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National Night Out Draws 1,500 in Galt



Galt Police Officer Jared Spinelli introduces his K-9 partner Rex to National Night Out attendees. Photos by Paige Lampson



Mark Jackson, owner of Next Generation Barbershop, gives a back-to-school haircut at Meadowview Park.

By Paige Lampson
Staff Writer

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt, and much of the nation, celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Neighbors, first responders, non-profits, community leaders and businesses joined together at three locations.

A caravan left Galt Police Department at 6 p.m. and headed to Meadowview Park, then to the Galt softball complex and finally to Community Park. There were about 1,500 community members participating in the event.

Galt has participated in this event for decades. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with the goal of making our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the

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GaltConnect App Gets 'User-Friendly' Refresh

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The city of Galt has relaunched its GaltConnect app, giving a fresh experience for residents submitting service requests or looking for information on city operations.

"It has a lot of new features on there that are more user-friendly and the interface is a lot better to use, too," said Genesis Alegria, the city's community engagement analyst.

The app's major feature is the ability to report problems related to park maintenance, road repair and graffiti, and receive updates as the city handles the issue.

"So, if they go to the park and they see a broken swing, that's where they can submit their request to," Alegria said.

She explained that the app provides



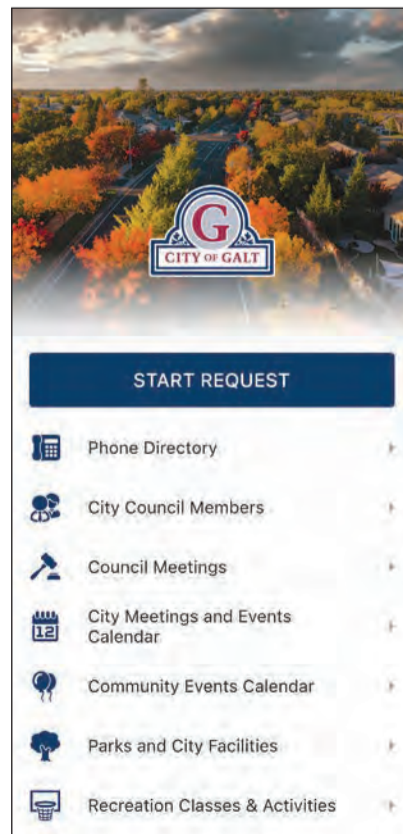
a faster response time to reports because it sends submissions directly to the relevant

department. The app also allows easier follow-up when the city addresses a report, which "gives the user more of an understanding of where it's at in the process."

To use the service request feature, a user must create an account. After creating an account, a user selects from a list of topics, including noise complaints, abandoned vehicles, graffiti and street repair. The user can submit a photo or video of the issue and tag its location.

"Once they hit 'submit,' it goes directly to the department, the

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The relaunched GaltConnect app allows Galt residents to submit service requests and access city information.



Summit Covers Fentanyl, Opioid Awareness

Sacramento County
News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Fentanyl poisoning has now become the leading cause of death among adults ages 18 to 45, surpassing suicide, gun violence and car accidents, according to Sacramento County officials.

In response to this critical public health and public safety crisis, the Sacramento County Department of Health Services, in collaboration with the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition, Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society, California State University, Sac Metro Fire and local law enforcement have joined forces to present the 2024 Fentanyl Awareness and Action Summit.

The event, scheduled for Aug. 15 after press time, aims to bring community members together to analyze data trends, discuss prevention, treatment, harm reduction and enforcement efforts, hear from those with lived experiences, provide resources and aid in the solutions for a safer community.

"To battle this crisis, we need to get the message out about both prevention and treatment. Sacramento County is dedicated to promoting widespread access to Naloxone and our amazing providers stand ready to assist individuals on their road to recovery from the devastating impacts of opioid use disorders," said Dr. Ryan Quist, Sacramento County Director of Behavioral Health.

Said Lori Miller, Sacramento County Department of Health Services Division Manager, "It's really going to take all of us coming together, embracing solutions and strengthening our response to make a difference and save lives."

Below, county leaders share ways that we can help raise awareness of this crucial issue.

Educate and Advocate: Learn and spread the word about campaigns such as Safer Sacramento and 1 Pill can Kill.

Wear Purple on Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day (Aug. 21).

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Circus Vargas Back with Ultimate Extravaganza



Professionals perform intricate tricks on unicycles at a previous Circus Vargas. Photos courtesy of Circus Vargas

Circus Vargas News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Get ready to witness the most extraordinary display of talent and wonder under the Big Top. Circus Vargas is back with its all-new 2024 production, "Jubilé! An Epic World Celebration!"

The all-new international, high-energy, action-packed entertainment extravaganza will be outside the Westfield Galleria in Roseville from Aug. 9 to Aug. 25.

The show features opera-trained Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson, who guides the audience through an experience of different cultures and nationalities, joining hand in hand, coming together through acrobatic and

aerial artistry to entertain, laugh, live, love and celebrate as one.

Iverson leads the stellar circus production as performance director. A tall, impressive figure, he acts as Jubilé's ambassador-of-sorts, accompanying the audience through their global Circus Vargas experience.

His deep, distinguished tone and melodious voice add to the entire ambiance of the performances, elevating the production to another level.

Vargas' latest extravaganza features a large cast of international aerialists, acrobats, comedians and more. The cast represents the world's finest performers from 15 different countries.

Acts include a world-famous contortionist,

award-winning trapeze artists, unicycle fleets, the wheel of death, comedians, jugglers and more. Animals will not be involved.

Food and beverage options will be available at the show.

Remaining shows are at 7 p.m. Aug. 16; 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17; 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 18; 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19; 7 p.m. Aug. 21, Aug. 22 and Aug. 23; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 23; 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24; and 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25.

Regular ticket prices range from \$25 to \$65 depending on seating. VIP tickets are available from \$70 to \$80. Senior and military discounts are available. Get your tickets now at Circusvargas.com/tickets. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the Olympics are over, and in no time fans will be talking about the start of training camp. Yes, in less than 60 days the hometown hoopsters will be back together, with a team composed of explosive offensive talents, and some question marks on the defensive side of the ball.

