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Warriors March to Homecoming Beat



Galt High School cheerleaders perform at halftime during the Homecoming football game. Photo by Paige Lampson

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt High School Warriors filled the air with music on Oct. 4 for their Homecoming celebration, concluding the week with a showcase of school spirit among current students and alumni.

The school's student organizations paraded through Erv Hatzenbuehler Stadium with floats decorated according to the theme "Galt's Got

the Beat," and each float was accompanied by a signature song.

For example, the freshman class chose "Traitor" by Olivia Rodrigo. The sophomore class jammed to Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock." The juniors went disco with ABBA's "Dancing Queen." The senior class paid homage to Rihanna and Jay-Z with "Umbrella."

The cheerleaders' float, based on Taylor Swift's "Cruel Summer," was named the most creative, and FFA's

float was named the overall winner.

To start off the Homecoming football game, student Maggie Thomlinson gave a rousing performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

At halftime, the Homecoming royalty lined up on the field and the Homecoming King and Queen were announced: James McGranahan of the senior class and Jayda Williams from cheer. The 2023 King and
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Future Elections to Be by District

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - After the November election, Galt City Council members will be elected from specific districts rather than from the city as a whole. City Council started the process at its Oct. 1 meeting to avoid a threatened civil-rights lawsuit.

Multiple councilmembers were reluctant to start the change and cited concerns about creating noncompetitive elections. But they agreed that fighting the attorney pushing for the new election system would be a waste of money with little chance of success.

The city of Galt on Aug. 26 received a letter from law firm Shenkman and Hughes. The Malibu-based firm is known for suing or threatening to sue public agencies across the state for alleged violations of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), unless they do away with "at-large" elections. The California Voting Rights Act is intended to remedy racial inequalities in voting systems.

Supporters such as Shenkman and Hughes argue that at-large elections, in which candidates can live anywhere in a jurisdiction and are chosen by all voters in a jurisdiction, can allow small majorities of white voters to control all of a city's elected offices, locking out racial minorities, particularly Latinos.

Jurisdictions notified of "vote dilution" affecting a minority must switch to "by-district" elections or face litigation. In a by-district system, a jurisdiction is divided into districts, one for each seat. Only residents of a particular district can run for that district's seat and only other district residents can vote for the seat. This theoretically allows minority groups to elect a candidate of their choice.

"There is a low threshold of proof required. Vote dilution occurs when the votes of the protected-class members are outweighed or diluted by the votes of the presumably nonminority voters," interim city attorney Frank Splendorio said. "This can be alleged by a review of voting patterns. You don't have to prove that this is actually occurring."

In December 2023, the
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Going Mobile Can Be Good Business



Food trucks with code compliance and parking agreements include Taco Feliz at Dry Creek Liquors on C Street in Galt.

Story and photos
by J.G. Wirt

GALT, CA (MPG) - Selling food outdoors seems simple: set up a cooktop and a table, put up some shade and a sign, and start cooking.

Following the law and ensuring safety is more involved, though. The location and marketing angles have their twists as well.

Keeping the hot food hot and the cold food cold is requirement No. 1, according to county code enforcement officials.

Working with clean hands is also a high priority, as are using professional-grade equipment and keeping the food and work area clean and free from flying or crawling critters.

Home cooks who want to start carving a pastor or making burritos for the public have support from the city of Galt as long as they obtain the proper permits and maintain approved cooking and serving operations. Larger pushcarts and smaller hot dog carts can have a place in the selling sphere but these entrepreneurs also

must have permits and inspections to do business in the city.

During a visit by the Herald to Galt's Public Works Department, senior planner Kristyn Bitz showed the Industrial Way/Pringle Avenue area on a zoning map. This light industrial neighborhood of manufacturing, assembly and auto repair businesses and self-storage facilities is the only zone in Galt that permits itinerant food trucks: those that roll in to feed people and then move on. Other areas of the city require permits and limit

parking to three hours.

Doing the Paperwork

The food trucks that set up regularly in parking lots have done the permit work and made the agreements to cook at these specific spots, and the city regulates the number of trucks per area or intersection.

Some eateries run food trucks in addition to their brick-and-mortar businesses. Those in Galt must get written consent from other restaurants or convenience stores/gas stations
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within 350 feet before parking and cooking, Bitz said.

Edgar Gomez, whose portfolio includes the Tequileros taqueria at Carol Drive and Highway 99, also has full-time food trucks at two convenience store/gas stations in Elk Grove. His mobile businesses follow county code regarding the availability of restrooms to comply with county code for food-truck personnel. Gomez's rental agreement with the Elk Grove convenience store/gas stations also provides electricity and water, plus refrigeration if needed.

Gomez noted that his trucks also follow county code regarding the use of a commissary to store the trucks, clean them and restock them each day.

Galt a Great Draw

Galt is a great draw for food trucks, Bitz said, with the city being on Highway 99. It also has more on- and off-ramps than other cities of its size. The code covering mobile food is strict in Galt, although the effort to engage new business is strong.

The city is eager to help food vendors find the right place and time to sell to plentiful customers, Amie Mendes, Galt's economic development director, said

during the Herald's visit. The Saturday Market, Galt Market, and city parades and community events provide more options for local and visiting attendees.

But these events are occasional and mobile vendors are driven to feed more people every day.

Food vendors selling on a public right of way, on private property or without a permit are always on the radar of T.J. Guidotti, who oversees mobile-food operations as part of his role as code compliance supervisor for the city.

Guidotti's method is about education first, compliance next and enforcement after that, if necessary. He counsels small vendors, such as those selling crates of strawberries in parking lots, carts full of frozen fruit bars on sidewalks and one-off snack sellers outside schools. Some individuals are just trying to make a living, Guidotti said, but they must follow code to do business in Galt.

Crossing Jurisdictions

Monitoring mobile-food compliance crosses jurisdictions, Guidotti said, making it both a challenge and an advantage in his first-responder role. Vendors who set up on a city street or sidewalk can impede vehicle or



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pedestrian traffic, according to Guidotti. Dealing with trucks or pop-ups on county property sometimes can bring assistance from Sacramento County code officers or Sheriff's personnel. And if a seller is on state property, the California Highway Patrol has helped the Galt code enforcer clear the site.

There is little chance for a quickie setup with an awning, cooktop and cold chests to have the documentation and permits to do business legally, said Sonia Andrusiak, a supervising environmental health specialist for the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department.

Itinerant vendors find business by word of mouth, social media and drive-by curiosity. Their operations do not pay taxes, rent, utilities or employment costs,

which is not fair, said Tony Gutierrez, who owns Compadres Bar & Grill in the Raley's shopping center near the Twin Cities Road roundabout. A regular taco pop-up on East Stockton Boulevard north of the circle is set up just outside the city limits, Guidotti said, and under county jurisdiction.

