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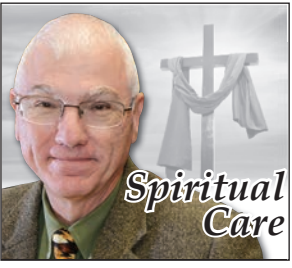
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## City Clarifies Proposed Maverik Gas Station



The Maverik convenience store chain has applied to build at location in Galt. The proposal is in the early stages and needs Planning Commission approval. A Maverik location in Cedar City, Utah, is seen above. "Maverik Cedar City" by SunDawn used under CC BY-SA 4.0

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt planning staff clarified the status of an application from a fuel and convenience store chain, saying at the Nov. 14 Planning Commission meeting that it has been the subject of "false information" on social media.

Galt Interim Community Development Director Amie Mendes said she has been fielding calls about an application to build a Maverik gas station and convenience store in the Galt Ranch development area, which is north of the planned A Street extension east of Highway 99.

"I want to make sure that everybody understands

this is not a truck stop," Mendes told the commissioners. "There is no truck parking associated with this particular site plan that we're reviewing."

According to the city website, if approved, the 4-acre location would include 26 gas pumps, five commercial fuel islands, two truck scales and an RV sewage dump.

There would also be a nearly 6,000-square-foot convenience store, which Mendes said would include a hot-food counter.

Maverik has locations in multiple Western states, with nine stores in California, according to its website.

"They really cater to the traveler," Mendes said.

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## Final P&R Master Plan Workshop Scheduled



**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - A second community meeting on Galt's Parks and Recreation Master Plan is set for December, Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis said at the Parks and Recreation Commission's Nov. 13 regular meeting.

Besides the master plan, Solis gave updates on the Galt Skatepark renovations and the Gora Aquatic Center waterslide replacement.

Parks and rec staff have discussed the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan with multiple community groups the past few months, including older adults, youth sports and community groups, and nonprofit organizations.

When complete, the plan will lay out community priorities for parks and rec and help guide Galt City Council as it decides how to distribute revenue from the Measure Q sales tax. A workshop in August gathered residents' initial comments on the city's services.

Galt parks and rec users are encouraged to take an online survey about how they use the city's offerings and what changes they want. The survey is at [surveymonkey.com/r/h7c2z7x](https://surveymonkey.com/r/h7c2z7x).

Solis said a second and final workshop has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at Littleton Community Center. Afterward, consulting firm RHAA will compile the information and present it to the commission in early 2025.

Bidding has closed for those interested in doing engineering and design work on the Galt Skatepark renovation. Solis said the city received four bids and is reviewing them.

Once the design is complete, the city will seek a construction contractor, with the goal of starting construction in late 2025.

Commissioner Chris Brossman asked about the renovation's projected cost and Solis said it depends on the revamp's extent. The commission will first make a recommendation on whether to do a more limited project or expand the park with permanent concrete features; City Council will then make the

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## Toy Drive Applications Open



Bags of toys fill a Cosumnes Fire Department shed during the 2020 Galt Toy Drive distribution. The Toy Drive is accepting applications from families in need, as well as donations of toys. Herald file photo

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - First responders are accepting applications from families for the annual Galt Toy Drive. The drive provides holiday gifts for Galt families in need and the deadline to apply is Dec. 5. Toy donations are also open.

Galt Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department partner each year on the giveaway, which helps hundreds of local families make the season bright for their

children. For example, the 2023 drive benefited 625 kids from more than 300 families in Galt.

Galt Community Service Officer Colby Cuthbertson said this year's drive is on track for a similar number of recipients.

On distribution day, a large room is filled to bursting with paper bags, each loaded with toys handpicked by volunteers, who work to get each set of gifts to its recipient. Children can visit with Santa Claus as they collect their presents. Wrapping paper and other supplies are on hand so families

can wrap the gifts for the big day.

"One of the big things we get from these families is relief," said Cuthbertson, who organizes the drive. "This program is the only opportunity they have for a holiday season."

Cuthbertson said the drive's goal is to give recipients "one less thing to stress about for the holiday season and really try to bring those toys and that holiday cheer to everyone in that household."

Families can apply in person at

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# Grant Funding Aims to Restore and Protect Thriving Forest Ecosystems



Prescribed fire is used as a tool to manage healthy forests. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is announcing the availability of up to \$70 million in funding for projects aimed at improving forest health across the state. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for projects that work to proactively prevent catastrophic wildfires and restore forests to healthy, functioning ecosystems while also sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Applications will be accepted from Nov. 13 and are due by no later than 3 p.m. Jan. 15, 2025.

“We know this work makes a difference both in forest health and wildfire resilience and that is why CAL FIRE is proud to have awarded over \$700 million in Forest Health grant funding since 2017,” said Chief Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Management. “This Forest Health grant funding supports sustainable land management practices, reforestation efforts, promotes a healthier ecosystem, and ensures that future generations can enjoy and benefit from California’s natural resources.”

The Forest Health Program funds active restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing for more resilient and sustained forests. This ensures the

future existence of forests in California while also mitigating climate change, protecting communities from fire risk, strengthening rural economies, and improving California’s water and air.

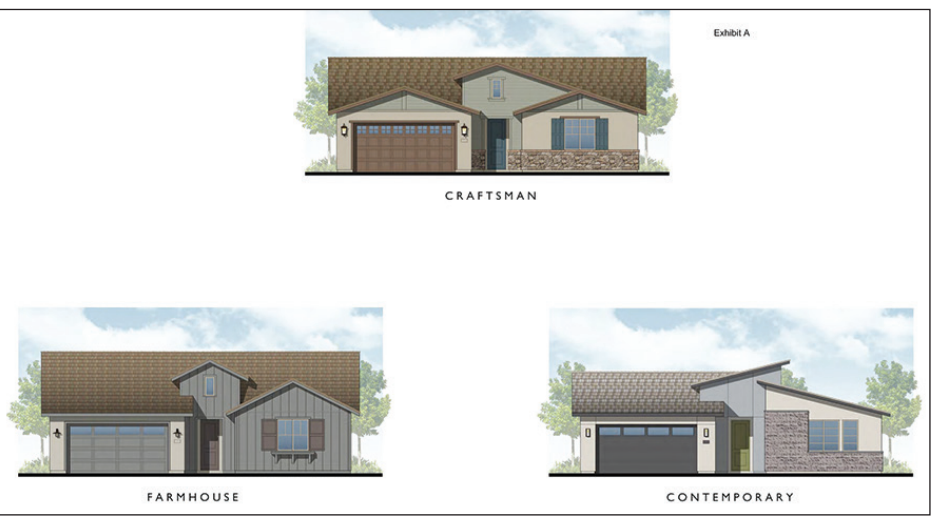
A virtual pre-recorded workshop will be made available to explain the grant process and requirements. Please check the Forest Health webpage at [www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health) to view the workshop. Any questions can be directed to [ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov](mailto:ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov).

