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## Elementary District to Cut Staff

*Cites an Anticipated Funding Drop*



Fifth-grade students in the Vernon E. Greer Elementary School choir perform at the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District meeting on Feb. 21. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone**  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Citing an anticipated drop in state funding, the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education voted on Feb. 21 to cut or reduce multiple staff positions.

Superintendent Lois Yount described the proposed staff cuts as “right-sizing” due to decreasing state funding.

The board cut a total of 18 positions, eight of which are currently filled, and 10 of which are vacant. The cut positions include seven occupied instructional

assistant posts. The other filled position is a bilingual community outreach assistant.

The board also approved reductions of hours for seven positions: a bilingual office assistant and six Bright Future Learning Center technicians.

A single-subject social

studies teacher position at Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School was also cut. Yount said the position had already been vacated and the teacher might be eligible for other positions in the district.

“We’ve been very fortunate to receive millions of

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## DA Holds Town Hall in Elk Grove



Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho speaks at a town hall meeting in Elk Grove, intended to address public safety issues. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone**  
News Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County District Attorney (DA) Thien Ho held a town hall meeting on Feb. 27 in Elk Grove. He addressed issues ranging from fentanyl overdoses to domestic violence to homelessness, and he took questions from community members.

The meeting at the Elk Grove City Council

Chambers was aimed at residents of Elk Grove and Galt, and it was the first in a series of town halls that Ho plans to hold at various locations around the county.

“I feel that it’s important that the district attorney not only represent the community and serve the community but be a part of the community,” Ho told the Citizen. “And so I wanted to come to the community and listen to

people in the community and make sure that their voices are heard.”

He said the DA’s priorities are “protecting people, protecting communities and preserving promises.”

Among the topics that Ho addressed was fentanyl in the illegal drug supply. He said that “99% of drugs that are on the street ... are laced with fentanyl,” a highly potent substance responsible for many accidental

overdoses among people who don’t realize it is in the drugs they are using.

Ho said fentanyl is a threat regardless of economic class or neighborhood, and he cited an educational program in schools to alert children of the danger.

The DA’s office is also creating a rapid fentanyl response team to investigate overdoses and find the source of the drug, Ho said.

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## Elk Grove Settles Suit on Low Income Apartments

**Story by**  
Shaunna Boyd

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen asked that consideration of the Oak Rose Apartments in Old Town be dropped from the agenda during the Feb. 28 meeting of the Elk Grove City Council.

The project was the subject of a lawsuit alleging violations of affordable housing legislation after City Council denied the project. But a settlement was reached with the developer, Excelerate Housing, to relocate the project to a city-owned property at 8484 Elk Grove-Florin Road, which is a larger site that will accommodate more housing units.

Under the agreement, the city will purchase the Old Town property from Excelerate at the appraised value and will transfer ownership of the Elk Grove-Florin Road site (which was specifically purchased to meet affordable housing needs) to Excelerate at no cost, for the development of a permanent supportive housing development. The city will also award the project a phased grant totaling \$5 million from an affordable housing fund.

The city also agreed to cover Excelerate’s incurred costs from the Old Town site, totaling \$850,000, as well as \$860,000 in damages and \$600,000 in attorneys’ fees.

The city will be able to review Excelerate’s project proposal for the new site and can then approve or deny it by June 30. According to the settlement, if the city denies the project, Excelerate can terminate the agreement and the city will have to pay \$2.2 million but will then retain ownership of both the Old Town and Elk Grove-Florin Road sites.

This settlement does not address the separate but related lawsuit filed against the city by the State of California.

In light of the settlement agreement, City Council voted unanimously to remove consideration of the Oak Rose Apartments in Old Town from the agenda. But many members of the public still signed up to speak on the topic during Public Comment. Some residents thanked City Council for denying the project at the

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# Police Get Conchas at Outreach Event



Community service officers Julio Roque (center right) and Colby Cuthbertson (far right) pose for a photo with members of Galt Police Department's CAPS volunteer program during Coffee With a Cop. The event at Aroma Bakery offered concha pastries. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Coffee With a Cop became Conchas With a Cop on Feb. 21, when Galt Police Department held its regular community outreach event at Aroma Bakery on South Lincoln Way.

"It's the first time we've proposed an event kind of tailored to the Hispanic community," community service officer Julio Roque told the Herald. Roque organized the event. "And so far so good, the Aroma Bakery decided to give free coffee and the conchas as well. ... I think it's the first of many events we'll have here."

Galt Police officers and leadership, including Police Chief Brian Kalinowski, gathered outside the bakery, ready to interact with members of the public.



Galt police officers converse outside Aroma Bakery during Coffee With a Cop.

Members of the CAPS volunteer group offered conchas, pastries made with enriched bread and a colorful, sweet topping. Roque looked forward to seeing young visitors that afternoon when classes finished at Galt High School.

Coffee With a Cop is "for community outreach so people can come by and ask questions where it's more approachable than calling 911 or

calling our non-emergency (phone number). So it's easier to come up and just have a pastry and just talk to an officer if you have a question — informal, nothing formal," Roque said.

As for the conchas, Roque added, "They're great, I have them all the time."

Fellow community service officer Colby Cuthbertson gave them "a solid 10 out of 10." ★

# Major Takedown of Vast Organized Retail Crime Operation

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The CHP, California Department of Justice, and allied federal agencies announced the takedown of a vast organized retail theft operation spanning 21 counties and involving \$8 million worth of stolen beauty products.

The ringleader of an extensive organized retail crime operation spanning 21 counties, involving an estimated \$8 million in stolen beauty products, was arrested and charges were filed. The announcement signals the culmination of several months of collaborative investigatory efforts in the CHP's ongoing fight against retail crime.

The investigation was conducted by the California Department of Justice (DOJ), CHP, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Postal Inspection Service along with Ulta's Loss Prevention Organized Retail Crime team and Sephora representatives. It is alleged that the ringleader of the scheme paid more than seven people to steal from Ulta Beauty stores, as well as other retail outlets. The ringleader would then sell the stolen cosmetic items on her Amazon storefront.

CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee said, "The success of this investigation is due to the collaboration between several of our Organized Retail Crime Task Force teams throughout the state, the CHP's Computer Crimes Investigation Unit, the DOJ, our federal partners, and retailers. Through

increased collaborative efforts, retailers and law enforcement have become more efficient and effective in our fight against organized retail crime."

Recognizing the complexity and scale of the operation, in August 2023, federal investigators requested the CHP's Organized Retail Crime Task Force (ORCTF) join their ongoing investigation. In December, simultaneous search warrants were executed by ORCTF investigators in Southern California and the suspects were taken into custody.

The charges, brought by the California DOJ, include Organized Retail Theft, Conspiracy, Receipt of Stolen Property, and multiple counts of Grand Theft.

The thefts occurred in Alameda, Placer, Kern, Contra Costa, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, San Diego, Sacramento, San Mateo, Solano, Riverside, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Napa, Marin, Tulare, San Bernardino, Sonoma, Ventura, and Yolo counties.

Since the inception of the ORCTF in 2019, the CHP has been involved in more than 2,300 investigations leading to the arrest of more than 2,200 suspects and the recovery of over 761,000 stolen goods valued at \$41.7 million.

If you witness one of these crimes occurring, do not attempt to intervene — call 9-1-1. Members of the public and retailers can also report retail crime tips directly through the CHP's website.

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# Spider-Man 2099 to Pokemon Attended Ohana Comic-Con

**Story and photos by Emanuel Espinoza**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - Scores of residents joined the world of comics, anime, science fiction and other fandoms as the Ohana Comic-Con returned to Soccer World on March 2.

Several attendees dressed as their favorite characters, including Spider-Man 2099, The Predator and Pokemon members.

Ziggy Star, co-promoter for the convention, said this event is held "every weekend" as they travel to various cities. One example was the con in Hollister the following day and the following weekend in Folsom, and a couple of others in Salinas and Santa Cruz. Star said that they differ from other cons because of how often this one is held.

