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Happy December, Granite Bay!

2025 is coming to a close, and even though I seem to say this every year, it still surprises me how quickly it goes. Another year has flown by, and this season always reminds me to slow down and really take it in.

I love this season. Cold, refreshing mornings, neighborhood lights, celebrating Christmas with my family, and fresh Tahoe snow all make December feel special. I also like to take time to reflect on the year and remember what I am truly grateful for.

December is also when I look ahead. Setting goals and organizing my calendar helps me enter January with clarity and intention.

I want to thank all of you. Thank you to our readers, to everyone who has reached out with positive feedback, to the families who shared their stories, and to the local businesses that continue to support this magazine.

Wishing you and your family a warm holiday season and a strong finish to the year. I look forward to sharing more stories and highlighting more families, kids, pets, and neighbors next year

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The Pak Woolsey Family

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 by Melissa Strand

Jaclyn Pak and Nathan Woolsey's story began with a simple introduction from a mutual friend, though at the time they lived in different cities. Both were fully immersed in their demanding residency programs when they first met, with Jaclyn living in Honolulu and Nathan based in Fresno. Despite the distance, they built a connection that grew stronger with every conversation, visit, and shared moment. Today, Jaclyn and Nathan have been married for more than a decade and have spent the past eight years living in the Greyhawk neighborhood in Granite Bay. Their home is filled with the laughter and energy of their two sons, Caleb, age eight, and Noah, age six.



Jaclyn grew up in Fair Oaks, where she developed a love for her community and an appreciation for family connections that would eventually bring her back to the region. She attended the University of California, San Diego, for her undergraduate studies before pursuing her doctorate at UCLA's prestigious School of Dentistry. Jaclyn is now the proud owner of her own practice, Discover Dental Rocklin, where she provides excellent care and builds lasting patient relationships.



Nathan was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Groveland, a small town near Yosemite. He completed his undergraduate degree at Pepperdine University before continuing on to Michigan State University for medical school. He later trained in surgery through the UCSF Fresno program, focusing on both general and trauma surgery. Today, Nathan is a surgeon at Marshall Medical Center, where he has a deep commitment to his patients.

Life for their family is full and vibrant. Jaclyn and Nathan love to travel whenever possible, exploring new areas, trying local foods, going to concerts, and soaking in new



experiences. Nathan unwinds on the golf course and is an avid sports fan, with a particular devotion to the Los Angeles Lakers, while Jaclyn enjoys her time catching up with friends over a good meal, shopping, or a well-deserved spa day. As with many parents, their hobbies now often revolve around their children's activities.

Caleb and Noah are both lively, social, and full of personality. Caleb, the older of the two, is clever, sweet, and deeply caring toward both friends and family. He has a natural athleticism and excels in nearly anything he tries. He is particularly passionate about sports and video games but also enjoys creating "trick shot" videos. Caleb plays competitive soccer and basketball and has recently taken an interest in golf. At school, he was awarded a character award for "fairness," a trait that perfectly reflects his personality and approach to life.



Noah, at six, is the family entertainer. Funny, expressive, and always ready to make people laugh, he seems destined for the stage. He loves singing, dancing, and acting, and his parents look forward to enrolling him in theater classes to help him develop those talents. Noah currently plays soccer and baseball, and he approaches each game with the same energy he brings to his playful performances at home. Both boys share a love for dance parties, karaoke, Nerf battles, video games, and spending time with friends. Every summer, they swim with the Granite Bay Gators, which has become a favorite tradition.

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Together as a family, they enjoy scooter rides around the neighborhood, camping trips, and long walks to the park. They make a point to celebrate everything, from holidays, birthdays, milestones, and small victories, filling their calendar with gatherings that strengthen their bonds with family and friends. Their extended family is a big part of their lives, and often their home is filled with cousins, laughter, and plenty of activity.

The family also loves exploring local businesses. Hawks is their go-to spot for date nights, while Bill’s Donuts, Chick-fil-A, and Mikuni are family favorites. Whether it’s a casual meal or a special occasion, they enjoy



supporting the places that have become part of their Granite Bay routine.

Travel is another passion, and their vacations often take them to destinations that combine adventure and family fun. The Hawaiian Islands hold a special place in their hearts, and they enjoy exploring different islands whenever they get the chance. Disneyland remains a favorite family getaway, full of magic and memories, while Lake Tahoe provides opportunities for both relaxation and outdoor fun.