Projects that receive funding from the Forest Health grant program are designed to complement the California Forest Carbon Plan, California’s Natural and Working Lands Implementation Plan, California’s Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan, California’s Strategic Plan for Expanding the Use of Beneficial Fire, and AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan.

The Forest Health grant program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Projects will reduce the risks to California’s forests from extreme disturbance events including catastrophic wildfires, drought, disease, and pest mortality. ★

# City Clarifies Proposed Maverik Gas Station



The Planning Commission approved architectural plans for a part of the Elliott Ranch development. The designs feature three style variations for each floor plan, as shown on one of the single-story models. Images from city of Galt planning documents

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Galt senior planner Kristyn Bitz said the application isn’t complete yet and is likely to come before the Planning Commission for consideration in the first quarter of 2025.

Commissioner Dan Denier said he was reserving judgment on the matter.

“I told a few people I have no opinion of something that I have not seen. I cannot make an opinion one way or another on something I have not seen, and that’s, I think, the entire commission at this point,” Denier said.

The commissioners unanimously approved architectural designs for a section of the Elliott Ranch development between Boessow and Simmerhorn roads.

The section, called Unit 2, consists of 112 single-family residential lots on the east side of Carillion Boulevard. The developer, Elliott Homes, presented four floor plans, which will have three style variations each: craftsman, farmhouse

and contemporary.

Bitz called the contemporary look “unique and a first time for Galt.”

“So we don’t have a contemporary elevation really anywhere else in town,” Bitz added. “This being built in Elk Grove, and evidently it’s doing well up there. It gives buyers a new option that they don’t have currently in Galt.”

Unit 2 is divided into a slightly denser section north of Officer Tonn Parkway and a less dense section to the south. The houses in the denser area will range from about 1,600 square feet to 2,300 square feet. Houses in the less dense area will be 2,000 to 2,700 square feet. The 2,700-square-foot houses will feature an auxiliary dwelling unit or in-law suite.

The overall Elliott Ranch project, formerly known as Simmerhorn Ranch, will have 429 single-family units along with sites for a park and an elementary school. In 2022, the Planning Commission previously approved a

different section of the development, Veranda at Simmerhorn Ranch.

Bitz said Elliott Homes has added embellishments to the exterior designs, including faux brick and faux stone treatments, and shutters.

The commissioners approved the designs with minimal comment, which Commissioner Bonnie Rodriguez explained.

“I do want to make it public that the reason why there’s not a lot of conversation is because we’ve been looking at these for quite a while and staff has been able to discuss these things with the developer,” Rodriguez said.

In news on other developments, Mendes said that Tim Lewis Communities has applied to build at the Liberty Ranch subdivision on Marengo Road. Liberty Ranch is split into “villages” that different homebuilders can develop. The Galt Planning Commission is set to consider the application at its Dec. 12 meeting. ★



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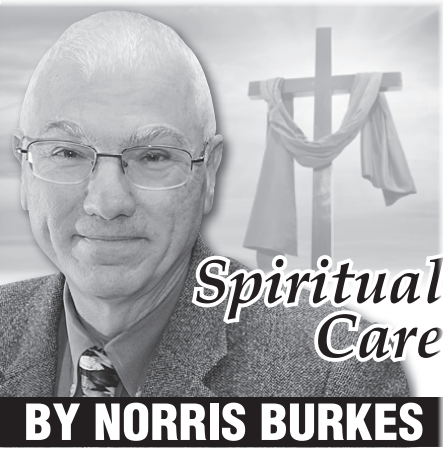
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“Do you think you’ll ever fully retire?” my wife, Becky, asks a few times a month. “Definitely!” “Mostly.” “Maybe?” I say, adding an I-dunno for good measure.

She asks because she knows I struggle sometimes to write this weekly syndicated column, travel to speak in different venues and pastor a small church.

Trying to explain my reticence, I simply say, “I’m just not sure of the best timing.”

In past years, you readers have sent me many emails with quick and sound responses to my writings. You’ve rolled out the red carpet for me during our dozen+ years together, hosting me for speeches in your colleges, hospitals, churches and civic organizations.

You’ve traveled with me to Honduras for Chispa Project, the charity my daughter Sara began for establishing libraries in Honduran elementary schools. Many of you are generous, regular donors.

When I think of full retirement, I’m

struck with a sudden case of FOMO. “Fear of Missing Out.” I don’t want to miss out on more wonderful exchanges, meetings and friendships this writing ministry has brought to me.

But alas, I’ve come up with a compromised writing retirement, giving us at least two ways to stay in touch no matter when I fully retire.

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Or even easier, sign up for my weekly email at [www.thechaplain.net/newsletter](http://www.thechaplain.net/newsletter). The website also contains everything I’ve ever written or will write.

Check out the audio versions of past columns too. Remember to spell chaplain correctly, not chaplin. We’ve talked about this.

Second, while you’re on my website, consider ordering one or more of the four books I’ve written. These books are a compilation of my columns from the past 20 years. And of course, I’ll autograph them.

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The last section of “Tell it to the Chaplain” tells the story of Chispa Project, so I especially hope you’ll read that one. Thanks to readers like you, we’ve helped over 22,000 kids in Honduras get their first books by creating school libraries with my daughter’s charity.

To say thank you, and “spark” you into action one more time, my family and I will be matching all reader donations up to \$5,000 postmarked between now and Giving Tuesday on Dec. 3. I hope you’ll take up my challenge for this ambitious goal.

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Every \$100 gives four kids a school library, training their teachers and parents, and providing books, shelves and colorful, painted murals. There are no words that can completely describe the joy that fills a child’s face when they hold their first picture book. It’s why I go back year after year to volunteer. (Details for 2025 volunteer trips at [www.chispaproject.org/volunteer](http://www.chispaproject.org/volunteer))

Finally, know that I’m not completely retired. I remain the pastor of Community Church, Nevada City, CA. It’s a little country church of two dozen in California’s Sierra Gold Country. They’ve been patient with me, but they miss me when I travel at least eight Sundays a year as grandkids and foreign adventures keep calling.

Keep me in your prayers and thoughts, as I will for you. Thank you for your faithful reading and support.

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**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.

**Sunshine Food Pantry Donations**  
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.

**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

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**Office Hours With Mayor Sandhu**  
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**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. ★

## CORRECTION

The article titled "Liberty FFA Tops National Competition," which ran on Nov. 15, misspelled the name of Liberty Ranch High School agriculture teacher Brittney Thompson. Thompson is a coach for the Liberty Ranch FFA Advanced Parliamentary Procedure Team.

