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## P&R Picks Gora Waterslide Design

*Parks and Rec Commission Recommends Designs for Waterslide, Galt Skatepark*



The water slide design recommended to Galt City Council by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Images courtesy of City of Galt

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed proposed designs for Galt Skatepark and the waterslide

at Gora Aquatic Center during its Jan. 10 meeting, recommending two concepts for approval by Galt City Council.

After getting feedback at an earlier public meeting, a consulting firm presented

the commissioners with two potential designs for the replacement water slide at the aquatic center. The selection was narrowed down to two from four original proposals.

Both options would be

closed slides. The first proposal, called Option 2, would be 30 feet tall, and the second proposal, Option 3, would be 40 feet tall.

Attendees at the public outreach meeting had been

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## Winter Bird Fest Is Now a Week Long

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The 17th annual Winter Bird Festival is just around the corner, with a celebration of the diverse bird species that call Galt home or visit on their seasonal migrations. And this year, the festival has expanded to a full week of activities.

The festivities will start on Jan. 29 and last through Feb. 4. The traditional event in the Chabolla Community Center, with fun family activities and keynote speakers will be held on Feb. 3. For the rest of the week, participants can choose from among a variety of bird-related programs, from virtual art workshops to a paint-and-sip evening, and from a trivia night to tours of Cosumnes River Preserve.

"The festival was expanded to a weeklong event for the WBF to provide more opportunities for bird enthusiasts to engage in an array of activities, workshops, and birdwatching experiences, providing a deeper connection with nature and the birding community," city Special Events Manager Jackie Garcia told the Herald in an email.

Among the new activities, Garcia highlighted the paint-and-sip night, during which attendees will create their own bird-themed welcome signs with Mavery Design. The event will take place Feb. 1 at 6 p.m., at Chabolla Community Center (610 Chabolla Ave.), with wine and all supplies included in the ticket price of \$45.

She also pointed to Bird Trivia Night on Jan. 31, which will start at 6 p.m. at the Barsetti Vineyards tasting room at 400 Fourth St. The event is free to attend with a suggested donation of \$10 per person. Individuals and teams of up to four people can compete in the evening of bird-related factoids.

The Feb. 3 event at Chabolla will feature presentations on birds and bats from local conservation groups, as well as talks by the two keynote speakers: Kate Rutter and Michelle Dodge.

Rutter is a nature journaler, urban naturalist, educator, and bird enthusiast, and she will explain how journaling black-crowned night heron,

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## Wreath Laid in Honor of Fallen Officer Tonn



Galt Police Department held a wreath-laying Jan. 15 to mark the 11th anniversary of officer Kevin Tonn's death. Photos by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - A solemn wreath-laying ceremony outside Galt City Hall on Jan. 15 commemorated the 11th anniversary of the death of Galt police officer Kevin Tonn.

The event at the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes

Memorial was attended by Galt Police Department officers, the Tonn family and supporters from the community. Also present were Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu, Vice Mayor Rich Lozano, former Chief of Police Bill Bowen, and family members of deceased police officer Harminder Grewal.

"It's a great turnout that

we have here today, and it's an honor to see former employees of the organization, current members of the organization, who have made their way here today," said Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski.

Tonn worked with the Galt police as a K-9 handler. He was killed after 3½ years of service on Jan. 15,

2013. While responding to a reported burglary near F and Third streets, he approached a suspect, who pulled a gun and fatally shot Tonn. The suspect also fired at other officers on scene before taking his own life. Tonn was pronounced dead at a local hospital, becoming the first Galt police officer killed

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# Wreath Laid in Honor of Fallen Officer Tonn

Continued from Page 1 in the line of duty. He had previous experience in the United States Army and as a firefighter and medic.

After an honor guard laid a wreath at the memorial, taps was played and Kalinowski led a moment of silence.

"I want to thank everybody again, as in previous years, for your support and your love. It's an encouragement to see you all here," Tonn's father, Will Tonn, said afterward. ★



Will Tonn, the father of officer Kevin Tonn, thanks attendees at the wreath-laying for their support, joined by wife Mary Ann Tonn (second from left). Photos by Matthew Malone



Honor guard members walk past the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes Memorial as the wreath-laying ceremony begins.