What Jaclyn and Nathan value most about Granite Bay is the sense of connection

they feel to the community. Whether at school events, on the sports fields, at church, or simply running into familiar faces at the gym, they find it easy to build friendships and meaningful relationships. The supportive, family-oriented atmosphere of the area makes them grateful to call it home.

On a typical Saturday night, they can often be found surrounded by their extended family, enjoying a big gathering with their cousins. For them, life is about building connections, supporting one another, and filling their days with love, laughter, and shared experiences.

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Jessica Hansen & Lakeside Little League

by Alexandra Hruz

Baseball has always been a part of Jessica Hansen's life. Growing up, she watched her grandmother stay deeply involved in her kids' sports and community activities, a lesson in service and connection that stuck with her. Today, Jessica and other league volunteers aim to keep improving the program while helping ensure that every child who steps on the field has a great experience and every family feels part of something bigger.

Jessica and her husband, Shaun, moved to Granite Bay more than a decade ago with their children and quickly found a home at Lakeside. She started out as a team parent, helping organize snacks, schedules, and team events, and before long, her involvement grew. In 2018, she joined the league's Board of Directors, helping bring to life memorable events like Opening Day, Denim &



Diamonds, The Mom's Game, and the Adult Home Run Derby. Soon after, she stepped into an official events role, helping bring the annual Hit-a-Thon to life - now the league's biggest fundraiser of the year. Since taking on event leadership, Jessica has helped raise nearly \$500,000 to support Lakeside Little League's programs, facility upgrades, and player opportunities — a testament to the power of community involvement.

Jessica still plans, coordinates, and runs all Lakeside's events while managing responsibilities as Vice President of Administration, a role she's held since 2021. If those weren't enough tasks, Jessica also runs the league's website and social media platforms, keeping players, families, and the community up to date and engaged. All the roles she's held have helped Jessica realize how vital this organization is, not just for the youth involved, but for the area as well. "The most rewarding part is seeing kids grow in confidence, character, and sportsmanship," Jessica says. "Baseball is the vehicle, but the life lessons, friendships, and sense of belonging are what last. Knowing I had a small hand in creating those opportunities is incredibly fulfilling."

Since 1981, Lakeside Little League has provided local youth the opportunity

to play baseball in a fun, convivial atmosphere. Those involved with Lakeside Little League are eager to recruit new volunteers, whether they have a passion for baseball or simply want to support local youth. Families can step in as coaches, team parents, and volunteers who can help during events or assist on field days. There are also roles available on the board. "More volunteers mean stronger programs," Jessica explains. "With more hands helping, we can expand events, improve facilities, and create more opportunities for kids. It's not just about baseball—it's about investing in the next generation." Local businesses can impact the league through team sponsorship or contributing to fundraisers. The continued focus is on growing opportunities for players of all skill levels, enhancing facilities, and strengthening the volunteer network that makes Lakeside special.



For Jessica, the last decade of being involved with this league have been extremely rewarding. She hopes other Granite Bay locals will join in to help create a stronger, more connected network around youth baseball. "Lakeside Little League is about more than baseball—it's about community, teamwork, and giving kids a place to grow," Jessica says. "We'd love for more families and local businesses to get involved and continue building on that tradition."

To learn more about Lakeside Little League, including registration info, important dates, and how to get involved, visit lakesidell.org.

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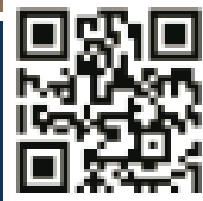
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Lambert Funeral Home is managed by Shelbi Franz, who takes pride in knowing that no family is ever turned away, and that every family receives the care and respect they deserve. Shelbi began her career in 2017 as a receptionist at a cemetery in South Sacramento, where she

discovered her calling to funeral service. Determined to pursue her passion, she attended and graduated from Mortuary College, becoming a licensed funeral director and apprentice embalmer. Today, she manages Lambert Funeral Home and holds a pre-need funeral insurance license, allowing her to assist families who wish to plan ahead as well as those experiencing immediate loss. Nearing completion of her apprenticeship, she will soon become a fully licensed embalmer. Shelbi is passionate about her work and describes it as an honor to celebrate lives and support

families through their grief. She leads a team at Lambert that is strong, compassionate and deeply committed to their calling.