"We hold these events every weekend," Star said. "But we are also helping my buddy with the Omega Con on Memorial Day weekend in Fresno."

Like many other cons, this event had several vendors ranging from artists who do fan art and comic books to vendors selling sports memorabilia and autographed pictures to also vendors selling video games and plushies.

Artist Jade Gonzalez of Woodland, owner of Jadedxcreations, said she had done the Ohana Comic Con in her hometown before and is looking to branch out into doing cons in other locations. However, Gonzalez said

she had done other events in the Bay Area and Sacramento before.

Gonzalez's booth was devoted to her artwork. She said she was selling prints at the moment, but some of her other works were of original canvas paintings and also had done digital artwork.

"I took pictures of my art and made them into prints and did all of this at home," Gonzalez said.

Branden Sanderson, owner of Midnight Comics and artist/writer of his "Malevolent Rising" comic book series, said he had been doing a lot of comic cons as of late, one of which being the Lodi Comic Con Fall this past September.

"I usually do a con every weekend," Sanderson said. "I do three a month. I am all over the place."

Sanderson said he had been self-publishing his work since 2019. After every con and show he participated in, Sanderson said, he had gained more followers. He said his comic business gets bigger every year and makes more books and travels farther to do other events.

"As time has gone on, I've grown quite a bit," Sanderson said. "When I first started promoting my work, I hardly had any followers, but now I have little over a thousand followers."

Amelia Pendleton, a watercolor and digital artist from Palo Alto, said she had come back to doing cons this past year after being away because of the pandemic.



Residents of all ages had fun at the Ohana Comic Con at Soccer World on March 2

"The first con I went to after a long time was the Fan Expo in San Francisco," Pendleton said. "My friend and I had a great time and I've been enjoying doing shows and getting back into them since."

Pendleton said she started drawing fan art after watching a particular series and wanted to do more with some of the characters and bring her own twist and flair to them.

"It comes from the love of watching the series and wanting to do more like bring my own twist and flair to the characters," Pendleton said. "I did that a lot with the books I read as a kid like 'Harry Potter' and 'Lord of the Rings.'" ★



Many attendees participated at the March 2 Ohana Comic-Con while dressing up as their favorite characters. Pictured here is one man dressed as Spider-Man 2099.


MEMORIAL

**BONNIE KATHLEEN GROSS • 9/02/1932 – 3/02/2024**

Bonnie Kathleen Gross entered into rest on March 2, 2024, at 91 years of age. She was born Bonnie Kathleen Williams on Sept. 2, 1932, in Galt, California, to Ethel and Lee Williams. She attended Galt schools and graduated high school in 1950. The following November she married her high school sweetheart, Otto Gross.

Together they had three sons, Kenny, Keith and Jeff. She was busy in her early married years taking care of her family and helping her husband run their business, Otto Gross & Sons water well drilling.

Bonnie enjoyed sewing, cooking and exercising, along with many other activities. Later she became interested in decorating and spent many years wall-papering model homes and commercial offices.



Bonnie is survived by her husband, Otto; her son Keith (Gail); daughter-in-law Diane; brothers Gene and Toney; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Ethel Williams; brothers Harold, Charlie, Kenny and Gordon; and sisters, Helen, Dorothy and Pola. Also her sons Kenny and Jeff, and her granddaughter Kendra.

Our beloved Bonnie will be greatly missed by all those who loved her dearly.

Services are being held Friday, March 8, at Ben Salas Funeral Home, 149 Fourth St., Galt. A viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and a service will follow at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to hospice would be appreciated.

Bonnie was a member of the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed luncheons and fun activities, too many to mention, with her friends.

She loved to travel. She and Otto cruised to St. Thomas, Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico.

Bonnie also liked to fish. There were many memorable camping trips with family and friends. She loved spending time at their cabin in Lake Tahoe, and really looked forward to those gambling trips to Carson Valley!



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# DA Holds Town Hall in Elk Grove

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“What we’re doing at the DA’s office is we’re giving warnings in every case where somebody is selling drugs, and then if we are able to tie you into it for selling drugs that resulted in the death of someone from fentanyl ... you can be charged with murder,” Ho said.

He added that there were four ongoing cases charging people with murder for selling fentanyl-laced drugs.

Ho also spoke about a partnership with the city of Elk Grove and a domestic-violence program.

“When we’re talking about protecting people, in Elk Grove, we were able to partner with the City Council and Supervisor Pat Hume to bring a community prosecutor to Elk Grove,” he told the Citizen. “We were also able to develop a domestic violence app to help domestic violence victims with the resources, shelter, information about their offender; and then also, in terms of preserving promises, to make sure that we are out here in the community being heard and dealing with the homeless crisis.”

A major topic brought up by attendees was the case of Doshmen Johnson, who supporters have said was wrongly convicted in 2009 in a deadly shooting. Johnson is serving a life sentence without parole, having been convicted in the homicide of Perry Steele.

Members of Johnson’s family and other supporters attended the town hall to ask that the DA prioritize the wrongful-conviction claim.

Franki Jones, whose eyewitness testimony helped convict Johnson, said she did not believe Johnson was the killer and when she tried to tell this to investigators at the time, she was ignored.

“I’m here right now just to be able to speak to you directly because something needs to be done. ... I was wrong, and I’m taking accountability right now, and I’m doing my due diligence, and everyone else should too,” Jones

said.

Johnson’s wife said calls to reconsider the case have gone unheard.

“We’re grieving. We’ve been grieving. We’re suffering because we haven’t been heard, because nobody is listening. I appreciated when you said that you are here to listen. ... I appreciate you holding this town hall just so we can be heard. We haven’t been heard,” she said.

The attendees said Steele’s family believes that Johnson is not guilty.

Ho said the case is with the DA’s Justice, Training and Integrity Unit, which evaluates wrongful-conviction claims.

“In any particular case, we strive to achieve justice and the truth, and there is the side of the individual that’s accused of a crime and the side of somebody who is a victim of a crime. And I always want make sure that we get it right. That’s the most important thing,” Ho said, continuing that his office would get in touch with Johnson’s supporters.

The mayors of Elk Grove and Galt were both in attendance and gave positive assessments of the town hall.

“I was really proud to see him (Ho) connecting with the community,” Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen said. “We have not seen this level of engagement before, so that partnership exists because he’s actively involved and he cares about public safety in all of the communities, in all of the cities, but also respective communities within a city, and so I love his proactive approach as you can hear he’s very humble.”

Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu said he attended to learn more about the DA’s approach to homelessness. He was optimistic on future town halls.

“I was thinking he will do very good. He gave everybody who asked their answers. He had a lot of patience to listen to the public.” ★

# Elk Grove Settles Suit on Low Income Apartments

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Old Town site and for not giving in, despite the lawsuits, such as Randy Becker, who said, “Don’t mess with Old Town.”

However, others criticized the City Council for fighting the lawsuits and putting the city on the hook for high settlement costs. Steve Lee said that he understands the council was “between a rock and a hard place” but “instead of biting the bullet and admitting you missed the opportunity to buy the land and not later admitting the law wasn’t on our side, you decided to fight it—a losing battle from the start.”

“For what? A handful of NIMBYs [Not in My Backyards] who don’t want low-income housing near them. Now every citizen in this city has to pay. It’s not fair to every taxpayer in the city,” Lee said. “The relocated project is now being forced into an existing neighborhood, who basically is being blindsided by the project that they cannot possibly stop now. Where’s their representation? Why can’t they scream NIMBY and have the council cow to them?”

Still other members of the public objected to the new location proposed in the settlement.

Elk Grove resident Liz Marshall, who lives near the new project site, asked, “Where’s the outreach? ... Why aren’t property owners in my neighborhood being informed?”

Putting a large housing unit

into an established residential neighborhood, Marshall said, will result in “a decrease in our home values. It’s congestion, it’s school crowding, it’s crime, it’s blight, it’s police calls.”

Marshall also said that the location wouldn’t be beneficial for new residents of the proposed complex, since it is surrounded only by residential housing with no nearby amenities, social services, medical facilities or jobs: “It’s a lose-lose-lose.”