Honor guard members Matt Walters and James Sketchley finish placing a wreath at the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes Memorial.



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Continued from Page 1 this year's featured bird, touched off her passion for birds.

A wildlife rescuer and wildlife photographer, Dodge will discuss the lives of birds in the Sacramento Valley, as well as the area's key role in the Great Pacific Flyway for migratory birds.

Keep a look out, as well, for the youth art contest and the bird photography exhibit.

"We encourage people to participate in the festival to immerse themselves in the beauty of bird watching, gain valuable insight from experts, and foster a deeper appreciation for nature," Garcia said.

Advance registration is requested for most activities, and some have registration fees. For more information about the many Winter Bird Festival events and to register, visit [www.cityofgalt.org/wbf](http://www.cityofgalt.org/wbf). ★



Wildlife photographer Krisztina Scheeff shows one of her photos during her keynote presentation at the 2023 Winter Bird Festival. File photo by Matthew Malone



A black-crowned night heron, the featured bird for the 2024 Winter Bird Festival. "Black Crowned Night Heron" by Charles Patrick Ewing used under CC BY 2.0.



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# Gregg Fishman Elected SMUD Board Vice President

# Parks and Rec Commission Recommends Designs for Waterslide, Galt Skatepark

**SMUD Press Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - SMUD's Board of Directors elected Gregg Fishman as Vice President of the Board, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Gregg was first elected to the SMUD Board of Directors in January 2015 and represents Ward 3, which includes East Sacramento, much of the Arden-Arcade area, and the Campus Commons, College Glen, and Rosemont neighborhoods, as well as parts of Carmichael, Florin, Fruitridge and Vintage Park.



**New SMUD Board Vice President, Gregg Fishman.** Photo courtesy of SMUD

Vice President Fishman has been a clean energy advocate for much of his career. As a former SMUD employee, he promoted wind and solar energy when they were in their infancy. At the California Independent System Operator, he led public engagement efforts supporting new wind energy farms in California. As President of the SMUD Board in 2018, he led the utility in passing its Integrated Resource Plan, hailed by the California Energy Commission as "... an ambitious road map for lowering greenhouse gas emissions in the Sacramento region."

In his varied career, Gregg was a news reporter and anchor at KFBK and KGO Radio, a public information officer at SMUD and the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and communications coordinator for the California State Association of Counties. He currently works at Sacramento Regional Transit as the Sr. Community Relations Officer.

Gregg is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He and his wife live in Arden Park and are the parents of two daughters. ★

Gregg is an active volunteer with the

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encouraged to put colored stickers on renderings of the designs to indicate their preferences. Option 2 got a couple of green stickers, meaning full approval, but there were also several yellow stickers showing some reservations. Option 3 got five green stickers and no other colors.

RS+M Project Engineer Danny Stringer said meeting participants had liked the idea of a shade structure at the top of the slide, and linear stairs rather than spiral ones, so the firm had added those to the designs for the commission.

Stringer said RS+M opted to recommend a fully closed slide, rather than a slide that begins closed and switches to an open flume partway down, finding that manufacturing would be impractical.

The target age range for the slides was given as 8 years old and up, and Stringer said the designs can accommodate adults.

The commissioners

initially split over which design to recommend to Council. Commissioners Ernest Cason Jr. and John McNamara favored Option 2, arguing that Option 3 might be too tall. McNamara felt Option 2 would "strike a balance" between entertainment and cost. Commissioners Carrie Graham and Chris Smith favored Option 3.

"For the added value, why not provide the best that we can for them (aquatic center visitors)?" Graham said.

Cason ultimately changed his vote to support 40-foot-tall Option 3, and the commission voted, 3-1, to recommend that option to Council, with McNamara opposed.

The commission also voted to recommend a proposal to renovate Galt Skatepark. The modular structures at the location south of Chabolla Community Center were no longer safe to use, and based on user input, the city has decided to replace them with in-ground structures. The design provided

by American Ramp Co. included a half-pipe and a quarter-pipe, as well as various ramps and rails. The new skate park would also extend east to Chabolla Avenue, giving park users access to the Gora Aquatic Center bathrooms. An alternative design proposed simple replacement of the modular structures.

