous with this restaurant.

Prior to moving to Sacramento, Pete Valerio, who emigrated from Croatia at the age of 10 in 1898, was a resident of Leadville, Colo.

According to a Dec. 25, 1987 article in *The Bee*, it was Leadville's Rosemount Grill restaurant that inspired Pete Valerio to give his Sacramento restaurant the same name.

In a similar manner to which he became a dedicated member of civic groups such as Elks Lodge No. 6, the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles, Optimists, Footprinters and the California Restaurant Association, Pete Valerio was dedicated to maintaining the success of the Rosemount Grill.

Pete Valerio, who had a wife named Dorothy and four daughters, continued to co-own the Rosemount Grill throughout his life and he worked a daily shift at the restaurant, working in the kitchen cutting meats and performing other food preparations, until he was 95.

The restaurant's original ownership never changed at the first location, except for the addition of Joseph Ostoja from 1921 to 1925. And at the East Sacramento site, Pete Valerio owned the restaurant with several different partners at different times.

Pete Mikacich, who graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1952, said that he remembers hearing Pete Valerio speak about the relocation of the Rosemount Grill to 3145 Folsom Blvd.

"People told (Pete Valerio) that he was nuts to move out there, because that was pretty much vacant territory out there, it was too far out there, there was no people out there, blah, blah, blah," Pete Mikacich said. "He said, 'Well, when I build it, I'm going to put big doors in the back, so in case I don't make it, I can turn it into an automotive repair shop.' I remember him telling people that. But anyway, he went out there and he was quite successful. It was 'the spot.'

Everybody went there, it was packed and it had very good food."

In observing the aforementioned 1987 Rosemount Grill menu, one can find that the restaurant presented plenty of edible options.

Included on the menu were the following items: Grilled Pacific red snapper with lemon butter sauce, steamed clams or mussels with bordelaise sauce, boiled beef tongue with fresh spinach, beef pot roast with rigatoni, a half portion of slipper lobster and breaded veal cutlets with cream sauce.

Pete Mikacich, who co-owns The Limelight bar, café and card room at 1014 Alhambra Blvd. with Barbara, said that he worked with Pete Valerio's son-in-law Ralph Ryan, a longtime partner in the Rosemount Grill, to fill the void created by the loss of the historic eatery, which was the city's longest operating, single-family-owned restaurant.

As a result, Andiamo! restaurant opened in the Rosemount Grill's former East Sacramento location.

Barbara, who named the restaurant after the Italian command for "Let's Go!," which her father often said to hurry along his family members, said that it was important for her to both create a new restaurant and continue various Rosemount Grill traditions.

Adiamo! retained the old booths, the half-circle bar and perhaps most importantly, some of the original Rosemount Grill food offerings.

Like its predecessor, Andiamo!, which was mainly Barbara's project, built a strong reputation for its quality food and service, as it successfully operated at the former, East Sacramento Rosemount Grill site for two decades.

Barbara, who said that The Limelight later acquired former Andiamo! cooks and continues to offer some menu items from the Rosemount Grill, mentioned that many people still speak to her about the Rosemount Grill, as well as Andiamo!

"There's hardly a day that goes by that somebody doesn't tell me that they miss either Andiamo! or the Rosemount," Barbara said.

Roy Glidewell, 67, said that he fondly remembers dining at the Rosemount Grill, as well as at Andiamo!, where he worked as a catering delivery driver and a landscaper.

"(The Rosemount Grill) was definitely a good place to go to back at that time," said Glidewell, a June 1962 graduate of McClatchy High. "I liked going to the Rosemount and when it was Andiamo!, too. (The Rosemount Grill) made a hot turkey sandwich that I really enjoyed. I like older things and that's why I liked going over there (to the Rosemount Grill). I wish (the Rosemount Grill) was back. There are a lot of things that I wish were back, but that's definitely one of them."