A public hearing was held to consider a conditional use permit and major design review amendment of the previously-approved Calvine Pointe project for a new ARCO AM/PM fueling station, car wash and convenience store. The proposal also includes a request for a determination of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) for a Type 21 alcohol license for the sale of beer, wine and spirits for off-site consumption.

The project site is located at 8798 Calvine Road, near the southwest corner of Calvine Road and Elk Grove-Florin Road, and is part of the Calvine Pointe project approved in 2005. The area was rezoned at that time as a shopping center for seven commercial lots. Most of the commercial sites have already been constructed: Kohls, Bank of America, El Pollo Loco, The Island Pacific Seafood Market, City Sports Club and a multi-tenant shop building.

The California Department

of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requires applicants obtain a public convenience or necessity from the local jurisdiction when the site is within a higher-than-average crime area and/or when the census tract is overconcentrated with licenses for alcohol sale, both of which apply to this project site. However, the Elk Grove Police Department reviewed the project’s safety plan and found that approval would likely not result in increased calls for service and that there was no public safety reason to oppose the license.

The public convenience or necessity request must show how the license will be a convenience for the public. The applicant explained that the location is not a liquor store but a convenience store for those picking up a few items while refueling their vehicles, thus limiting the number of stops that have to be made.

A traffic study projected no increased traffic congestion from the project since it will be in an established shopping center. Staff determined that there would be minimal impacts to surrounding neighborhoods and that the project would provide the convenience of fueling and quick shopping.

There were no public comments on this item and the project was unanimously approved by City Council.

The next Elk Grove City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 13 at City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way. ★

## GLANCE BACK

### 80 Years Ago March 17, 1944

There will be a meeting of the observers of the Galt Observation Post Tuesday evening, March 21. Lt. Raymond Herbert, filter area officer, will be present to award certificates to those observers who were active at the local post at the time of its closing.

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Chabolla Parlor No. 171, Native Daughters of the Golden West initiated two candidates at the meeting March 14. They are Devye Rausser and Erma Allen.

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Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Thornton that their son George graduated on Feb. 28 from Basic 3 Training School at the University of Indiana. On the following Saturday, George was stricken with the mumps and was confined to the hospital for treatment.

### 70 Years Ago March 18, 1954

The Smith & Lippi Unit No. 156 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Galt, has announced that it will send Joanne Schoellerman, a junior in Galt High School, to attend the 11th annual session of California Girls State to be held June 23-July 1 at California Junior High School, Sacramento.

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Officers for the coming year were installed

at a meeting of the Galt Elementary PTA Tuesday. They are Mrs. Leland Templeton, president; Mrs. Jack Young, first vice president; Mrs. Vernon Lowell, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Diede, treasurer; Mrs. Tom Evans, financial secretary; Mrs. Bill Weathers, auditor; Mrs. Wilbur Pearson, parliamentarian; and Mrs. August Stiehr, historian.

### 60 Years Ago March 12, 1964

No. 665 C Street, next door to Diede’s, is the new location of Jack Guthrie Realty.

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The Galt chapter of the Future Homemakers held installation of officers March 10: Sharon Spaans, president; Susan Hill, vice president; Linda Crawford, secretary; Doris Nitschke, treasurer; Wendy Fletcher, historian; Harriet Dale, recorder of points; Lola and Lila Reich, hostesses.

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Saturday afternoon Cathy Myers had nine friends to help her celebrate her 7th birthday. Guests were Barbara and Betty Maynard, Andrea Nottoli, Denese and Ralph Fromm, Becky Wilburn, Sandra Rochester, Carol Weatherby and Marlene Shock.

### 50 Years Ago March 14, 1974

In a special Galt City Council meeting Tuesday

evening, March 12, Cedro Casado was elected to serve two more years as mayor. Ron Jacobsen was elected to continue as vice mayor and two new council members, Helen Fuller and Bob Dunnett, were sworn in.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Guthmiller are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 4 in Sutter Memorial Hospital. The little miss weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and is named Dava Elaine.

### 40 Years Ago March 8, 1984

Elizabeth Kolb, science and mathematics; Kristy Uhrich, liberal arts; and Erica Lorenz, applied and fine arts, were named top-ranking students in their study field in the Bank of America’s 1984 Achievements Awards program, Principal Henry Mellon announced today.

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A family style spaghetti dinner will be served by chef Vicki Porter to help defray medical expenses for open heart surgery for Dorothy Keese. The Lodi Moose Lodge has donated the use of their hall, and Galt and Lodi merchants have donated food. Tickets are \$5 for all you can eat. Gary Don Ricks and his Would Be Famous Band have donated their services for dancing following dinner. ★

## ABOUT TOWN

### Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner March 16

The Alta Mesa Gun Club of Wilton will kick off the St. Patrick’s Day season and host its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 16. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by the 6 p.m. dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person (ages 13 and up) and \$15 per person (ages 12 and under). Dinner tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse from 5 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Thursday, and Fridays or via Google Pay at altamesagunclub@gmail.com. For more information on tickets, call 916-716-7329 or 916-996-8861. The Alta Mesa Gun Club is at 10100 Reigl Road, Wilton.

### EG American Legion Casino Night March 17

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 invites the community to its Casino Night fundraiser on March 1 at District 56 (8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove). There is a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. and the casino from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at post233.americanlegionelkgrove.com for \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Each ticket includes one drink ticket per person or two drink tickets per couple, hors d’oeuvres and \$200 per person in casino money. You can also RSVP at 916-681-4078. The fundraiser will support the purchase of uniforms for the Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 baseball team.

### HCC Easter Egg Hunt March 23

Herald Community Club will hold its Easter Egg Hunt on March 23. The family-friendly egg hunt starts at 11:30 a.m. sharp, and attendees are invited to bring Easter baskets. The overall event runs until 1 p.m. and features kids’ crafts and music, as well as burgers and hot dogs. The Easter Bunny will take pictures with guests. The event will be at Herald Community Park.

### Eggstravaganza, Kite Day on March 30

Galt Area Historical Society will host Eggstravaganza and Kite Day on March 30 at McFarland Living History Ranch, featuring an egg hunt and egg drop, a pie-eating contest and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Games and activities run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the hunt for eggs hidden across the ranch starts at 9 a.m. The pie-eating contest will start at noon and the egg drop will start at 1 p.m. Tours of the historic ranch house will happen throughout the day. McFarland Living History Ranch is at 8899 Orr Road and parking costs \$5 per car. For information on registration, call 209-730-3127.

### A-Z Foundation Fundraising Dinner April 6

The GLS Chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group is hosting its fourth annual Auction/Banquet Fundraiser in Acampo on April 6. The prime rib and chicken dinner will be held at the Moose Lodge (3824 E. Woodridge Road, Acampo). Doors open at 5 p.m.

Single-dinner tickets cost \$80 each or \$150 for two. Multiple levels of table sponsorships are available. A raffle will be held with prizes including various rifles; raffle ticket packs are available for \$100 to \$500, with bonus tickets on offer for those who buy before March 27.

For ticket information, call Joyce Horrocks at 209-541-4959, Rick Horrocks at 209-541-4813 or Rodney Torres at 209-769-1088.

### Historical Tours Offered Monthly

The Galt Area Historical Society will offer tours at McFarland Living History Ranch (8898 Orr Road) and the Rae House Museum (204 Oak Ave.), from 1 to 4 p.m. on the following Sundays: April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. Parking is free and donations are accepted. For more information, call 209-730-3127. ★

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## POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Feb. 23 to Feb. 29, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

### Friday, Feb. 23

06:41 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Gaylon Way.

08:18 a.m., vehicle accident/injury reported at Marengo Ranch Elementary School on Elk Hills Drive.

10:13 a.m., trespassing reported at Starbucks on East Stockton Boulevard.

11:26 a.m., battery reported at Rancho Seco Care Center on F Street.

11:31 a.m., fraud reported on Alderman Court.

01:37 p.m., trespassing reported at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.

02:08 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.

03:49 p.m., theft reported on Holsteiner Court.