Several skate park users attended the meeting, and one of them, Nathan Ebersole, spoke during public comment. He supported the in-ground design and asked that the park also have drinking fountain access.

Tom Malson, a former city council member, recalled the original process of approving the park. He noted that Galt resident Al Baldwin had been a major advocate for the park, and he suggested that the park be named after Baldwin.

The commission voted, 3-1, to recommend the in-ground design and noted support for naming the park after Baldwin. Smith's was the sole no vote. ★



The Galt Skatepark design recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 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.

### American Legion Post 233's Meetings

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

Our January 2024 meeting will be held January 25th.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour at 6 pm, followed by the veteran's general meeting at 7 pm.

Veteran's spouses are welcome to join the Elk Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets in another room at 7-8 pm in the same location.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H. You may also visit us at [www.elkgrovepost233.com](http://www.elkgrovepost233.com).

We also invite veterans and spouses to join us each month on the first Saturday for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast.

The next Saturday breakfast will be held February 3rd at 9:00 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Blvd and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99). We hope to see you there.

### 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.

### 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. 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. ★

## ABOUT TOWN

### Galt Car Show Jan. 20

The Galt Car Show and Auto Swap Meet will take place on Jan. 20, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Galt Market grounds. The public is invited to take in the classic cars that will be on display, as well as to buy, sell or just check out car parts and accessories. For more information, call 209-513-8651.

### Natural-Remedies Seminar Jan. 21

Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church (619 Myrtle Ave.) will host a free natural-remedies seminar on Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free plant-based lunch will be provided. There will be instructions on using wild herbs, as well as on making poultices with

kitchen items and sachets for herbal baths. Register by calling Piper at 916-212-4035.

### Nutritional program in Feb., March

Galt Adult School will host a series of nutritional workshops called "Families Eating Smart and Moving More" in February and March. The six-session course will be held on Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 20 and 27; and March 5, 12 and 19. Classes are free and all are welcome. Galt Adult School is located at 12935 Marengo Road. To get more information or to register, call 209-745-5852, ext. 7004, or email [aliciamamos@ghsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:aliciamamos@ghsd.k12.ca.us). ★

## GLANCE BACK

### Jan. 28, 1944

A very enthusiastic meeting of representative citizens of Galt and surrounding district was held last Monday evening in the Women's Clubhouse at which time the Galt Chamber of Commerce was reorganized, a board of directors and officers elected. Officers are George R. Towle, president; A.M. Robson, vice president; Fred W. Wing, secretary; and A. Osler, treasurer. Other directors are A. Steiner, F.E. Taylor, Roy Strong, E.E. Kenefick, Ed Johnson, August Pahl and G.F. Livingston. □ □ □

The first meeting of the Girls 4-H Club of Herald was held on Jan. 22. Officers were elected as follows: President Evelyn Albertini, Vice President Betty Liebig, Secretary Clara Liebig, Treasurer Mrs. Inez Hauschildt, Reporter Irene Johnson, Yell Leader Pauline Liebig.

### Jan. 28, 1954

A boys' chorus to pattern Father Flanagan's well-known Boys' Town, will be organized in Galt under the direction of Mrs. Laura Spiess. The chorus will be made up of local boys, and the object of the group is to keep the boys off the streets. □ □ □

Mrs. James Evans of Herald was the honored guest at a pink and blue stork shower given for her last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Lenore Vietz ... Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Evans are the proud parents of twins born Jan. 20. Their names are Robert Lee and Roberta Lee.

