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National Night Out Coming to Galt

By Annie Kerr

GALT, CA (MPG) - Come one, come all. On Tuesday, Aug. 6, the Galt community is encouraged to participate in National Night Out, a free annual event that is taking place throughout not just Sacramento County, but the entire country.

From 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 6, Galt residents can celebrate in three different locations with plenty of activities offered. Residents have the choice of visiting the Community Park (1000 Walnut Ave.), Meadowview Park (1128 Meadowview Drive) or the Sports Complex (1022 Caroline Ave.). Food, music, games and more will be enjoyed by all.

So, what is National Night Out? Throughout the country, National Night Out is a project that brings residents and local law enforcement together in a positive way. According to the National Night Out website, "National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie."

More than 17,000 communities in the United States participate each year, including Galt, according to National Night Out officials.

Every year, residents are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outdoor lights and join in on the fun with their local police department. Neighborhoods host various

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A Galt police officer and his K9 partner attend National Night Out in 2023. Photo by Paige Lampson

UC Davis Breaks Ground On Medical Tower

UC Davis Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Health hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the medical center's California Tower on July 22. The expansion project includes a 14-story hospital tower and five-story pavilion that will deliver superior care for Northern Californians and adapt to meet the evolving needs of the community.

"The addition of the California Tower to UC Davis Medical Center is a testament to our innovative forward thinking across our health system and main campus," said UC Davis Chancellor Gary S. May. "This project will position our researchers, students, faculty and staff to meet and adapt to regional health care needs for the next 50 years."

May spoke in the construction zone to an energized audience of UC Regents, university leaders, elected officials, project collaborators, and construction and facilities management workers.

California Tower Construction

Approved by the UC Board of Regents in January 2022, the California Tower will be part of the region's most advanced medical center. The new hospital and pavilion will be in addition to the medical center's existing University and Davis Towers.

The new tower will add nearly a million square feet of space to the eastern side of the existing medical center. It will include new operating rooms, an imaging center, leading-edge facilities for pharmacy and burn care units, and about 334 private rooms for patients.

More than 250 of the rooms are being designed for greater flexibility in the event of a patient surge such as a pandemic, massive wildfire or other disaster. These will easily convert into intensive-care-unit rooms with air isolation to treat patients of any level of hospitalization.

"With the California Tower, we are building a new paradigm of patient care, centered around how a health system can deliver tomorrow's health care today," said David Lubarsky, CEO of UC Davis Health. "We are building into this new tower some of the lessons we learned from the recent pandemic. As an example, three out of four of the rooms in this new tower

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Parlin Oaks Development Holds Grand Opening



The Parlin Oaks housing development on Walnut Avenue and Carillion Boulevard held a grand opening event, showing its two model homes. Photo by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - A new housing development in eastern Galt opened its model homes to visitors on July 27 with a grand opening event.

Parlin Oaks is located southwest of the intersection of Carillion Boulevard and Walnut Avenue.

When construction is completed, the development will comprise 71 two-story single-family homes, 73 duplex (also known as duet) units and an 80-unit apartment complex.

Prices start at about \$460,000.

According to developer Blue Mountain Communities' website, the two single-family floor plans are 1,434 square feet and 1,512 square feet, each with three bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms and a two-car garage.

The single-family plans differ in various ways; the smaller layout has a porch and the master bedroom is toward the front of the house, while the larger one places the master bedroom at the back of the house and offers a larger laundry room.

The development had originally included three-story single-family homes. But citing changes in the housing market, Blue Mountain last year got permission to instead build the two-story duplexes. The homebuilder also changed its planned architecture to a more traditional aesthetic, which Galt Planning Department staff said will better match the surrounding neighborhoods.

Jill Wallace, a Blue Mountain salesperson, was talking with

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The model homes at Parlin Oaks show the two single-family floor plans, which are 1,434 square feet (left) and 1,512 square feet. Photos by Matthew Malone

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guests about the models' various amenities. She said people are attracted to the development.

"It (attendance) has been steady all morning, so people are very interested and

excited to have something in this price range here," Wallace said.

On July 31, the Blue Mountain website showed that three houses have been sold, and three more are under holds.

Asked about Parlin Oaks' main



The furnished great room and kitchen space of the 1,434-square-foot model at Parlin Oaks.

features, Wallace cited the location, close to Highway 99 and "in a nice, quiet residential area" near Galt Community Park and a walking trail.

"The beautiful park is just a street over, walking distance. The walking trail over here, everybody raves about that. And Blue Mountain builds beautiful homes," Wallace said.

She said the subdivision will have a

homeowners' association to keep "the community looking beautiful and conforming," and she estimated that the houses would take three to six months to build out.

"It's just a very unique community," Wallace said.

To learn more about Parlin Oaks, visit its page on the Blue Mountain website at bit.ly/3A34yQV (case sensitive). ★

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can be easily converted to fully functional ICUs if needed, tripling our ICU capacity."

When the California Tower is open for patients in 2030, Lubarsky added, it will continue the hospital's 150-year legacy of "caring for those who need it most, delivering superior patient outcomes while becoming more sustainable, and keeping our focus on improving health outcomes and equity."

The \$3.74 billion tower will replace parts of the hospital that must close due to state seismic regulations. Hospitals across California are in the process of upgrading their existing facilities or constructing new buildings that can withstand major earthquakes.

The current 646-bed

hospital, the largest in the Sacramento region, will have a total of 675 to 700 inpatient beds when the project is expected to be completed in 2030.

Supporting the Community

The California Tower project is expected to create hundreds of construction jobs and thousands of new health care positions for the surrounding community. It's one of many benefits of being home to an anchor institution such as UC Davis Medical Center.