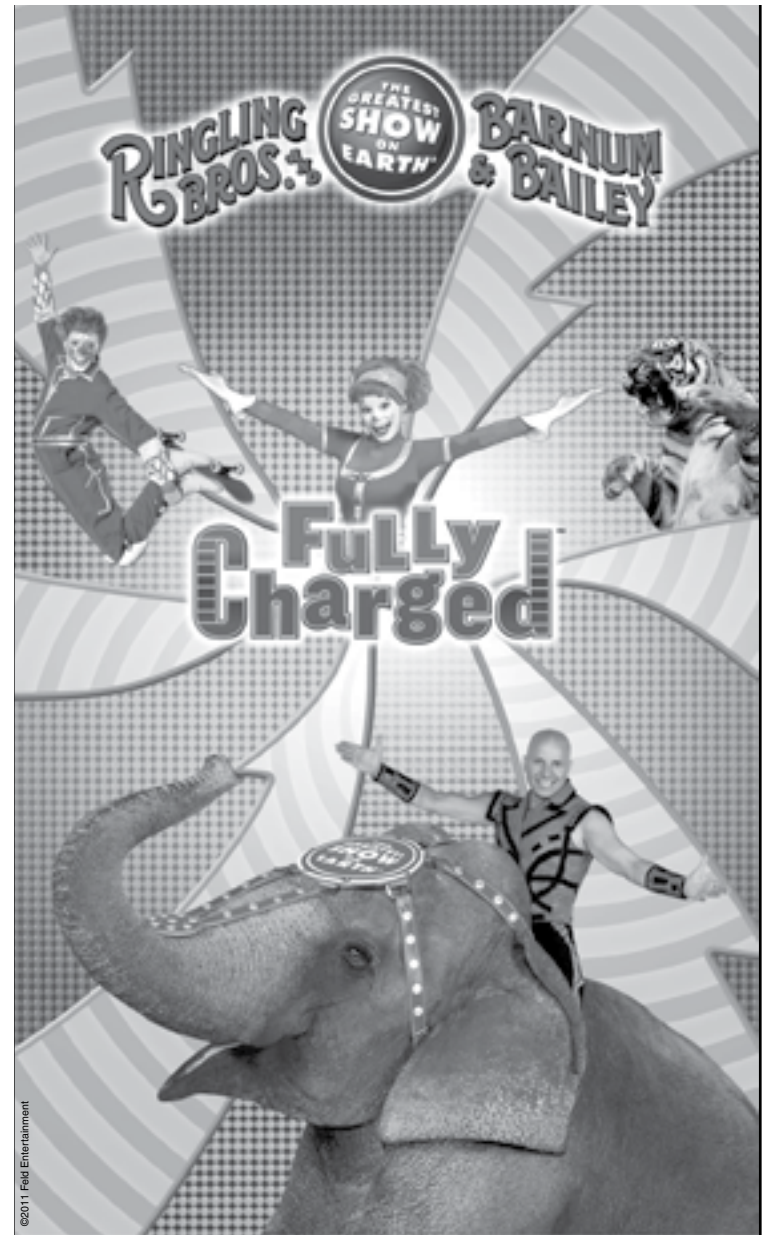
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# Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria celebrates 10 years of the 'Joy of Pizza'

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It is said that when you find your true calling in life, you will never have to work a day for the rest of your life. The high calling of your daily work will make the performance of daily tasks a joy.

This has certainly been true for John Ruffaine, co-owner of Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria in Land Park and East Sacramento. For ten years, he has crafted what many call the most authentic New York-style pizzas in the Sacramento region.

And all with a smile on his face that is non-stop.

Since opening the first Giovanni's in Land Park with his wife, Jenny, and Carlo and Allison Grifone, John has been committed to providing Sacramento's pizza lovers with the "real deal."

"No offense to the chain that says it's 'The Last Honest Pizza,' but I believe your product has to be as honest as you are," John said. "Otherwise, what's the point? We use real Italian pepperoni, real mozzarella from New York. And we don't throw dough here - we stretch it. Those guys who throw dough around aren't authentic. Nobody in New York or Italy does that."