### Jan. 23, 1964

Action was taken Tuesday night to get under way the Galt Recreation Commission, which will have advisory powers as to the recreation policy and operations of the various recreational facilities in Galt. □ □ □

The Thornton home of the Bob Steiners was the setting Monday evening for a

"welcome home early" baby shower given in honor of little Master Michael Wayne Stallings, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell 'Pete' Stallings. Michael was born Oct. 12 and came to live in Thornton in early December. His daddy has just completed his Army tour of duty at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

### Jan. 24, 1974

Clyde D. Benner of Galt has been appointed postmaster in Lockeford, the Postal Service has announced. His last assignment before the present appointment was postmaster of West Point. □ □ □

Four members of Galt High School forensic team came home medal winners from the Yosemite Forensic League tournament in Turlock Jan. 19. Competing against 10 other high schools in the B division event, the Galt team walked away with all the awards. They were Lorna Bengel, Dennis Dean, Shirley Ryan and Dan Uhrich.

### Jan. 19, 1984

A male and a female, both wearing ski masks, stole a cash box and till cash in a robbery at Twin Cities Union 76 gas station, 12801 Stockton Blvd., early on January 3. The robbers kidnapped station worker Ray Sipagusa in his van. He said the robbers dropped him off on Arno Road, after which he hitched a ride to Original Perry's and called the police. The van was recovered in Elk Grove. □ □ □

Six Galt students were among an all-star collection of the finest musicians that performed in the San Joaquin County High School honor Band Concert January 7 at Delta College. The Galt musicians are Susie Abram, bassoon; Chris Pehl, bass clarinet; Phillip Crosson, baritone saxophone; DeVonne Deakins, French horn; Diane Jeffries, trombone; and Erika Lorenz, percussion. ★

## POLICE LOGS

*During the time period of Jan. 4-11, Galt police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 11 arrests.*

### Thurs., Jan. 4

09:32 p.m., burglary reported at Diamond House Recovery on G Street.

### Fri., Jan. 5

02:56 p.m., missing adult reported at ampm on East Stockton Boulevard.

04:08 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on North Lincoln Way.

07:10 p.m., theft reported on Victorian Park Drive.

07:19 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at G Street/Fifth Street.

08:06 p.m., fraud reported at McDonald's on East Stockton Boulevard.

### Sat., Jan. 6

06:57 p.m., family offense reported on Steele Way.

### Sun., Jan. 7

09:46 a.m., theft/adult arrested at Savemart on C Street.

08:00 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Joy Drive/Kelly Drive.

09:58 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at McDonald's on Pine Street.

### Mon., Jan. 8

01:33 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Highway 99/Simmerhorn Road.

03:41 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested on Mildred Avenue.

07:17 a.m., theft reported at Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.

08:25 a.m., domestic violence/adult arrested at Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.

02:58 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Taco Bell on C Street.

04:33 p.m., battery reported on Wildflower Drive.

09:45 p.m., attempt

to serve warrant/adult arrested at Twin Cities Road/Fermoy Way.

### Tues., Jan. 9

11:51 a.m., fraud reported on Stargell Way.

### Wed., Jan. 10

07:57 a.m., auto burglary reported on Moose Creek Way.

10:36 a.m., stolen vehicle reported at Public Works on Industrial Drive.

11:00 a.m., vandalism reported at Walnut Avenue/Carillion Boulevard.

01:20 p.m., auto burglary reported on Rachel Drive.

### Thurs., Jan. 11

11:04 a.m., auto burglary reported on West C Street.

10:14 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Ace Hardware on C Street.

11:00 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/unable to locate at Galt Cemetery on Joy Street. ★

## MEETING MINDERS

### Friday, Jan. 19

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Velvet Grill & Creamery, 400 Fourth St., 209-745-6617.

### Wednesday, Jan. 24

Galt-Arno Cemetery District, 4 p.m., Cemetery Office, 14180 Joy Dr., 209-745-2581.

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## Boys Crosstown Soccer Ties



Warrior Isai Meza scores against Liberty Ranch. Photos by Paige Lampson



With bodies flying through the air, Liberty's Leyton Munoz scores against Galt.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Hawk Stadium was fuller than usual during last Thursday's soccer match between Liberty Ranch and Galt High. The fans were more boisterous than usual yelling and supporting their teams as they got close to the goal.

This game is always highly anticipated because most of the boys played together in their youth and in their off season or club ball together. The friendship and respect always come back out at the end of the game after the competition is over.

