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## Wreaths Honor Veterans at Galt Cemetery



Galt-Arno Cemetery District participated in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 16, with volunteers placing wreaths at the graves of service members. Photos by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - For a second year, the Galt-Arno Cemetery District took part in the national Wreaths Across America observance, an event honoring the country's service members. In simultaneous ceremonies

across the United States on Dec. 16, wreaths are laid at the graves of military members in recognition of their sacrifices.

The Galt-Arno district made significant progress toward a goal of funding enough wreaths to adorn the graves of every veteran buried in its

cemeteries. Community donations funded 380 wreaths this year, District Manager Belinda Ellis told the Herald. That was compared to 254 wreaths last year, when the district first participated. To place wreaths at every veteran grave, the district will need to collect more than 700.

Ellis said organizations that contributed included A-Z Foundation, Seventh-day Adventist Veterans Group, Cremations Only, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and Michael's Miracle Foundation.

"Today our mission is to remember the fallen," *Continued on Page 2*



## 2 Arrested in Twin Cities Drive-by Shooting

**By Matthew Malone News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt Police Department has made two arrests in connection to a shooting that injured two boys near Liberty Ranch High School nine months ago.

The department made the announcement in a social media post on Dec. 15, saying that on Dec. 9, Galt and Lodi police arrested Juan Blanco, 18, of Lodi, as well as an unidentified juvenile.

"The arrest was made possible through diligent investigative work and the unwavering commitment of our officers, detectives, and partnering agencies," the Galt PD post read.

"Blanco is currently being held without bail pending formal charges related to attempted homicide and shooting into an inhabited dwelling/vehicle."

The juvenile was arrested on suspicion of being an accessory in the shooting.

The drive-by shooting took place in the late afternoon on March 15 at the intersection of Marengo and Twin Cities roads. According to police, the people involved were traveling east on Twin Cities. In a vehicle at the scene, officers found a 17-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy who had both been shot multiple times; a 17-year-old in the car with them was uninjured.

Liberty Ranch High School and Galt Adult School were evacuated, while class at all Galt Joint Union High School District campuses were sent home for the day. Galt police leaders later told the Herald that they doubted that there was a connection to Liberty Ranch, but they believed that there was a connection between the perpetrators and those injured.

While one of the boys who was shot was soon released from the hospital, the other was in critical condition nearly a week later.

"We continue to wish the victims of this case a full recovery," the police's statement concluded.

According to Sacramento County Superior Court records, Blanco has been arraigned and is slated for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 28. ★

## Holiday Fun at Miracle on 4th Street



Aidan Newell of Galt Sign & Screeprinting shows one of the free tote bags he made for Miracle on 4th Street guests. Photos by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - There was a "Miracle on 4th Street" on Dec. 16, with Galt District Chamber of Commerce organizing a slate of holiday activities for children and families in Old Town.

The evening celebration ranged up and down Fourth Street, with various businesses getting involved. The Coffee Shop Bakery and Erica's Cookies teamed up for a storytime with Santa Claus. Children crowded into the coffee shop for a chance to hear Santa read

stories like "The Night Before Christmas" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and to take pictures with him.

Galt Sign & Screeprinting offered free tote bags with holiday designs made to order on the spot, local vendors lined the Wildflower

event space, and Back Alley Brewhouse hosted an ugly-sweater party.

Visitors viewed a lineup of Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and organizations and voted on their favorite. They could also decorate ornaments for *Continued on Page 3*

# Wreaths Honor Veterans at Galt Cemetery

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 honor those that serve and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom," Ellis said before the ceremony opened with the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem. She later expressed gratitude for the service of veterans and active military members.

Shepherd of the Valley pastor Michael Dubé gave the invocation, describing the event's theme.

"The 2023 theme is 'serve and succeed,' simply because there are so many ways we can serve our families, our communities and our country. We succeed together when we serve the needs of others and grow together," Dubé said before calling for a moment of silence and leading attendees in a prayer.

Individual wreaths were displayed in honor of members of each of the six U.S. military branches, as well as the U.S. Merchant Marine, first responders, and service members who are missing in action or prisoners of war.

Ellis encouraged attendees placing wreaths to say the name of the veteran aloud and take a moment to reflect on their service.