## GLANCE BACK

**80 Years Ago Nov. 24, 1944**  
Pvt. Lloyd C. Sare, a former Galt High School student, has recently reported for overseas duty. Pvt. Sare was stationed 21 weeks at Camp Barkley, Texas. His brother, Floyd E. Sare, Sgt. 1st Class of the Coast Guard, is stationed at Sausalito. He was also a student at Galt High.

By a telegram received from Washington by Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Daniels, they were informed that their son, 2nd Lt. Norman Daniels, was killed in action on Oct. 25 on the island of Biak, off the coast of New Guinea. He was a navigator on a B-17 and graduated in 1938 from Galt Joint Union High School.

**70 Years Ago Dec. 2, 1954**  
Galt will have a two-man police force within the next few weeks, climaxing efforts launched by businessmen and the City Council more than two years ago. The job of night patrolman will aid Chief of Police W.E. Froelich to maintain a 24-hour watch over the city.

The 9th birthday of Faye Templeton was celebrated

with a party at her home last Saturday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Templeton ... A celebration honoring the birthday of Miss Melba Olson and the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Templeton was held at the Templeton home on Monday evening.

**60 Years Ago Nov. 26, 1964**  
An actual head count of the city of Galt population has been authorized by the census bureau and the Sarah Circle of the Methodist Church may do the counting, it was revealed by the City Council Tuesday night. Galt was one of the few cities granted the actual "nose" count.

Members of the Gold family are not superstitious as witnessed by the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gold became the proud parents of a baby girl on Friday, the 13th of November. The little miss weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was born on the birthday of her cousin Kathy, daughter of the Albert Golds, who just turned 6.

**50 Years Ago Nov. 28, 1974**  
James Paul Henke, graduate of Galt High School, was recently notified that he has passed his bar exams

and can now practice law. He was raised in the Galt area

On Nov. 24 Lawrence and Nellie Poundstone of Galt celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They have lived in the Thornton-Galt area since 1918.

**40 Years Ago Nov. 23, 1984**  
After 11 months as interim fire chief, Jim Templeton can now remove the word interim from his title because he has officially been named chief of the Galt Fire District. Templeton commands a staff that includes an assistant chief, six shift people, a secretary and 27 volunteers. He oversees a fire district of 56 square miles and an ambulance district of 225 square miles.

Jason Harrison and Cheryl Benningfield were winners of bicycles in the recent Juvenile Diabetes Bike-a-thon. The bikes were donated by the Galt Jaycees. Winners of other prizes included Anthony Nunez, black-and-white portable TV; Tammy Cass, solar calculator; Bill Waite, pocket AM/FM radio with headphones; and many others. ★

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Galt Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees will hold a public board meeting on:

December 19, 2024  
Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Galt Council Chambers  
380 Civic Drive  
Galt, CA 95632

This meeting will include the consideration of Resolution 2425-08 regarding accounting of developer fees as required by Government Code Section 66006(b).

A copy of the resolution and relating exhibit can be viewed at the district's website a <https://www.ghsd.us> under "Latest News"; at the Galt Joint Union High School District located at 150 Camellia Way, Galt, CA 95632; or you may call the district office at 209-745-3061 to get a copy of the resolution and exhibit mailed to you.

The Galt Herald 11-22-2024

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given by Galt Joint Union Elementary School District ("District") that it will receive up to, but no later than the Due Date and Time stated below, sealed Proposals for Preconstruction Services and Lease-Leaseback Services (LLB) for the Project(s) generally described as: Valley Oaks Elementary School Classroom Building 2024.

**Project Description**  
The project consists of the demolition and removal of a 4-classroom relocatable building replacing with a new 4- classroom permanent building (Building H) of similar size and use. Building H shall be Occupancy Type E, with a floor area of 4,142 sf.

The scope of work includes but is not limited to demolition of the existing structure, foundation and flatwork, rerouting of existing utilities, and construction of the new Type V-B classroom building consisting of a slab on grade, wood framed walls and partitions, manufactured open web trusses, suspended ATC, and single ply TPO roofing. The building will be serviced by heat pump HVAC rooftop units and PV panels. Please note this is not a PV ready only building, the full PV array detailed in the contract documents will be installed as part of this scope.

Scope at each of the 4-classrooms will be identical. Each classroom will receive a service sink, built in plastic laminate casework, white boards, and projector and screen. Interior finishes include carpet flooring, rubber wall base and tack walls. Exterior finish will be painted cement plaster. Doors and windows as specified within the drawings will be located on two of four sides of the building. Signage will also be provided and limited to Building H itself.

The project also includes minor site improvements as it relates to the Path of the Travel to/from the street. These are limited to flatwork within a 15'-0" perimeter of the building as well as the installation of wall packs for illumination purposes on Buildings D and B.

**Proposal Due Date and Time**  
2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 30th, 2024 at Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, 1018 C Street Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632

**Request for Proposal Documents Available**  
On the District's website:  
<https://www.galt.k12.ca.us/Our-District/Facilities-and-Planning/Formal-Bids/index.html>

**Submittal of Proposals**  
All Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Request for Proposal Requirements, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Proposals submitted to the District prior to the date and time set forth above shall be considered. Proposals will be opened privately.

**Pre-Qualification of Contractors**  
In order to submit a Proposal, contractors must possess a current and active A or B license and be prequalified by the District by 3:00 p.m. on December 9th, 2024. There are additional Lease-Leaseback (LLB) contractor qualifications, such as LLB experience as identified in the Prequalification Questionnaire. Documents can be found at: <https://www.galt.k12.ca.us/Our-District/Facilities-and-Planning/index.html>

**Anticipated Project Requirements**  
Contracts will require a 100% performance bond, a 100% labor and materials bond. All projects are subject to the State Labor Code and the District's Labor Compliance Program requirements, including all Department of Industrial Relations requirements. For questions regarding the State Labor Code refer to Sections 1735, Discrimination of Employment and 1770, 1773, 1773.11 Prevailing Rates of Wages. Contractors who have been pre-qualified may be required to submit certifications of compliance with the procedures for implementation of the Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Contracting Goals. Contractors are allowed according to PCC sec. 22300 to submit "securities of lieu of retention".

**Waiver of Irregularities**  
The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Proposal or in the Request for Proposal process.

**DVBE Participation Goal**  
The District has established a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Participation Goal of 3%. All Proposers will be required to submit DVBE Worksheets that confirm outreach efforts to meet this goal.