With the re-signing of Malik Monk, and the heralded signing of 6-time all-star DeMar DeRozan, the Kings have an offensive nightly threat that will rival any opposing team in the NBA. Don't forget, without DeRozan, the Kings led the NBA in scoring just 2 seasons ago, and with his addition to the lineup, players like Fox, Sabonis, Murray and Monk will have better looks on a nightly basis.

Without question, DeRozan will require a lot of defensive attention, and three-point shooters like Murray and Fox will benefit greatly by his presence on the court.

The Kings continue to look for the power forward to body-up alongside Domantas Sabonis, and last week sought after Lauri Markkanen who re-signed with the Utah Jazz for a reported \$238-million contract over five years. His signing after August 6 means that he cannot be traded for at least six months, after the 2025 trade deadline, and for all intents and purposes makes Mr. Markkanen a name to no longer discuss.

Color announcer Kyle Draper jumped in last week with his own thoughts as to who might be a good fit at power forward when he expressed his enthusiasm for another Utah Jazz standout, in big man John Collins. Collins showed a lot of promise last season putting up 15.1 points per game, while securing 8.5 rebounds. This while he only garnished 28 minutes of playing time per game. Collins is only 26 years of age and stands 6'9" with a 6'11" wingspan. Nice stats for a power forward with a bright future in the NBA, so perhaps Draper is working two jobs as scout and game announcer.

I like hearing from all quarters as it relates to players that might improve the Sacramento Kings front court, and as high as I am on Domantas Sabonis, I know this talented big man needs more help on the boards.

I am high and guardedly hopeful that the

recent signing of Orlando Robinson will pay dividends this season, and I applaud Monte McNair's search for a diamond in the rough.

Every year some player surfaces to the top and surprises everyone with a breakout year, and in many circumstances this occurs because they finally found a team to give them a true opportunity to shine.

Keon Ellis made significant strides last season because coach Brown built his confidence gradually throughout the season, even making him a starter for a lengthy stretch. Keon's best basketball is still in front of him, and that is after he endured a stint in the G league where he showcased his talents and worked his way up to the big club.

I believe that same confidence would do wonders for Trey Lyles, and like Ellis I am convinced we have not yet seen the top side of Mr. Lyles.

Keep your eyes on Boogie Ellis, who like his namesake Keon looked like a man among boys in the recent summer league games. The Ellis boys could potentially play significant minutes for the Kings this season, and like Keon, I like the defensive effort Boogie brings to the floor to go along with his three-point shooting.

Not to be overlooked is our top draft choice of two years ago Keegan Murray, who had an ambitious rookie season to be followed by his sophomore year that had mixed reviews. This former NCAA Division I leading scorer (822 points, 2021-22) in the nation may very well surprise everyone this year and propel himself into an all-star year. Keegan added a mid-range game last season that will undoubtedly play well alongside newcomer DeMar DeRozan.

I remain convinced that McNair is not through tinkering with this lineup, and when the Kings break training camp this season, look for at least one more power forward to join the group we have today.

The Sacramento Kings glass is half full, and I can't wait to see the upcoming season in full splendor.

If you're not thinking 50 wins-plus, take a closer look!

All the best Kings fans! ★

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com



The Elk Grove Historical Society is excited to announce the **Barn Project**. This project will enhance the history being preserved at Heritage Park by building a barn to properly display the carriages, wagons and memorabilia preserved by the area's founding families. Join the first **Raise the Barn Banquet** and not like the barn raisings of yesteryear, the only work is to enjoy great food, music, friends and support this community project.

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Three to Vie for Galt Council Seats

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - With two Galt City Council members declining to seek reelection, three candidates have come forward to campaign for the open seats in the November general election. In another race, high school district trustee Pat Maple will face a challenge for his seat.

The candidate filing deadline for most positions in the general election passed on Aug. 9.

Councilmembers Jay Vandenburg and Kevin Papineau are both planning to step down at the end of their terms, each having served four years on City Council.

The candidates are Mathew Pratton, Tim Reed and Bonnie Rodriguez.

Reed previously sought a City Council seat in 2022, when he got nearly 16% of the vote, coming in last in a five-way race. He serves as Disaster Services Medical Division chief for the California Emergency Medical Services Authority and is chair of the Galt Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Pratton formerly served on the Planning Commission and has held management positions at various businesses, mainly in tool supply and hospitality.

Rodriguez, a member of the Galt Planning Commission, works for Caltrans as a contract analyst. She owns Valley Oak

Press.

Asked about his decision not to seek reelection, Papineau said he had planned to serve a single term.

"When I was approached by community members and leaders to run in 2020, I determined that, if elected, I would only serve one term," Papineau said. "I have served the Galt community for 14 years on the Elementary School Board, Planning Commission and City Council. I'm proud of what was accomplished but I'm also ready to let others step up."

Vandenburg did not respond by press time to a request for comment.

In the Galt Joint Union High School District, Herald residents and others

east of Galt will have a choice of two candidates for the Trustee Area 3 seat. Incumbent Trustee Pat Maple is seeking reelection. Challenging him is business owner Karol Messersmith.

Area 5 Trustee Terry Parker is seeking reelection unopposed.

While there are no competitive races in the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District board of education, at least one name on the roster will change. Current Trustee Traci Skinner is not seeking reelection in Trustee Area 4 and civil engineer Matthew Ward is the only candidate to replace her. Area Trustee Casey Raboy is unopposed for another term on the board. ★

Free Fishing Day: Get Hooked on New Adventure

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - During the second of California's two free fishing days in 2024, which will be on Aug. 31, the public can fish throughout the Golden State without a fishing license.

For those new to fishing, this is an opportunity to explore a rewarding and exciting new hobby. For licensed anglers, this is an opportunity to introduce or reintroduce someone else to the joys of becoming an angler. Free fishing days are also a perfect time for former anglers to return and reconnect to the activity.

Those interested in

fishing California's lakes, streams and rivers can find information about inland fishing locations and species on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website at wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland. Information is also available about year-round free fishing opportunities found on specific piers, jetties and breakwaters along the coast. Other helpful tools for anglers include the fish planting schedule, fishing guide and Recruit, Retain, Reactivate (R3) Program resources at wildlife.ca.gov/r3#54518718-fishing.