Government Help

Galt City Councilman Shawn Farmer, a local business owner who advocates for local eateries and their customers, has contacted Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume directly on the issue and hears occasionally from constituents who are concerned that non-compliant vendors are harming business for compliant eateries.

"We say to the city that we promote local business, but then we have to do our part to have the city enforce the rules," Farmer said.

Andrusiak said the county has personnel to respond to reports of non-compliant vendors but not enough people to cover nights and weekends, when pop-ups set up to capture weekend customers at dinnertime or late night.

Andrusiak's team aims to educate the vendors and help them become compliant with the rules of the business. County staff



Food trucks with code compliance and parking agreements include Tequileros Taqueria in Elk Grove, top, Las Perlas at Valero on North Lincoln Way in Galt, middle, and El Ahijado at West Stockton Boulevard and Twin Cities Road, bottom.

uses educational storyboards, fliers and postcards to provide the basics. The inspectors also counsel the vendors on-site to correct any violations, including being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Personal Safety

Galt planner Bitz said customers who patronize non-permitted food sellers are risking their own safety and health. This goes back to the hot foods/cold foods rules.

The public and other

businesses can report unpermitted vendors by calling 311, Andrusiak said, or by using the GaltConnect app, Mendes said.

Andrusiak has been in this field for more than 20 years and has seen food trucks evolve from the traditional silvery lunch wagons to the quasi-gourmet food haulers of today.

She patronizes food trucks, Andrusiak said, but only if they have that distinctive, pink permit sticker on the trucks. ★

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San Francisco Chronicle said Shenkman and Hughes has sent at least 175 such letters to agencies throughout California. Most recipients have switched to by-district elections to avoid litigation; no agency that went to court has won its case.

Both Galt school districts have switched away from at-large votes after receiving letters, Galt Joint Union High School District in 2020 and Galt Joint Union Elementary School District in 2022. The city of Elk Grove switched to by-district elections in 2020 after receiving a letter. Cosumnes Community Services District, which provides fire service in Galt, switched on its own initiative in 2019.

Splendorio said Isleton is the only city in Sacramento County that has not received a letter.

City Council adopted a resolution starting the change to by-district votes, and it has 180 days to draw and implement the districts. It will hire a demographer to propose five districts based on the city's population distribution at a cost of about \$30,000. Although the city will prevent a potentially costly court fight, it is required to pay Shenkman and Hughes' attorney fees, up to \$40,000.

In the letter, lawyer Kevin Shenkman cited several past elections as evidence of dilution of the Latino vote. In particular, Shenkman pointed to the unsuccessful City Council

campaigns of Eddy Gomez and Mario Garcia in 2014, who he said received "significant" Latino support but little non-Latino support.

Councilmember Shawn Farmer voiced concern that switching would result in less competitive elections. He cited the local school districts, which have a total of four seats up for election but just one competitive election, because the other three seats each have one declared candidate.

"As we've seen by the school board elections in our town, which are (by) district, that occurs almost every time in most of the districts, including the race that's going on right now, where only one district is contested," Farmer said. He noted that residents

might lose representation in City Council votes that pertain to their location, if their councilmember lives too close to the location and must therefore recuse themselves to avoid a conflict of interest.

"It's just going to divide the city," Farmer said.

Mayor Paul Sandhu said the city is doing nothing wrong "but sometimes we have to compromise." He said changing to by-district elections would save the city millions of dollars.

Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano said by-district elections create the possibility of electing a councilmember who only cares about their own area.

"Tell me how you are going to develop policy, being one person, one district, on something that's

not in your district?" Lozano said.

During public comment, Galt resident Jerry Sauter said he worried about noncompetitive elections but he acknowledged the potential cost of not switching.

Galt City Council candidates Tim Reed and Bonnie Rodriguez said the switch would have a negative impact. Reed said he and the other current City Council candidates do not live close together, which he said would have resulted in a noncompetitive election under a by-district system.

Rodriguez spoke about the 2014 City Council candidates cited by Shenkman, saying that the two lost because they did not actively campaign. She urged the city to "make (Shenkman) actually work for" the legal fees before complying.

Contacted by the Herald, Shenkman said his law firm identifies voter dilution using a statistical technique that involves taking the number of voters in each precinct with Spanish surnames and comparing that to the vote totals for a given candidate.

Shenkman said by-district elections result in more competition, in aggregate, than at-large votes, because a candidate has to reach fewer voters to win.

"Overall, there are more candidates that run, not less," Shenkman said.

City Council passed the resolution by a 4-1 vote, with Farmer opposed.

The 2024 election is not affected by the resolution; the city's first by-district election will be in 2026, when three seats will be up for votes. The remaining two seats will come up in 2028. ★



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The Galt High School Homecoming royalty line up for the announcement of Homecoming King and Queen.



James McGranahan, left, and Jayda Williams were named Homecoming King and Queen. Photos by Paige Lampson



The band performs at Galt High Homecoming festivities.



Football royalty Roman Tapia, left, and Jaylen Rocha-Brooks ride in the Homecoming parade.

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Queen, Brendan Lane and Hope Garten crowned their successors.

Williams got an enthusiastic cheer from audience members when she was introduced. Williams said she was shocked to be chosen.

McGranahan said it felt "awesome" to be named Homecoming King.

"You know, I love the opportunity and I can't wait to crown the next one next year," McGranahan said. McGranahan thanked his leadership teachers for pushing him to be the best person he can be.

Royalty members were chosen by their respective club or class. This year's Royal Court members were: McGranahan and Rosie Roberts, Senior Class; Jayda Williams and Areonna Rocha, Cheer;

Ingrid Ortigoza and Bailey Serrato, Anime Club; Fey Garcia Damian and Evelyn Regalado, AVID; Alfred Hayden and Danielle Singh, Band;

Cindy Jaramillo and Amagrace Moua, California Scholarship Federation; Levi McDonald and Audrey Gonzalez, FFA; Roman Tapia and Jaylen Rocha-Brooks, Football; Noah Stratton and Priscila Esparza, Freshman Class; Sophia Alfaro and Mae Trull, German Club; Elia Rodriguez and Gissel Garcia, Interact Club; Francisco Ceja and Caroline Castillo, Junior Class; Jocelyn Carrillo and Ariana Soto, Latinos Unidos; Adam Preciado and Brianna Ordaz, Sophomore Class; and Alexia Bulahan and Payton Atkins, Thespians Club. ★



The senior float was themed after "Umbrella" by Rihanna.



Juniors went disco with "Dancing Queen" by ABBA.



The sophomore class float pays homage to Elvis Presley.



The freshman class chose "Traitor" by Olivia Rodrigo as its Homecoming parade song.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The wait is finally over and once again a frenetic group of nearly 20,000 fans will hear the introduction, "and now running the point for the Sacramento Kings from the Kentucky Wildcats, De'Aaron Fox!"