**Award of Contract**  
A Contract for Preconstruction Services and subsequently a Contract for Construction, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsive Proposer providing the Best Value to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities in any Proposal or in the Request for Proposal process.

**Bid Advertisement Dates**  
November 22, 2024 and November 29, 2024

**Mandatory Pre-Submittal Conference/Job Walk**  
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., Valley Oaks Elementary School, 21 C Street, Galt, CA 95632

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POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Nov. 8 to Nov. 14, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

Friday, Nov. 8

10:51 a.m., trespassing reported on Fourth Avenue.  
11:14 a.m., vandalism reported at Boessow Road/Crystal Way.  
11:40 a.m., fraud reported on Pestana Drive.  
1:51 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Hansard Court.  
4:15 p.m., trespassing reported at Fourth Street-Fifth Street Alley/C Street.  
7:18 p.m., weapon possession reported at Galt Community Park on Walnut Avenue.  
7:25 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Rio Mesa Way.  
7:29 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on Elk Hills Drive.  
9:35 p.m., battery reported on Elk Hills Drive.

Saturday, Nov. 9

12:10 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at

Galt Food Center on A Street.  
9:40 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Meladee Lane/Caroline Avenue.  
10:28 a.m., vandalism reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.  
2:35 p.m., theft reported on Adare Way.  
5:31 p.m., vandalism reported at Best Western Inn on North Lincoln Way.

Sunday, Nov. 10

12:05 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at Family Dollar on North Lincoln Way.  
9:10 a.m., shoplifting/adult arrested at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.  
9:10 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Raley's on Twin Cities Road.  
10:50 a.m., theft reported on First Street; mailboxes broken into.  
2:30 p.m., theft reported at Wren Court/Wren Drive; community mailbox broken into.

Monday, Nov. 11

3:22 p.m., vandalism reported on

Lake Park Avenue.  
3:58 p.m., trespassing reported on North Lincoln Way.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

7:45 a.m., domestic violence/adult arrested at Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

9:44 a.m., vandalism reported at Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.  
1:41 p.m., auto burglary reported on Elk Hills Drive.  
7:27 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at The Galt Place on D Street.

Thursday, Nov. 14

2:31 a.m., missing person reported on J Street.  
7:00 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Cedar Flat Avenue/Coburg Court.  
1:04 p.m., violation of parole/adult arrested at J Street.  
11:30 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Kent Street. ★

CHP Receives Native-Tribal Traffic Education Program Grant

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is honored to announce its receipt of the Native-Tribal Traffic Education Program (TTEP) grant, a transformative initiative to build stronger relationships and improve outreach with Native American communities throughout California. This grant will support a series of programs focused on safety, education and cultural understanding. The Native-Tribal Traffic Education Program grant provides resources to create specialized training, community outreach and educational events that increase awareness of tribal

sovereignty and respects cultural traditions. The program also aims to address the unique challenges that Native American communities face. Grant funds will be used to conduct workshops and training sessions for CHP personnel, emphasizing culturally- informed law enforcement practices and the historical context of Native American relations. The program will also support the development of educational materials that provide safety information and resources tailored to Native American communities. Funding was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

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# ABOUT TOWN

## Wreaths Across America Through Nov. 27

The Galt-Arno Cemetery District is participating in Wreaths Across America, a program to place wreaths on the graves of U.S. veterans. It is asking community members to sponsor wreaths for the Galt Cemetery toward a goal of 700 wreaths. On Dec. 14, at 9 a.m., volunteers will place the wreaths.

Sponsorship is \$17 per wreath, and the deadline is Nov. 27. For more information, visit [wreathsacrossamerica.org/cagalt](https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/cagalt).

## Holiday Historical Tours Dec. 8

The Galt Area Historical Society will host holiday tours at McFarland Living History Ranch (8898 Orr Road) and the Rae House Museum (204 Oak Ave.), 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Visitors will see the historical homes decorated for Christmas. McFarland will reopen 6-9 p.m., with holiday lights, pictures with Santa Claus and live music.

Parking is free and donations are accepted. For more information, call 209-730-3127.

## Blanket, Sock Drive for Seniors

The Galt Commission on Aging is asking for donations of new blankets and socks for local older adults. Blankets can be either hand-made or store-bought.

Donation barrels are at four locations: Stratton's Pizzeria (330 S. Lincoln Way), The Coffee Shop Bakery (239 Fourth St.), Fitness Pro (550 Industrial Drive) and Chabolla Community Center (600 Chabolla Ave.) The donation deadline is Dec. 2.

For more information, contact the Galt Senior Resource Center at 209-294-3308 or [galtsrc@gmail.com](mailto:galtsrc@gmail.com).

## Elk Grove Community Band Concert Dec. 16

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Winter Concert, free for the

community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians.

Future concerts are Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025. Learn more at [elkgrovecommunityband.org](https://elkgrovecommunityband.org).

## American Legion Post 233

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. We have a change in our general meeting date in November due to the 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving. We will meet on Nov. 21. There will be no scheduled general meeting in December.

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.


**Other Veterans Meetings Listed**  
**American Legion Post 55, Veterans & Auxiliary Units:** 4th Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday. 8-10 am. 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

**Marine Corps League:** 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive Elk Grove.

**VFW Post 2073:** 2nd Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★

MEMORIAL

WENDELL NIMMO • 11/1/1940 — 11/7/2024



Wendell Dee Nimmo, 84, passed away Nov. 7, 2024, at Lodi Adventist Hospital in Lodi, CA. Born Nov. 1, 1940, Wendell was a lifelong resident of Lodi and a graduate of Lodi Union High School.

Wendell was a devoted family man, known for his honest, dependable nature and gentle demeanor. He was easy to talk to and took great pride in his family and community contributions. Throughout his life, Wendell was actively involved in community service, serving as the president of the Jaycees, a member of the Booster Club, Lodi Elks and Moose Lodge.

Professionally, Wendell was a respected member of the Pipefitter's Union Local 447. After retiring, he


continued to serve the community as a marshal at Dry Creek Golf Course.

Wendell is survived by his son, Neil Nimmo (Tamie); grandchildren Billy Phillips, Morganne, Nicholas, Karissa and Brittani; six great grandchildren; brother, Lyle Nimmo (Sandi), and ex-wife Romilda. Wendell is predeceased by his son, Nick Nimmo, and his sister, Janice Dealberts (Nimmo).

A Celebration of Life will be held on Nov. 26, 2024, from 4-7pm at the Lodi Elks in Woodbridge, where friends and family can gather to honor Wendell's memory and legacy. His life was marked by a deep commitment to his family and community, leaving behind a lasting impact on all who knew him.