"It's a small act that goes a long way towards keeping the memory of our veterans alive," Ellis said. "Remember: We are not here to decorate graves; we are here to remember not their deaths but their lives. Each wreath is a gift of appreciation from a grateful America." ★



Volunteers gather wreaths to place at Galt Cemetery. Photos by Matthew Malone



Wreaths honor the branches of the U.S. military, the U.S. Merchant Marine, and service members who are missing in action or prisoners of war.



A wreath was placed in honor of first responders.



Chris Holbrook sings "The Star-Spangled Banner."



Marine Corps 1st Sgt. James C. Young (left) bows his head during the Wreaths Across America ceremony.



The Rev. Michael Dubé addresses Wreaths Across America attendees.

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# Holiday Fun at Miracle on 4th Street

Continued from Page 1 the "Memorial Tree" to remember loved ones.

"So far, I think people are liking the trees in Old Town, and they think people have done really good jobs, but our hope was just to attract more people down into the Old Town district and make them aware of the businesses that are down here," said Kat Seabolt, the

chamber's community relations director. She added that the goal was to have something for those seeking family fun, last-minute shopping or just "an enjoyable night off."

The community trees allowed businesses in other parts of the city to participate as well. Seabolt said the chamber hopes to expand the event for next year. ★



Back Alley Brewhouse decorated its Christmas tree in a nod to "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."



Attendees at Miracle on 4th Street decorated ornaments for the 'Memorial Tree' to commemorate loved ones.



Santa Claus and Galt City Council Member Shawn Farmer pause for a photo at the Coffee Shop Bakery. Photos by Matthew Malone



Julia 'Juls' Sanchez, owner of Juicing with Juls, offers cold-pressed juices.



Taylor Stallings of Boho Brimworks sells her wares at Miracle on 4th Street. Several local vendors set up shop at the Wildflower event venue.



Erika Stallings, owner of Wild and Grace Designs, shows her clothing and jewelry concepts.



Yolanda Sanchez of The Modern Wreath sells handmade holiday decor.



Cierra Chano shows her merchandise at Miracle on 4th Street.

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# 6th Grader Wins Marengo Ranch Spelling Bee



The Marengo Ranch Elementary School spelling bee finalists. In alphabetical order, they are Mateo Alfaro, Derek Arriola, Tori Bautista, Bryce Dougherty, Ajay Nigam, Nala Ogunnaike, Dylan Mendoza, Brayden Matheny, Levi Peterson, Liam Pierce, Christian Ramirez, and Averi Rowland. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The annual spelling bee at Marengo Ranch Elementary School was anything but “non-descript,” but that was the word that won the day for the first-place speller, Levi Peterson.

The spelling bee began with 12 of the school’s

best spellers, ranging from fourth to sixth grade. The words gradually increased in difficulty from simpler terms like “blank” and “mile” to words that tripped up some of the competitors, like “clearly” and “oddity.” But they also made quick work of tough words like “stitchery,” “deliberately” and “bamboozled.”


When the final two students were left, they gave correct spellings for three rounds, until one of them misspelled “sentinel.” That gave Levi, a sixth grader in teacher Dave Moore’s class, a chance to win. He spelled “sprocket” correctly and then “non-descript,” clinching the victory. ★





Levi Peterson (center) poses for a picture with his parents, Stephen and Allison Peterson.

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# Gift Card Scam and Arrest



Over 5,000 gift cards were found in Ningning Sun's possession. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

## Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - During our recent retail theft Operation Bad Elf, detectives observed an individual, later identified as Ningning Sun, acting suspiciously near the gift cards in the payment aisles in a Sacramento Target store. Detectives observed him placing all the gift cards on a rack inside his jacket, then replacing the gift cards with another set of seemingly identical ones. After Sun was stopped trying to exit the store with the stolen gift cards, detectives discovered over 5000 gift cards from Target and Apple in his possession.

Their investigation revealed Sun was part of a scam that tampered with gift cards, scanned

the bar code, and stole money from the gift card as money was loaded on them. Victims are completely unaware it is happening, and the money is often siphoned to an off-shore account within seconds. Their investigation revealed that the operation spanned across in a Sacramento Target store and several regions nationwide.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office urges residents to be cautious when purchasing physical gift cards from any retailer. Be observant of any signs of tampering, especially scuff marks or scratches near the bar code on the back of the card. These operations are very sophisticated, and modifications to the gift cards are often virtually undetectable, even to the trained eye. Detectives suspect Sun has done this at many stores and

are requesting the public's help to potentially link him to other crimes.