John is passionate about producing a pizza that is as New York as possible. He was taught by those in the know, in the Italian neighborhoods of New York. The recipes are Old World Italian.

"We're two Italian American families, and our families are from Salerno, Sicily and Calabria," he said. "A lot of what's on our menu is inspired from Southern Italy - it's actually what they use in their pizza. We don't use any enhancers. What you are getting is genuine flavor and texture. We use only the finest ingredients. If it's not made from scratch, it's imported from Italy or New York."



Land Park News file photo, Tom Paniagua  
THE JOY OF PIZZA makes crafting pizzas all a part of a life well lived for Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria co-owner John Ruffaine. The Land Park based business is celebrating 10 years this month.

John so enjoys making pizza that customers sometimes laughingly accuse him of not wanting to hand it over to them. He seems to work with a perpetual smile on his face as he crafts each pizza.

"I love my customers as much as I love my pizza," he said. "This place is all about family. My philosophy is: a pizzeria should be a place where you can bring your family, your team after the game, your girlfriend or boyfriend on a first date. Kids ought to be able to move around and be kids in a comfortable setting."

The sizes of the pizzas at Giovanni's are as generous as the size of the spacious restaurant. A double-header benefit for large groups looking for good values. A large pizza pie at Giovanni's is a generous 16 inches across.

John is also known for his support of local schools and charities. Many a Giovanni's pizza has raised funds for a worthy cause. This year also marks one decade of supporting fundraisers for leukemia and lymphoma research. He believes that giving back is important.

"You've got to keep a positive mindset," John said. "There's a lot of action behind what I do. I care about this business and the community. We help everyone in the community, especially the kids. It's all about the kids. Those kids are the future."

"Be generous," he advises business owners and others. "I think something's missing in society today. It seems like it's all about 'me-me-me.' I just don't get that. When you give back to the community, people in the neighborhood know it. I love being part of the community. I always want to show appreciation to our customers. Because without them, there is no Giovanni's."

For the month of August, John has rolled back the price of Giovanni's large Cheese Pizza to 2001 prices - just \$9.95. ("It's no gimmick - we can't afford it," John said. "But I want to give back a huge thank you to our customers.")

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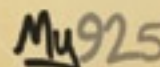
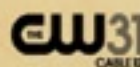
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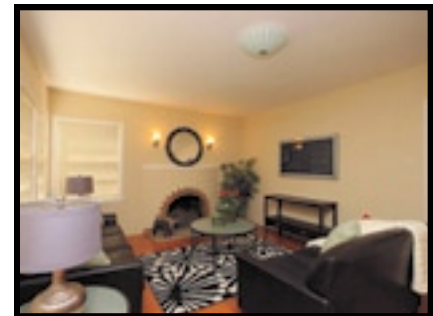
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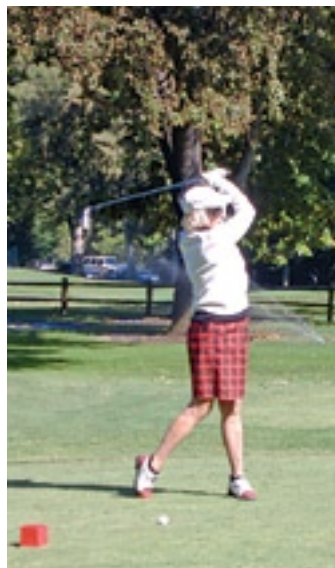