A variety of offerings is also available from California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fishing in the City program,



Fishing in California is free on Aug. 31. Photo courtesy of California Department of Fish and Wildlife

which focuses on teaching Californians how and where to fish in metropolitan areas.

General information about the Fishing in the City program can be found on the California Department of

Fish and Wildlife website at wildlife.ca.gov/fishing-in-the-city.

Children 15 and younger can fish for free every day of the year in California, but Free Fishing Days offer a time when families and friends can experience the

hobby together for free.

All fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

encourages potential anglers to check rules and regulations for each water they plan to fish at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations.

More on licenses, validations and fees can be found online at wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing. ★

Groundwater Group Questions City Well Plans

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The group tasked with managing local groundwater use questioned Galt officials on Aug. 7 about a well project proposed by the city.

While city officials voiced confidence that the project would not harm nearby water users, multiple Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA) board members were skeptical and disagreement emerged over the potential effects in different levels of the area's aquifer.

The item was for informational purposes and the board took no official action.

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority is a partnership of several irrigation districts and the city of Galt, which all draw water from the same groundwater subbasin. Cosumnes Groundwater Authority's goal is to make groundwater use more sustainable, balancing the amount of water different jurisdictions pull out of the basin with the amount that flows in.

Galt City Council in June considered a contract for exploratory work to determine the feasibility and effects of deepening a well near Carillion Boulevard. A structural

failure put the well out of commission several months ago. City staff said the project would allow the well to draw on a deeper water source with higher water quality; the current source needs to be treated for arsenic and manganese.

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Chair Lindsey Liebig-Carter said the groundwater authority had not been properly notified and requested more information. City Council decided to postpone a decision on the item until the city could present to the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority board.

Principal hydrogeologist Sean Spaeth with consulting firm Wood Rodgers said the process would start with the drilling of a test well to 1,500 feet, with sampling to gather data on the groundwater quality and level. The testing and design process is projected to last until mid-2025, after which the project would go to bid.

A presentation said the well would increase the city's water supply capacity with redundancy to reduce the risks if some wells go offline.

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Director Gary Thomas of Amador County Groundwater Management Authority pointed to housing developments in

planning and under construction in Galt, saying they would increase the city's water demands.

Galt City Manager Chris Erias said environmental review for developments includes a water element to ensure groundwater isn't impacted. He later estimated that the city has 3,000 housing units in the development pipeline in the next decade.

Alternate director Herb Garms of Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District said the city pumps water on the east side of town and ultimately releases it from the water treatment plant on the west side, rather than putting the water back into the ground it came from. He said this would worsen the cone of depression.

"The interesting thing about ag is it (water) stays there; it doesn't go anywhere. Housing pulls it out, sends it somewhere else, and you're impacting," Garms said.

Spaeth said the test well would help predict such effects. He noted that the well would target a deeper level of the basin, which he said is separate from the shallower one that the current well taps. Most area wells pull from the shallower level and, Spaeth said, the shallower level

would not be affected by water drawn from the deeper one.

Citing similar projects in the region, with one well tapping the shallower level and another well tapping the deeper one, Spaeth said, "We didn't see any response as a result of pumping the other. Right now, the current understanding is that, yes, they are hydraulically separated."

A representative of EKI, a consulting firm that has helped the city document its water resources, disputed that assertion. EKI principal hydrogeologist John Fio described the two levels as "one unit."

"I don't know how to quantify that relationship. It can vary. But over time, if you're pulling down water levels in a lower aquifer that's not 100% isolated, there's going to be an impact," Fio said.

Fio appreciated the plan to drill a test well, which he said would yield valuable data on how water levels might change.

Liebig-Carter said the board would revisit the issue.

"This is the start of the conversation. We have met prior to this as well with the city and we'll stay engaged and we'll keep this as a regular update item," Liebig-Carter said. ★



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As Scammers Target PG&E Customers, Here's What to Know to Not Fall Victim

PG&E News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CA (MPG) - Utility scams have continued at an alarming rate during 2024, with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) customers reporting over \$334,000 in losses to scammers. To stop this trend, PG&E is committed to helping customers recognize the signs of a scam and avoid falling victim.

A typical sign of a scam targeting a utility customer includes a caller claiming to be from PG&E and threatening disconnection if immediate payment is not made via a pre-paid debit card, digital payment mobile application, or other methods of money transfer. As a reminder, PG&E will never send a single notification to a customer within one hour of a service interruption and will never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of cryptocurrency, or instant mobile payment applications, like Zelle® or Venmo.

"Scammers seek to create a sense of panic, threatening disconnection of utility services if immediate payment is not made," said Matt Foley, lead customer scam investigator for PG&E. "If a phone call, visit to your home or email doesn't feel right, don't fall for it. Hang up, shut the door or delete it. Remember, PG&E will never ask for your financial information over the phone or via email, nor will we request payment via pre-paid debit cards or other methods of money transfer,

including mobile applications."

During 2024, PG&E has received nearly 15,000 reports of scams targeting residential and business customers with customers reporting losses of over \$334,000. The average scam victim lost over \$600, and over 500 customers have reported falling victim. This number is likely just the tip of the iceberg however, as many scams go unreported.

Business customers also are not immune from scam attempts. In fact, PG&E has received 528 reports of scams targeting small and medium-sized businesses this year, and these attempts frequently occur during busy business hours when scammers hope to catch unsuspecting victims while they are distracted or stressed.

Another recent scam trend involves scammers creating fake websites which provide a fraudulent phone number when you search services related to PGE such as "bill pay" or "start/stop" service. These sites and phone numbers often appear when a handheld device is used to search for and contact PGE. As a reminder, customers looking to contact PG&E should either call our customer service number, 800-743-5000 or by logging into your account at www.pge.com.

Scammers can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy

customer service hours. However, with the right information, customers can learn to detect and report these predatory scams by visiting www.pge.com/scams or by calling 1-833-500-SCAM.

Signs of a potential scam

Threat to disconnect: Scammers may aggressively demand immediate payment for an alleged past due bill.