This investigation is still ongoing, and detectives are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to additional charges are eligible for a CASH reward of up to \$1000, and tipsters remain anonymous. Tips are paid in cash, and you are never asked for identification. Contact Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357), 1-800-AA-CRIME, or \*\*TIPS. Use the "P3 TIPS" app or online at [www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com](http://www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com). Tip information may also be left anonymously at [www.sacsheriff.com](http://www.sacsheriff.com) or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Cosumnes DAR chapter accepting new members

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently started their Rio Cosumnes Chapter in the Elk Grove/Galt community, and they are accepting new members.

DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War.

For more information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at [egdarregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:egdarregistrar@gmail.com).

### City after-hours assistance

After-hours assistance is on offer at the Galt Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For Public Works concerns, call the Galt Police Department nonemergency line at 209-366-7000. The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only, from Monday to Friday, 4-10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 209-810-0293.

### Library offers older adults computer time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request. Those 65 and older who wish to request computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet. The library is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is located at 1000 Caroline Ave.

### Recycle household batteries

City of Galt residents can recycle their household batteries in one of two green household-battery recycling bins: on the west side, at the front entrance to the Galt Police Department; or on the east side, at Galt Community Park, just west of the fire station. The green bin is for dry-cell household

batteries only.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.

### Square dance classes on Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club is hosting social square dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held on Mondays 6:30-8 p.m. at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall. The classes are formatted for flexibility, and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months. There will be a Social Square Dancer "SSD" beginning Jan. 15, 2024 from 6:10pm - 8:00pm. Jan. 15 & 22 classes are FREE, then 12 weeks of classes \$60. No experience necessary! The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is located at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916 or Gary at 916-838-6138.

### Nominate your neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee is asking you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know. Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to [planningdivision@cityofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@cityofgalt.org). The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

### AA 24-hour hotline

For help with an alcohol-related problem, call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hotline at 209-745-1525.

### Nar-Anon family group meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally on a weekly basis, Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

### Sunshine Food Pantry donation sites

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for local residents. Collections of canned food and

dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations, 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 7:30-10 a.m., at the United Methodist Church.

### Meals on Wheels cafe accepting older adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. The cafe is open Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. for adults age 60 and older. Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served, or they can call 916-444-9533.

### Senior Bingo weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave., every Monday, 1-3 p.m. (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are cordially invited to come have fun and play bingo together, socialize, and possibly make new friends. Attendance is free of charge.

### Volunteers sought for senior resource center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to staff the Galt Senior Resource Center, which opened its doors in April. The commission is looking for people who can operate a computer, and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media or by email.

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and will have the ability to contact members of the commission if questions arise.

The resource center is located at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. If you are interested in helping, please call 209-294-3308 and leave a message. Or, once the resource center is open, inquire in person. ★

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sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Dec. 12-18, Galt police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

Tues., Dec. 12
12:41 a.m., stolen vehicle recovered at East Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.
08:15 a.m., vehicle accident/injury at A Street/Sixth Street.
12:36 p.m., theft reported at The Coffee Shop Bakery on Fourth Street.
02:53 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.
03:11 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Savemart on C Street.

Wed., Dec. 13
03:57 p.m., theft reported on Glendale Avenue.
04:47 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Savemart on C Street.

06:43 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Koralla Court.

Thurs., Dec. 14
05:24 p.m., robbery/adult arrested at H Street/Fourth Street.
07:01 p.m., theft reported on Cobble Hill Way.

Fri., Dec. 15
10:48 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library on Caroline Avenue.

Sat., Dec. 16
09:53 a.m., auto burglary reported at Boessow Road/Crystal Way.
10:19 a.m., theft reported on Saint James Court.
11:37 a.m., vandalism reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.
03:30 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on Rio Mesa Court.
05:45 p.m., stolen

vehicle recovered at North Lincoln Way/Simmerhorn Road.

Sun., Dec. 17
10:59 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

Mon., Dec. 18
01:19 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Highway 99/Walnut Avenue.
06:47 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Squeeze Burger on Twin Cities Road.
09:54 a.m., burglary reported on Pritchard Court.
11:27 a.m., auto burglary reported at Amador Avenue/Elm Avenue.
12:22 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Downing Drive.
07:49 p.m., weapon possession/adult arrested on Dawnwood Drive. \*

GLANCE BACK

Dec. 24, 1943
Alfred Denier, 20, of Galt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Denier Sr., has arrived at West Texas State College, home of the world's tallest basketball team, for a course of Army Air Force instruction lasting up to five months prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Force.