Every detail at Lambert Funeral Home is handled with care, integrity and transparency. Families often express their gratitude for the genuine compassion and attentive communication they receive throughout the process, and the staff takes great pride in honoring each family’s unique wishes, traditions and beliefs.

Looking ahead, Lambert Funeral Home plans to expand its reach, ensuring more families have access to the exceptional care and support they provide. The team is also preparing for a remodel of the facility to enhance comfort and better accommodate celebrations of life and funeral receptions. These

Client Testimonial:

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Noah Frank

 by Alexandra Hruz

If you live in Granite Bay, chances are you know Noah Frank. Some call him the “Mayor of Granite Bay,” others know him as “GBHS’s #1 Fan” or simply “The Famous Noah Frank.” Whatever the name, one thing is certain — Noah has a gift for connecting people through his kindness, joy, and big-hearted spirit. Noah is proud to be a member of the community, helping bring people together with a special blend of kindness, joy, and camaraderie.



Noah was born at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, and he and his family lived in the San Fernando Valley for nine years before moving to NorCal. They arrived in Granite Bay in 1991, and 10 years later, Noah graduated from Granite Bay High. Later, Noah attended Houston Community College, finishing his program in 2008. Although he’s lived elsewhere, Granite Bay is special to him for a variety of reasons. “The people and the tenderness of the community are some of my favorite things about it,” Noah says. “This is a fine area, it’s safe, with good air, and it’s quiet.”

Noah’s reputation as a proud supporter of Granite Bay High is an integral part of



his life. “I like being GBHS’s #1 fan because Granite Bay High School made me feel welcome, and this is my way of giving back to everyone here as a well-respected member of the community,” Noah explains.

“I feel happier and honored to be part of the tradition and the community that people all love and care about. It’s very spiritual, you know.” One of Noah’s favorite memories from his high school days was when he attended the 2000 CIF Division II Championship game where GBHS played the Oak Ridge Trojans. He says the team was stacked with talent, which helped the squad earn back-to-back section titles.

Outside of his dedication to GBHS, Noah has a plethora of hobbies. Swimming, reading, watching movies, gardening, cooking, and DJing all make his list of interests. His favorite sport is American football, and he loves cheering on teams from every level of play. Traveling around the country helps Noah in his quest to meet new people and try different cuisines. He loves visiting New York City, where the diversity of culture, along with the Jewish delis and pizza eateries, make it a unique




destination. Noah and his mom love making trips to Monterey, where they visit the aquarium and Cannery Row, and to Lake Tahoe, a favorite summer spot to escape the heat.

When he’s not cheering on his favorite teams or traveling, Noah can often be found supporting local Granite Bay businesses. One of his favorite hangouts is Beach Hut Deli, where he loves chatting with staff and friends over his go-to sandwich — the Famous Surfin’ Bird. He’s also a regular at the Arco and AM/PM Mini Market, owned by his friend Jim Burris. Noah enjoys going to Franklin Families Auto Care for his car repairs, grabbing a bite at the Habit Burger Joint, and you can usually catch him at Whole Foods Market in Roseville — not just as a shopper, but as part of the team, where he’s worked as an E-Commerce shopper since 2019.



Noah’s generosity and giving spirit extend beyond supporting GBHS. Every year, Noah sends out more than 100 holiday cards in November and December. “I started this holiday card giving because I wanted the people to know that I’m thinking about them every year throughout the holidays,” he explains. He also sends birthday greetings, citing his solid memory (supplemented by Facebook birthday reminders!) to help him get the greetings out promptly.

Noah’s love of Granite Bay is evident, and his respect for others and enthusiasm for life is something to be cherished. Next up for Noah will be continuing to cheer on his friends in the community, lighting the way for others to follow his example.

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True Worth Financial Planning

 by Melissa Strand

Rachael Burns, Certified Financial Planner and owner of True Worth Financial Planning, helps newly single women navigate their finances after divorce or the death of a spouse. She assists her clients in getting organized, managing their investments, and developing detailed financial plans that empower them to feel confident about their next chapter.