The emotional game ended in a 2-2 tie, somewhat reminiscent of last years two matches that ended in 1-1 and 0-0 tie also. Galt went on to win League last year. In the 21-22 season there was another 2-2 tie and Galt's only loss to Liberty 2-1. The Hawks won League that year.

Galt's Miguel Garcia

was able to score first with an assist from Christian Gomez. Liberty answered when Alonzo Villasenor scored and tied the game.

Liberty worked hard to stop Galt's top scorer Garcia and he was blocked at every turn, sometimes by five Hawks.

Galt's Isai Meza was able to score on a header from a corner kick and put the Warriors ahead. With minutes left in the game the Hawks took the ball to the goal and after it got batted around by both teams, Leyton Munoz was in the right place at the right time and tied the game once again.

Liberty head coach Garett Arechiga has been building on his team's strengths.

"The Galt game is always tight regardless of the two teams record," said Arechiga. "They have a good team this year, but I feel we do as well. We are finally finding our form. Our game on December 21st was first game we were



Hawk Freshman Issac Flores dribbles the ball towards the goal being guarded the whole way.

at full strength this season, so it has taken us some time. I know the return game against Galt High on the 29th is going to be tough one. They are always tough to play at home and I believe also maybe their Senior night. Definitely going to be a lot of emotion that night."

Galt head coach Alejandro Renteria, himself a past soccer Warrior knows this game was full of heart.

"This game for years has always been tough,"

said Renteria. "The nerves always get to both teams and it becomes a back-and-forth game of who can get the goals in. These two teams have a lot of heart and love for their schools, which is what always makes these games so exciting. We're excited to host them on the 29th, since we know that it's going to be another great matchup."

Galt's Miguel Garcia when asked how does it feel to be triple team responded, "It happens, but it feels



Seth Abbott does an amazing job blocking Miguel Garcia's goal shots.



Galt's David Morales uses everything he has to get the ball out of Galt territory.

good to score and tie," said Garcia. "It happens in soccer, it is a game of mistakes, but I am so proud of this team. We gave it our all. We still have one more game and that's what we are looking towards now." ★

## Galt JV Boys Soccer Tops Liberty Ranch



Warrior Angel Munoz and Hawk Kyle Oltmanns battle for the ball. Photos by Paige Lampson



Galt's Leopoldo Garcia and a Liberty JV player #20 both head the ball at the same time.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Liberty Ranch JV boy's soccer team hosted Galt High last Thursday evening. The Warriors shut out the Hawks 2-0 in an emotional game.

Warriors Angel Munoz and Anthony Zambrano made the two goals with assists from Kitto Gonzalez and Giovanni De Leon. Goalie Angel Cornejo had three saves.

Galt player Freshman Angel Munoz scored one of the goals of the evening.

"We played as a team and collective," said Munoz. "We didn't miss our opportunities and we capitalized on our key plays and secured

the win."

Head Coach Julian Para, a Galt soccer alum is happy his team stuck to the plan.

"I think our side stuck to the plan," said Para. "Defensively we were kind of iffy at first. When we did pick up the groove offensively, we were able to capitalize on opportunities on goal. We got a penalty kick with a good effort by Giovanni De Leon, who earned that penalty and a good finish by Angel Munoz. The second goal came from a collective play and we train always to follow our shots and Anthony Zambrano got the shot and sealed the deal."

Para also gives credit to the Liberty coaching. "On the other side, merit



Liberty's #20 gets the ball out of Liberty territory and away from Galt's Anthony Zambrano.

and credit to Liberty and what they are doing. They are a really good team and it's kind of scary to think that they are going to be really good for a very long time. That however,

is good for the City of Galt especially when it comes to soccer because it's one of those sports that really doesn't get much love, but its universal and everyone deserves to enjoy it." ★



Galt's Edgar Zavala slides in to steal the ball away.



Galt's Edgar Zavala and Hawk #3 each try to out head the other.