MEMORIAL

GARY C. BERRETH • 9/12/1941 - 11/2/2024



Gary Clarence Berreth was born on September 12, 1941, to Clarence and Hildegard Berreth, in Lodi, California. He went home to be with the Lord on November 2, 2024. He grew up in the Lodi and Galt Area and graduated from Galt High School. Several years after graduation he met Peggy Linneman, and they were married in 1965.

Gary worked for Lodi Iron Works for several years, then he worked for Wilson Electric. After Wilson Electric, he was hired by the City of Galt. He worked for the city for 34 years in the Public Works Department and operated the Street Sweeper for many of those years. He loved driving tractors and heavy equipment.

Gary was a member of Galt Bible Church – worked with the Youth, Awana Clubs, and served on the Church Board. He came to know Jesus as his Savior at an early age and loved to share his faith with others. He also was a member of the Galt Area Historical Society where he served as

President for several years. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Gary is survived by his wife of 59 years, Peggy; his daughter, Rhonda Jeffries and husband Dean of Granbury, Texas; son, Kevin Berreth and wife, Valerie, of Acampo, CA. Four grandchildren, Terrance Burks of Tehachapi, CA, Dean Jeffries, Cole Berreth, and Samantha Berreth. His brother, Terry Berreth, and wife Laura, of Copperopolis, CA; Sister-in-law, Diane Witt of Galt and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

**There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Galt Bible Church, 801 Church Street.**



# Attention Galt Businesses:

## Renew Your Business License Online Today!

Business Licenses issued by the City of Galt will expire on December 31, 2024.

Individual renewal notices have been sent to all businesses via email.

Local businesses can renew online at: <https://go.citygrows.com/galt-ca/galt-business-license-application>

Out of Town Businesses conducting business within the City of Galt can renew at: <https://go.citygrows.com/galt-ca/quarterly-out-of-town-license>

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# Do You Relish Cranberry Relish?

One of the seasonal holiday staples that grace the Thanksgiving table each year is cranberry relish or sauce. Today is National Cranberry Relish Day, a good date in November, chosen to help you to be prepared for Thanksgiving.

Believed to have originated in New England during the early 1900s, according to National Day Calendar, cranberry relish is a traditional part of many families' Thanksgiving dinner — whether you make your own from your own family's special recipe or use a recipe from Google like 1959's Mama Stemberg's Cranberry Relish, which has some very unique ingredients: horseradish and sour cream among others.

Or are you like me with my old family recipe: the whole-berry cranberry sauce in the can? It never fails and is always available. I will say I don't eat turkey without it. I add cranberry sauce to my day-after-Thanksgiving turkey sandwich, eat it as a spread on turkey hash and mix a healthy helping into turkey soup. Don't knock it until you try it.

The question of the day: Why is



Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November? One consideration: Among the Puritan colonists, Thursday may have been tradition to distance the event from the Sabbath day. Thursday was also a typical day for lectures in New England, which may have contributed to the reason Thanksgiving is on a Thursday.

Or another idea: Thomas Jefferson also insisted that Thanksgiving not be on a Sunday, as he believed it was a conflict of church and state to require the American people hold a day of prayer and thanksgiving.

Or another idea: In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating Nov. 26 of that year as a "Day of Publick Thanksgiving" (yes, that is how it was spelled) to recognize the role

of providence in creating the new United States and the federal Constitution.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the National Day of Thanksgiving to be the last Thursday in November. But 75 years later, in 1938, President Roosevelt changed it to the third Thursday in November. But according to the Farmer's Almanac that wasn't very popular, so three years later it was changed to the fourth Thursday of November.

The Farmer's Almanac also says it's important to note that it wasn't Lincoln, or anyone else for that matter, who declared the Friday after Thanksgiving as the National Day of Shopping, aka Black Friday.

So now you know. On to what needs to happen now — by now you should have your home clean and decorated, the table and chairs in place, and your guest list and what your guests are bringing to share under the turkey magnet on the refrigerator along with the menu for the day, including appetizers and desserts, all the ingredients you will need for the day, the

linens, glassware, and silverware readily available.

A helpful hint: If you are serving buffet style, draw a map of the flow of your serving area so your guests aren't backtracking. One more thought, if some of your guests offer to do the dishes, say yes. Let them fill the dishwasher, wash and dry the rest and leave them for you to put away. One less chore for you to do.

Leftovers? Now is the time to use all those plastic containers you couldn't bear to throw away throughout the year and fill them with the leftovers. Sharing is caring. And the containers have a no-return policy, unless they are returned with homemade cookies and brownies in them.

From my family to yours, may you have a blessed, "fulfilling" Thanksgiving, feast on the bounty the Lord has provided, enjoy the comfort of your family and friends, take lots of photos, gobble till you wobble, and have a good nap. Safe travel to those on the move, be mindful, and be a blessing to those around you.

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# New Republic FC Stadium Back on Track

By Daniel Canfield

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A project that was on life support had some much-needed life injected into it on Tuesday, Nov. 12, when the Sacramento City Council voted unanimously to approve the framework for a \$321 million downtown railyards soccer stadium and entertainment venue. A long-awaited development needed to provide a permanent home for the Sacramento Republic Football Club (FC).

According to the information provided by council staff in support of the proposal, the projects being approved include a soccer stadium with supporting infrastructure occupying approximately 31 acres, as well as a new 3600-seat live entertainment venue that would occupy existing historic buildings in the railyard.

The agreement, albeit non-binding, does include information regarding project costs, economic impact and anticipated public and private funding sources. The estimated \$321 million price tag breaks down to, \$175 million for the new stadium, \$56 million for the new live entertainment venue and \$90 million for associated



Here is an architectural rendering of the new Sacramento Republic FC stadium to be built in the historic Sacramento Railyards district. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

infrastructure. The projects altogether are expected to generate more than 1,500 jobs for the Sacramento region. The agreement includes a provision by which the city would waive reimbursement for municipal services for off-site police, fire, emergency medical services, traffic control and code enforcement for stadium events for up to a maximum of \$300,000 per year for a ten-year period.

The official press release from the city indicates the new stadium will be supported and privately financed by the Wilton Rancheria Tribe which became majority owners of Sacramento Republic FC on Nov. 7. The press release includes a quote from Mayor Darrel Steinberg on the importance of the council's vote.

"We are breaking barriers and making history here in Sacramento," said Mayor

Steinberg. "Wilton Rancheria is the first tribe to own a professional men's sports team in North America, and the projects in The Railyards will double the size of the central business district—what an incredible opportunity! This is the foundation for something beautiful today that will become even more beautiful in the years and decades to come."