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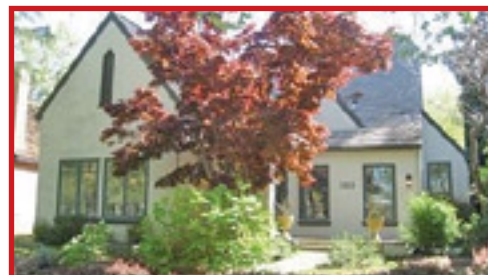
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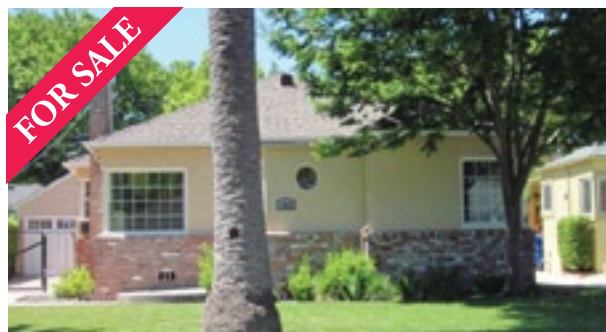
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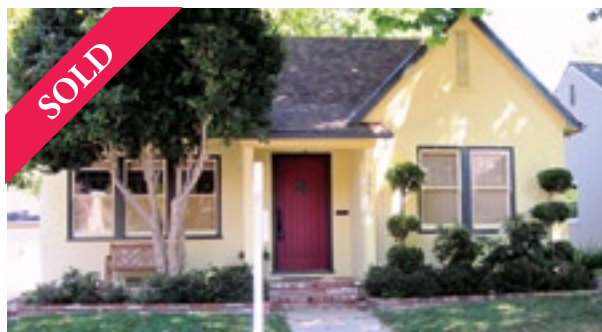
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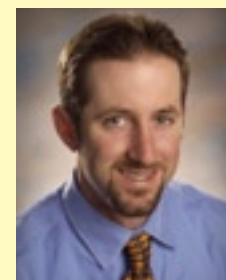
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# Local boy comes full circle at Greenhaven Lutheran Church

By SALLY KING  
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Thoughts of riding his bike on the greenbelt, walking to Bear Flag Elementary School and being a member of Greenhaven Lutheran Church bring a warm smile to Stephen Becker as he recalls growing up in the Greenhaven-Pocket area of South Sacramento.

Becker, who recently began serving as the associate pastor at Greenhaven Lutheran Church, is excited about being back home.

"I want to grow the gospel here by reaching out to the community," Becker said. "I want to emulate a Christ-like life."

Becker's parents, Heinrich and Meta Becker, were among the first Lutherans who worshiped at Greenhaven Lutheran Church in the early 1970s. They immigrated to the United States from Germany in the 1950s.

The Beckers settled in Sacramento, buying a home on Lake Shore Drive. As neighbor Sue Vitiello recalled, it was a great place to live and the Beckers had an impeccable home and yard.

Vitiello said she remembers Stephen as being a warm, friendly and happy individual. She said it is no surprise to her that he became a pastor.

"Stephen played with my kids and they were either here for dinner or at Stephen's for dinner," Vitiello said. "They were always playing outside and the rule at the time was when the street lights came on, the kids came home."

Nick Spallas lived next door to Becker and said the whole Becker family was friendly.

"I have remained friends with Becker," Spallas says. "He is a thoughtful, giving individual. I had a brain aneurysm the end of June and Becker visited every day at the hospital. If he finds out you need something, he's there for you."

Becker said he began his journey to becoming a pastor while attending St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Elk

Grove. It was 2001 and Pastor Darrel Deuel encouraged Becker to take some extension classes that were being taught there through the American Lutheran Theological Seminary of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Becker said he already had his bachelor of arts degree in English from Sacramento State, so he decided to work on a masters in divinity degree.

A few years into the program, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, which governs the seminary, decided to shut the program down. Becker realized after spending almost four years taking classes, that he wanted to continue his studies but was not able to move out of the area at that time. Becker said Rich Eddy, who was the senior pastor at St. Peter's, ensured Becker there were alternatives.

Becker said he found a program he could enroll in through the Trinity Theological Seminary of Newburgh, Indiana. He explained their program was set up as combination distance education, with week-long trips to the seminary three times a year. Becker said this is how he spent his vacations and vacation money and still thanks his wife and children for making the sacrifice.

Becker finished his Master of Divinity in 2007 with honors and immediately started working on his doctorate through a scholarship program with Trinity.