Rachael’s greatest inspiration has always been her sons, Cameron and Drake. From the beginning, her goal was to build a business that provided the flexibility to support her family’s evolving needs. Building her firm required time, effort, and resources, but she has a business that not only sustains her family but also brings her a profound sense of fulfillment.

Her career began nearly 20 years ago in the advisor training program at Morgan Stanley. Her life changed dramatically in 2018 when she learned she was expecting



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Barbara Brooks

twins and her husband was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. She realized she needed flexibility to care for her family, and in 2020, she launched True Worth Financial Planning to help women navigate life’s most difficult transitions. Her personal journey allowed her to connect with clients on a deeper, more compassionate level.

Rachael strives to deliver a “Ritz-Carlton level” experience that is thoughtful, personal, and makes clients feel genuinely cared for. She helps women through some of the most overwhelming times in their lives, helping ease their financial stress so they can focus on what matters most. More than an investment manager, she is a long-term financial partner and advocate, offering clarity, guidance, and steady support through life’s challenges. Trust and partnership are the hallmarks of her practice.



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Rachael takes pride in the business she built from the ground up, launching in the middle of the COVID lockdown while caring for two toddlers. What started with a laptop and a vision has grown into a thriving practice and even fulfilled her dream of being quoted in The Wall Street Journal. Most meaningful to her is the impact she has made, guiding more than 150 women through life’s most challenging seasons.

Rachael lives in Granite Bay with her husband, Rob, and their twin seven-year-old boys, Cameron and Drake. At home, she is happily outnumbered by boys, except for her five chickens. She hopes to continue deepening her roots in Granite Bay by collaborating with other local professionals, and participating in local events that create lasting connections.

Client Testimonials:

- “It was amazing to work with you. The knowledge, kindness and understanding you have when it comes to the difficult parts of finances and divorce gave me peace of mind. Having someone with patience to help guide me through processes I do not know how to navigate truly made me feel empowered.”
- “Rachael was referred to me at a time when I was depleted at the end of a three year divorce from a man who financially abused me for decades. From my traumatized state she walked me into a financial plan that enables me to have peace around my finances.”
- “I am grateful to be working with Rachael. Whatever your level of financial literacy, she will meet you there with expertise, transparency, patience and dedication to your goals.”

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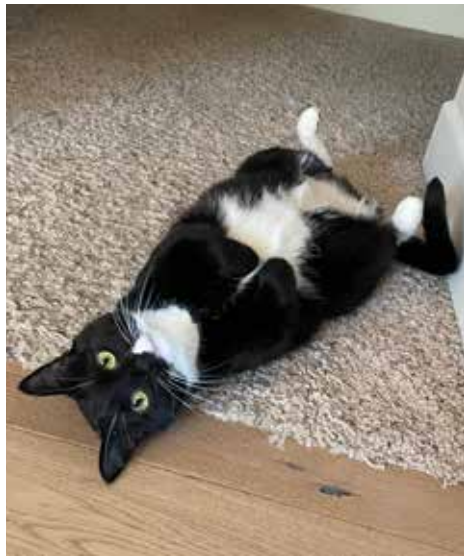
Buccola Pets

 by Melissa Strand

Jana and Peter Buccola along with their children Natalie and Nick share their home with three beloved pets: Aspen (8) a domestic short hair, Gary (3) a Bengal cat, and Gus (8 months) a yellow Labrador retriever. Their lively household is filled with stories of how each pet became part of the family and the unique quirks that make them so loved.



Aspen was the first to join the family and became Natalie’s cat when she was just in first grade. At the time, Natalie was not giving her best effort on the soccer field, so her parents made her a deal: if she scored a goal in every game, she could have a kitten. From that point on, Natalie scored in each game, proving her determination. When Jana’s sister fostered a litter of kittens, the Buccolas chose the most outgoing one, knowing she would be the perfect fit for a family with a first grader and preschooler. Aspen is still full of playful energy, especially when a feathered wand toy comes out. Known by an array of nicknames such as Kitty, Aspirator, Alfonso, and Kitty-Kitty-Co-Co-Puff, Aspen is both sassy and particular, her personality shining through in ways that continue to amuse the family.