Request for immediate payment: Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card, then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment.

Request for prepaid card: When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the card's funds.

Refund or rebate offers: Scammers may say that your utility company over-billed you and owes you a refund, or that you are entitled to a rebate, and ask you for your personal financial information.

Scammers Impersonating Trusted Phone Numbers: Scammers are now able to create authentic looking 800 numbers which appear on your phone display. The numbers don't lead back to PG&E if called back, however, so if you have doubts, hang up and either log into your account at pge.com to confirm your bill details or call PG&E at 1-833-500-SCAM. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 9-1-1.

How customers can protect themselves

Customers should never purchase a pre-paid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. PG&E does not specify how customers should make a bill payment and offers a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person.

If a scammer threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service without prior notification, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door.

Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification, typically by mail and included with their regular monthly bill.

Signing up for an online account at pge.com is another safeguard. Not only can customers log in to check their balance and payment history, but they can also sign up for recurring payments, paperless billing and helpful alerts.

Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with one of these scammers, should contact local law enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.

For more information about scams, visit pge.com/scams or <https://consumer.ftc.gov/scams>. ★

California Seizes More Than \$120 Million in Illegal Cannabis Since January

Office of Gov. Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- In strong support of California's legal cannabis market, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that since January, California's Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force (UCETF) has seized more than \$120 million worth of illegal cannabis, destroyed nearly 37 tons of unlicensed cannabis, including 122,914 illegal plants. As part of these operations, state law enforcement officials have also seized 22 firearms.

"The legal cannabis market brings billions of dollars to our state's economy, helping to sustain California's position as the fifth largest economy in the world. We will not tolerate illegal operations that threaten our economy and the health and well-being of California

communities," Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

In recent months, the task force conducted operations in 11 California counties, including Mendocino, Tuolumne, Shasta, Orange, Kern, Alameda, Yuba, Trinity, Los Angeles, Butte and Humboldt.

"UCETF's efforts are continuing to break new ground in unlicensed cannabis enforcement by leveraging the expertise and knowledge of its diverse group of partners to disrupt the unlicensed market," said Bill Jones, Chief of the Law Enforcement Division with the Department of Cannabis Control.

Taking Down Illicit Cannabis

Governor Newsom has directed state agencies to aggressively target the organized criminal enterprises involved in the illicit cannabis market. These

illegal schemes not only threaten California's legal cannabis market but the use of illegal pesticides and unregulated practices harm California's environment and water quality. California is also focused on ending the exploitation of vulnerable workers at these sites, who are often victims of labor violations and human trafficking.

"The continued success of UCETF is a testament to the collaboration between its partner agencies. Due to the high level of engagement from each of the agencies involved, we are able to move swiftly against those who choose to continue to grow cannabis illegally," said Nathaniel Arnold, Chief of the Law Enforcement Division with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and co-lead of the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force.

"We will continue to



Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force officers find illegally grown cannabis. Photo courtesy of the Office of Gov. Gavin Newsom

rely on the individual and combined strengths of these agencies to support those who are cultivating legally in a manner that is safe for the consumer, the general public and the environment."

A Unified Strategy Across California

In 2022, Governor Newsom created the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force to further align state efforts

and increase cannabis enforcement coordination between state, local and federal partners. The enforcement actions protect consumer and public safety, safeguard the environment and deprive illegal cannabis operators and transnational criminal organizations of illicit revenue that harms consumers and undercuts the regulated cannabis market in California.

Since its inception,

the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force has seized over \$465 million in unlicensed cannabis by serving 309 search warrants.

The taskforce has also eradicated 470,435 illegal cannabis plants, seized 150 illegal firearms and arrested 38 individuals.

To learn more about the legal California cannabis market, state licenses and laws, visit cannabis.ca.gov. ★

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The hopes of a group of Galt citizens were realized recently with the completion of a beautiful redwood sign erected on the Galt High School campus. The sign is located at the south entryway of the school, and came into existence through the efforts of the Galt Joint Union High School Parent Teachers Association. Willis Wolcott was chairman of the sign committee and was assisted by Mrs. Alma Bachman and Mrs. Marjorie Weathers.

Several Scouts of Galt Troop No. 60 received the Gold Pine Cone for good camp housekeeping while at Camp Harvey West on Upper Echo Lake last week. Other awards won were the swimming merit badge by Explorer Don Wantz, and the Axeman's award by Scouts Gary Hall and Milo Schauer. Still other awards went to Don Wantz and Bill Schulze.



60 Years Ago Aug. 20, 1964

Miss Marilyn McFarland was the honoree at recent bridal showers. Mrs. Norman Coon and Mrs. Reva Watters hosted one at the Coon home. Misses Susan Mollring, Barbara McFarland and Mrs. Nancy Rhinehart hosted one at the

Women's Club House.



Mr. and Mrs. Neil Henderson are the new owners of the Delta Garage. Formerly, the Hendersons operated a ranch in the Herald district.



If you see Lee Sing walking around with a proud look on his face, it's all because he became the proud daddy of a baby boy last Monday night, Aug. 17. Baby Sing was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton and weighed in at 6 pounds 6 ounces.



Aug. 13, 1964: Erma and Lydia Listini are shown above preparing for the grand opening of the Fashion Shop, which was moving from Lincoln Way to the Stop-N-Shop Center on C Street. Herald file photo

Named Scott Richard Jr., he weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce.



Officials of the Farmers & Merchants Bank held a ceremonial groundbreaking last Thursday morning signaling the beginning of construction of the future F & M facility at the corner of C Street and Civic Drive.

Frank Dragon, Senior Vice-President of F&M, said the company has had its eyes on the property for more than four years. ★

—Herald archives

50 Years Ago Aug. 22, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Parker (Hazel Ball) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Church of Christ in Galt. Hostesses were their granddaughters.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott R. Cory of Herald are the proud parents of a baby boy born Aug. 13 at Methodist Hospital.

40 Years Ago Aug. 16, 1984

Mary Cook of The Galt Frostie presented Miss Galt 1984 Julie DeGrandmont with a check for \$400 to pay for her entry fee into this Saturday evening's Maid of California pageant.