On Wednesday night for the very first time Sacramento fans will hear the introduction of newcomer DeMar DeRozan out of the University of Southern California. DeRozan, like many of his comrade's, chose to bolt to the NBA after just one year in college, and the ninth overall pick in the 2009 draft has been an overwhelming success ever since.

Drafted by the Toronto Raptors, DeRozan spent nine years in Canada before a short stint in San Antonio, and then on to Chicago. Traded for Kawhi Leonard, DeRozan had to watch from San Antonio as the Raptors captured the NBA title in 2019.

Many pundits were wildly surprised that of all the destinations and the high interest in his service, DeRozan chose Sacramento as his next home. Since then, he has said all the right things, and like many NBA fans, I believe he will fit in extremely well alongside De'Aaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis. Great players are replete, but great people and

great players are a scarce commodity. Mr. DeRozan brings both qualities to a team that is replete with team chemistry, and like most Kings fans, I want to see what Monte McNair's standout acquisition can do.

It is entirely possible that amid all the hype, Kings fans may have to be patient while the big three learn to play alongside one another, but I firmly believe that this six-time all-star will make the transition quickly.

Able to play guard or small forward, much has been reported about the uptick we are likely to see with regards to better looks for Fox, Sabonis, and three-point shooter Keegan Murray.

Lost to some degree in all the uproar of the signing of DeRozan, is how third year hoopster Murray will use DeRozan's talents to get better looks, and more opportunities to drive the lane.

I was impressed with Keegan's introduction of a true mid-range game last

season, and along with some notable shooting inside the three-point line, like former teammate Harrison Barnes, Murray became a threat driving to the basket.

The combination of Murray's three-point shooting, mid-range game, and ability to go to the hole, will have a positive impact on DeRozan as well, and I expect to see this career 21 points per game player, potentially pad that number in the upcoming season.

Not to be overshadowed, Domantas Sabonis could elevate his game even more with the myriad of scoring ability around him, and a return to the high octane offense that led the NBA two years ago may well be in the offing.

It remains to be seen what the loss of defensive minded Jordi Fernandez will do to the Kings, and without question assistant head coach Jay Triano will have big shoes to fill.

Fitting that Sacramento's first opponent of the preseason will be archival, The Golden State Warriors, and like the Kings, the Warriors will bring a vaunted offensive into Golden One.

Notably missing Wednesday night will be perennial three-point shooter and other half of the splash brothers, Klay Thompson, who has now donned royal blue colors of the Dallas Mavericks.

Joining all-stars Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving, Thompson hopes to reignite a career that took a two-and-a-half-year hiatus after suffering back-to-back injuries to his ACL and Achilles.

It's important to note that Thompson helped the Warriors to an NBA title in his comeback season of 2022, but the past two years have seen Klay a step slower, and his offense not as reliable as it once was. At age 34 the 6'6" Thompson may still have more in the tank, but we won't witness that until the Mavericks come to town on Dec. 30.

Hitch up your britches Kings fans. We are in for a different look than perhaps this team has ever presented, and it's going to be a fun ride.

May the Beam shine brighter than ever!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Sept. 27 to Oct. 3, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

Friday, Sept. 27

11:37 a.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Oak Avenue.

4:58 p.m., DUI reported at Squeeze Burger on Twin Cities Road.

Saturday, Sept. 28

2:14 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at Highway 99/A Street.

7:29 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at West Stockton Boulevard/Ottobonn Way.

8:31 a.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on A Street.

6:58 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Ehimas Residential Care on Maple Street.

10:08 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at Oak Avenue/Victorian Park Drive.

11:28 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Benner Court.

Sunday, Sept. 29

8:36 a.m., assault with a deadly weapon reported at Ampm on East Stockton Boulevard.

8:42 a.m., burglary reported at My Stuff Storage on Pringle Avenue; trailer stolen from location.

10:58 a.m., vandalism reported at Gateway Well on Crystal Way.

5:36 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at J Street/Joy Drive.

10:15 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Fancy Donuts on C Street.

10:42 p.m., trespassing reported at Comfort Inn & Suites on Twin Cities Road.

11:10 p.m., missing adult reported at Staypoint Residential on Danny Drive.

Monday, Sept. 30

8:07 a.m., domestic violence reported at Fairsite Court.

9:46 a.m., auto burglary reported at Galt 24HR Storage on Industrial Drive; vehicle parked inside facility broken into.

6:45 p.m., burglary reported at Galt 24HR Storage on Industrial Drive; storage unit broken into.

9:37 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on East Stockton Boulevard.

11:18 p.m., trespassing reported at More for Less on North Lincoln Way.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

9:47 a.m., burglary reported at D2 Trailer Sales & Service on West Stockton Boulevard.

10:16 a.m., burglary reported at Galt 24HR Storage on Industrial Drive; storage broken into.

4:44 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Twin

Cities Road/East Stockton Boulevard.

Wednesday, Oct 2

8:32 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at A Street/Seventh Street.

3:24 p.m., stolen vehicle reported at Galt 24HR Storage on Industrial Drive.

4:39 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at City Hall on Civic Drive.

Thursday, Oct. 3

1:10 a.m., battery reported at Rancho Seco Care Center on F Street; man in an altercation with staff.

7:13 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Richmond American Homes on Cardoso Dairy Drive.

10:21 a.m., domestic violence reported at North Lincoln Way/Simons Street.

10:52 a.m., theft reported at Winn Drive/East Stockton Boulevard.

11:24 a.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at C Street/Fairway Drive.

1:40 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Best Western Inn on North Lincoln Way.

1:48 p.m., theft reported at The Galt Place on D Street.

2:31 p.m., stolen vehicle reported at The Galt Place on D Street. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email at the Galt Senior Resource Center. Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members if questions arise.

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

Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

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

The nonprofit, non-political volunteer women's service organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War.

For more information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

City After-Hours Assistance

After-hours assistance is available at the Galt Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For Public Works concerns, call the Galt Police Department nonemergency line at 209-366-7000. The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only from 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

Office Hours With Mayor Sandhu

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

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request. Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet. The library is open from

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

Recycle Household Batteries

City of Galt residents can recycle their household batteries in one of two green household-battery recycling bins: on the west side at the front entrance to the Galt Police Department or on the east side at Galt Community Park, just west of the fire station. The green bin is only for dry-cell household batteries.

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

Square Dance Classes on Mondays

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

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know. Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planning-division@cityofgalt.org. The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Saturday, Oct. 12

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

Tuesday, Oct. 15

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, Oct. 16

Cosumnes Community Services District, 5 p.m.,

Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.

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

Thursday, Oct. 17

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Arcohe School Board, 7 p.m., Media Center (East Campus), 11715 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-748-2313.

Galt Beautification Committee, 9 a.m., Community Development

Department, 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. (at designated locations), 209-745-2529.

Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-748-2322.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 6:30 p.m., Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Drive, 916-687-1512.

Friday, Oct. 18

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

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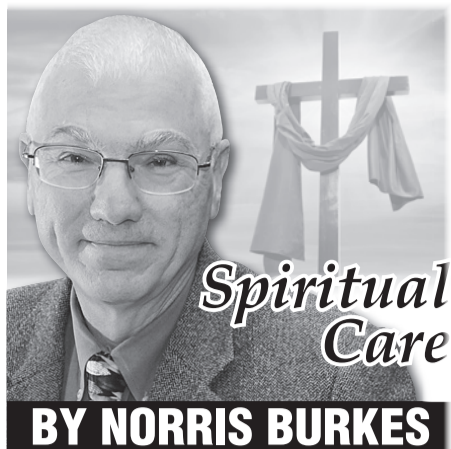
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Don't Talk About God Behind His Back

it?"
 "At this point," I said, "honestly, my prayers would sound more like complaining."

"What's wrong with that?" she asked.
 I took a few minutes to think about her challenge when I remembered a guy who did a fair bit of complaining himself: Moses.

You remember Moses. He's the one who bugged, literally bugged, the Egyptian Pharaoh to free the Jewish people from slavery. Once the people were liberated, Moses ran his egress route through the oppressive heat of the Sinai Desert.

The people quickly forgot their wonderful freedom and started whining about the lack of good Chinese takeout. (OK, maybe they weren't that picky, but they were a bit famished. Read the complete story in Numbers 11.)

So Moses, also resenting his situation, asked God, "Why are you treating me this way? What did I ever do to deserve this? Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people?"

He continued. "If this is how you intend to treat me, do me a favor and kill me. I've had enough."

Just an observation here: I don't recommend daring God to kill you; it's not a

prayer for the faint of heart.

Nevertheless, God threw down a challenge of his own and said to Moses, "Gather together 70 men from among the leaders of Israel, men whom you know to be respected and responsible ... (and) you won't have to carry the whole thing alone."

In the end, Moses wasn't struck dead for his audacious request. Quite the opposite. God answered the prayer – providing a little help from Moses' friends.

Now, I don't pretend to know how prayer works, but I think Moses' prayer was effective for two reasons.

First, the prayer was simple and direct. It wasn't a flowery prayer packed with analogies, metaphors or obtuse tangents.

God likes direct words. (He also dislikes dictionary words like "obtuse.")

Whenever I encounter someone complaining about their raw deal, I've always told them: Stop gossiping about God. Talk to God directly, not behind his back.

Go right up to God (wherever you talk to God) and say, "Hey, God! My life stinks!"

Then turn it into the prayers Anne Lamott describes in her book, "Traveling Mercies."

"Here are the two best prayers I know:

'Help me, help me, help me' and 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Moses' simple prayer worked because God heard the heart of the prayer: honesty.

In the midst of the griping, God heard a confession known by anyone in a 12-step recovery process.

It's a prayer that has various wordings, but the gist is, "I'm powerless to do anything by myself. I need help."

It was the same kind of prayer my wife was challenging me to pray.

A little later, she asked, "Find your keys yet?"

"No, but I think God's given me a plan to find them."

"Really?"

"Yeah. How do you feel about having 70 readers come over and help me look for my keys?"

"Really? After 23 years of column writing, do you still claim to have at least 70 readers?"

I think I'll start calling her "Mrs. Moses."

Just not to her face.

Email comments to comment@thechaplain.net or by text or voicemail to (843) 608-9715. See past columns and other books at website www.thechaplain.net. ★

Last Sunday, I admitted to my Nevada City congregation that I sometimes feel like the man who had had enough with life's difficulties, so he went to live in a monastery.

The abbot restricted the man's spoken words to only two words every year.

After his first year, he reported to the abbot to share his first two words: "Bed hard."

On his second annual opportunity, he pronounced, "Food bad."

Finally, on his third year, he came to the abbot's office to proclaim, "I quit."

"I'm not surprised," said the abbot. "You've done nothing but complain since the day you arrived."

Well, I don't want you to think I complain too much, but I once spent a few days fretting over lost keys, car repairs and my daughter's somewhat risky international travel to Honduras.

On those occasions, "Mrs. Chaplain," (that's what I call her when she's not around) asked, "Have you prayed about

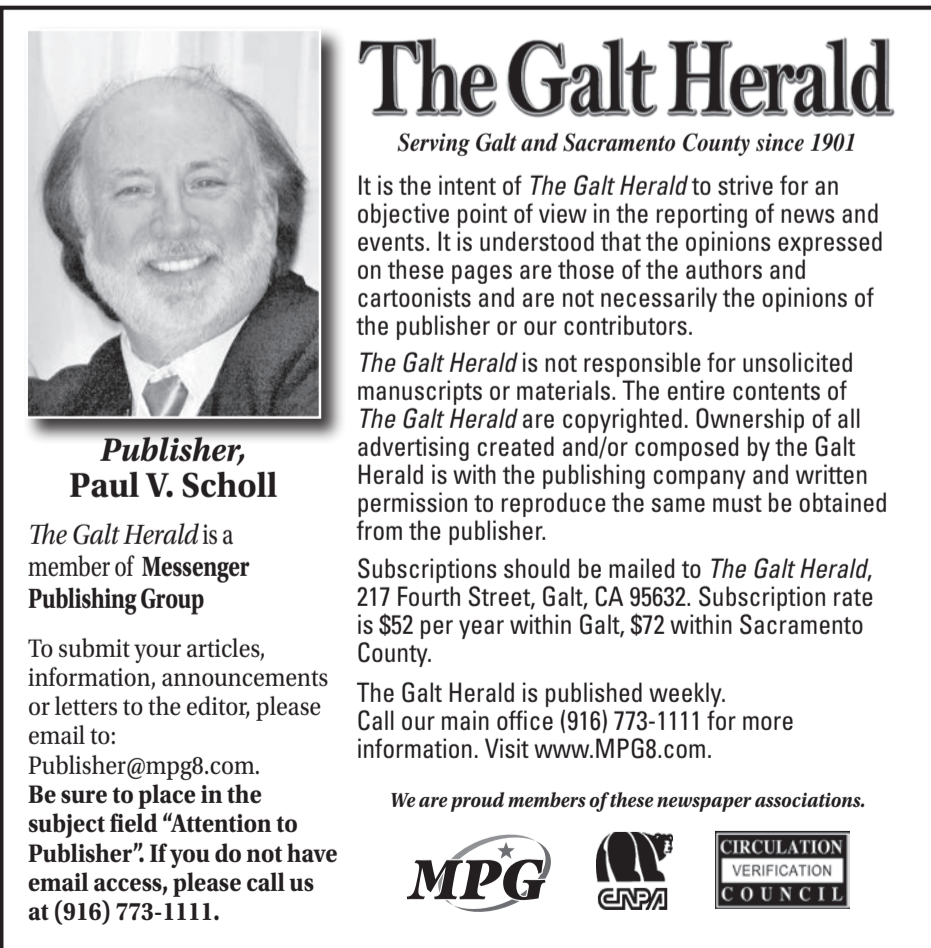



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GALT COMMUNITY of CHARACTER

The Galt Community of Character Coalition is a community-based organization that seeks to create a community culture based on values, goodwill and accepted character traits. The character coalition hopes to inspire and motivate individuals, families and organizations to take responsibility for their choices and actions, to make a difference in the community, and to display and recognize good character.