Gary, the Bengal, has his own unique story. The family had first fallen for a shelter cat they named Gary, but when they returned to adopt him, he was gone. Determined that their next cat would carry that name, they found their Gary, whose name also referenced SpongeBob’s meowing pet snail. Gary quickly became an inseparable part of the family. Known affectionately as Gary-Berry, Cutie-G, and Gary-Gary-Boo-Boo-Bear, he is playful and endlessly entertaining. His favorite toy is a dragonfly wand purchased at a cat show, and he loves nothing more than playing fetch with it on the stairs. Easygoing and loyal, Gary tolerates costumes and cuddles of all kinds, from being wrapped up like a burrito to sporting a hotdog outfit at Halloween.

The youngest of the furry trio is Gus,




the Labrador retriever. After the family’s beloved lab-border collie mix passed away, they were not sure they were ready for another dog. But when a friend had a litter of lab puppies, the Buccolas could not resist. Affectionately nicknamed Gusy-Gusy-Goo and Goobert, he has quickly filled their home with energy and affection. Like most puppies, Gus is mischievous, often chewing socks, shoes, and even outdoor furniture. His favorite toy is a tiny bear-shaped squeaky toy he is long since outgrown but still nibbles on at night like a pacifier. As a social and friendly pup, Gus loves greeting neighbors and dogs on walks, and he thrives on early morning visits to the yard where schoolchildren would stop to pet him on their way to class. Nick once taped a picture of himself to his puppy pen to keep him



company, in an effort to comfort Gus and latch onto Nick as his favorite. Whether running in the yard or curling up to rest, Gus brings an endless supply of sweetness and joy.

Life in the Buccola household is bustling, but in quieter moments the family treasures time with their pets. Movie nights often turn into playful competitions to see who can lure a cat or the dog onto their lap with the coziest blanket. For Jana, Peter, Natalie, and Nick, the most rewarding part of being pet owners is the bond they have built with each animal.

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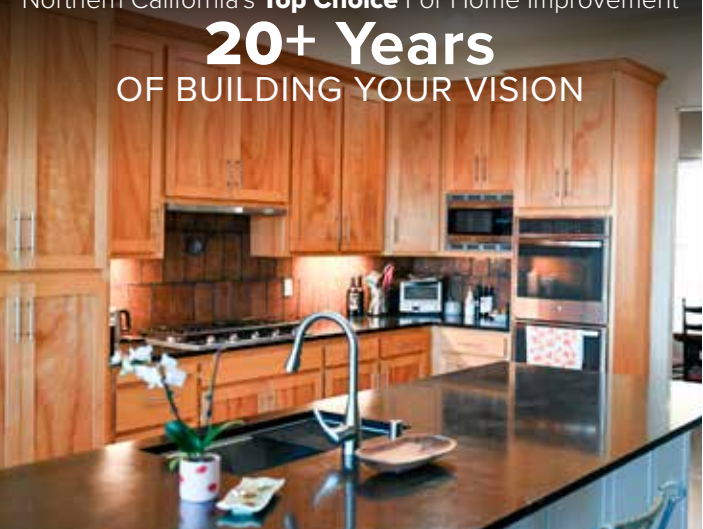
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What is your sport or activity?

The equestrian sport of reining. Reining is a western sport where horse and rider perform a specific pattern of many different maneuvers, including sliding stops, spins and circles. This sport showcases a partnership between horse and rider through precise control and precise movement.

Are you part of a team?

While I’m not a part of a traditional team, while riding I am a team with my horse, Deon. The partnership between horse and rider is one of the most important aspects of this sport, which is what makes it so unique.

Where do you usually practice?

I ride and train with Boyle Performance Horses in Lone, California, where I am incredibly blessed to ride alongside many supportive trainers, athletes, and friends who cheer me on no matter the circumstance.

How long have you been doing this sport?

I’ve been involved with horses nearly my whole life, but I truly began in the reining world about two years ago. Since then, it has become a huge part of who I am and where I want to go in life. My ultimate goal is to ride for and be a part of a D1 Equestrian team in college.

What is your mentor’s name?

My mentor is Mike Boyle, an NRHA professional. I’m incredibly grateful to train under his guidance. Not only is he an amazing trainer, but he’s also one of the most supportive and encouraging people I’ve ever met. He challenges me to be my best every single ride, always finding a way to build my confidence in both myself and my horse both inside and out of the show pen.