In a Nov. 7 press conference, in advance of the Nov. 12

council vote, city officials joined together with representatives of Sacramento Republic FC, Downtown Railyards Venture LLC and Wilton rancheria Tribe members to celebrate the new energy being pumped into the soccer stadium/railyard development. At the press conference, Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango commented on the importance of the project.

"I am deeply proud to witness this moment, which stands as a profound testament to the resilience and determination of the people of Wilton Rancheria," said Chairman Tarango. "In just over a decade, our Tribe has transformed from landless to becoming a significant economic force in the region. The opportunity to drive a project of such scale and importance, on land where our ancestors once walked, is deeply meaningful. This is not only a chance to honor our history and uplift our community, but also to envision a future where we are not only part of Sacramento's past, but an integral part of its future as well."

According to the city, the stadium project is scheduled for completion by late 2026, and the entertainment venue by 2027. ★

## Sac State Tennis Doubles Duo Reach Semifinals



Sacramento State doubles duo of Maddy Ferreros and Irene Riva showed well at last weekend's ITA Conference Masters event in Rome, Ga. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

### Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento State doubles duo of Maddy Ferreros and Irene Riva showed well at last weekend's ITA Conference Masters event in Rome, Ga., reaching the main draw semifinals and falling just one win shy of a berth into the 2024 NCAA Individual Championships.

Facing teams from across the nation, the Hornet tandem opened their run with a straight-set victory over Emilia Valentinsson and Sara Zalukar from Miami University, 7-5, 6-3, then outlasted Bryant's team of Caitlyn Munson and Natalia Vela in three sets, 5-7, 6-4, 10-4.

Ferreros and Riva continued to roll on day two, easing past the Naval Academy's Emily Tannenbaum and Parvathi Shanker, 6-2, 6-0, before suffering their first loss of the tournament in the semifinals to Appalachian State's Savannah Dada-Mascoll and Isabella

Romanichen, 6-3, 6-1.

With the top three doubles teams earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament, Ferreros and Riva faced off against Celia-Belle Mohr and Sophia Webster from Vanderbilt for third place, winning the first set in a tiebreaker, 7-6 (5), before falling by the scores of 6-0 and 10-5 to finish fourth.

In singles, sophomore Lou Baudoin fell in her main draw opening round match to Charleston Southern's Marina Skegro, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, but rebounded in the consolation draw defeating Illinois-Chicago's Mayu Ushio, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and advancing to the semifinals with a walkover against South Carolina State's Sofiya Chursina.

In the semis, Baudoin was finally subdued, falling to South Dakota's Beata Havlickova, 6-0, 6-4.

The Hornets have wrapped up the fall portion of the team's schedule and will open the spring championship season on Jan. 26 at home against the University of the Pacific. ★

## Hornet's Goalkeeper Sierra Sonko Earns Player of the Week Honors

### Sacramento State University Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Sierra Sonko came up aces not once, not twice, but three times in penalty kicks for the Sacramento State women's soccer team last week during the Big Sky Conference Tournament, stopping a pair of attempts in all three contests to earn National Player of the Week honors from Top Drawer Soccer on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

It's another award added to the mantle for the Seattle, Wash., native, who was named the Big Sky Tournament Most Valuable Player for her performance in net as the Hornets claimed their first league tournament championship, and the automatic NCAA berth that goes with it for the first time since 2010.

Having appeared in one match and playing in only five minutes during the regular season, Sonko answered when called upon for No. 5-seeded Sacramento State, stopping a pair of penalties following a 2-2 draw against No. 4-seeded Northern Arizona and repeating the feat against regular season champion, host, and top-seeded Montana after the Hornets and the Grizzlies played to a scoreless draw.

Two days later, it took eight rounds of penalties to finally decide a winner, but Sonko stopped defending tournament champion Idaho on its fourth attempt as the Hornets drew even and then denied the Vandals on what turned out to be their final attempt of the day to secure the victory.

Following the match, Sonko became the third Sacramento State women's soccer player to be named the Big Sky Tournament's MVP, joining Katie McCoy (2007) and Elece McBride (2010). She was one of six named to the all-tournament team along with teammates Teysha-Ray Spinney-Kuahua, Ellie Farber, Sydney Sharts, Dalen Lau, and Izzy Palmatier, matching the most selections in school history along with the 2007



Hornet's redshirt freshman goalkeeper Sierra Sonko earned National Player of the Week honors from Top Drawer Soccer on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

and 2010 squads.

Riding a nine-match (3-0-6) unbeaten streak dating back to their last loss on Sept. 29, the Hornets open the 2024 NCAA Tournament against top-seeded and host USC on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park Track Stadium in Carson, Calif.

Broadcast information for the match has not yet been finalized, but tickets are now on sale via the link posted on the women's soccer schedule page at HornetSports.com. ★



## River Cats Earn Gold, Three Bronze Medals from GOAL

### Sacramento River Cats News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Thanks to the continued implementation of sustainability practices, the Sacramento River Cats have been awarded four medals from Green Operations & Advanced Leadership (GOAL) for their work on Waste Reduction, Diversity & Inclusion, and Sustainable Partnerships.

For efforts throughout the 2024 season, the River Cats were awarded one Gold Medal as a Partner with Sustainability Solution-Focused Brands, and

three Bronze Medals in the following categories: Measure & Report Waste Data, Engage & Participate with Community, and Activate Partnerships to Support Community Impact Initiatives.

The GOAL Medals are an opportunity to recognize leadership in a variety of sustainability-related topics from Environmental, to Social, to Governance topics. The ESG categories are

broken into to topics that GOAL Members



can be recognized for various actions at either a

bronze (good), silver (better), or gold (best) level.

"It is such an honor to be recognized by GOAL as leaders in sustainability, and all in great company with many other fantastic sports venues," said Sacramento River Cats Vice President of Facilities and Events Brittney Nizuk. "We are only getting started at Sutter Health Park, and we look forward to continuing the path towards greening

and environmental resiliency through new operating procedures, partnerships, and education."

GOAL provides their members with sustainability support including quantitative data collection, qualitative sustainability storytelling, sustainability validation, and a network of like-minded leaders. GOAL's First Annual Venue & Event All Stars Award Ceremony was held on the evening of Monday, Oct. 14 after the day's GOAL Invitational. This event celebrated best practices in global venue operations, including a spotlight on sustainability. ★



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# Hawks' Playoff Road Ends in Woodland

Story and photos  
by Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Hawk football team started off strong in its quarterfinal playoff game against the Woodland Christian Cardinals on Friday, Nov. 15. The 2024 Sac-Joaquin Section D6 playoff game was being played at the home field of Woodland Christian. The Cardinals would ultimately prevail over the Hawks with a final score of 21-7.