# Liberty Ranch Wrestling Begins League Season

# Warrior Wrestling Celebrates Senior Night

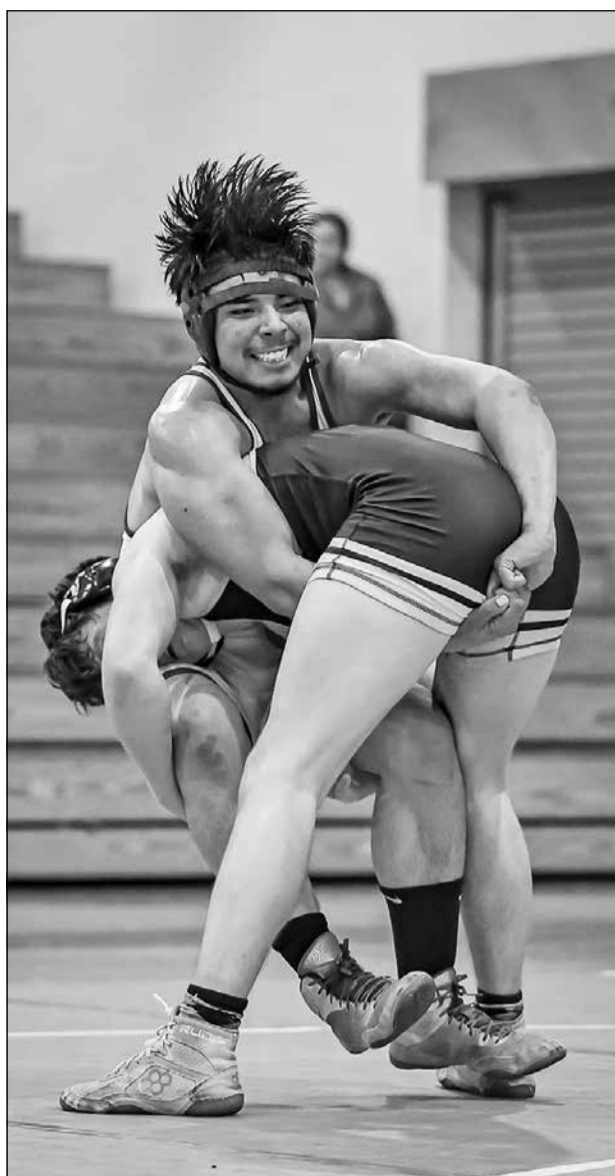
By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch High School wrestling met up with Bradshaw Christian and Rosemont last Wednesday. The dual meet was held at Galt Warrior gym, but Liberty won't wrestle against Galt till later in the season.

The Hawks are missing a few weight classes so as a team they didn't beat their opponents, but they had plenty of individual winners.

Rosemont has a formidable team this year, but the Hawks had three wins. At the JV level, Cutler Perez won in the 285lb weight class. For Varsity Wyatt Corriea 126 and Antonio Nuno 138 came out on top after three rounds each. Corriea, a freshman wrestled against a seasoned senior.

The Hawks had a lot more wins against Bradshaw Christian. Cutler Perez won at the JV level again. The Varsity winners were Wyatt Corriea 126, Antonio Nuno 138, Angel Contreras 150, Braden Salbeck 157, Chalo Enriquez 175 and Andres Raya 285.



Chalo Enriquez get ready to flip his Rosemont opponent. Photos by Paige Lampson



Warrior Wrestlers celebrate senior night with their families. Photos by Paige Lampson