Fun Facts

Who is your idol in this sport?

NRHA Professional Casey Deary. I admire how he centers his business, competition, and entire life around Christ. His grounded faith within the sport inspires me!

Have you met anyone who is famous in this sport?

I had the opportunity to meet Luca Fappani while competing at the 2025 Arizona Cactus Reining Classic. It was so inspiring to connect with someone I’ve always looked up to and admired.

Have you traveled anywhere for this sport?

Yes, competition takes my horse and I all over the United States. Earlier this year, we traveled to Scottsdale, Arizona for one of my favorite shows, the Cactus Reining Classic. I just returned home from the Low Roller Reining Classic in Nampa, Idaho. Traveling keeps the sport exciting and pushes me to ride at my best in new places.

What big events have you been involved in?

One of my most memorable experiences was competing at the AQHYA (American Quarter Horse Youth Association) World Show in Oklahoma. Being surrounded by some of the best youth riders in this sport was unforgettable.

Have you won any awards or honors?

I have been awarded many champion titles at both my California Affiliate shows and larger shows out of state. One exciting recent award I received was the Regional Affiliate Youth Champion title at my Affiliate Championship show.

Tell us more

What have you learned from this sport?

The equestrian world has taught me that nothing worth having comes easy. Goals and successes are never reached overnight, but are always possible through consistency, patience, and a whole lot of hard work. There will always be frustrating rides, but those rides are what have taught me the most. My horse has shown me that results come from trust, resilience, and the determination to keep showing up.

What do you like the best about this sport?

What I love most is the challenge. Performing well isn’t easy, it takes endless hours of practice, patience, and pushing through the tough days. These things are what makes it so rewarding, the feeling of walking into the show pen and knowing everything I’ve worked on with my horse comes together. There is truly no better feeling. The adrenaline, the focus, the excitement remind me why I put so much into this sport. Every show is the result of countless hours of dedication, and knowing that makes the moment even more meaningful.

What is your favorite memory or moment?

My favorite memory was the day I found out my dream horse was officially mine. We purchased Deon almost two years ago, and I’ll never forget that first ride knowing he was truly my partner. Getting to call him mine for the first time was the start of something incredible!

What would you tell someone who is interested in this sport?

Reining is a beautiful sport, and although it challenges you in ways you wouldn’t expect, it’s worth every second. Be ready to work hard, be patient, and be tested to your limits. It’s not just about competing, but rather the lessons you learn, the people you meet, and the bond you build with your horse. That’s what makes it so special.



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Scouting America Troop 121

 by Krystal Creviston

For more than five decades, Scouting America Troop 121 has served the Granite Bay area, inspiring young people to become leaders, stewards, and active members of their community. With members from Granite Bay, Loomis, Roseville, and Orangevale, the troop provides a welcoming environment where youth ages 11–17 can challenge themselves, build confidence, and learn the value of service.

Originally known as Boy Scouts of America, the organization changed its name to *Scouting America* to better reflect its inclusive mission. The Scouts BSA program, which opened to girls in 2019, continues the tradition of adventure and



character development that has been at the heart of Scouting for 115 years. Today, Troop 121 includes 62 youth and 52 adult volunteers, all dedicated to upholding the Scout Oath and Law while helping young people prepare for life. Scouting begins as early as K/1st grade. Pack 31, which meets at Oakhills and Ridgeview Elementary, is essential to Troop 121.

Troop 121’s impact reaches far beyond its meetings at Cavitt Middle School and summer camps at Folsom Lake. The Scouts lead community service projects year-round, from cleaning up local parks to improving schools by painting benches, basketball courts, and playground maps, and building planter boxes and shelving. They also perform honor guard and flag ceremonies for Gold Star Families and local school boards, teaching respect and gratitude through action.

The troop’s annual service traditions are among its most meaningful community

contributions. On **January 3–4**, Scouts will once again offer *Christmas tree pickup*, collecting trees placed curbside by 9:00 a.m. Donations can be made by check to Troop 121, and all trees are recycled into mulch for soil conservation. Then, on **March 14**, the Scouts will participate in *Scouting for Food*, encouraging residents to leave bags or boxes of canned goods at the curb by 9:00 a.m. These donations go to local food banks, helping neighbors in need.