Anchor institutions are place-based, mission-driven entities such as universities and hospitals that leverage economic power alongside human and intellectual resources to improve the long-term health and social welfare of surrounding communities.

"The hospital tower we're breaking ground on today represents another pivotal investment in our city by UC Davis," said Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "Both this tower and the new Aggie Square innovation campus will create thousands of new, high-quality jobs and expand our ability to meet the health care needs of our residents."

UC Davis Health plans to help fuel the economic health and overall wellbeing of the neighborhoods surrounding its Sacramento campus by hiring and developing local workforce talent, purchasing more goods and services from local vendors, investing in local projects that support vulnerable communities and engaging employees to volunteer in local neighborhoods.

"This project further



UC Davis representatives celebrate at the July 22 ceremony for the California Tower, expected to be ready in 2030. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

harnesses the advantages of UC Davis Medical Center being Sacramento's No. 1 hospital and delivering nationally ranked care," Lubarsky said. "UC Davis Health is Sacramento County's second-largest

employer, and we're making sure we are bringing not only health care but jobs and community wealth-building to our surrounding neighborhoods."

"I am so grateful for the collaborative planning

effort that has spanned years and required so much hard work and coordination to bring us to this point of breaking ground for this new hospital tower," Lubarsky said. ★

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Cosumnes CSD Amends Its Salary Schedule

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District board of directors at the regular July 17 meeting unanimously approved changes to the district's salary schedule.

District policy dictates that a comprehensive classification and compensation study is done every three years to ensure that the job classifications and pay remain fair and competitive.

The last comprehensive study was in 2019. Human Resources director Sheena Newman said a noncomprehensive study took place in 2021 but a planned comprehensive follow-up the next year was delayed because of turnover among "key stakeholders."

Peter Backhaus of consulting firm Evergreen Solutions explained how his company conducted the study. He said 45 Community Services District employees participated in a survey, representing 20 classifications and 98% of district staff.

Backhaus said the survey indicated that employees are proud to serve the community, happy with the quality of their coworkers, and pleased with the facilities and parks that the district offers.

Backhaus also noted concerns from respondents, including that starting pay is lower than other agencies and that differences in job complexity aren't well represented in compensation. Employees also wanted a forum in which to voice their issues.

The consultant recommended changing some classifications

and job descriptions to better reflect those roles' actual responsibilities.

The study compared the district's roles to those of 13 other comparable districts, including the cities of Elk Grove, Folsom, Roseville, Sacramento and Vacaville; and multiple parks and recreation districts in the Sacramento and Bay areas.

Backhaus said the external comparisons confirmed concerns about starting compensation.

"We saw that in several areas, and holistically, on average, when comparing the median starting salaries, the district was behind overall," Backhaus said, adding that the district remains competitive at the upper end of its salary ranges.

To remedy the shortcomings, Backhaus recommended adding additional pay grades to the salary schedule and changing the pay grades of some positions.

Newman explained the recommendations' implementation. With the new pay grades, Newman said, the salary schedule would have a consistent 5% difference between steps, rather than the current, varying percentages. She also noted changes to allow for payment based on job complexity.

To provide a forum for staff concerns, Newman proposed creating a committee of non-union employees to advise district leadership.

In addition, longevity pay would provide an additional \$100 per month to employees with 10 years of service and \$200 per month to those with 15 years of service.

Director Peter Sakaris said that the district recently hired

for multiple positions, which he "worried complicated the study process." He asked staff to time classification studies and hiring so they do not coincide.

Director Gil Albiani praised Evergreen Solutions for the study's conduct, saying that past studies have sometimes been "acrimonious."

"I haven't heard any hate and discontent, although there might be a little. You've probably done it very well and I want to commend you for that," Albiani said.

Board President Jim Luttrell asked to see the full text of the revised job descriptions, and staff said they would provide them in the future.

The salary schedule changes passed by a 5-0 vote.

Cosumnes Fire Department Chief Felipe Rodriguez said that the Firefighters Burn Institute Boot Drive on June 22 was "very successful."

The annual fundraiser supports the Sacramento non-profit organization, which provides services for burn survivors.

During the drive, firefighters, academy recruits, interns and others approach motorists stopped at the corner of Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road with fire-fighting boots for drivers to fill with donations. Rodriguez said the effort raised \$28,879 for the burn institute.

Board President Jim Luttrell, one-time executive director of the burn institute, said the fundraiser is "near and dear" to him.

"These boot drives really keep things rolling over there for the Firefighters Burn Institute," Luttrell said. ★

Teen Center Gets Kudos for Patio



The Galt Beautification Committee recognized the Galt Teen Center (GTC) for its landscaping of the patio area outside its location on C Street. Completed late last year, the renovated space includes turf, a paved area for activities like basketball, and the option to put up a patio cover for shade. Pictured, Beautification Committee members Gale Webber, second from left, and Paige Lampson, far right, give a certificate and a yard sign to members of Galt Teen Center, including GTC President Sarah McFadyen, fourth from left. For more information about Galt Teen Center, visit its website, galtteencenter.org. Photo courtesy of Galt Beautification Committee

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Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Building on California's ongoing work and unprecedented investments to address the decades-long issue of homelessness, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order on July 25 ordering state agencies and departments to adopt clear policies that urgently address homeless encampments while respecting the dignity and well-being of all Californians. With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, local governments now have the tools and authority to address dangerous encampments and help provide those residing in encampments with the resources they need.

"This executive order directs state agencies to move urgently to address dangerous encampments while supporting and assisting the individuals living in them — and provides guidance for cities and counties to do the same. The state has been hard at work to address this crisis on our streets. There are simply no more excuses. It's time for everyone to do their part," Newsom said.