05:07 p.m., vandalism reported at Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.

05:35 p.m., vandalism reported at Saint James Court/Fermoy Way.

06:56 p.m., trespassing reported on Twin Cities Road.

07:09 p.m., theft reported at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.

**Saturday, Feb. 24**  
01:27 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at Highway 99/West Stockton Boulevard.

08:45 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on Birch Court.

**Sunday, Feb. 25**  
05:26 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Norbury Way.

05:43 a.m., trespassing reported at Starbucks on East Stockton Boulevard.

04:07 p.m., shoplifting/adult arrested at Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.

06:30 p.m., fight reported on Raven Brook Drive.

09:29 p.m., domestic violence reported on Port Ashton Court.

**Monday, Feb. 26**  
12:29 a.m., pursuit/adult arrested at West Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.

12:44 a.m., hit-and-run/non-injury reported at College Lane Apartments on A Street.

10:40 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on Labrador Court.

02:27 p.m., vandalism reported on I Street.

05:22 p.m., DUI/adult arrested on Vintage Oak Avenue.

10:43 p.m., trespassing reported on J Street.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
07:23 a.m., weapon possession/adult arrested at

Building Material Distributors on Elm Avenue.

05:19 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Grouse Drive.

06:43 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Park Heights Drive.

07:41 p.m., vandalism reported on Rio Mesa Way.

08:45 p.m., theft reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

**Wednesday, Feb. 28**  
12:50 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.

09:01 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at Highway 99/Twin Cities Road.

01:57 p.m., vandalism reported at Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.

04:37 p.m., vandalism reported at Ron Hilder, DDS, on Pine Street.

09:36 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Heritage Senior Village on Second Street.

**Thursday, Feb. 29**  
06:55 a.m., theft reported on Elsworth Court.

10:33 a.m., vandalism reported at South Lincoln Way/Southdale Court.

01:54 p.m., vandalism reported on Park Terrace Drive.

07:34 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Fairsite School on Caroline Avenue.

11:08 p.m., DUI reported on Elk Hills Drive. ★

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 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 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays 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 only for dry-cell household batteries.

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

### Square Dance Classes on Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club hosts social square-dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall. The classes are formatted for flexibility and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months. The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

### Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants 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, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays 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 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 at 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open from 7:30 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month 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 at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays 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. from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are cordially invited to have fun and play bingo together, socialize and possibly make new friends. Attendance is free.

### 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 volunteers who can operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email.

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members if questions arise.

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

### Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

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

The nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization is 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 available 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 4 to 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

### Elk Grove American Legion Baseball

Under the Pillar of Americanism, American Legion Baseball was established in 1926. The leadership of the American Legion's Elk Grove Post 233 is sponsoring the return of American Legion Baseball to the Elk Grove area for 2024. The players come from the high school age group (ages 13-19). The season runs from the end of the high school season with hopefully a shot at the National Championship in early August after regional qualification.

We are committed to growing the game in the Elk Grove area and providing our young men with the opportunity to compete in a sport they love and a chance to represent the Elk Grove area community.

We will be working out at local baseball fields and the Elk Grove Sports Lab located in Elk Grove at 9752 Kent Street, Building 200, which is owned by David, Ray, and Rick Hernandez. We also have support from many former professional baseball players including Elk Grove alumni Jared Deacon, Ray Hernandez, David Hernandez who played in the major leagues over 10 years, and many other former Elk Grove area college and professional players. We will be developing a highly competitive American Legion Baseball team from the Elk Grove area that is accessible to our regions high school players with minimal cost to the players. We will play other American Legion teams with two to three games a week starting the first week of June through the week of July 10th with the goal of collecting enough points to play in the Area 1 championship tournament in July in Fairfield. If we are successful in the Area 1 tournament, we will be able to go to the American Legion State Tournament that will be played at UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium. We are committed to growing the game in the Elk Grove area and providing our young men with the opportunity to compete in a sport they love and a chance to represent the Elk Grove area community.

For more information, please contact Dennis Barksdale, Elk Grove Post 233 American Legion Baseball, Baseball Program General Manager, Member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 233, 916-207-9026, [dc@claybar.com](mailto:dc@claybar.com).

### 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 next meeting will be held March 28th, 2024.

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 from 7-8 pm in the same location.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

Our next Saturday breakfast will be held March 2nd 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! ★

## MEETING MINDERS

### Saturday, March 9

Kiwanis, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn and Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-327-1098.

### Monday, March 11

Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

### Wednesday, March 13

Galt Parks and Recreation Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

### Thursday, March 14

Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Galt High School/Liberty Ranch High School Ag Boosters, 6:30 p.m., at Estrellita High School, 12935 Marengo Road, [galtagboosters@gmail.com](mailto:galtagboosters@gmail.com).

Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. social and 7 p.m. meeting, Galt Place, 400 D St., 209-745-5921.

### Friday, March 15

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

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# Elementary District Cuts 8 Staff, Cites Funding Drop

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extra dollars the last few years, whether it be in one-time funds or extremely large COLA (cost-of-living adjustments), over 8% the last couple of years,” Yount said, “and what we’re facing now is getting back down to the reality of what state budgets kind of normally look like.”

“Normally, we don’t have an 8% COLA and we’re not receiving millions of dollars from the state or from the federal government, and so what we’re faced with is right-sizing,” Yount said.

While “best practice” is to not hire new employees with one-time funds, Yount said, it became necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic. She said the district has also created new jobs as students’ needs change.

“While we are looking at some potential reductions, we’ve hired staff and we’ve created new positions the last couple of years based on the new needs of students,” Yount said.

It is common to initially propose cuts to teaching assistant positions, Yount said, because the district is required to announce its intention to cut jobs before the number of students who will take programs such as special education is known. Some positions can be brought back based on the enrollment numbers.

Asked by Trustee Wesley Cagle how much money the cuts save, Yount said the eight occupied positions represent a cost of \$116,607.

Alejandra Garibay, the district’s chief business official, gave a presentation on the state education budget, which she said was affected by a larger-than-expected \$78 billion deficit. To close that hole, the state might reduce one-time funds it gives to districts, Garibay said, along with a cost-of-living adjustment much smaller than in the past few years.

During public comment, speaker Veronica Kaufman urged that the board vote no on the items.

“We should not be cutting positions that directly support students. If we have a budget shortfall, perhaps it should come from the salaries of the directors and ultimately the superintendent,” Kaufman said. “When we are sending two-thirds of our students to high school below grade level in math and (English language arts), we should not be cutting instructional assistants, librarians or social studies teachers.”

Maria Bernal, a special education instructional assistant, requested more training for instructional assistants (IAs).

“The bilingual IAs are training me to do my job. Are you going to give us the salary for a trainer?” Bernal said. She added that she “can’t afford to live off what you guys pay me.”

Board President Traci Skinner spoke about the Bright Future Learning Centers, where hour reductions were

proposed for six positions. Skinner said the centers had accomplished their goals with her children, who attend Lake Canyon Elementary School. The centers’ services include science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics education, as well as after-school clubs. Skinner said a technician at the Lake Canyon center “has been amazing.”

“And so I know it’s hard to think of adjusting that or dialing it back. ... I think all the parents want to see that continue,” Skinner said. “And hopefully, we can try to adjust with the reduction in hours. You know, I think, unfortunately, the budget’s just not looking good and we’re going to have to make that decision. It’s hard to be thinking that way.”

Yount said the district might need to “get creative” and find other funding sources to maintain the services if they are priorities for the district.

The trustees passed the proposed cuts and reductions by 5-0 votes.

The board also addressed a public-comment request from its previous meeting to evaluate the placement of a tampon dispenser in boys’ bathrooms at each school site. State regulations require each school site to provide free menstrual products “in all women’s restrooms and all-gender restrooms, and in at least one men’s restroom.”

Commenters said it was inappropriate to provide tampons in a boys’ bathroom.

The trustees focused on the regulation’s use of the word “men’s,” as opposed to “boys.”

“I feel like it (the dispenser) should be in the office, where the men’s restroom is,” Skinner said.