The seventh-seeded Hawks began the game by kicking off to the second-seeded Cardinals. The Cardinals had an ineligible man downfield and garnered the first of many penalties of the night.

Hawk Brodey Johnston slipped by and sacked the Woodland Christian quarterback. Woodland Christian quarterback. Woodland Christian was not able to reach the first down marker on that drive and were forced to punt with 10 minutes, 32 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Liberty Ranch made some progress downfield with the rushing game but was unable to get into the end zone and turned the ball over to the Cardinals with three minutes, 23 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Cardinals worked their way downfield with passes and rushing, and scored a touchdown on the outside edge with one minute, 43 seconds left in the first quarter. The successful extra-point kick made the score 7-0.

After the kickoff, Hawk Joseph Brown broke free and managed to move the ball down to Woodland's 35-yard line. The Hawks progressed to the 20-yard line, and on a fourth down, quarterback Wyatt Blevins threw an incomplete pass into the end zone. The ball was turned over to the Cardinals with nine minutes, 45 seconds left.

Once again, the Hawk defense rallied and stopped Woodland for a loss, and Woodland ended up punting the ball.

The Liberty Ranch offense wasn't able to capitalize and was forced to punt after just three plays. Woodland took over on the 12-yard line with five minutes, 57 seconds left in the

first half.

The Hawk defense held off the Cardinals once again, and Liberty Ranch took the ball back with four minutes in the half.

Andrew Quinn caught a pass and moved the Hawks downfield. As the clock was winding down, Joseph Brown managed to break a few tackles and score, making the score 7-7 with one minute, 55 seconds before halftime.

Woodland Christian tried to score again with 20 seconds left in the half; the Woodland quarterback passed the ball into the end zone. But Hawk Axel Torres was ready and caught an interception, keeping the score even going into halftime.

Liberty Ranch received the ball at the start of the second half but had to punt.

The Liberty defense wasn't finished, and Johnston and Ezra Gomez sacked the quarterback and forced a fumble. Unfortunately, the Hawks fumbled it back to the Cardinals a few plays later.

Neither team was able to score in the third quarter with both teams dropping passes and unable to progress.

The Cardinals broke free and were able to score again with 11 minutes, 20 seconds left in the game making the score 14-7.

After their drive, the Hawks turned the ball over. Woodland took advantage and scored once more time with seven minutes, 24 seconds left in the game.

The Hawks got very close to the end zone again but just could not capitalize on their position.

Hawk head coach Warren Schroeder finished another successful season.

"We had a very successful season and are proud of the way our boys battled with the No. 2 team in the division all the way up to the very end," said Schroeder. "This team has maintained our tradition of hard work and excellence and has continued to bring pride and respect to LRHS and the community of Galt."

"I wish our seniors nothing but the best of luck in their future endeavors and look forward to working with next year's group in the off-season." ★



Brodey Johnston sacks the Woodland Christian quarterback, facemask to facemask.



Joseph Brown gains some ground against the Cardinals.



Andrew Quinn tackles the Woodland Christian rusher.



Camren Hudson tosses Cardinal Devin Herrera.



Axel Torres breaks away from the defender.



After Devin Herrera catches the ball, Camren Hudson cracks him, causing Herrera to drop the ball.

# Snow Named League MVP Unprecedented Third Year in a Row

Story and photos  
by Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Liberty Ranch volleyball team had a perfect league season and took the honors this year. Under the coaching of Mark Snow, the team made the playoffs and got all the way to the final round of section title. While it lost the title to Ripon, the team is to be congratulated for making it farther than any team in Liberty Ranch History.

Paityn Snow played varsity all four years and was the first sophomore to be named league MVP in anyone's recollection. Snow was awarded the honor once again in her junior year and now for a third time this year. This is a huge accomplishment.

Snow now has a few records and will have her poster on the wall in the Hawk Nest. She exceeded 500 kills in the season, making her the first player ever to do so at Liberty Ranch or in the Sierra Valley Conference. She was the first player to reach the 1,000-kill benchmark. Snow didn't stop there; she finished her season



Paityn Snow, Liberty Volleyball-League MVP.

adding those kills and set the record high with more than 1,500.

Snow, who has been playing volleyball since she was 8, comes from a family of volleyball players.

"When I first won MVP of the league, I was shocked," said Snow. "My sister had gotten it before me, and I had hoped that



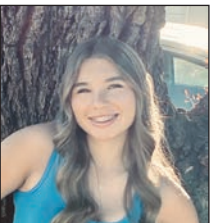
Haley Smith, Liberty Volleyball.



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one day I would get it, but I never thought it would be as a sophomore. When I got it this year, I was so surprised because there were other players in our league who I thought had a good shot at getting it as well."

Snow has a goal to improve every game. "The thing that motivates me in volleyball is my will to get better every game,"

explained Snow. "My coaches have taught me to play the game as if it were my last, and this season that really was the case. I have worked very hard for this sport, and I have loved every second doing it."

Hawk Athletic Director Samantha Vitoria has been following Snow since her freshman year.

"Paityn Snow is a three-times Sierra Valley Conference MVP," said Vitoria. "Her confidence, strength, and athletic ability on the volleyball court is beyond many of the athletes we have seen at Liberty Ranch high school. She has helped take our volleyball team to its farthest ever playoff ride in LR history. With all that said, Paityn Snow is by far one of the best female athletes Liberty Ranch has had the pleasure to have in its history thus far. I cannot wait to see what she does next."

This season, Snow had 530 kills, 93 serving aces, 20 blocks and 469 digs.

Her career totals are 1,503 kills, 343 serving aces, 59 blocks and 1,319 digs.

Snow is considering her options and will continue her career to the next level after high school. ★



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# Galt Cross Country Scores at Sections

## Gonzalez Qualifies for CA State Championships for Third Year

By Galt Athletics

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt cross country team competed at the Sac-Joaquin Section Championships at the Willow Hills cross country course in Folsom on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The boys team finished seventh overall as a team in a tough group of runners, and senior Emilyann Sheldon was the only girls team member who competed in sections.

Senior Kitto Gonzalez placed fourth overall, qualifying for the CIF State Championships for his third year in a row. Senior Logan Rose finished eighth, narrowly missing an individual state qualifying spot.

Gonzalez finished with a time of 16:25.5, followed by senior Logan Rose 17:32.2. Sophomore Alejandro Herrera came in 26th with a time of 17:56.6, junior Xavier Gomez finished 69th (19:53.9), sophomore Elliott Kramer finished 72nd



Kyle Oltmanns, Liberty Cross Country.



Emilyann Sheldon, Galt Cross Country.



Logan Rose, Galt Cross Country



Alejandro Herrera, Galt Cross Country



Kitto Gonzalez, Galt Cross Country: League MVP.