Newsom's executive order directs state agencies and departments to adopt humane and dignified policies to urgently address encampments on state property, including by taking necessary and deliberate steps to notify and support the people inhabiting the encampment prior to removal. Newsom

has made record-level investments to address the housing crisis, investing over \$24 billion across multiple state agencies and departments, including billions of dollars in funding to assist local jurisdictions in providing services and wrap-around support to people living in encampments. In Fiscal Year 2022-2023, these investments helped lift more than 165,000 people out of homelessness and into interim or permanent housing.

California Blueprint

Newsom's order directs state agencies and departments to adopt policies and plans consistent with the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) existing encampment policy. Since July 2021, California has resolved more than 11,000 encampments, and has removed 248,275 cubic yards of debris from encampments along the state right of way in preparation for Clean California projects. Prioritizing encampments that pose a threat to the life, health and safety of the community, Caltrans provides advance notice of clearance and works with local service providers to support those experiencing homelessness at the encampment, and stores personal property collected at the site for at least 60 days.

The order encourages local governments to emulate the state's successful model to adopt local policies and to use all available resources, including those provided by the state's historic investments in housing and intervention

programs, to address encampments within their jurisdictions.

Prop. 1 Funding Available for Local Governments

Newsom also encourages local governments to apply for the newly available \$3.3 billion in competitive grant funding from Prop. 1 to expand the behavioral health continuum and provide appropriate care to individuals experiencing mental health conditions and substance use disorders — with a particular focus on people who are most seriously ill, vulnerable or homeless. Prop. 1 includes two parts: a \$6.4 billion Behavioral Health Bond for treatment settings and housing with services, and historic reform of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) to focus on people with the most serious illnesses, substance disorders and housing needs. The state also recently released the Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act: Housing Supports Primer (July 2024) for counties, which explains how to spend the projected \$950 million annual BHSA revenue on housing interventions.

Unprecedented Investments

Since Newsom took office, the state has developed a Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness and the governor has demanded unprecedented accountability from local governments to do their part to end the homelessness crisis through regionally coordinated action plans. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



If there are any Kings fans left that have any doubts about the veracity of talent and basketball savvy as it relates to the Sacramento Kings general manager Monte McNair, it should be put to rest once and for all.

McNair has shown acumen beyond his years, as he embraces the competitive arena of trades and acquisitions with the senior GMs of the NBA.

Time and again, McNair has passed on trades that would have been a band-aid solution, while waiting for a better opportunity has proven invaluable to the team we see represented today.

There are undoubtedly trade opportunities that the fans will never know about, but take it from this writer, McNair has shown a level of patience that is rarely seen in young GMs.

The resigning of Malik Monk will probably fly under the radar for the casual fan, but make no mistake about it, locking up Monk for the next three years was a real feather in Monte McNair's cap.

When multiple high-priced and acclaimed free agents were signed by other teams, fans waited and scratched their heads, wondering why the Kings weren't in the mix.

Finally, when the naysayers had all but given up, came the signing of DeMar DeRozan, perhaps one of the top three free agent players available in this off-season.

Only time will tell what the resigning of Monk, and acquisition of DeRozan will do for the Kings, but hold onto your seats Kings fans, because the Kings GM is not done yet.

Just last week the Kings acquired 24-year-old big man Orlando Robinson who was recently released by the Miami Heat. On the surface this would appear to be a tepid acquisition at best, but at 6'10" this undrafted young man out of Fresno State deserves a closer look.

I reached out to a 40-year alum and booster from Fresno State, and this is the response I received after asking what we should expect from Orlando:

"He is great! A 6'10" true four. Could easily be a 20/10 guy with playing time. I have visited with him a few times. No behavior trouble. He is an essential-type player in today's NBA...who for a reasonable price is good." ★

These comments from a true basketball aficionado should at the very least raise some eyebrows and give Kings fans a reason to pay attention to Mr. Robinson.

Robinson played sparingly for the Miami Heat, but when he did play, he was productive, and I for one will be paying close attention to his progress in the preseason.

The signing of Robinson, for me, simply points out the fact that Monte McNair is scouring the league and beyond, to find another big man to complement Domantas Sabonis.

There remain several power forwards on the free-agent market, and I am confident that just as McNair was able to attract DeMar DeRozan, he will find the Kings the elusive big man they've been looking for.

Drew Timme impressed me with his summer league play, and at 6'10" he may yet impress the Kings front office. It would not surprise me to hear that Timme receives an invite to training camp.

The current team as it's assembled, barring any additions, will be a high-octane machine that will literally wear the competition down. Older teams will put Sacramento on the calendar as a place they would least like to play.

In the past teams have put a W on the calendar when looking at Sacramento, but those days are gone.

This season's ticket will be a coveted one, and don't look for any empty seats this year.

If you're not excited yet, please check and make sure you have a pulse. This team is going to amaze you, with lightning quick De'Aaron Fox, and Mr. double-double and triple-double Domantas Sabonis just reaching the prime of their careers.

Give Sabonis just a little more help on the boards, and it's anyone's guess how far this team can go. Fans are looking at a bonafide playoff team, and on the surface this squad could easily surpass the totals of two years ago when the Kings reached the playoffs for the first time in seventeen years.

Cross your fingers Kings fans, because this writer believes Monte McNair has yet another rabbit in his hat!

All the best! ★
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com

National Night Out Coming to Galt

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community events such as block parties, parades, cookouts and festivals.

"We are excited to unite our community for National Night Out 2024. Your participation and support are key to making this event a success. Together, we can build a safer, more connected community. Thank you for your dedication," said Julio Roque, Galt Police Department community service officer.

Roque added that anyone who attends National Night Out will be entered to win multiple types of prizes, including high-tech TVs.