The coalition regularly recognizes and honors outstanding individuals and groups in the community that display good character. Accordingly, nominations are sought for individuals or groups displaying the character trait of **responsibility**. Responsibility is recognized in those who do what they are supposed to do, always do their best, or are accountable for their choices.

If you would like to nominate an individual or group that displays the character trait of respect, please submit this nomination form with the information requested to **Galt Community of Character Coalition, P.O. Box 902, Galt, CA 95632; or you may submit the nomination by email to marimartinez2323@gmail.com.**

Deadline for nominations is Oct. 31.

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____

On a separate page, describe, by giving an example, how the nominee best exemplifies the character trait of responsibility.

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____

Thank you.

Transforming a community by inspiring, motivating and recognizing good character.

Responsibility: Trait of Focus for September and October

Submitted by Galt Community of Character Coalition

GALT, CA (MPG) - For the Galt community, responsibility is clearly an important value. In fact, when the Galt Community of Character Coalition was formed in 2007, responsibility was one of the six core values selected by a survey of our community as a necessary ingredient to strengthen our families and build a better community. Responsibility is the character trait of focus for September and October each year in Galt.

Because responsibility is a core value of living honorably, it is crucial for personal development and community resolve. In our Galt schools, responsibility is taught to students at every grade level and in every setting, from classroom to cafeteria to playground, to athletic competitions. Responsibility requires us to take care of our duties and hold ourselves accountable for our actions. Responsibility is being dependable when we have things to do, not blaming others when we don't do

our part. Responsibility is trustworthiness. Research shows that taking responsibility leads to improved achievement and greater self-esteem.

Perhaps you know someone in our community or in our schools that you consider to be a role model of the character trait responsibility. The Galt Character Coalition would like to hear from you. Why not nominate this person or group to receive a Galt Character Award for responsibility? There are two ways to nominate someone. You can fill out the form below and mail it to The Galt Character Committee, P.O. Box 902, Galt, CA 95632. Or email your nomination to the Nominating Committee: marimartinez2323@gmail.com.

Tell us about this special person or group, and how they demonstrate responsibility. Give us the name, address phone and email address of the individual or group you would like to nominate. Also, be sure to include your name, address, email and phone number. Deadline is Oct. 31, 2024. ★

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Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$309,575.96 The purported property address is: 1005 HOWARD CT, GALT, CA 95632 Assessor's Parcel No.: 148-0860-018-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trust-

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: STK-CV-LAT-2023-0005189
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Natalie Grace Conner, Tammy Conner; and Does 1 to 100. **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:** Kenneth Anugwara. **NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court

forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): San Joaquin County Superior Court, 180 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Kelechi C. Emeziem, Esq., Emeziem & Others, 333 Hegenberger Road #503, Oakland, CA 94612, 510-628-0400.

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STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

(PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH)
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NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that the following persons have been nominated for the offices mentioned below to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Galt, Sacramento County, California, on the 5th day of November, 2024:

COUNCIL MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR TWO)

- Tim Reed
- Mathew Pratton
- Bonnie Rodriguez

Dated this 1st day of October, 2024
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Southern Food Rich in Flavor, Culture



Native American. The food of the American South displays a unique blend of cultures and culinary traditions. These cultures have contributed to the development of Southern food, with recipes and dishes from their own cultures.

Food items such as squash, tomatoes, corn, as well as certain cooking practices such as deep-pit barbecuing, were introduced by southeastern Native American tribes. Many foods derived from sugar, flour, milk and eggs have European roots. Black-eyed peas, okra, rice, eggplant, sesame seeds, sorghum and melons, along with spices, are of African origin.

Southern food can be further divided into categories. "Soul food" is heavily influenced by African cooking traditions that are full of greens and vegetables, rice, and nuts such as peanuts. Okra and collard greens are also considered soul food, along with thick stews. "Creole food" has a French flair, while "Cajun cuisine" reflects the culinary traditions of immigrants from Canada. "Lowcountry" cuisine features a lot of seafood and rice.

While the food of the Appalachians is mostly preserved meats and vegetables, Southern food is partial to corn, thanks to the Native American influence.

Who would have thought it would take all those cultures to come up with some of the best tasting, unique food in America?

Makes me hungry just thinking about fried okra, Lowcountry seafood boil, French beignets, and fried green tomatoes.

And no, I do not know how to cook any of these, but I do know how to eat them.

It's less than three weeks until Halloween. Do you have your decorations up? Have you bought your treats to pass out? The treats are so expensive! I am glad I live in the country, so there are not many trick-or-treaters.

I digress; back to decorating. I have a few pumpkins scattered about and three terracotta jack-o-lanterns with lights peeking out of the bushes outside. The inside is decorated with

fall-colored leaf garlands that twist around plants and across tabletops and bookcases, some glass pumpkins, fall pillows, a few scarecrows — just enough to be get the point across, but not over done so there is no room to move. I would say comfortable. Goes with the weather: comfortable.

And I will admit I have purchased some more Christmas decorations. I know it is only October, but hey, if I don't get them now, they will be gone in a few months. And I made a promise to myself: I will donate some decorations. I don't use to make room for the new decorations. Not only have I purchased decorations, but I am also working on the Christmas gifts. Got a few things. And I want to get them

wrapped so I don't end up wrapping on Christmas Eve.