The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and \$1,000 cash award.

MEETING MINDERS

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Galt High Alumni Association (GHAA), 7 p.m., Three Palms Mobile Estates Clubhouse, 604 Pringle Ave., 916-835-8690.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, 209-745-4545.

Thursday, Aug. 22

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

Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 916-568-2800.

Friday, Aug. 23

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#24CV014149
Nicole Helen Ehman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nicole Helen Ehman to Nicole Helene Ramsey.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: July 17, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
EHMAN 8-23-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME

#24CV007946
Judith Saray Zuniga Silva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marisol Guadalupe De Luna Zuniga to Marisol Guadalupe Zuniga Silva.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 23, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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SILVA 8-23-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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BY NORRIS BURKES

Christians Could Learn from Humanists

If you've already read most of the Bible, you might want to mix things up a bit by reading A.C. Grayling's version called "The Good Book: A Humanist Bible." Grayling, a British academic, edited an anthology of hundreds of philosophers and writers organized into chapters and verses.

Now, let me quickly assure religious readers that I haven't gone to "the dark side" by endorsing this book. I am suggesting, however, that religious people might have something to learn from Grayling.

I like Grayling because he doesn't follow the militant anti-religious atheism espoused by some of the louder left. Called by some the "Velvet Atheist," Grayling is more comfortable with the word "Humanist."

What's the difference, you ask, between an atheist and a humanist? Well, that's a tricky question. Most atheists, and certainly all those I know, are humanists. Atheism by itself, however, is simply the

assertion that there is no God. Humanists, like Grayling, take their beliefs beyond that negative assertion of no-god and are active in their care of people, animals and our planet. Sometimes they even sound downright spiritual when describing their views.

For instance, Grayling once told CNN reporter Jessica Ravitz that "each individual has to work out the values they live by and especially to recognize that the best of our good lives revolves around having good relationships with people."

Grayling believes that the only difference between a religious person and the humanist is that "humanist ethics didn't claim to be derived from a deity."

Wow. Except for that last sentence, the teaching sounds much like the lessons of the Golden Rule and the Good Samaritan parable I learned as a kid in a Baptist Sunday school.

Don't get me wrong. I happen to think that looking for your moral compass inside yourself is a good way to find yourself lost in a very deep forest. Nor am I endorsing a potluck belief system where you are free to believe a little of this and a little of that.

Nonetheless, I think humanists are right about some things.

A lifetime ago, I took a comparative religion class at Baylor University. My professor, while decidedly Christian, believed that each religion, even humanism, has something to teach the Christian.

For instance, the humanist teachings about our planet remind me that God loves all his creation. His creation is the center of his love. When religious people forget that, they become, as the saying goes, "So heavenly minded, they are no earthly good."

But if there is one lesson I hope the humanist and Christian alike can take away from the Christian Bible, it would be the story in Mark 9:14-29 about a father who brings his crazed teen to Jesus asking Jesus to help him if he can.

In the Norris paraphrase, Jesus responds incredulously. "What do you mean by, 'if I can?' Of course I can."

Or in Jesus' exact words, "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Then the boy's father immediately exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Like this boy's father, we all need divine help overcoming our unbelief. Whether you are religious or atheist, we all struggle with our inability to trust in one another.

And it's during those times of mistrust that it becomes easy to fall short of our goals and fail to do the most human thing: believe in each other.

That's why, at days end, we should be working together to make all things possible. And whether we be Christian or humanist or atheist, we can say together, "Help us all overcome our unbelief."

Join Norris' mailing list at www.thechaplain.net/newsletter or leave voicemail at (843) 608-9715 or email comment@thechaplain.net or @chaplain. Snail mail received at 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. ★

Don't get me wrong. I happen to think that looking for your moral compass inside yourself is a good way to find yourself lost in a very deep forest.

13th Annual Banana Festival Aug. 17-18 at William Land Park

Sacramento Banana Festival News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Banana Festival is back for its 13th year with more multicultural arts and interactive exhibits, live entertainment, banana cuisine and fun than ever for all ages! The two-day, family-friendly festival celebrates the many cultures in Asia, Africa and the Americas where the banana is a source of food, art and culture.

The festival is on Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at William Land Park Village Green, 3855 E. Park Drive.

Adult admission is \$8 in advance; \$10 at gate. Children 6-17, Seniors 65-plus and Military with ID are \$6 advance, \$8 at the gate. Kids 5 and under are free. Advance and VIP tickets at bananafestivalsac.org.

Live entertainment features Brazilian Center Harry Belafonte Tribute, Caribbean band Pan Extasy, Prophecy Band, Midnight Players, Element Brass Band, Latin musician EL Jamexican, hip hop group Krudxs Cubensi and DJ Gino, as well as Zumba, Pickle Ball demonstrations, designer GOS Fashion Show dedication to Richard Pannell Gold Ribbon Fashion Show, Best-Dressed

Banana Dog Contest, Limbo and banana eating contests. Check bananafestivalsac.org for schedule, updates and tickets.

The Food Pavilion and Court will feature delicious Banana Bean Pies, frozen Chocolate-covered Bananas, Fried Banana Fritters, Banana Lumpia, Banana-glazed Turkey Rolls, Banana Guacamole, as well as Banana 7-Up, Banana Wine, Banana Beer and Banana Cocktails.

The Kids' Zone offers free children's stage with live performances and interactive dance, banana-themed art projects, banana gardening, game station, character performances, storytelling, banana mural painting, interactive STEM education activities, and bubble making workshops, as well as ticketed attractions including mazes, slides, bounce house, rock climbing and bungee bounce.

A Multicultural Marketplace has retail, artisan, community resource and craft vendors and multicultural food vendors.