(20:09.0), sophomore Garrett Rose finished 73rd (20:30.1), and David Espinoza Terrones finished 77th (20:45.6).

In the girls varsity race, senior Emilyann Sheldon secured 30th place with a time of 21:47.7.

All eight of the athletes achieved personal records on the challenging Willow Hills section course.

This was the second consecutive year that the varsity boys team qualified for the section championships. There were

only two points separating the fourth place and seventh place teams, making it one of the most competitive Division 4 races in recent years.

Before last year, it had been 15 years since the Galt boys team last qualified for the section championship, making it a significant accomplishment to qualify two years in a row.

Gonzalez will compete in the state championship on Saturday, Nov 30, in Clovis, for the third consecutive year.

Qualifying as an individual for the state championship requires significant effort and dedication, so it's definitely a major accomplishment for him.

Head Coach Bruce Peterson continues to see improvement since taking over the team.

"Our team showed great improvement this season, thanks to a mix of veteran leaders and young talent," said Peterson. "Championships were rewarding, and while we'll miss our seniors, our underclassmen have a promising future." ★

# Galt Football All-League

# Liberty Ranch Girls Golf SVC All-League



Isabella "Izzie" Miranda, Galt Flag Football.



Chloe Goehring-Tassell, Galt Flag Football.



James Gilbert, Galt Football.  
Photos by Paige Lampson



Liberty Ranch High School finished second place in the Sierra Valley Conference and made it to the Divisionals as a team, that played on Oct. 28 at Peach Tree Golf & Country Club in Marysville. Pictured left to right with league standing: Gabrielle Akers #7, Gaby Fender #5 and Jordann Kennedy #8. Photo courtesy of Raquel Akers

# MLB's Athletics Announce 2025 Regular Season Home Game Times



Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento will be home to Major League Baseball's Athletics for the 2025 season. Photo by MPG staff

### Athletics News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - First pitch of the A's inaugural game at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento will take place at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 31, as the Athletics take on the Chicago Cubs.

Across the 81-game home slate, the A's will play 60 night games, including 25 of their 28 games in June and July. Eleven of the A's 21 total day games will be played in April and May, with only six Sunday day games scheduled from June through August. Night games begin at 7:05 p.m.

The home schedule features matchups against eight National League clubs, including the San Diego Padres (April 7-9), New York Mets (April 11-13), Philadelphia Phillies (May 23-25), San Francisco Giants (July 4-6), Atlanta Braves (July 8-10), Arizona Diamondbacks (Aug. 1-3), and Cincinnati Reds (Sept. 12-14).

The A's will play at home for three

popular summer holidays, taking on the New York Yankees on Mother's Day (May 11), the Phillies over Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-25), and the Giants on Independence Day (July 4).

The A's will share Sutter Health Park with the Sacramento River Cats. MLB and MiLB have coordinated home schedules to accommodate both teams, ensuring that there are no instances in which both teams play at home on the same day.

The 60 home night games would tie the 1968 A's for the most in a season in franchise history.

A's season tickets for 2025 are on sale now and will be released in phases.

Current A's season ticket holders will be notified when seats comparable to their 2024 plan are available to purchase.

Fans who have placed a season ticket deposit will be notified based on priority when tickets are available for purchase. Single-game tickets will go on sale in early 2025. ★

# Kings Korner

## By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings were 2-2 in the past week, but that doesn't begin to tell the tale.

Beginning with a disappointing 116-96 loss to the San Antonio Spurs and concluding with a thrilling 121-117 win over the Utah Jazz, the Sac Town ballers had an up and down week that ended on a high note.

Sadly, injuries played a role, sidelining big man Domantas Sabonis and newcomer all-star DeMar DeRozan, both with lower back issues.

In between the Spurs and the Jazz, saw the Kings take a tough overtime loss to a talented Minnesota Timberwolves team, and win decisively over the Phoenix Suns by the score of 127-104.

The real story of the week was none other than the offensive show put on by point guard DeAaron Fox, who scored a total of 109 points in back-to-back games against the Timberwolves and the Utah Jazz.

Setting a Sacramento Kings scoring record, DeAaron put the team on his back against the Timberwolves, scoring 60 points and shattering his previous personal record. Just one game later, with Malik Monk, DeMar DeRozan, and Domantas Sabonis sidelined with injuries, Fox backed up his 60-point performance with 49 more, this time in a win over the Jazz.

Thanks to the offensive explosion of DeAaron Fox, the Kings now have a player in the top ten in scoring. DeAaron is currently #6 in the NBA in scoring, and remarkably the Kings are the only team in the NBA to feature three players with a scoring average of 20 points or higher per game.

In addition to raising his scoring average, DeAaron is fifth in the league in steals, averaging 1.8 per game. I look for Fox to challenge the top spot in steals as the season wears on.

Overall, the Kings are off to an 8-6 start, and most pundits and fans alike are well aware that their record could be decidedly better.

It took a few games for DeRozan to become completely comfortable with his teammates, and that should be taken for granted.

Since the first few games, DeMar has been the perfect fit, and teams are having

a difficult time trying to figure out who the go-to player is going to be. The Kings are spreading the boy to everyone on the court including Keegan Murray, who has had an up and down start to the season as it relates to scoring.

Keegan has made a noticeable move forward as he has focused on rebounding and improving his defensive efficiency.

Domantas continues to rebound with ferocity, and the rebounding champion of the past two seasons, is currently #2 in the NBA behind big man Nikola Jokic.

Nursing a sore back, Sabonis is on the sidelines, and with nothing definite coming from the Kings organization, Domantas is day to day.

So, what kind of a report card should the Kings receive as they play in their 15th game against the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

I give the team a solid B, considering the addition of DeMar DeRozan and understanding it takes time for a starting five to jell.

Let's not forget the energy and scoring punch that Malik Monk brings to this team, and the sooner we see Malik back in action, the better off the Kings will be. Reportedly, Malik has a week to go before he'll be ready for any hardwood action.

Sadly, after witnessing what I consider to be one of the worst officiating seasons in the past 50 years last season, the zebras were back to their old ways Saturday night and were it not for Kings ability to challenge two horrific calls by the referees, the Kings would have likely lost to the Utah Jazz.

I have no answer for what the NBA needs to do, but clearly the officiating is sadly lacking in quality, and this has not always been the case.

I credit the NBA with putting challenges into the mix, but there is still more that needs to be done.

Meanwhile, keep the faith Kings fans. This team is showing a lot of bright spots, so let's get everyone healthy and see if the Sac Town boys can get on a winning streak!

*All the best Kings fans!*  
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