Residents are encouraged to join the fun. More information about National Night Out can be found at <https://natw.org/about>. ★



National Night Out is the perfect way to get to meet local law enforcement.



Cornhole is a popular game at National Night Out. Photos by Paige Lampson



Archery was one of the many games offered at 2023's National Night Out in Galt.

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9:13 a.m., stolen vehicle recovered/adult arrested on Sandra Way.
9:13 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested on Sandra Way.

10:55 a.m., battery/adult arrested on Retriever Way.
2:37 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested at Heritage Senior Village on Second Street.
11:54 p.m., battery/adult arrested on Ayers Lane.

Saturday, July 20
8:14 p.m., suspicious person reported at City Hall on Civic Drive.
10:51 p.m., suspicious person reported on Whitaker Way.

Sunday, July 21
12:18 a.m., assault with deadly weapon reported on Hamstead Drive.
8:11 a.m., trespassing reported at 7-Eleven on Pine Street.
8:28 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested on Fairway Drive.
10:11 a.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Galt Food Center on A Street.
6:18 p.m., battery reported on Steele Way.
7:15 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at H Street/Olive

Court.
8:59 p.m., assault with deadly weapon reported on Bay Terrace Court.
11:08 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested on McFarland Street.
Monday, July 22
4:13 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Koala Bear Grill & Chill on C Street.
11:33 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at South Lincoln Way/Caroline Avenue.

Tuesday, July 23
10:17 a.m., attempted theft or tampering reported on Raven Brook Drive; vehicle ignition punched, knife left in seat.
11:57 a.m., stolen vehicle reported at Galt Mobile Estates on North Lincoln Way.
Wednesday, July 24
9:18 a.m., vandalism reported at Days Inn on North Lincoln Way; guest's rental car keyed.
11:34 a.m., theft reported

at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.
7:57 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at West C Street/Dawn Circle.
11:35 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at Highway 99/Twin Cities Road.
Thursday, July 25
9:34 a.m., attempted theft or tampering reported at Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.
11:44 a.m., burglary reported at More For Less on North Lincoln Way. ★

GLANCE BACK

70 Years Ago Aug. 12, 1954
If you don't have enough money to buy a fire engine and don't want to go in debt to get one, build it yourself.
That is what the Herald Volunteer Fire Department did recently. Now they have a tank pumper that carries a water supply of nearly 1,700 gallons.

School District, announced this week his association as a member of the faculty of Contra Costa Junior College in Richmond.

Bank here, will be the new secretary at Galt High School beginning next week.

of Galt, graduated July 17 from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.



Aug. 2, 1984: Neal and Mary Cook, owners of Galt Frostie, hold up the ad that appeared in The Galt Herald on July 27, 1951, announcing the grand opening of "The Frostie." The Cooks bought Berta's Hamburgers in 1981. When they changed the name to Galt Frostie, they thought they were restoring the original name, until they found the ad. Herald file photo

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Wendell J. Forney, former superintendent of the Galt Joint Union High

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Currently in Detroit to pick up a new car is our local barber, Leonard Tobeck who en route will visit his family in Minnesota. His wife and children will also accompany him back to Galt.

60 Years Ago Aug. 6, 1964
Rolf Erich Parr of Germany is the first foreign exchange student in Galt. He is staying with the Robert Lawrence family. Rolf will attend Galt High School starting in the fall.

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Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loll gathered at the Valley Oak Grange Hall Sunday, July 26, to honor them on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. The Lolls were married July 26, 1914, at Hanford.

Galt. The future bride is a Galt High School graduate, class of 1974. She is presently employed at Royal Oaks Convalescent Hospital as a nurse's aid. The future groom is a Galt High School graduate, class of 1973, and presently employed with the Galt Police Department.

City Council members of Herald for Herald Day 1984. Presentations will be made by County Supervisor Toby Johnson.

MEETING MINDERS

Sunday, Aug. 4
Galt 4-H Club meeting, 4 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

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Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.
Sacramento LAFCo, 5:30 p.m., County Administration Center boardroom, 700 H St., Sacramento.

50 Years Ago Aug. 8, 1974
Ronald Arrants, Galt High School graduate of 1960 and formerly a teacher at Benicia High School, has been named the principal of the Benicia High School faculty. A graduate from Sacramento State University in 1965, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Arrants of Galt.

40 Years Ago Aug. 2, 1984
The four Quiggle sisters — Irene McKenzie, Bess Quiggle, Evelyn Peterson and Thelma Smith — will be named Honorary

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A roast of outgoing City Manager Joe Tanner was filled with good-natured jabs, stabs, barbs, jokes and insults. The event on Friday at Galt Community Center was all in fun to honor Tanner, who recently accepted the city manager's job in Emeryville.

Monday, Aug. 5
Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church,

Wednesday, Aug. 7
Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.
Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., at Hendrickson Hall, 12746

Friday, Aug. 9
Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617. ★



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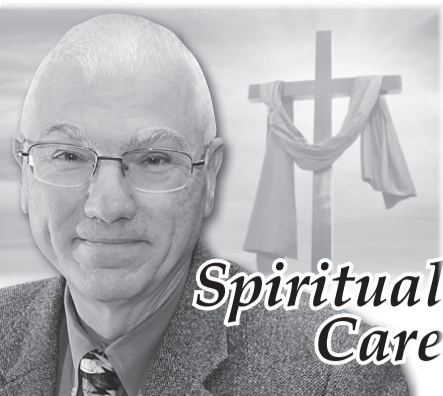
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The Tale the Dead Man Told



BY NORRIS BURKES

According to the animatronic skull at Disneyland's "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride, "Dead men tell no tales."

The saying didn't prove so true some years ago when I received a phone call from the director of a funeral home in Stockton.