The festival was established in 2009 as a community celebration of arts and culture and as a fundraiser for Sacramento's Sojourner Truth Museum and the National Academic Youth Corp., which serves some 15,000 Sacramento-area youth and adults annually with arts education and cultural awareness programming. ★

Image courtesy of Sacramento Banana Festival

MEMORIAL

LESLIE WYNNE MEYER • 10/24/1953 — 7/23/2024

Leslie Wynne Meyer, age 70, passed away unexpectedly in the early hours on July 23, 2024, while surrounded by loved ones. Leslie was born to Alfred and Wanda Benson on Oct. 24, 1953, in Kansas City, Kan., her first bed being a dresser drawer. She was the oldest of three girls, Margie and Julia. She loved them both unconditionally. She encouraged them, taught them values, and showed them compassion. She was always proud of them. Julie's nickname for her was Woe-Woe.

On May 15, 1982, Leslie married her true love Charles "David" Meyer. They share two daughters, Michelle Lenia Wilcox and Lisa Kathlene Johnson. She raised them with the most love and compassion. The values she taught will forever be instilled in them. She was also mother to Christine Lyn Meyer and Michael David Meyer from David's previous marriage. She was a wonderful Wife and Mother.

Leslie had a successful career with AT&T. She met some wonderful friends along the way, retiring after 30 years in 2008.

Leslie enjoyed playing tennis, reading, Pilates, and walking Lexi. She was a very nurturing Mother and Grandmother. Her kindness and love were beyond what words can describe. Leslie's kind, loving soul will be deeply missed by all.

She is survived by her Husband Charles David Meyer and children, Michelle, Lisa, Christine, and Michael. She was a very proud Grandmother to 9 Grandchildren. Also, survived by her Stepmother Debbie and sister Julie.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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. 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 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, 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.

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 more, 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. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Aug. 2 to Aug. 8, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in six arrests.

Friday, Aug. 2

6:32 a.m., domestic violence reported at Starbucks on C Street.

2:34 p.m., stolen vehicle

recovered at Hudson Bay Apartments on Lake Park Avenue.

Saturday, Aug. 3

12:57 a.m., battery reported on Sandpiper Drive.

3:24 a.m., auto burglary reported on Crow Creek Drive.

8:49 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested

at East Stockton Boulevard/Adare Way.

10:39 a.m., assault with a deadly weapon/adult arrested on Elk Hills Drive.

11:07 a.m., vandalism reported at Harvey Park on West C Street.

11:33 a.m., auto burglary reported at Trailbridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.

Sunday, Aug. 4

10:26 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Creekview Circle.

Monday, Aug. 5

7:15 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Wristen Way.

9:58 a.m., missing adult reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

10:55 a.m., animal cruelty reported at West C

Street/Range Way.

6:15 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

7:43 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

1:20 p.m., fraud reported at Carl's Jr. on C Street.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

9:13 a.m., vandalism reported at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.

Thursday, Aug. 8

12:37 a.m., burglary reported at Tractor Supply Co. on Twin Cities Road.

7:18 p.m., trespassing reported at CVS Pharmacy on C Street. ★

ABOUT TOWN

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 sign-up page at bit.ly/3Le7xsf (case sensitive).

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: 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 hope to see you there. ★

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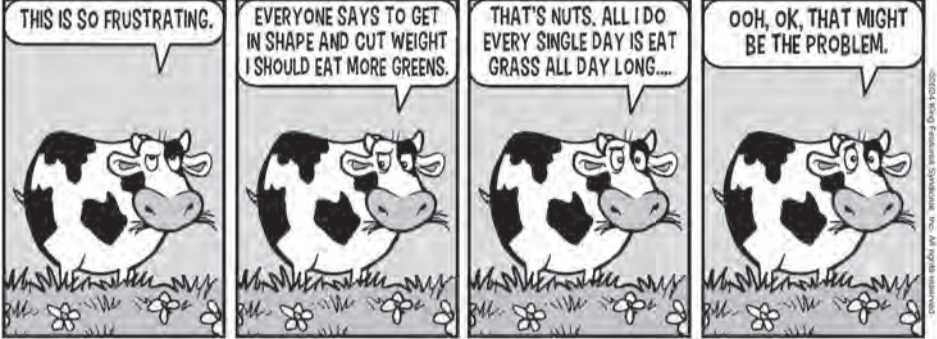
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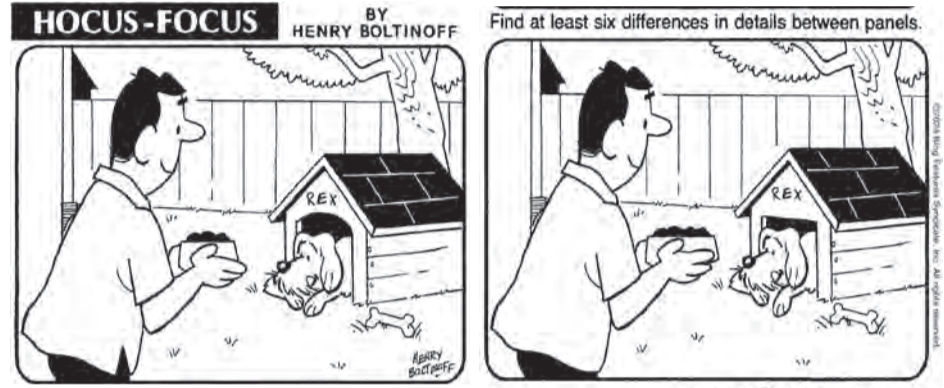


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The Ups and Downs of Roller Coasters



called his creation an inclined railway. Another patent granted for an inclined-plane railway was granted to Richard Knudsen in 1878.

For years, history has believed the first roller coaster in America opened at Coney Island on June 26, 1884. However, tracing the J.G. Taylor patent and newspaper articles tells us a different story. According to the Providence Evening Press dated June 1872, Taylor's elevated railway at Rocky Point, Rhode Island, extended 400 feet and gave nine passengers a ride. It all started with a shove, allowing gravity to do the rest.

Meanwhile, Prescott's patent detailed ways to improve upon structures such as J.G. Taylor's and that built at Coney Island. It was Prescott's designs that led

to the roller coasters we know today. His design gave riders a reason to scream and keep coming back for the rush of excitement.