Cpl. Charles Ladd arrived home last Thursday to spend a 20-day furlough with his mother and brother Donald Ladd here. Cpl. Ladd has been in Africa for several months with the U.S. Armed Forces and has seen action in that war theatre.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Listini Jr. Sunday, Dec. 26, a daughter, weighing 6 pounds 10½ ounces named Joy Radelle.

Dec. 31, 1953
A delegation of Galt residents will meet with the board of directors of the 52nd District Agriculture Association Tuesday night to discuss disposal of the now abandoned Galt fairground. At a meeting of the Galt city council, it was decided to request the entire 44 acres.

Temple Baptist Church in Lodi was the setting recently for the wedding of Miss Donna Billups, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Billups of Thornton, and John R. Nicholson of Galt. \*

Dec. 27, 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Griffin of Galt are the proud parents of a baby girl born Dec. 18. Named Victoria Lynn, she weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces at birth ... Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schmidt became the proud parents of an 8-pound 10-ounce baby boy, Brian David. The young man was born Dec. 19 at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Ted is the son of Thornton librarian Mrs. Pearl Schmidt.

U.S. Air Force Sergeant Martin A. Pfyl Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Pfyl of Galt, has received the Department of Defense Joint Service Commendation Medal at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. The sergeant is a 1969 graduate of Galt High School.

Dec. 25, 1963
The Valley Oak Grange held its regular monthly meeting recently and also held election of officers: Master Clarence Hauschildt, Overseer George Porter, Lecturer Larry Schultz, Chaplain Lochie Wilder, Treasurer Harriet Porter, Secretary Mary Brookins.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Liebig will host an open house for their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 29 at the Valley Oak Grange. \*

MEETING MINDERS

Friday, Dec. 22
Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Velvet Grill & Creamery, 400 Fourth St., 209-745-6617.
Galt Friends of the Library, 10 a.m., Marian O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Galt-Arno Cemetery District, 4 p.m., Cemetery Office, 14180 Joy Drive., 745-2581.

Thursday, Dec. 28
Commission on Aging, 10 a.m.,

Galt Parks & Rec Chabolla Center, 209-366-7180.
Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. social and 7 p.m. meeting, Galt Place, 400 D St., 209-745-5921.
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 916-568-2800.

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# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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## Golden Valley No Match for Hawk Basketball



High Scorer Senior Yousef Diab flies towards the basket. Photos by Paige Lampson

Junior Jimmy Lopez battles his way towards the basket.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch boys' basketball took on the Golden Valley Cougars and took the win 40-32 in a home match Tuesday December 12th.

They came off a five-game losing streak and now have a four-game winning streak having beaten McNair 47-40, Escalon 58-48, Dixon 62-30 and now Golden Valley.

Head Coach Brian Chavez sees a lot of growth in the team this season already.

"I am excited for this team to continue to learn and

grow together," said Chavez. "To see them start to realize their potential has been great to see and I look forward to this group making a run at another SVC League title."

The team will play in the Joe Bowers Memorial Tournament at Bradshaw this weekend. League play starts January 5th against Union Mine at home. ★



Andrew Cadiz, a senior, shoots from the 3-point line.



Senior Ryan Martin looks for space to shoot.



Sophomore guard Derek Nelson brings the ball down the court with pressure.

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## Liberty Girls Basketball Serves Up a Loss to Amador

## Liberty Boys Soccer Scores First Win of the Season

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Amador proved no match for the Liberty Ranch girls basketball team Monday December 11th. The Hawks trounced them 57-27.

Haley Smith racked up an amazing 27 points, 4 of those being three pointers, along with grabbing 10 rebounds.

Sophia Felix connected for 16 points and grabbed 4 rebounds. Summer McCoy scored 8 points and snagged

the most rebounds of the night with 14. Kendall Duryee, Madisyn Robbins and Jazleen Sandhu each scored 2 points.

The Hawks will start their League season January 5th at Union Mine. ★



Sophomore Danny Juarez slides the ball past Escalon's goalie and scores. Photos by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch boys' soccer hosted Escalon on December 12th. It was their 5th game of the season and their first win. They tied Cosumnes Oaks 1-1 the week before.