The director asked if I was available to conduct the funeral of a person unknown to me. Honestly, these were welcome requests in my early pastoring days as they supplemented my modest pay while demanding little from my emotional bank.

I told him I'd be happy to do it, so he launched into the background story of how a local man had visited the funeral home a few months prior to make advance preparation for his own funeral. The director was happy to oblige and helped the man make his plans, choose a casket and select the music.

"There would have been nothing odd in this man's request," the director said, his voice trailing. "Except for his modest prediction."

"Don't expect a crowd," the lone man told him. "In fact, probably no one will be here at all."

With that, the director approved the plan and accepted payment.

"Perhaps my visitor was only being modest with his attendance prediction," the director said. "But no matter, we will provide what he paid for."

I agreed and hung up the phone to write a short sermon outline tailored to what I expected to be a handful of mourners.

A few days later, the director greeted me inside the funeral chapel, handing me a business-size envelope containing an obituary and my honorarium. We took our seats in the front row and over background music speculated how one approached life's end with the expectation that no one would attend your funeral.

At 25 minutes past the hour, I stood to signal the director I was done with our chit-chat. I thanked him and turned to walk toward the exit.

"Aren't you going to preach your sermon?" he asked.

"Really?" I asked, waving my hand over the vacant pews.

"The man paid for a funeral. You and I agreed that he should get one."

I nodded and took my spot before the empty chapel pews and preached a cookie-cutter sermon about God's love for every man.

Later, back in my office, as I considered the deceased's predicament. I began to see

the similarities to the biblical parable from Matthew 25.

It's a story Jesus told about a king who'd entrusted three servants to make investments on his behalf. Apparently, the king had a reputation for rewarding people by letting them keep their heads.

The first two servants did well. One doubled the king's investment and the other increased it by half. Both were rewarded with their own kingdoms.

However, the focus of the parable is on the third man. Fearful of his king, this tightwad buried the treasure so as not to lose a cent.

When that servant offered the king only his original principal, the scripture implies that the king executed the man.

I won't presume to say that this man whose funeral I performed was just like the scaredy cat in the parable. I won't speculate, judge or even pretend to know his life.

Perhaps this fella simply outlived everyone he knew.

However, if you forced me to guess, I'd say I have to wonder if the no-show funeral meant that this guy never gave to anyone. Did he ever help out in a food kitchen?

Or I might say that the biblical servant and the guy who advance-planned his funeral were trying to live their lives dodging the risk of failure. They worked hard to avoid disappointing people by steering clear of meaningful relationships.

I've done many funerals since that day ... some for saints and a few for scoundrels.

But this funeral has always reminded me that life is not without risks, and those who seek to evade risk are often sentenced to a solitary existence. This is certainly not the way I want to live, and I'm convinced that it's not the way God wants his investment returned.

Fun Fact: "Dead men tell no tales" was first attributed to a 16th century English clergyman named Thomas Becon. Of course, it was easy for him to make that claim because his day was never interrupted by phone calls.

Would you mind sharing your email address with me? If so, I will email you this column each week so you can forward it to others. Send comments by email to comment@thechaplain.net or by text or voicemail to (843) 608-9715, or snail mail at 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. ★

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National Honors for Galt High Student Trull



Mae E. Trull of Galt High School has received recognition for her academic achievements. Photo courtesy of Elaine Trull

about the National Society of High School Scholars, visit www.nshss.org. ★

National Society of High School Scholars News Release

ATLANTA, GA (MPG) - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced student Mae E. Trull from Galt has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization.

The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment.

The announcement was made by National Society of High School Scholars Co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

"On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Mae has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Lewis. "Mae is now a member of a unique

community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," stated Lewis. "We help students like Mae build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."

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Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. 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 a.m. 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 free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email at the Galt Senior Resource Center. 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, non-political 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.

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 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

Office Hours With Mayor Sandhu

Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu meets one-on-one with Galt residents on the first and second Thursday of each month to discuss issues important to them at Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. Schedule the 30-minute meetings by contacting the City Clerk's office at 209-366-7130, ext. 7, or clerk@cityofgalt.org.

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 want 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 p.m. 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?

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ABOUT TOWN

Herald Day Baking and Canning Contests Aug. 3

Herald Community Club (HCC) is accepting entries for the Herald Day 2024 canning and baking contests.

Herald Day is scheduled for Aug. 3 at Herald Park on Twin Cities Road. The categories are baked goods, junior baked goods, canned jelly or jam, canned pickle or relish, canned salsa, fresh salsa, and fresh produce.

Entries must be delivered to Herald Park between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on event day, with awards presented at 1 p.m. To pre-register, contact HCC at heraldcommunityclub@gmail.com.

gmail.com.

Contestants may also enter on event day.

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.), 1-4 p.m., on the following Sundays: 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.

American Legion Post 233 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.

Our next meeting is Aug. 22.

Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour from 6-7 pm. The veterans' general meeting starts at 7 pm.

Veterans' spouses are welcome to join the Elk Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets in another room from 7-8 pm.

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

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.

Our next Saturday breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at Bert's Diner at 8972 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove 95624.

NOTE the new location will be for June-August.

We hope to see you there.

Classic-Car Show Seeks Entries

Galt Area Historical Society is accepting entries for the 9th annual Galt Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show, set for Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Radial Tire of Elk Grove, the show will include 1970 vehicles and older,

including pickups, muscle cars, custom, special interest, street rods, motorcycles, vintage campers and trailers.

Registration fee is \$30. To register, visit the historical society's signup page at bit.ly/3Le7xsf (case sensitive).