A little Roller Coaster Day history: Since 1986, National Roller Coaster Day has been celebrated. Roller coaster enthusiasts around the country promote the day through amusement parks with events. The world's fastest roller coaster, as of 2021, is Ferrari World Abu Dhabi in the United Ara Emirates, with a speed of up to 149 miles per hour. The tallest roller coaster is found at Six Flags Golden Kingdom in Jackson, New Jersey, at 456 feet. The roller coaster with the most inversions (14) is the Smiler at Alton Towers Resort located in Staffordshire, United Kingdom. Celebrate the day by finding a roller coaster near you and take a ride.

Oh, my goodness! Went to the local Super Store and guess what I found? Yep! Fall decorations! And of course, I had to purchase a gnome or two and some colorful leaves for the Galt High and Liberty

Ranch libraries. There were even freshly made bakery cookies decorated in fall colors. No, I didn't buy any cookies, not yet.

So, I arrive home and what is in the mail? A Christmas advertisement from outdoor house Christmas light installers. They were offering good prices for early appointments.

Wow! They are on it. However, I have a husband, a son and a grandson who are excellent installers, and I don't have to pay them, just feed them. Then, it got me thinking about what to use for the Christmas decorations this year. No! I thought. It is too early, and I am not going there.

I want to enjoy the rest of summer and then on Sept. 22, the autumnal equinox, I will decorate for fall. And when I finish, I will eat an apple donut and consider the Christmas decorations. I've got you thinking now, don't I?

Remember the last official three-day weekend is coming up Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Enjoy!

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Edible Food Recovery Microgrants Available from Access Alliance

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Capital Food Access Alliance – a regional collaboration between Sacramento County and the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento – has released Edible Food Recovery Microgrants to help local organizations expand their capacity to accept food donations for distribution throughout the community.

Award amount: applicants can request a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$25,000.
 Grant application period: applications are accepted now through November 2024. Applications will be reviewed once per month. Notifications of award will be provided on a rolling basis.
 The grant term will last six months.
 Grant funds must solely benefit food recovery efforts in the Sacramento County region, and this grant does not require

matching funds or cost-sharing.
 Capital Food Access Alliance may extend or reopen the application cycle and launch a larger grants program with higher funding limits.
 To learn more about and register for this grant, visit the Capital Food Access Alliance grant overview webpage at <https://capfoodaccess.org/overview>.
 Applicants will need to register with Capital Food Access Alliance to access grant information and apply. ★

Summit Covers Fentanyl, Opioid Awareness

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Take this time to educate the public on the dangers of fentanyl, fake pills and other illicit drugs, while also highlighting the difference between fentanyl poisoning and overdose.

Wear Purple on International Overdose Awareness Day (Aug. 31). This globally-observed day aims to reduce the stigma associated with drug-related deaths, remember those lost and acknowledge the grief endured by their loved ones.

Attend a county event (Aug. 21 through Aug. 30): The Department of Health Services, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Unit will host a resource table with informational handouts for the community in the lobby of 7001-A East Parkway in Sacramento from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Narcan will also be available at the event.

Join the Opioid Coalition. Meetings

are quarterly from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Visit the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition website at <https://www.sacopioidcoalition.org> for the meeting schedule and more information.

Share Your Loved One's Story through an Opioid Awareness Project featuring Gone Too Soon Memorial Posters, commemorating the precious lives lost in Sacramento and surrounding counties. Those interested should contact Sacramento County Behavioral Health Division Manager, Lori Miller, at Millerlori@sacounty.gov.

Have Naloxone/Narcan available. For ways to obtain Narcan and/or training, call 916-875-2050 or visit SaferSacramento.com.

For more, call 916-874-9754 for a substance use assessment or visit Sacramento County's Department of Health Services website at <https://dhs.sacounty.gov/PUB/Pages/PUB-Home.aspx>. ★

GaltConnect App Gets 'User-Friendly' Refresh

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department looks at the request, and then they acknowledge that the request has been taken," Alegria said. "And then, once it's completed, they (the user) get

a notification saying that the service is completed." The app also provides a city phone directory as well as links to information on Galt City Council, community events,

parks and recreation, police and bill payment. Alegria encouraged residents to update the app on their devices or download it if they haven't already. She said the app is

part of her efforts to bring the government closer to the community where she herself lives.

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National Night Out Draws 1,500 in Galt



Galt Police Cpl. Nick Kohler takes a bite at National Night Out.



National Night Out attendees celebrate at Meadowview Park. Photos by Paige Lampson



Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, left, Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Superintendent Anna Trunnell and Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu pose for a photo.



Liberty Ranch Jr. Hawks relax at Galt Community Park.



Capt. Rick Small, left, and Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski, center, hand out police stickers.



Liberty Ranch High School football players enjoy their ice cream.



Laura Espinoza, left, and Rob Espinoza show their Farmall Cub tractor.

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relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski enjoys the community camaraderie of the event every year.

“The opportunity for the department to get out from their regular assigned duties and connect with the community at our three organized locations was refreshing,” said Kalinowski. “Staff worked with community members, businesses and local groups to ensure a great community connection. Although we wish it was a bit cooler for everyone, it was a great event. A big thank you to our Community Service officers who led the department’s effort for this event.”

Galt Community Service Officer Julio Roque spent many hours planning, organizing and recruiting participants; Community Service Officer Colby Cuthbertson assisted in the planning.

Donations made allowed for Sensational Ice Cream to give out soft serve or slushies for free at all three locations.

There were free haircuts, free taco trucks and all kinds of free food for neighbors to enjoy.

The event would like to thank the participants who set up booths:
Galt Youth Baseball & Softball
Liberty Ranch Football
Next Generation Barbershop
Save-Mart
Cal-Waste



Galt first responders paraded between parks by bike, motorcycle and car.

- Silicon Valley Racing
- Blue Angel of Hope
- Galt Youth Commission
- JP Towing
- Riverland Homes/Dry Creek Oaks
- King Sound Productions
- Galt Teen Center
- Sacramento Public Library
- DNTL HUB
- Horizon Church
- Robinson’s Taekwondo
- Papas & Wings
- Friends of the Galt Library
- Twin Cities Cruisers
- River City Church/Galt Campus
- Galt FFA
- 4-H Range View
- California Human Development



From left, Galt Youth Commissioners Kaitlyn Cullers and Elisa Fewell pose for a photo with officer Amanda Juarez.