“My recommendation would be to follow it to the letter, as it is written,” Trustee Katherine Harper said. “It does say ‘men’s restroom,’ so until things change, if they do change, this is our mandate.”

Trustee Annette Kunze took issue with the reasoning behind the law.

“It’s really the premise that is causing the issue and the farcicality thereof, that I think is really why we’re having these struggling conversations.”

Kunze supported putting the dispenser in the men’s bathroom.

Yount said the dispensers would be shifted into men’s bathrooms.

Later in the meeting, Kaufman criticized the board’s decision, saying that the board did not ask to remove dispensers from the girls’ bathrooms, although the law says “women’s ... restrooms.”

“You are playing a game of semantics, so let’s call a spade a spade,” Kaufman said. “This is not about pads, tampons or bathrooms any more than it was about bathrooms during Jim Crow. This is anti-trans and anti-LGBTQ. It’s bigotry, and it’s hatred and kids are being harmed.” ★



# To Tell the Truth, I Wasn't

Ten years ago, I was at a writing seminar hanging around the snack table, when one of the seminar instructors joined me for a Danish.

He was a quiet, introspective man, truly a statesman among aspiring student writers. That’s why I guided him to the quiet side of the room to tell him I thought he was lying.

Not in those exact words. I constructed a more diplomatic approach that went something like this:

“You were introduced as a ‘Pulitzer Prize nominee,’ but a quick Internet search tells me that we share some confusion over the term ‘nominee.’”

For a moment he glanced at this watch, but unfortunately realized he had time to hear me out.

“If you’d met me last year,” I explained, “I would have told you that my syndicated column had received a Pulitzer Prize nomination.”

“And it was not?” he asked.

“Sadly, no.”

I told the aging professor how my “Florida Today” editor had submitted the dozen columns I’d written during my 2009 deployment to a combat field hospital in Iraq.

“Yes,” said the professor, “My publisher also submitted my work.”

As he gathered his lecture notes, he dismissively added, “Congratulations, it sounds like we are both Pulitzer nominees.”

“No, we are not.” I said, “but we both made the same assumption. We assumed that our editor’s submission of our work equaled a Pulitzer

nomination.”

Sadly, the difference between a Pulitzer submission and a Pulitzer nomination is about as far as “ticket purchaser” is from “lotto winner.”

I showed him the Pulitzer website on my tablet where he read “More than 2,500 entries are submitted annually for Pulitzer Prize consideration, yet only three in each category are bestowed with the prestigious title of Pulitzer Nominee.”

“In fact,” I said, “anyone of my fellow conferees can submit their work for Pulitzer consideration as long as they send \$75. But only the Pulitzer committee can bestow the title of Nominee.”

The professor seemed embarrassed that a pupil had schooled him in the difference.

Our stories beg the complicated question: “Can one be a liar if one doesn’t know he’s lying?” Another facet of the question is: “Does one’s story default to becoming the truth if one doesn’t bother to fact check the story?”

In other words, in a quick check of the Pulitzer website you’ll note the glaring absence of our names. And that omission, for a time, made us both liars.

For the duration of the conference, the professor continued to allow his introductions to claim a Pulitzer connection. Just as it took some time for me to remove the notation from my website.

I guess we felt much like the claim made in the movie in “A Few Good Men,” by Jack Nicholson’s character, Col. Jessup.

When Jessup is questioned on the witness stand, a shouting match ensues. Tom

Cruise’s character Lt. j.g. Kaffee demands the court finally be told the truth behind a hazing incident in the Marine barracks.

We all know Col. Jessup’s answer, so say it with me.

“You can’t handle the truth!”

Neither the professor nor I handled our truths very well. Sadly, our websites boasted our Pulitzer claim for a few more months.

But centuries before that movie, Jesus set the scene for real truth in John 8:32 when he said, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

The professor, while not religious, had no doubt heard the scripture quoted in his academic circles by those promoting academic freedom and the power of learning.

It was a minute before he and I found a way to handle our truth, but the truth eventually set us free from our egos—just as Jesus promised it would.

Note: While nowhere near Pulitzer fame, Norris does boast the 2019 Will Rogers Humanitarian Award for his columns about Chispa Project. The charity, started by his daughter Sara, establishes Spanish libraries in Honduran elementary schools. The Honduran school year began this month so your continued support is greatly needed at <https://www.chispaproject.org/nextchapter>.

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A.P.N.: 150-0520-012-0000

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 23-02205-LC-CA Title No. 230472527-CA-VOI A.P.N. 150-0142-038-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/27/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably esti-

mated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Oscar G. Gutierrez, a married man, as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/05/2021 as Instrument No. 202102050147 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: 04/05/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance of Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$349,655.74 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 653 Alice Rae Circle, Galt, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 150-0142-038-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the

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Wilton Man Clinically Dead for Nearly 40 Minutes Makes Remarkable Recovery

By Gail Bullen Staff Writer

WILTON, CA (MPG) - A month after his heart stopped, Wilton resident Mark Hite, 77, had the chance to reunite with three members of the team who brought him back to life although he had been clinically dead for nearly 40 minutes.

The reunion took place outside the Kaiser Permanente South emergency room on Feb. 27. "I've got to admit, I don't remember a whole lot about what happened when we were here," Hite told Dr. Christopher Beck, the emergency physician who spearheaded the effort to revive him.

"I'm glad you don't remember. We had you paralyzed. We had you knocked out with a breathing tube," Beck said. "You certainly put me through the gamut of almost everything I know about running a code. We had four doctors in there, probably six nurses, a couple of medical students, and a resident. I was almost at the end of what I knew how to do."

Hite's heart had endured 14 shocks from a defibrillator, three times by Wilton firefighters at their home, four times by Cosumnes Fire medics in the ambulance, and seven times at the hospital. CPR was being administered continuously in between. Additionally, the hospital staff administered 10 or 12 medications.

"I mean it was a kitchen

sink effort at that point," Beck recalled.

That's when Beck resorted to a tool he had only used three or four times in his 10-year career as an emergency room (ER) doctor. "We had to double shock you three times and managed to get you back," he told Hite. "But then you were in a dangerous, life-threatening arrhythmia once you got a pulse, but we still had to shock you another three or four times."

Beck said the situation was so precarious that he hesitated to leave the ER to update the family. "We were with you for over an hour before you were safe to come out of the sickest room in the ER," he told Hite.

One of Beck's colleagues checked on Hite that night and found him awake, and Beck visited the intensive care unit (ICU) the following day. He recounted how they shook hands, and Hite wrote him a note.

"It was a wonderful CPR case," Beck said. "The amazing thing is you were down for almost 40 minutes and you are still neurologically intact."

Beck commended everyone who administered CPR, beginning with Betsy Hite and ending with students at the hospital. "Your heart was not effectively pumping for that entire time," Beck said. "So it was those people's hands that keep blood going to your brain to where you are awake now. They all did a wonderful job."

Betsy Hite will never forget what happened late in the



Mark and Betsy Hite of Wilton reunite with three members of the Kaiser Permanente South emergency room trauma team who restarted his heart after nearly 40 minutes of clinical death. From left, are Chase Wiley, RN, Tyrone Tiu, RN, the Hites, and Chistopher Beck, MD. A Cosumnes Fire ambulance transported Hite to the hospital. Photo by Gail Bullen

afternoon on Jan. 25. She and Hite had come home from an uneventful test to visualize his leaking mitral valve that was to be surgically repaired in upcoming weeks at Mercy General Hospital.

Since he had fasted all day, she began to fix him some eggs when she heard his head hit the table. She felt his neck and couldn't find a pulse, and when she picked up his arm, it flopped down.

"I threw a glass of iced water at him, but he couldn't talk," she said. "So I just called 911 with the house phone and put it on speaker."

Guided by the 911 operator, who remained calm and directive, she pulled Hite down to the floor, cracking his head in the process. But the 911 operator assured her that was the least of her worries.

Asked if she knew CPR, she said had taken a CPR class but couldn't remember. Reminding her of a drill sergeant, the 911 operator kept

counting "One. Two. Three. Four." He also told her to stick to compressions with no mouth-to-mouth breathing.