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

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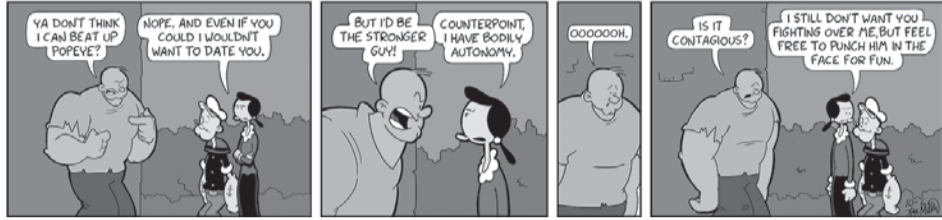
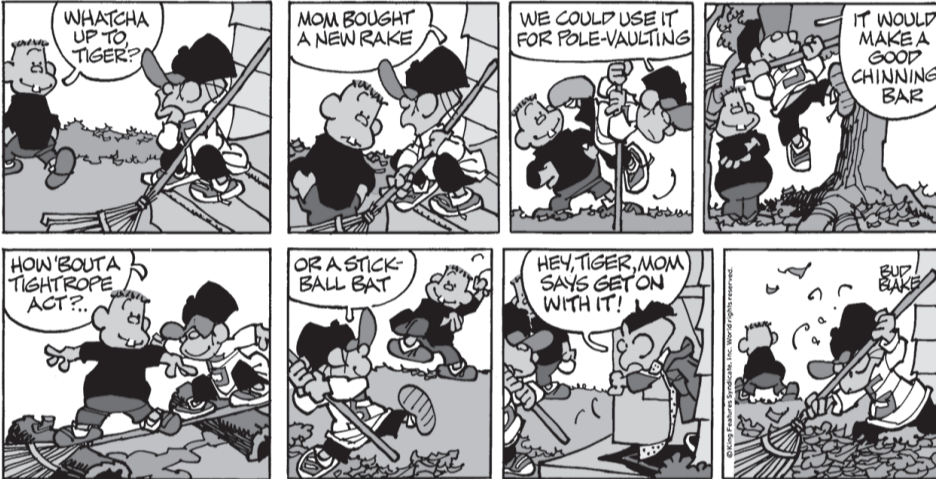
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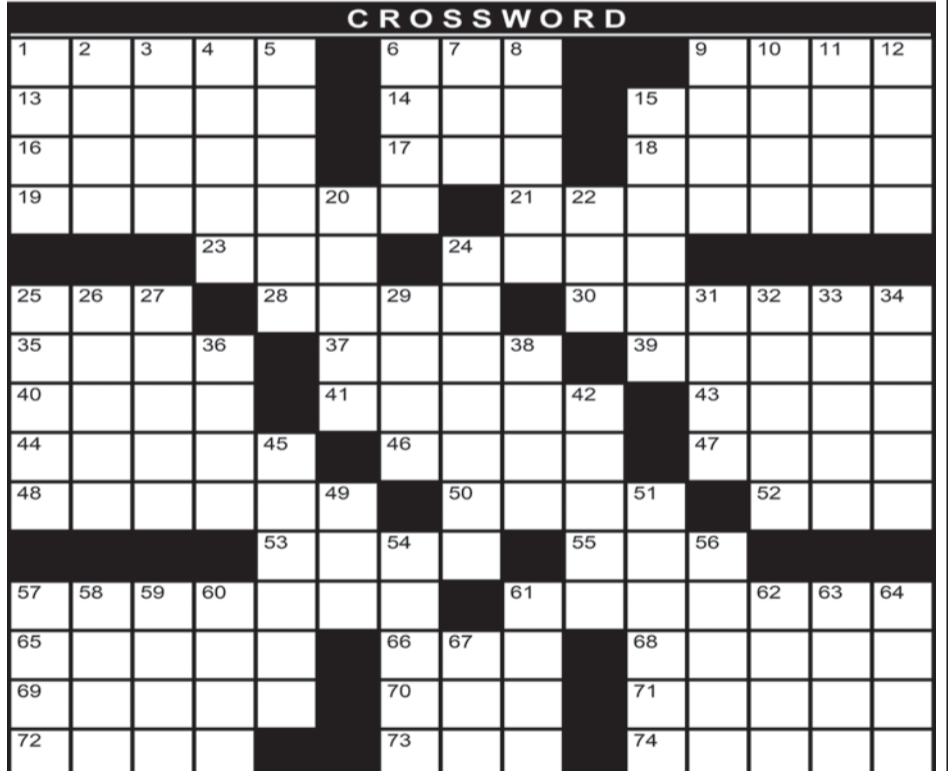
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Paint Drop-Off at Galt Market Oct. 12

A paint drop-off event at the Galt Market (905 Meladee Lane) will give local households and businesses a safe and easy way to dispose of unused paint for recycling.

The PaintCare-sponsored event will happen Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Households can bring any amount of paint, stain and varnish. For limits on businesses, visit paintcare.org/business-limits.

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Fatima Society Holds Festa Oct. 14-21

The Our Lady of Fatima Society of Thornton is hosting its annual celebration in honor of its namesake, Oct. 14-21. The festivities will take place at the Our Lady of Fatima Society Hall (26590 N. Sacramento Blvd.) and Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Church (26500 N. Sacramento Blvd.)

From Oct. 14 to 16, the recitation of the rosary and a Mass will be celebrated in English at 7 p.m. On Oct. 17 and 18, the ceremonies will be held in Portuguese.

Oct. 19 will begin with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by Portuguese-style bullfights at 2 p.m. Mass and a candlelight procession will be held at 6 p.m. On Oct. 20, Mass will be at 10 a.m., followed by a procession and live auction. Oct. 21 will feature bullfights at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Our Lady of Fatima Society's Facebook page.

American Legion Post 233

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 Oct. 17.

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.

Día de los Muertos at Galt Cemetery Oct. 26

The Galt-Arno Cemetery District will host its Día de los Muertos celebration on Oct. 26, starting at 9 a.m. The free, family-friendly event is a chance to honor deceased loved ones.

The day will begin with Mass and a dove release at 9 a.m. There will be performances by Ballet Folklórico Raices Mexicanas (10:15 a.m.), Yolotl Tonantzin Aztec dances (10:45 a.m.), Los Doble Jrs band (11:45 a.m.), Nostalgias de Mexico dancers (2 p.m.) and Mariachi Luz de

Luna (3:15 p.m.)
Galt Cemetery is at 14180 Joy Drive.

Trick or Treat on 4th Street Oct. 26

Local residents are invited to Trick or Treat on Fourth Street, a free event on Oct. 26 where local businesses, nonprofits and service clubs will hand out candy, and attendees are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

It runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Fourth Street between B and E streets. To sign up as a vendor, visit galtvendor.com.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert Oct. 28

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Children's Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 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.

The Oct. 28 theme is "Planes, Trains & Automobiles." The band's future concerts are Dec. 16, Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

Haunted House at the Rae Oct. 31

The Galt Area Historical Society will hold a haunted house in front of the Rae House Museum on Halloween, Oct. 31, at 204 Oak Ave., from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The haunted house includes several live actors who will scare guests throughout, and there will be another haunted house for those that do not want to be scared.

Kids can choose candy and one other

item, like a glow stick, stickers, glow rings or glow balls.

For more information, contact Lisa Haug at 209-712-5236 or Darlene at 209-747-0910.

Lodi Police Fun Run Nov. 2

The Lodi Police Foundation will hold its Heroes Fun Run on Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Jessie's Grove Winery (1973 W. Turner Road).

Benefiting the Lodi Police Department Outdoor Training Center, the run features a 5K, a 10K and a free kids fun run.