Nashville Hit Songwriters at Miner's Leap Aug. 9

Nashville songwriters Sarah Buxton and D. Vincent Williams will perform their hit compositions as part of The Sac Song & Wine Series on Friday, Aug. 9 at Miner's Leap Winery in Clarksburg.

Buxton's songs include "Stupid Boy" by Keith

Urban, "PrizeFighter" by Trisha Yearwood, "For Her" by Chris Lane and "Sun Daze" by Florida Georgia Line.

Williams penned such hits as "Four Walls" by Randy Travis, "The Last Ten Years (Superman)" by Kenny Rogers, "I'm Moving On" by Rascal Flatts and "Hands of a Working Man" by Ty Herndon.

Attendees will be treated to a live DJ set by DJ Louie Giovanni, food truck options, lawn games and more.

Future Sac Song & Wine shows are Sept. 20 and Oct. 11. For tickets and more information, see <https://sacsongandwineseries.com>. ★

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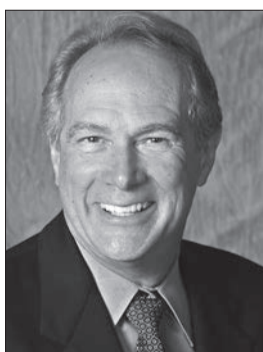
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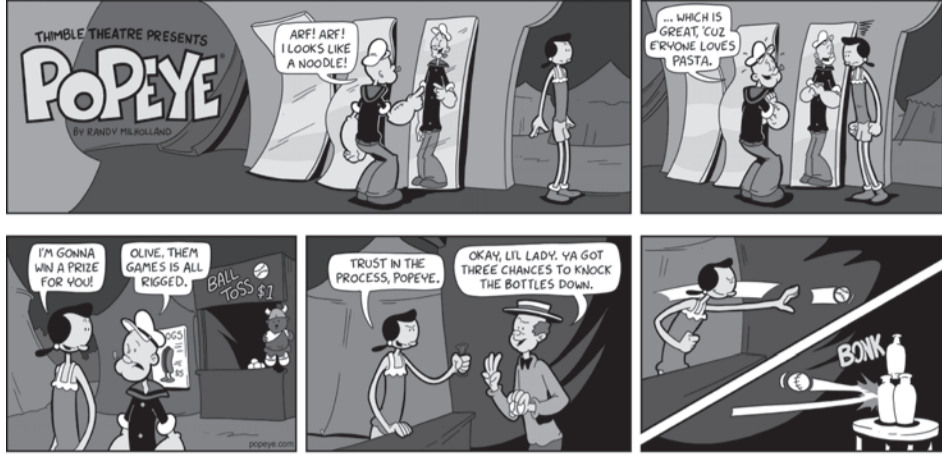
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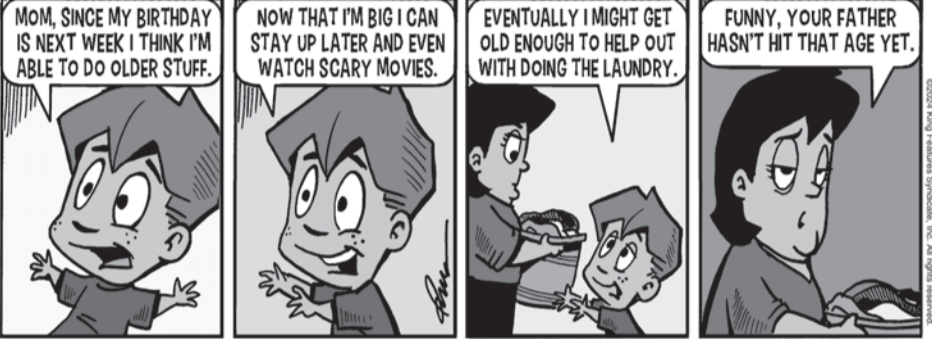
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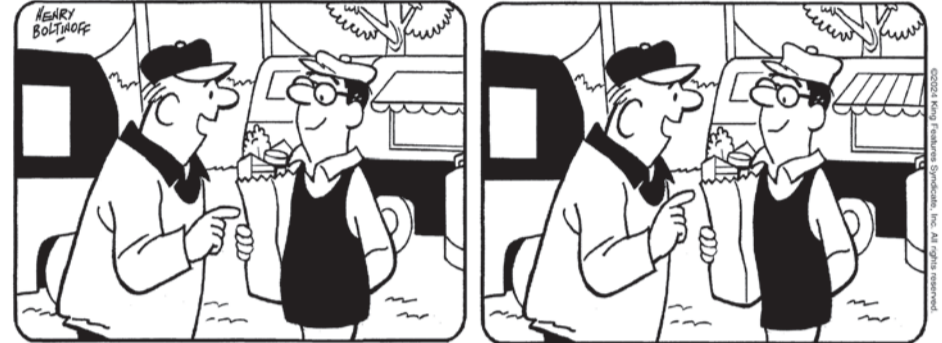
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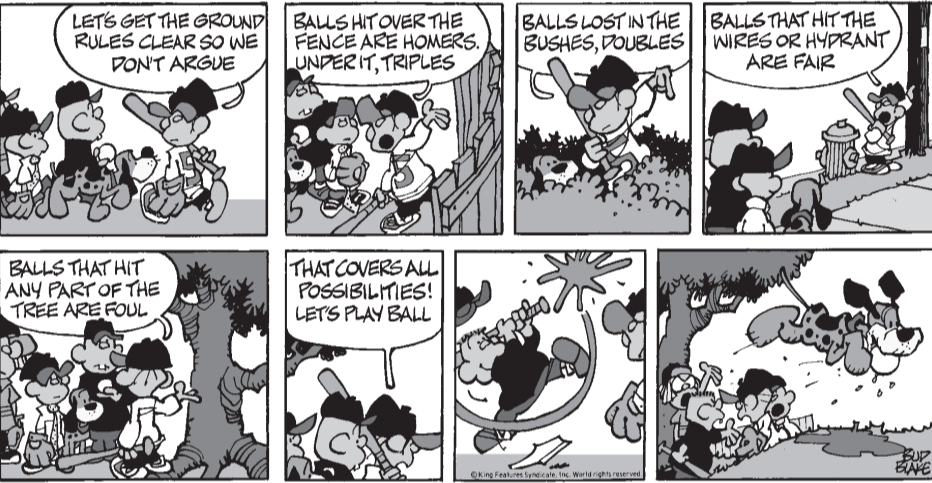
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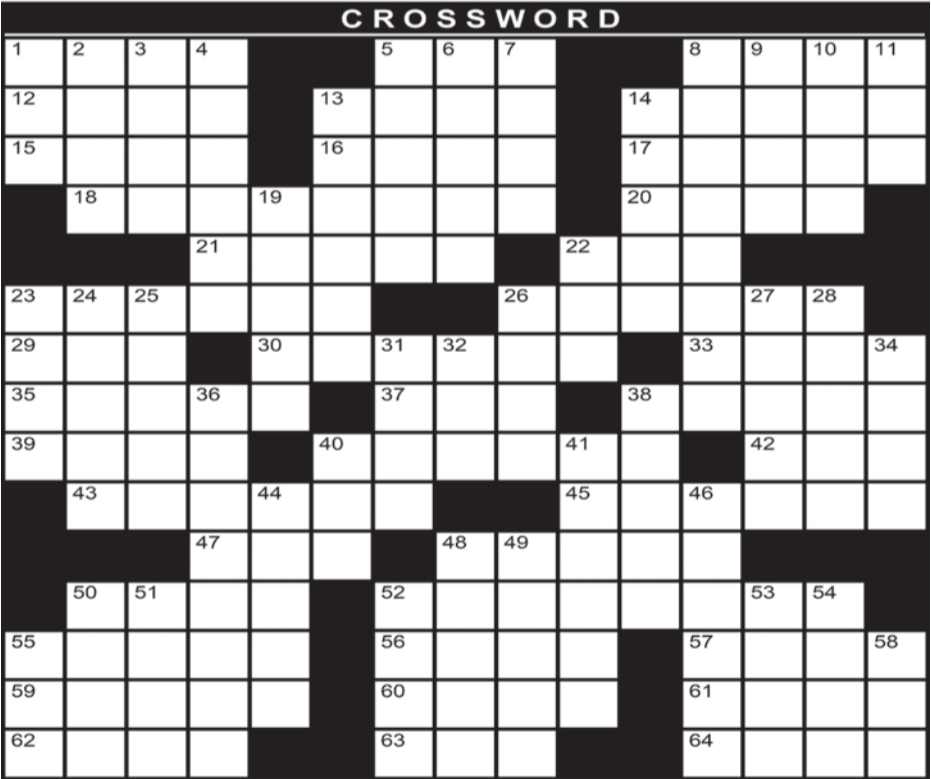
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Penny History More Than Small Change