The 911 operator could tell by her breathing that she hadn't initially placed her hands in the right position and told her to move her hand down into the softer tissue. "Then I was really deep, and could see him exhaling air, she said.

At one point she heard something snap and stopped. "Oh my God, I've broken a rib," she said.

"That means you are doing it right, just keep going," he told her.

Betsy Hite appreciated how the 911 operator also kept her apprised of the arrival time for medics.

After seven minutes, four Wilton firefighters burst through the unlocked front door and swiftly took over CPR, started an IV, put nitroglycerin under Hite's tongue, and administered the first

shock. One of the firefighters realized Betsy Hite was seeing the flat line on the monitor and turned it away before they administered a second shock.

After shocking Hite a third time, she heard them say: "We've got something. It's faint. Let's go," As they loaded him up in the Cosumnes ambulance, she directed them to take Hite to Mercy General Hospital.

"No," a Cosumnes paramedic told her. "We don't have an extra 12 minutes. We are going to Kaiser South Trauma Center."

The vigil outside the emergency room was tense although one of her daughter's friends who works for Kaiser arranged for a doctor and a social worker to meet with them in a private room.

Hite seemed completely out of it the following day at the ICU. They worried he might not wake up. However, their grandchildren who are "super 49ers fans" still lobbied him to watch the game against the Detroit Lions.

"They all just kept saying 'Papa, you know the Niners can't get to the Super Bowl without you. They need you,'" Betsy Hite recalled. "That when Mark squeezed our granddaughter Sawyer's hand," she said.

Transferred to Mercy General on Jan. 29, Hite underwent extensive cardiac surgery on Feb. 1st, repairing the mitral valve and implanting a pacemaker/defibrillator. His recovery progressed, and he was discharged on Feb. 5.

Grateful for the care they received at Kaiser, Betsy Hite arranged for the heartfelt reunion with Dr. Beck. She presented him with a basket of homemade Meyer Lemon marmalade, Meyer Lemon curd and scones she had made herself and her daughter Kali Dittrich gave him specialized candied walnuts from her orchard in Clements.

"You know that I am not a volunteer and that I get paid to do this," Beck told them as he juggled the baskets of goodies.

Two of the nurses who worked that night also came outside for the reunion. Tyrone Tiu said they usually don't know what happens to code patients after they are taken to the ICU. "For you guys to take the time to say thank you, is a big deal for us," he said.

Hite's case also was a reminder about why he went into nursing, Tiu added.

"You were a cool story," Chase Wiley told Hite. "You were the talk of the town for several weeks."

Hite was asked his thoughts in the aftermath of the extraordinary efforts to save him. "I owe my life to the dedication, skill, and extraordinary competence of a lot of people, including my wife; Wilton Fire; Cosumnes Fire, Kaiser South ER personnel, and the cardiology unit at Mercy General Hospital. I'm looking forward to whatever is in store for me on this unexpected extension of my life." ★



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# What's in a Middle Name? A Lot to Be Proud Of

According to Wikidates.org, Middle Name Pride Day is celebrated on the Friday of the first full week in March. Each of us has a unique name that means a lot to the hopes that our parents place on us. Right from the moment of birth, parents will carefully consider what name to give their child. And we must have never thought about how influential names can be throughout their lives. Does the name that parents choose for their child cause teasing in the school yard or is it more likely for their child to succeed? Everything is in the hands of the parents.

Children sometimes think that the name they are given at birth is not quite what they like and if they were allowed to choose for themselves, they might not choose that. This can be especially true for kids with scary middle names. But on Middle Name Pride Day, celebrated annually, there's no reason to grieve or hide in the shadows! Each of us can proudly share our middle name, with the same love that our parents put into choosing it. Historians have not been able to conclude when the middle name first appeared. But many records suggest

that the use of middle names might have been used primarily in wealthy, higher-class families. It is known that the tradition was in force at least as early as the 17th century. In fact, at that time, people born into the aristocratic class were known for it. This is still a known practice in modern royal families. For example, Queen Elizabeth II of England was named Elizabeth Alexandra Mary — strong middle names she was proud of. Different countries and cultures have different traditions when it comes to naming children. It might be interesting to use this day to research your friends' and colleagues'

middle names and thereby learn their countries' traditions about middle names. The wonderful thing is that in some countries, the mother's maiden name is designated as the middle name of the children. In other cultures, the middle name is used as a sign of honor for a relative or close friend. Others choose middle names because they simply love the sound of the name, the meaning or importance behind the name or even the acronym created when the initials are written. To observe Middle Name Pride Day, be proud of your middle name and ask your parents the meaning and reason for your middle name. Listen to your

friends' middle name stories and show respect and love for them. When my son was in school, he and his friends had a middle name club. They would use their middle name as a code name. And I will say some of the names sounded pretty strange when yelled across a crowded room! Oh, the memories they created. Happy birthday to my son-in-law. Hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday. Make it a relaxing day. Maybe go to the ocean and do a little diving with your buddies. Glad you are part of our family. Daylight saving time is this Sunday. Ugh! Remember to turn your clocks forward one

hour. I really dislike missing one hour of sleep. Best do it before you go to bed, so you will wake up and get to church on time. Flowers of the day: Hyacinths  
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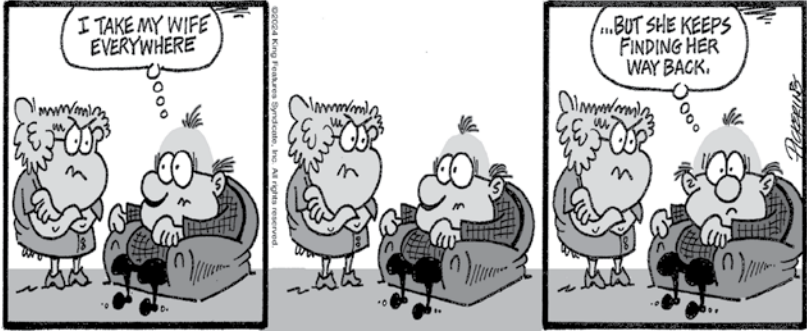
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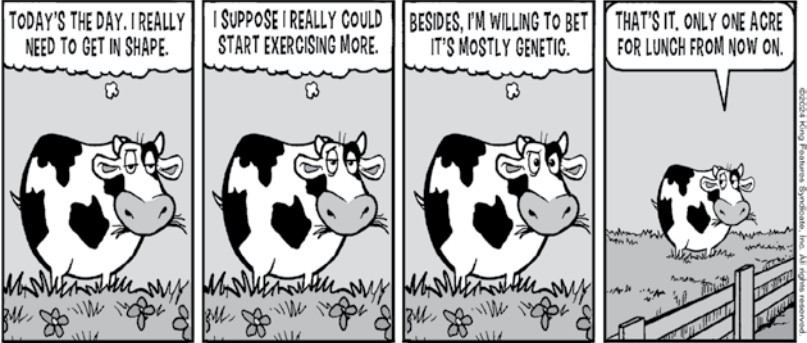