Adult advance registration costs \$40 for the 5K and \$44 for the 10K; day-of registration is \$50 and \$55, respectively.

For more registration information, including student and family discounts, visit lodiheroes.itsyourrace.com.

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: Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Parking is free and donations are accepted.

For more information, call 209-730-3127.

Wilton Bingo Played Monthly

Wilton Bingo is the first Saturday of each month in the Wilton Community Center at Colony Road and Dillard Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 10 games.

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Any questions: call Lorraine Robinson, 916-212-8896.

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CSD Saw Surplus of \$9 Mil in FY 2023-24

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) netted a General Fund surplus of nearly \$9 million in the previous fiscal year, the board of directors heard at its Oct. 2 regular meeting.

Cosumnes Community Services District Budget Manager Jillian Chavez presented the preliminary report on the budget performance in fiscal year 2023-24, saying the results were boosted in large part by strong investment returns. The unaudited results cover the period from July 2023 through June 2024.

Chavez highlighted several bright spots in the report, including roughly 5% growth in property tax revenue, and annexations to its community facilities districts to support the Mello-Roos tax base. High interest rates caused a short-term boost in the district's investment gains, and income from the Measure E sales tax is beating expectations.

The district faces various challenges as well, Chavez said. Despite having some benefits, the high interest rates have discouraged people from selling their houses, and the reduced housing market churn limited the rise in property tax income. Chavez said Elk Grove Unified School District has begun providing free preschool, which outcompetes the district's offerings. Administrative requirements, supply chain delays and employee retention also pose problems.

Higher-than-expected revenue and lower-than-expected expenses meant that the General Fund balance after quarter 4 was \$8.8 million higher than predicted. The majority of the extra revenue is due to historically high interest rates, which Chavez emphasized is a volatile fund source.

Expenditures were \$5 million lower than expected. This was largely because the district had a lower retirement liability payment because of good investment returns, and it saw the results of a cost-saving program in the Recreation Division.

Funds from Measure E, received from the city of Elk Grove, exceeded expectations by \$1.9 million, reaching a total of \$10.3 million. Spending from the fund was below projections by about \$3.3 million, which Chavez said was due to previously approved purchases being delayed by supply chain issues. The district is setting that savings aside to eventually complete the purchases.

Director Gil Albiani asked whether the district could reach an agreement to receive reimbursement from EGUSD for the preschool students that Cosumnes serves.

"We already have a symbiotic relationship. Just seems like this is another area that somebody ought to explore," Albiani said. Chavez said district staff had a meeting planned with the school district to discuss options.

Albiani also praised the district's financial footing and quality of its services.

Director Peter Sakaris asked whether the district could allocate some funds to the CORE recreation center under construction, something Chavez called possible. The board did not act on the suggestion.

The board approved the report by a 3-0 vote. Board President Jim Luttrell and Sakaris abstained.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Kasparian spoke about the launch of an emergency medical services unit, EMS 71.

Implemented on Oct. 1, the program converted day-shift EMS personnel to a 24-hour schedule that will allow round-the-clock service.

A staff member on this schedule serves two 24-hour shifts followed by four days off.

With the new schedule, the unit will respond more quickly to EMS equipment needs and provide additional support during emergency responses, Kasparian said.

The unit will be able to visit any hospital in the county to assist crews waiting for a patient to be admitted, such as by bringing food and helping with the admission process.

Kasparian said the unit would allow the department to provide EMS education at fire stations, rather than bringing crews to a central training center, and the unit may eventually help with transporting patients to destinations besides hospitals, such as mental-health facilities.

The board voted to cancel its Oct. 16 regular meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6. ★

GLANCE BACK

80 Years Ago Oct. 13, 1944

Lighted candles, casting a soft glow in the interior of the Galt Christian Church, provided a lovely background for the wedding ceremony that united Miss Alice Lena Harper and Pfc. Charles Wolf. The new bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harper. She is a graduate of Galt High School and attended College of the Pacific and Northeastern Christian College in Eugene, Ore. Wolf, son of Eva Wolf, is a graduate of Jefferson High School in New York and the State Junior College of Applied Agriculture in Cobleskill, N.Y.

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Delia Rae Nantt was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nantt of Galt on Sept. 30 at Buchanan Hospital in Lodi. The baby weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces.

70 Years Ago Oct. 21, 1954

The second unit of the proposed four-lane freeway linking Galt with Stockton on the south and Sacramento on the north will be started within the next few months. The unit, approximately 3½ miles, will run on U.S. Highway 99 from Jahant Road on the south to the intersection of C Street and Highway 99 on the north.

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The new Mr. and Mrs.

Albert (Dick) Steiner (she is the former Wanda Engel) have now returned to Galt to make their home following a wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Olson are the proud parents of a son, Edward Jeffrey, born Oct. 12 in Lodi Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and arrived at 3:11 a.m. ... Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stiehr are the proud parents of a daughter, Colleen Marie, born Oct. 14 in Lodi Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and arrived at 1:55 p.m.

60 Years Ago Oct. 15, 1961

Jim's Café on C Street has changed hands, from Jim Caldwell to Kathy Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell, formerly of Sonoma, lives behind the restaurant with her four children.

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A new organization, the Galt High School Warriors Booster Club, will be holding their organizational meeting Oct. 21 in the band room at the high school. The group is pointing to raise funds for an athletic stadium with lights to be built in Galt. Al Wharton will be spokesman for the first meeting.

50 Years Ago Oct. 17, 1974

A new business has grown since its inception on May 8, the Galt Pipe Company that makes

cement pipes for irrigation and stand pipes. To date the company has made 55,000 feet and installed it. Owned by Bill Bennett and Wes Barquist, the business is located on 10 acres on Amador Street. Wes has been in the Galt area all his life.

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Four generations gathered at the Grange Hall Sunday, Oct. 13 to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Josephine Ladd.

40 Years Ago Oct. 11, 1984

The Herald asked, "Who do you think will win the World Series and why?" Frank Ortiz said, "Probably the Detroit Tigers because they have three ex-Giants playing for them." Susan Immoos said, "The (Chicago) Cubs, because they're bound and determined. It's been so long."

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Several Hollywood celebrities will be among the 2,000 or so people expected at a Ronald Reagan fundraiser barbecue, scheduled for Saturday, October 13, at the Silva ranch in Sloughhouse. Chairman Frank Azvedo of Elk Grove said that stars who have indicated they will be present include Charlton Heston, Chad Everett, Vickie Lawrence, Chuck Connors and Robert Young. ★

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LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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Mustangs No Match for the Hawks

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch football team dominated the Argonaut Mustangs 27-50 on Friday, Oct. 4, at Argonaut High in Jackson.

The Hawks have garnered a few injuries and some of the first-string seniors are out for the rest of the season.

Head Coach Warren Schroeder now must rely on some sophomores along with the other juniors and seniors.