According to Wikipedia, the Lincoln cent (sometimes call the Lincoln penny) is a 1-cent coin that has been struck by the United States Mint since Aug. 2, 1909.

The obverse or heads side was designed by Victor Day Brenner, as was an original reverse, depicting two stalks of wheat (thus "wheat pennies," struck 1909-1958).

The coin has seen several reverses, or tails, designs and now bears one by Lyndall Bass depicting a Union shield.

All coins struck by the United States government with a value of 1/100 of a dollar are called cents because the United States has always minted coins using decimals.

The penny nickname is a carryover from the coins struck in England, which went to decimals for coins in 1971.

A little history: In January of 1909, the mint engaged Brenner to design a cent depicting the late President Abraham Lincoln, 1909 being the centennial year



of his birth. It was the first widely circulating design of a United States president on a coin, an idea that had been seen as too monarchical in the past, namely by George Washington.

Nevertheless, Brenner's design was eventually approved, and the new coins were issued to great public interest on Aug. 2, 1909.

Originally struck in 95% copper, the cent coin was changed for one year to zinc-coated steel in 1943, as copper was needed to aid in the war effort.

The mint then reverted to 95% copper until 1982, when inflation made copper

too expensive, and the composition was changed to zinc with an outer copper layer.

Brenner's wheat reverse was replaced in 1959 by a depiction of the Lincoln Memorial designed by Frank Gasparo, for the sesquicentennial of Lincoln's birth year.

The Lincoln Memorial reverse was itself replaced in 2009 by four commemorative designs marking the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.

The coins were to be emblematic of Lincoln's early life in Kentucky, his formative years in Indiana, his professional life in Illinois and his presidency. Beginning in 2010, Lyndall Bass' shield design was coined.

A lot of thought went into the design of the cent.

So, the next time you find a penny, remember its long history.

"Heralding through the Decades." Herald Day is tomorrow! The parade starts at 9 a.m. with contestants decorating their float or conveyance honoring their favorite decade. There will be contests in baking, canning and photography.

There will be a petting zoo, bounce houses and water features for the kids. And food trucks of desserts and hot foods, plus a vendor barbecuing tri-tip and chicken.

Sounds like a good time to catch up with friends, enjoy the memories, eat some tasty food and check out the winners in the contests. I will see you there.

Oh! And don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, not only for the parade but for kicking back in the shade and doing a little people watching.