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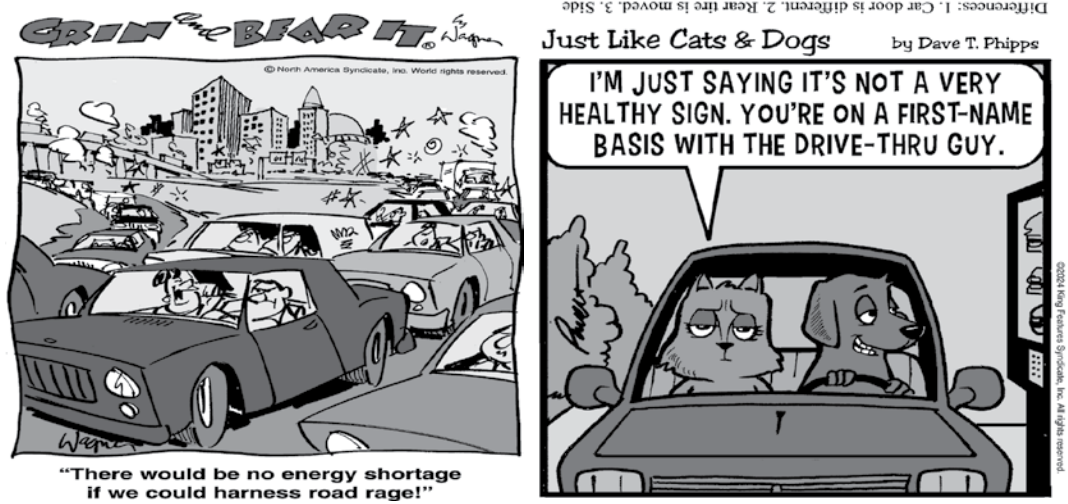
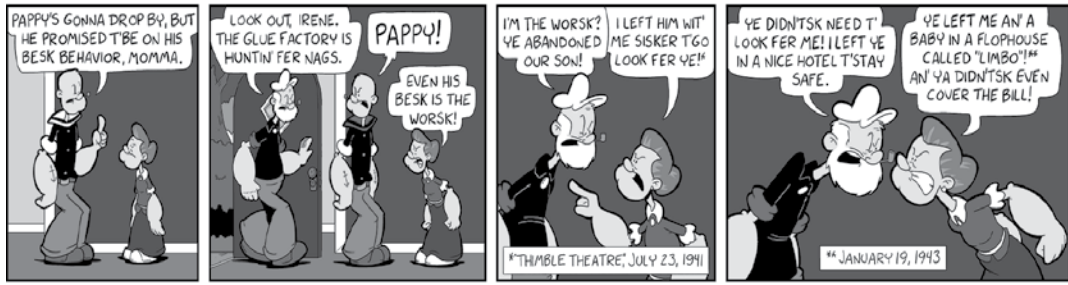
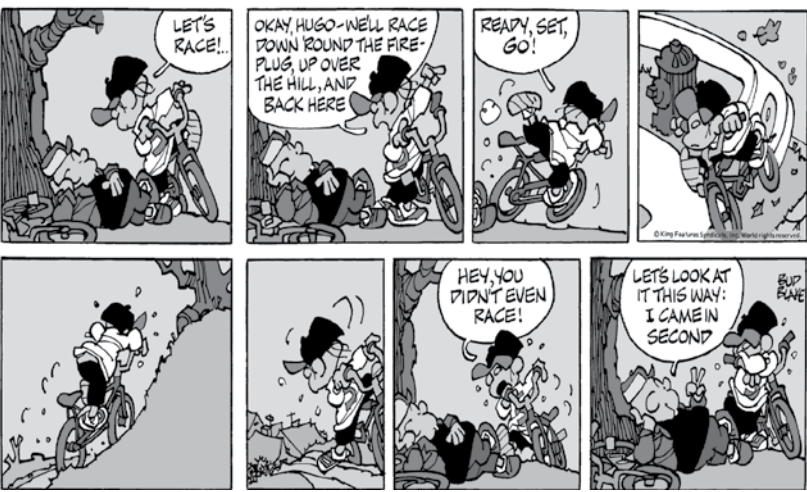
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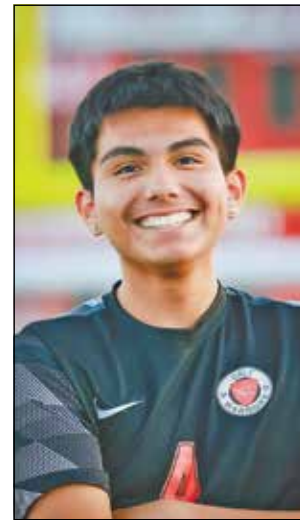
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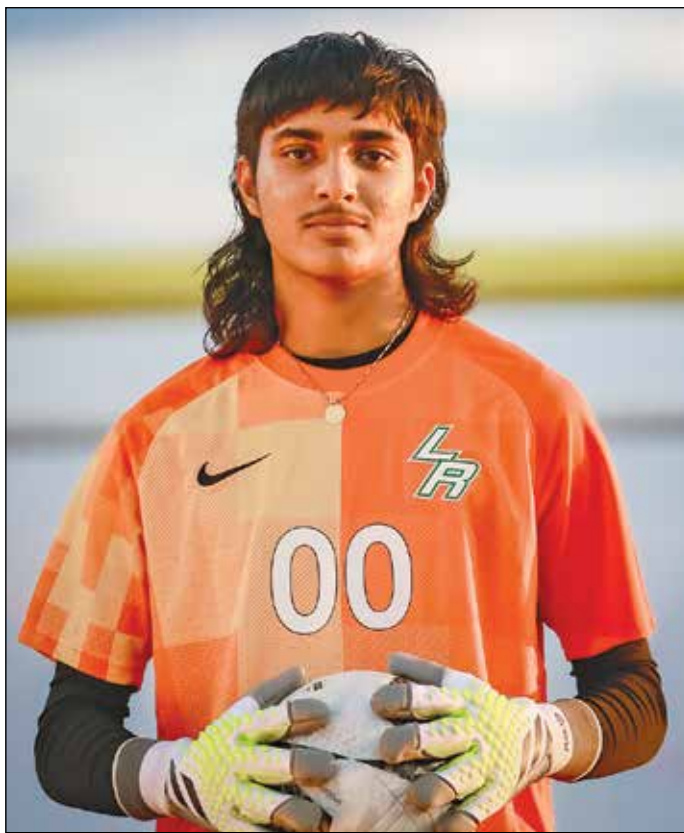


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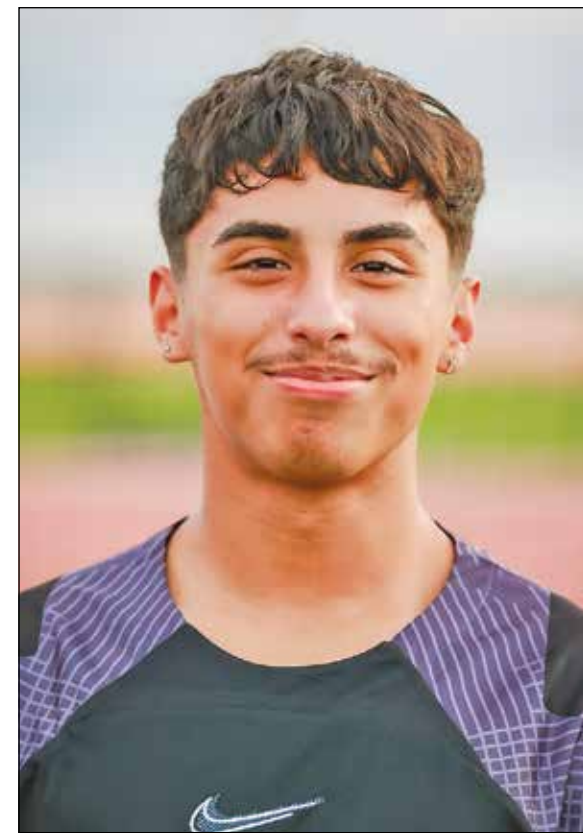
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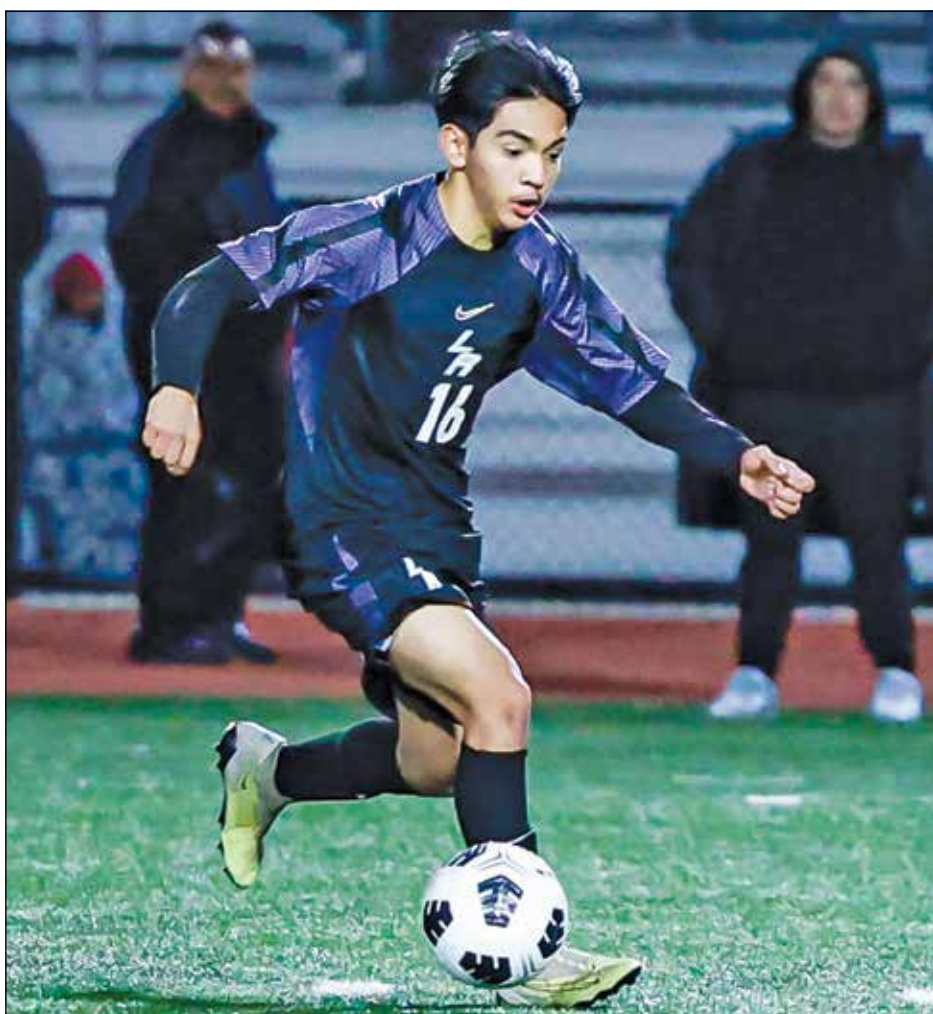
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## Season Ends for Galt Soccer at the CIF NorCal Playoff