- Galt Jr. Warriors Youth Football Organization
- Twin Cities Cruisers
- Galt Joint Union High School District Inked.Rain
- Galt Chamber of Commerce
- Giddens Bros. Heating and Air
- Endless Summer Tanning
- River Oaks Elementary PTO
- Sunrise Rotary
- Saint Martin Foundation
- Liberty Ranch Jr. Hawks
- Community HealthWorks
- Espinoza Family & Friends
- Galt Adult School
- Galt Adopt-A-Classroom
- Galt Jr. Warriors Youth Football & Cheer Music Group

- Tesla Owners Nor-Cal Reno
- Straight Up Dubs VW Club
- Velvet Grill
- Cosumnes Fire Department
- Galt Youth Commission.

The event wouldn’t have been possible without donations from these community members:

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- Cardinal Glass.

An exhausted but gratified Community Service Officer Lopez did a superb job bringing together all three locations.

“We are deeply grateful to all the residents of Galt who joined us for this year’s National Night Out,” said Lopez. “Your presence and participation made the event a tremendous success. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community bonds and work together toward a safer, more connected Galt. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared vision of safety and unity in the Galt Community.” ★

Non Commissioned Officers Support Area Veterans

By Ormella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA), a military service organization established in 1960, plays a vital role in supporting members across all United States Armed Forces branches and their families from Rancho Cordova and the greater Sacramento area through programs and initiatives.

With a mission focused on enhancing quality of life and supporting the professional development of non-commissioned officers, the association operates under the motto "Strength in Unity." Throughout the year, the organization raises funds through various programs and allocates them to area veterans in need.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association also collaborates with the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce to promote community recycling events, enhancing environmental sustainability efforts.

A cornerstone of the association's support is the partnership with Volunteers of America for the Sacramento Stand Down, a multi-day event providing critical services such as legal aid and medical and psychological treatments to homeless veterans. The Non Commissioned Officers Association contributed more than 500 towels for veterans in need at the event.

"It's an opportunity to help those veterans to be cared for," said Non Commissioned Officers Association International Auxiliary President Tammy Sullivan. "It happens all over Sacramento. Some of our most recent locations include Placer County and Elk Grove."

Another significant program involves the association's partnership with the Veterans Administration (VA), where representatives actively assist in securing homes and furniture for homeless veterans. The association operates four warehouses in Rancho Cordova for storing donated items. Members meticulously maintain a list of veterans' needs and available resources, ensuring efficient matching and furnishing of homes with appliances and furniture. Additionally, they facilitate direct delivery of these essentials to veterans' residences, further



Veterans gather for the Irreverent Warrior Silkie Hike in 2023. Photos courtesy of Tammy Sullivan

enhancing their support efforts.

Association members also plan to increase outreach efforts to connect with the Veterans Village residents in Sacramento.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association members had an informational booth June 20 at the annual Rancho Cordova Business Expo & Job Fair.

"As a result of the business expo, we were able to start a partnership with JumpKing to acquire used, yet functional beds and mattresses for donation," Sullivan said. "We see a huge demand for these items when it comes to this program."

The Non Commissioned Officers Association also collaborates with Move America Forward, a nonprofit military charity based in Sacramento, to assemble and send care packages for troops overseas, showcasing the organization's commitment through practical, community-driven initiatives.

"I'm proud of our collaboration with the Veterans of Foreign Wars where we raise money to buy appliances such as grills and commercial toasters," said Scott Rodowick, the auxiliary chapter treasurer, reflecting on some of the association's initiatives. "These items are integral to our participation in barbecues, which serve as outreach programs aimed at keeping everybody connected."



Retired Chief Master Sergeant Sullivan presents Noncommissioned Officers Association Vietnam Medallions.

Sullivan highlighted unique challenges faced by veterans in the region, including the need for stronger peer-to-peer connections due to the absence of active military bases nearby. To address this, the Non Commissioned Officers Association organizes events such as the Irreverent Warrior Silkie Hike, an annual veteran-only hiking event in Rancho Cordova, fostering camaraderie and support among veterans. Additionally, members emphasize support for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment and aim to improve coordination among veterans' organizations for more effective outreach.

Area residents, businesses and volunteers interested in supporting the Non Commissioned Officers Association's mission can engage through volunteering opportunities listed on the association's website at ncoausa.org or by following its

social media presence. Sullivan emphasized the importance of community awareness and involvement in bolstering their efforts to assist veterans effectively.

"There are so many ways and varying levels of degrees to get involved," Rodowick said. "It's a great group of wonderful people, and the greatest gift is when you are helping others. Especially those that put their lives on the line to give us the freedoms we enjoy today."

The Noncommissioned Officers Association meets regularly in Rancho Cordova and other locations throughout Sacramento, with monthly gatherings aimed at fostering community and support among members. Two local chapters include the Central Valley and the Spirit of Sacramento Auxiliary Chapters comprising about 90 members in the Sacramento area.

When asked why residents should join the Non Commissioned Officers Association, Sullivan emphasized the organization's responsibility to veterans and the community.

"We enjoy the freedoms of today because of those veterans and sometimes this gets lost," Sullivan said. "We all have someone or know someone that has put that uniform on, and that uniform represents this country and everything this country stands for. We should honor that."

Rodowick said that members do not have to be connected to the military to join. Anyone can be a part of the organization.

Active Noncommissioned Officers Association members are throughout the greater Sacramento region, according to Sullivan, including in Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Placerville, Lincoln, Plumas Lake and Elverta.

The Noncommissioned Officers Association Central Valley Chapter Number 1551 and Spirit of Sacramento Auxiliary Chapter Number 270 host meetings at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4647, 3300 U St. in Antelope. All are welcome to attend.

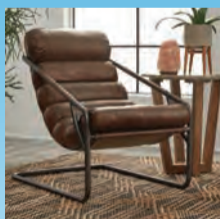
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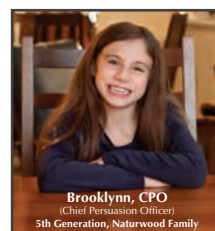
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