Until next week - Be strong, be courageous, make a memory. ★

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 9/13 BYE
 9/20 @ Bradshaw Christian*
 9/27 @ Rosemont*
 10/4 vs El Dorado*
 10/11 @ Amador*
 10/18 vs Argonaut*
 10/25 @ Union Mine*
 11/1 vs Liberty Ranch*



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Two New Teams Join SVC Football League

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - After a long summer of conditioning and lifting weights, Galt and Liberty Ranch high schools distributed the football equipment to their players and began official practice this week.

league games, there will be seven. This is due to the fact that two teams have been added to our local league.

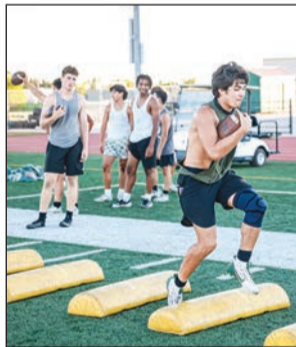
Amador and Argonaut are now in the Sierra Valley Conference along with Galt, Liberty Ranch, Bradshaw Christian, Rosemont, El Dorado and Union Mine.

The practice begins in earnest for the first games on Aug. 23.

It should prove to be an exciting season with the new teams added. ★

This year, instead of five

Photos by Paige Lampson



Baseball Locals Spend Summer in College Independence League

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

Ranch baseball coaches Jason Adversalo and Tim Uhls spent the summer coaching in the

Independence League for Bison Baseball. Bison is owned by Ohae Zap out of Pierre, S. Dak.

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty

College coaches sent their players to keep up their skills over the summer.



Liberty Ranch High Coach Jason Adversalo stands with Mason Tassano and Aidan Hall. Courtesy photos

Along with a full roster of athletes from all over the United States were some familiar faces: Galt High alumni Mason Tassano, who is playing for Jessup; and Aidan Hall, who will be playing for Long Beach State.



Liberty Ranch graduate Louis Manning waits at the Omaha airport.

Tassano and Hall are best friends and enjoyed traveling the country together playing the sport they love.

Louis Manning, a Liberty Ranch graduate and baseball standout, also joined the team along with Jackson Takahashi from Bradshaw Christian.

Fremont, Nebr.

A highlight of the trip was touring Mount Rushmore along with visiting local attractions.

The Independence League is a college summer league. The Bison played in Pierre, S. Dak.; Spearfish, S. Dak.; Casper, Wyo.; Hastings, Nebr.; Grand Island, Nebr.; and



The Bison team stands in front of Mt. Rushmore.



The Galtonians pause at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebr., where the College World Series is played.

The Herald looks forward to athlete updates as these boys begin their college seasons. ★

Galt Couple Showcases Ceramic Creations

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - A Galt couple on July 13 and 14 held a showcase of their ceramic creations, offering sculpture and household items featuring their distinct artistic visions.

Sonya and Bob Schumacher said it was just a few years ago that they began hosting a summer show at their home studio on Marengo Road. The other major show for their studio, Schumacher Ceramics, is around Christmas.

Pieces by the two artists were arranged on tables around the studio, with selections of decorative pieces, as well as functional items like mugs, plates and teapots.

Bob Schumacher said his work often focuses on visual puns: A skillet with Xs for eyes is a "Dead Pan," and a container shaped like a door means that "The Door is Ajar."

He has also done a series of urns with snaking patterns incised into the surface.

"Some are figurative, and some of them are just abstractions. I just kind of start with an idea, a basic idea, and then I fill it in," he said.

Sonya Schumacher draws her ideas from nature. In recent years, the Cosumnes River Preserve and its birds have been a big influence.

"I like to go to the



Bob Schumacher's work includes urns with incised line patterns, which won awards at the California State Fair.

preserve and watch the birds and the cranes come in," she said. Sandhill cranes appeared in several of her pieces, including sculptures of cranes flapping their wings. "That is kind of creating a dialogue about nature and how we can just spread that love of nature in functional pieces and sculpture."

Asked about how she navigates the decorative and practical sides of ceramics, Sonya Schumacher said she sometimes walks "a thin line."

"The reason I still throw functional pieces is I enjoy throwing and it helps me explore just form, and then as I'm doing that, I get the ideas for the more complicated sculpture," she said.

Bob Schumacher started Schumacher Ceramics in 1985, initially making sinks, tiles and architectural ceramics.

The Schumachers' decades-long partnership began when Sonya was working for a pottery business in Folsom. The business commissioned Bob Schumacher to make



Sonya Schumacher, left, and Bob Schumacher pose for a photo during their open ceramics studio. Photos by Matthew Malone



A sculpture by Sony Schumacher depicts sandhill cranes from Cosumnes River Preserve.

some sinks, the two met, and "the rest is history," as Bob Schumacher put it. Sonya Schumacher joined the business in 1995.

Originally based in Rancho Cordova, Schumacher Ceramics moved to a studio in Clarksburg. In 2017, the business moved to a gallery on Lincoln Way in Galt, and in 2018 it shifted into a home-based business.

The Schumachers both have a history in education. Sonya Schumacher recently retired from

teaching ceramics at Lodi High School, and Bob Schumacher teaches ceramics at Sacramento City College and San Joaquin Delta College.

Bob Schumacher said he "always wanted to teach," a passion cemented when he taught ceramics during graduate school at Indiana University.

The couple said they build up relationships with repeat customers. Bob Schumacher was working on a special order of sinks for a client who he first worked with in the 1990s.

New visitors are "excited" to learn about the couple's work, Sonya Schumacher said, and often become regular customers.

Since Schumacher Ceramics is a home-based business, studio visits between shows are by appointment only. For more information, upcoming events and items for sale, visit the business's website, schumacherceramics.com.

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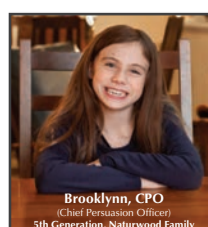
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