### Miguel Garcia Scores 60th Season Goal

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Galt soccer team ended their season Tuesday when they hosted Archie Williams High School at home. The Peregrine Falcons, with every last player a bleach blond, delivered a stunning 4-7 loss to the Warriors. Galt's defeat ended a 7-game streak of wins at home.

Miguel Garcia and Christian Gomez did their best for Galt with Garcia grabbing 3 goals and Gomez putting the last one in. The pair have combined for a total of 68 this season.

Archie Williams played one of the best games of their season and the Galt defense just wasn't able to beat the forwards and defend their goal.

It has nevertheless, been a fantastic season for the Warriors who won the league with 9 wins and 1 tie.

Miguel Garcia broke the school record for goal scoring and remains number one in the nation for goals during the Winter Season.

Garcia, who didn't score in the Section Championship game the weekend before, was thankful for the NorCal playoffs and the additional opportunity.

"It feels amazing to



Miguel Garcia celebrates after making his 60th season goal. Photos by Paige Lampson



Felipe Aguilar and Hayden Miller defend against a Peregrine Falcon.

make it to #60 goals," said Garcia. "This team is a family and it has been awesome to play my senior year with these guys. I managed three goals and we had a chance

to tie it up, but unfortunately, it's a game of mistakes. We had more mistakes and they took the 'W' and we wish them good luck in their next game." ★



Miguel Garcia puts #59 in the net during a penalty kick.



Hayden Miller steals the ball away.



Gilberto Coss gets the ball away from Galt's goal.

## Renewed Optimism with Walden as Galt's New Football Head Coach

"No one wants to do the work without the paycheck."

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt High School has announced the hiring of Mark Walden as the newest head football coach. With a distinguished background as a retired peace officer and an impressive coaching tenure spanning two decades, Walden steps into his role as the fourth head coach in as many years at the high school.

Bringing a wealth of experience from his time at Escalon, a renowned hub of football excellence with a legacy of capturing state championships, Walden's appointment has sparked excitement and anticipation within the high school and broader football community.

Reflecting on his coaching journey, Walden revealed a long-standing aspiration to lead a team as the head coach, despite finding fulfillment in his prior coaching roles and the camaraderie of the Escalon program. "I was content in Escalon, where I had established friendships and a history of success. However, the desire to take on the responsibility of a head coach was something I always harbored," shared Walden. "My children are grown, and with retirement affording me the time and dedication needed, the opportunity that arose at Galt felt like the perfect fit for the chapter I sought."

Introduced to Galt's leadership team, including Principal Beck, Walden's admiration for the school's administration solidified his eagerness to tackle the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

The parallels between Escalon and Galt have not escaped Walden's discerning eye. Drawing similarities in size, population dynamics, and athletic league affiliations between the two schools, Walden found comfort in the familiarity that Galt offered. As he delved into analyzing Galt's football program, Walden's initial observations were brimming with optimism. Having identified the potential and talent within the team from film reviews, Walden's discerning eye and strategic vision instilled confidence in the possibility of transitioning Galt's football trajectory toward success. "The fundamentals for a successful season are present within this team – robust support, enthusiastic participation, and an innate level of talent," affirmed Walden, exuding assurance in his assessment.

A lot of coaches like to talk about the lack of importance of winning and success, but Walden sees it going hand in hand with developing better citizens, better students, better children, better friends and just creating better people.

"Having success on the field gives the kids an incentive to want to be a part of the program," explains Walden. "Success is almost like the paycheck. No one wants to do the work without the paycheck. Then it becomes habit from there. The balancing act here will be bringing success and developing character and asking more of the athletes at the same time, because they have not yet had that success. I have to keep that in mind because their motivation won't be as strong as a kid who knows they are competing for a title every year."



Warrior head football coach Mark Walden. Photo by Paige Lampson

As they see the system and the program come together, their motivation will grow and I can ask more of them."

Galt Athletic Director John Van Den Raadt's unwavering faith in Walden's capabilities stems from a combination of experience, heritage, and a track record of success in the football realm. Van Den Raadt identified Walden as the ideal candidate due to his extensive background, deeply rooted in the winning traditions of Escalon. "Walden epitomizes the qualities we seek in a coach – experience, a winning mentality, and a rich understanding of small-town communities and football," stated Van Den Raadt. "His professionalism and fresh perspective from outside our immediate community position him as a transformative figure, poised to guide our athletes towards greatness."

With a strategic focus on establishing enduring relationships and stability within the coaching staff, Van Den Raadt expressed optimism in the longevity of Walden's tenure. "Our aim is to provide our players with a consistent presence and leadership, moving Galt football towards a future defined by sustained success and growth," affirmed Van Den Raadt. Characterized by a commitment to excellence and a vision for progress, Walden's arrival heralds a new era for the Warriors, instilling hope and excitement among the Galt High School community.

Looking ahead, the synergy between Walden's coaching philosophy, Galt's rich potential, and the collective aspirations of the school's stakeholders sets the stage for a transformative journey. As Walden immerses himself in the nuances of Galt High School's football program and forges connections within the community, there is a sense of renewed optimism throughout the campus.

The appointment of Mark Walden as the head football coach at Galt High School signifies more than a change in leadership; it represents a shared commitment to excellence, character development, and athletic prowess. As the Warriors embark on a new chapter under Walden's stewardship, the echoes of enthusiasm, passion, and promise resonate throughout the campus and Galt community, heralding a chapter hoping to be defined by success, growth, and unity. ★

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3. The cost is \$25.00 for 10x10 space. **Please bring your own tables.**

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4. Please make check payable to the "LOOM" (Loyal Order Of the Moose)
5. Vendors, setup at 8:00am & please also plan to donate 1 Raffle/Gift!