He graduated with a PhD in Christian education this past May. While attending school, he worked full-time as a software consultant for a grocery supplier. Ten days before his ordination, Becker said he was laid off from his job.

"I don't believe it was a coincidence," Becker said. "God provided me a means to make it through all these years of education and raising my family. I have to think I have been ordained and called to Greenhaven as a part time minister."

Becker said he has never felt more at home and comfortable at Greenhaven Lutheran Church.

"I attended youth group here. I was confirmed here and my wife Vanessa and I were married here by Pastor Bill Plath."

"One of my goals is to reach out to Kennedy High School," Becker said. "I am thinking of a possible after school program or maybe motivational speaking. I plan on talking to the principal, Chad Switzer, to see where we can help."

Greenhaven Lutheran Pastor Dan Buringrud said he thinks it is pretty cool for the community to have one of their own come back full circle in this way.

"I can't imagine anyone being a better fit with me than Steve," Buringrud said. "Our strengths mesh together very well."

Becker, married to wife Vanessa for 20 years, has twins, Stephen Jr. and Ingrid. Becker said his family is involved in hosting full-year exchange students from Germany. His second exchange student, Annika, arrived here a week ago. He said this provides an opportunity for Annika to learn about American culture and his children to learn about German culture.

"Annika is treated as a family member, not a guest,"



Land Park News photo, Susan Laird

TRADITIONAL services are held in Greenhaven Lutheran Church's original facility that was built in 1968. Contemporary services are held in the newer church hall at the same time. Pastor Becker preaches each Sunday, but alternates services with Pastor Daniel Buringrud.

Becker said. "When you take in a student, you make a friend for life."

Becker said he and his family are visiting the town of Jembke, Germany in August and will meet Annika's family. He found out her family lives only about four miles from where some of his relatives still live today.

"While in Germany I have been given the opportunity to preach at St. Georg's Cathedral, where my parents were married," Becker said. "People in the congregation remember the Beckers. I am truly looking forward to this."

Becker said he is excited to be serving Greenhaven Lutheran and looks forward to serving the community.



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### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

### Sacramento Downtown Plaza

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Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

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Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

### Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market

Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Nov. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2025 Morse Ave., Sac. www.sierrafresh.com

### Saint Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: St. Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Sept. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 7th & K streets, Sac. www.MarketLocations.com

### Soroptimists of Sacramento

Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

### Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market

Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24: Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

### Food Addicts Anonymous

Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

### Spare the Water Sacramento workshop

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### Carmichael Farmer's Market

Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemon-eysmartusa.org

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

### Community Sunday breakfast

Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

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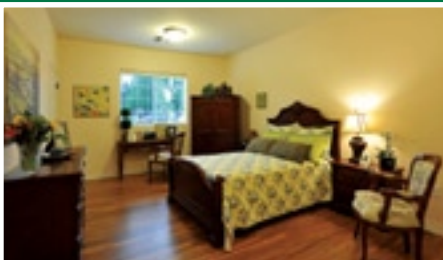


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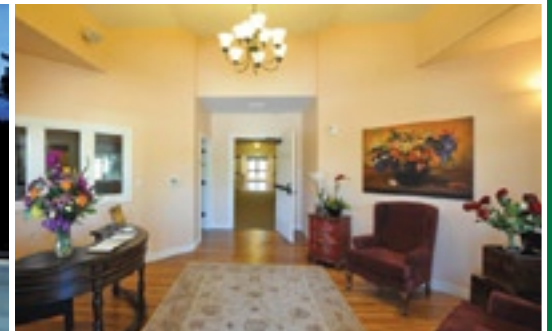

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Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: The Widowed Persons Assn. sponsors Sunday Support sessions which are held every Sunday, rain or shine – holidays included. 3 p.m.–5 p.m. 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18 (east of Fulton). Widows and widowers welcome. Barbara Stewart (916) 363-3482

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Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26: Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Meets every Monday, 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sac. Brandi Bowman (916) 984-3501

### Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

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