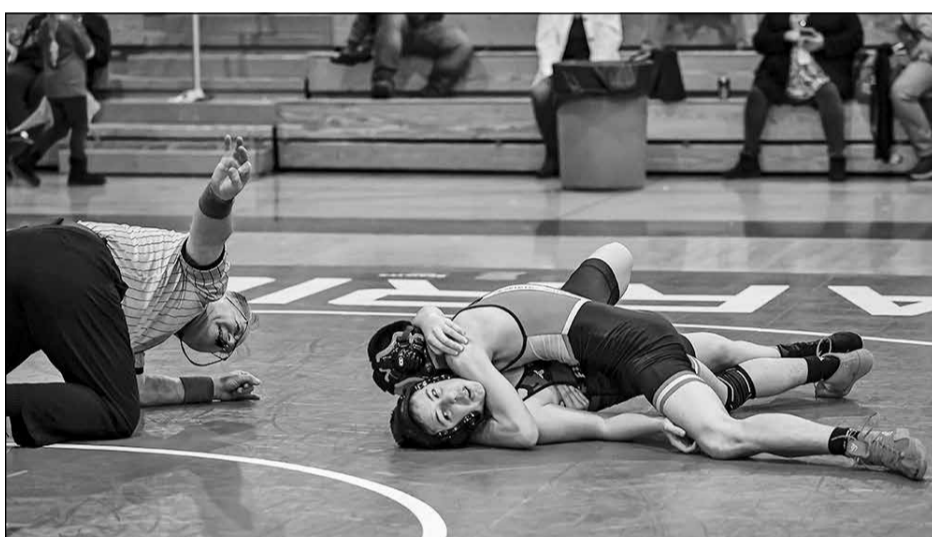
By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) -The Galt High wrestling hosted a dual meet in Warrior Gymnasium last Wednesday night. It was their first and last home meet of the season. They honored their seniors before the event started.

Three teams attended, Bradshaw Christian, Rosemont and Liberty Ranch. Galt and Liberty Ranch did not wrestle each other, that will happen when the Hawks host their senior night.

Galt Wrestled Bradshaw and Rosemont. There were quite a few individual wins and a lot of forfeits due to missing weight classes.

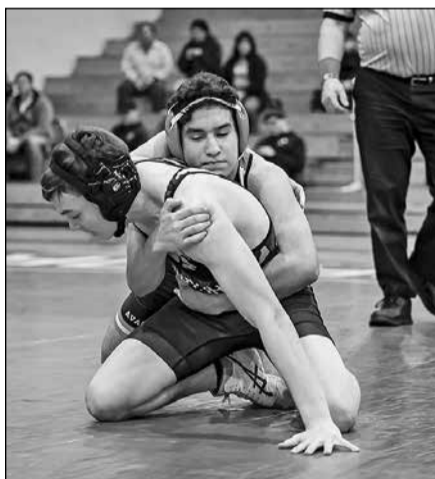
Head coach Tim Cobleigh has been coaching wrestling at Galt High for 12 years now and enjoys watching the individuals develop. "I am proud of all of our seniors and it has been a pleasure for myself and all the wrestling staff to be their coaches," said Cobleigh. "We look forward to seeing what they do and accomplish in their future endeavors." ★



Anthony Rice pins his Christian Brothers opponent.



Roman Peterson looks to get a pin.



Vincente Avalos tries to dominate his opponent.



Brenden Lane right before he pins his opponent on his senior night.



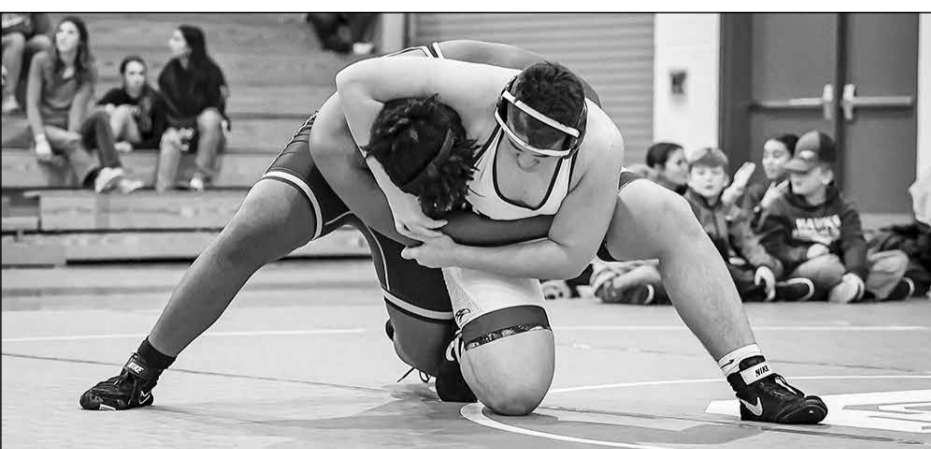
Izaac Robledo maneuvers his opponent. Photo courtesy of Ryan Thomas




Freshman Wyatt Corriea works to get his second Varsity win of the evening.