Beyond community service, Troop 121 fosters leadership and lifelong friendships. The troop is youth-led, allowing Scouts to plan their own camping, backpacking, and rafting trips—activities that develop independence and teamwork. Many members go on to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; in fact, more than 370 Eagle Scouts have emerged from Troop 121, each one embodying the spirit of service and perseverance that defines the organization.

Looking ahead, Scouting America

continues to evolve while honoring its core values. The introduction of merit badges in technology, coding, robotics, and artificial intelligence reflects Scouting’s commitment to preparing young people for a rapidly changing world. The upcoming banquet will celebrate the anniversary of Scouting and mark a leadership milestone as a new Scoutmaster is inducted, continuing a proud legacy of mentorship and service. After six years as a Scoutmaster and 24 years as a Troop and Pack leader, Mitch Gorsen will lead the induction of the next Scoutmaster at the anniversary of Scouting banquet on **February 1** at 5:30 p.m., at Cavitt, to which all troop alumni are invited. Gorsen will continue to serve Troop 121 as the Chartered Organization Representative of the Rotary Club of Granite Bay and a merit badge counselor. Many members of the Rotary are former Scouts.



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Summer camp registration for 2026 is just a few months ahead. Troop 121 offers age-appropriate adventures for grades 6-12. Local camps in the Sierras, rafting in Idaho, backpacking in New Mexico, and sailing in the Bahamas are scheduled; Scouts are thrifty and so fundraising pays the way.

For families interested in joining, Scouting America welcomes all youth and emphasizes inclusivity, encouraging participation from individuals of all backgrounds and beliefs. Parents and youth can visit a troop meeting or reach out directly at membership@troop121.com to learn more. You can find Troop 121 at <https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop121GraniteBay/Index.htm> and Cub Scout Pack 31 at <https://www.granitebaycubs31.com/>. Troop 121 New Scout program begins in March, email now for details.

Through service, adventure, and leadership, Scouting America Troop 121 continues to make a lasting difference—one project, one campfire, and one Scout at a time.

 Do you have a story that made a difference? We'd love to know about it! Email heather.dailey@localprintmedia.com today!



**GBHS GIRLS
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Fri

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7:00 PM

TUE

16

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@ Franklin

7:30 PM

MON

22

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vs. Twelve Bridges

6:00 PM

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18-20

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Holiday
Classic @ GB

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Vs. Oakridge

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JAN

@ Rocklin

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@ Whitney

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vs. Whitney

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COMMUNITY EVENT

Holiday Basket Program

The Holiday Basket Program is a wonderful community tradition organized by the Granite Bay Rotary Club, Scout Troop 121, and the Eureka School District. Together, we assemble and deliver holiday food and gifts to local families with children in grades TK-12.



Each basket includes canned goods donated through the KCRA Kids Can Food Drive, presents for school-aged children, and grocery gift cards for the family.

Everyone is invited to join the fun—come help sort, assemble, and deliver baskets to brighten the season for families in our community. Food sorting takes place Friday, December 12, with assembly and deliveries on Saturday, December 13. For additional information, email Jim Lane at jlane@windermereca.com.

We hope to see you there!



2025 Granite Bay Rotary & EUSD

HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

Santa Needs: Part-time Sleigh Drivers (vans/trucks/cars)

Elves Needed: All Ages!! To assemble boxes of food

LOCATION:
Eureka Union School District
Large Gymnasium
5455 Eureka Road
Granite Bay, CA 95746
(Behind District Office, follow the signs to park at the back of the school near the gym)

Friday Afternoon
12/12 - 3:30PM: Food Sorting

Saturday Morning
12/13 - 9AM: Box Assembly, DELIVERIES

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Sq. Feet: **2,888**


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Sq. Feet: **2,991**


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Sq. Feet: **2,718**


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Sq. Feet: **2,991**


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Bathrooms: **5**
Sq. Feet: **3,853**


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Bathrooms: **5**
Sq. Feet: **5,538**


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Sq. Feet: **5,052**

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Sq. Feet: **3,407**

 8224 Shadowood Ct
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Bathrooms: **3**
Sq. Feet: **2,784**

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🏠 **\$1,150,000**
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Bathrooms: **4**
Sq. Feet: **3,340**

 7332 West Ln
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