Senior forward Alonso Villasenor had an amazing night scoring 3 of the 4 goals. Sophomore Danny Juarez scored the other goal.

Goalies Zachary Watrous and Raj Pillay each played a have and neither allowed Escalon to score one goal.

Head Coach Garrett Arechiga says there

is still room for improvement. "I feel we could have been better offensively," said Arechiga. "We definitely needed this result. It has been an unfamiliar start to the season this year. We scheduled high level division 1 opponents to start the season this year, so competition has been very high for us."

"They have shown well against the opponents, but we haven't gotten the results we had hoped for. I feel this team is finding their rhythm and we hope that we are peaking during the late part of the season."

The Hawk's first league game will be January 4th against Rosemont at home. ★



Leyton Munoz, a sophomore jumps high to take over the ball.



Senior Christian Juarez shows off his hops.



Senior Alonso Villasenor scores one of his three goals against Escalon.



Senior Mateo Maciel gets near the goal.



Madisyn Robbins muscles her way to the basket. Photos by Paige Lampson



Sophia Felix steps on air to score.



Haley Smith gets fouled by a bicep.



Head Coach Josh Williams during a time out.



Summer McCoy plows her way to a shot.

# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



## Warrior Football All-League

## Liberty's Brown Named SVC League Offensive MVP

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Senior Kayson Jones was named All-League and was also given the team MVP award. Jones played in 10 games and scored 15 Touchdowns this season and gained a total of 1102 yards for the team. He also stepped up and kicked 6 PAT points after the kicker was injured. On defense Jones

made 45 solo tackles and assisted in 17. Jones also made the Optimist Team.

Junior Jaylen Brooks was also named All-League. He had 34 tackles and 24 assists on defense. Brooks also scored a couple of touchdowns near the end of the season.

Senior Seth Henke was the backbone of the line this year and was also chosen All-league. ★

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Liberty Ranch football team held their annual awards banquet and announced their All-League Players. Receiving the honor are Junior Joseph Brown, Senior Brannon Cathey, Junior Brodey Johnston, Senior Cameron Monette, Junior George Adrian, Junior Oscar Romero and Senior Shaye Setter.

The Hawk's placed 3rd in League and made it to the second round of play-offs losing to Sutter in a close game.

Newcomer Joseph Brown was voted League Offensive MVP by the League coaches. Brown played in 11 games, collecting 1664 yards over the season. The Junior scored 19 of the team's touchdowns. Brown wasn't bad on defensive either, making 38 solo tackles and assisting in 27.

Second team All-League went to Antonio Nuno, Nick Cedeno, Sean O'Brien, Seth Abbott, Treyten Edwards



Joseph Brown-SVC League Offensive MVP. Photos by Paige Lampson

and Kymani Fenika. Honorable Mention-Nick Sanchez, Jonathan Robles and Ethan Woods.

The team gave out a stack of their own awards starting with Overall MVP-Joseph Brown, Offensive MVP-Shaye Setter, Defensive MVP-Brannon Cathey, O Line MVP-Cameron Monette, D Line MVP-Nick Cedeno, 12th Man-Phil Vasquez, Hawk Award-Kymani Fenika, Coaches Award-Treyten Edwards and Player Choice-Cameron Monette. There are two perpetual plaques displayed in the locker room and the Pancake King went to Cameron Monette and the Hit Man went to Nicko Cedeno. ★



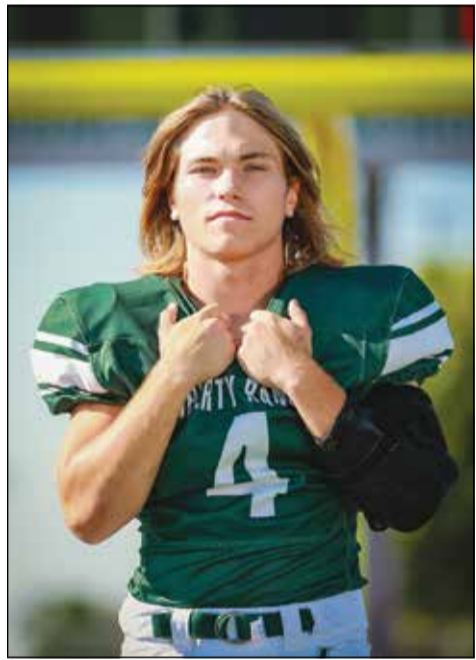
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