Hawk Antonio Nuno wears down his Rosemont opponent in a 3 round decision.



Cutler Perez wins his JV match against Rosemont.



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# Galt Police Swear In New Employees

# Sky River Casino Announces Top Three Nonprofit Winners



Officers Alex Gutierrez, Kyle Hughes and Luis Lara listen to Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski during their swearing-in ceremony. Photos via Galt Police Department

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt Police Department on Jan. 4 held a swearing-in ceremony for six new hires: three officers, a community service officer, and two office staff.

They are officers Alex Gutierrez, Kyle Huges and Luis Lara; community service officer Julio Roque; Property/Evidence Technician Nicole Latino; and Records Clerk Susana Rodriguez.

Gutierrez recently graduated from the San Joaquin Delta College police academy and joined law enforcement "because it has always been a childhood dream of his," the department said in a social media post. He began his service in Galt as a community service officer.

Hughes worked in corporate sales before changing careers to law enforcement and has prior experience with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Elk Grove Police Department.

Lara, who has lived in Galt for most of his life, recently earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento. The department said he felt fortunate to be able to give back to his community.

"Our department is happy to have this



Community service officer Julio Roque, Records Clerk Susana Rodriguez and Property/Evidence Technician Nicole Latino are sworn in on Jan. 4.

group of professionals joining our organization," the department said in a post about the swearing-in ceremony. "We are looking forward to a future filled with shared accomplishments and success!"

## Sky River Casino News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Sky River Casino is excited to announce the top three winners of the 2nd Annual Wreaths of Hope, an annual holiday program that resulted in \$15,000 being donated to support local charities. Creatively decorated 48" wreaths were on display throughout Sky River during the month of December 2023 when casino Rewards members were encouraged to vote for their favorites. In total, an impressive 45,048 votes were cast as part of the 2nd annual holiday program.

2023 Wreaths of Hope winners are as follows:

- First Place – Native Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run
- Second Place – Elk Grove Food Bank
- Third Place – Paws For A Purpose

Each of the 10 participating organizations received \$1,000 just for participating. Then, the first place wreath winner received an additional \$2,500, second place an additional \$1,500, and third place an additional \$1,000.

"We were amazed with the number of votes that were cast for our festive Wreaths of Hope program that supports 10 local charities," said Michael J. Facenda, President of Sky River Casino. "This 2nd annual holiday program clearly struck a chord with our guests while also providing much-needed donations that support local nonprofits so they can continue their meaningful work in the community."

A special awards ceremony and check presentation was held January 11th when the winners were announced. For more information, please visit [www.SkyRiver.com](http://www.SkyRiver.com).

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A special awards ceremony and check presentation was held January 11th when the winners were announced. Photo courtesy of Sky River Casino

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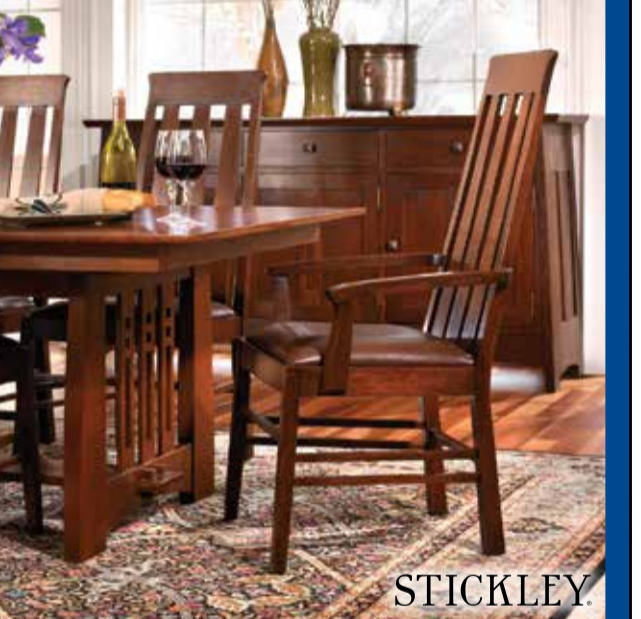
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