"We are proud of the way our boys came out and played hard despite the adversity we have faced," said Schroeder. "Argonaut provided a great test for our young team to continue developing and get prepared for our next opponent."

In the first quarter, both teams scored 14 points, but after that, the Hawks turned up the heat and managed to score 29 unanswered points in the third quarter alone.

Quarterback Wyatt Blevins completed five out of 10 passes for 129 yards.

Joseph Brown continues to rack up the yards gathering another 223 last week. Sophomore Andrew Quinn rushed for 70, Lucas Temple received for 66, Camren Hudson contributed 110, Joseph Adams had a 29-yard punt return, Landon Peterson rushed for 16, James Rangel rushed for 11 and Kobe Aguillen rushed for 10 yards.

Aguillen also made an amazing four interceptions.

Axel Torres helped to stop the Mustang offense with 9 tackles, Camren Hudson had 8 tackles, Sean O'Brien 7, Easton Tucker 7, Andres Raya 6, Cesar Becerra 6, Andrew Quinn 5, James Rangel 5, Xavier Davis 4, Lucas Temple 3, Joseph Adams 3, Michael Lamson 3, Damien Lee 3 and Hunter Adversalo 3.

Joseph Brown, Lucas Temple and Andrew Quinn each made two touchdowns and Blevins ran one in. Kobe Aguillen scored a two-point conversion and James Rangel kicked 6 extra points after touchdowns.

The Hawks head up to El Dorado on Friday, Oct. 11.



Joseph Brown weaves through the gridiron.



Andrew Quinn scores a touchdown.



Camren Hudson runs the ball.



Joseph Adams and Camren Hudson guard an Argonaut receiver. Photos Courtesy of Tom Santillan

LEAGUE STANDINGS



Football

School	W/L
Bradshaw	3-0
Union Mine	3-0
El Dorado	2-1
Liberty Ranch	2-1
Amador	1-2
Rosemont	1-2
Argonaut	0-3
Galt	0-3

Flag Football

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	6-0
Amador	5-2
Bradshaw	3-4
Argonaut	3-4
Galt	0-7

Volleyball

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	10-0
El Dorado	9-1
Union Mine	6-3
Rosemont	5-4
Bradshaw	5-4
Amador	2-7
Galt	1-9
Argonaut	0-10

Boys Cross Country

- 1st El Dorado
- 2nd Union Mine
- 3rd Galt
- 4th Rosemont
- 5th Bradshaw Christian

Girls Cross Country

- 1st El Dorado
- 2nd Union Mine
- 3rd Galt

Girls Golf

- 1st Union Mine
- 2nd Liberty Ranch
- 3rd El Dorado



Samuel Castle catches a pass.



Quarterback Robert Rubio runs the ball.

Warriors Struggle Against El Dorado

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors hosted El Dorado for their homecoming

game on Friday, Oct. 4. The Warriors started off strong, holding El Dorado scoreless in the first quarter.

The Warriors were not able to score either and El

Dorado finally put some points on the board with 8:53 left in the first half. El Dorado turned it up and kept putting points on the board, and when the halftime buzzer rang, El

Dorado was up 0-20. The final score was Galt 0, El Dorado 42.

The Warriors made a lot of progress toward the end zone but were not able to take advantage of

their position, and punter Ben Stratton was called on many times.

The Warrior defense held El Dorado to only one touchdown in the fourth quarter. Galt quarterback Robert Rubio connected passes with Samuel Castle, James Gilbert and Jaylen Brooks, but the Cougar defense was able to hold them off each time they got close to the goal.

Head coach Mark Waldon continues to develop his young team.

"Sophomore Robert Rubio, in his third game at quarterback is developing," said Waldon. "He moved well on his roll-out passes, threw accurately on the run and showed maturity at the position."

"Defensively we played better against the run with another sophomore: Linebacker James Gilbert has been leading the team with tackles each week since moving up to varsity. These younger players that have moved up show a lot of promise for a team in its building phase."

The Warriors head to Amador for their next game on Oct. 11. ★



James Gilbert catches a reception.

LOCAL ATHLETE UPDATE



Jalen Patterson, a Liberty Ranch alumnus, is now playing for Bemidji State University in Minnesota. Courtesy photo

Patterson Shoots for Bemidji State

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Jalen Patterson, a Liberty Ranch graduate is playing basketball at Bemidji State University, located on the western shore of Lake Bemidji and the Minnesota north woods. The university has an enrollment of 5,000 students. Patterson, a business

management major, is in his senior year but has the option to play a fifth year of basketball due to the COVID-19 quarantine. Patterson plays the guard position. After graduation from Liberty Ranch, Patterson played at Las Positas Community College, then Chadron State, before transferring to Bemidji. ★

JV Warriors Show Well Against El Dorado



Anthony Trejo throws a long pass to Mark Grammer in a last-ditch effort to score.

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a great game that came down to the last seconds. With the Warriors down by one touchdown, they managed to score with minutes left in the game, making the score 20-21.

Lastly it came down to either a PAT or conversion.

Head coach Mike Kelly decided to go for the two-point conversion. After all, there is no overtime in JV football and he wanted to go for the win.

Unfortunately, the Cougars stopped the Warriors.

Thrilling the crowd, the Warriors were able to gain control again with an onside kick. They had 30 seconds to work their way down the field.

With five seconds left, Anthony Trejo came in as quarterback and threw a 40-or-so-yard pass to Mark Grammer, who reeled it in.

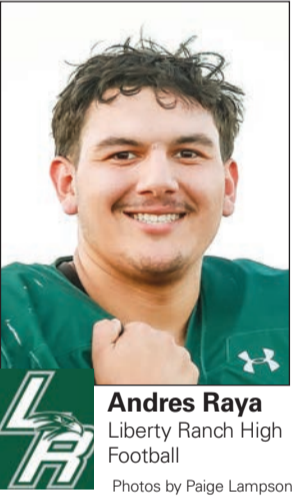
Grammer then ran for everything he was worth, and it looked like he might score, but alas he was tackled



Quarterback Quinten Rodriguez keeps the ball.

at the five-yard line as the buzzer sounded. The JV Warriors lost an exciting game, with the final score 20-21. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Andres Raya
Liberty Ranch High Football
Photos by Paige Lampson

Robert Rubio
Galt High Football

Sacramento State Plans for Athletic Future

Sacramento State University News Release



SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State announced results of a feasibility study evaluating the potential for its intercollegiate athletics program to take the next step in its growth and development. This significant step is part of the ongoing effort to ensure the continued success of Sacramento State athletics and to align with nationally successful

collegiate programs. The study, which was conducted by College Sports Solutions and commissioned in July 2023, outlines key areas of focus, including facility upgrades, financial investments, and program development. Among the primary recommendations

are enhancements to the University's football and basketball facilities and increased resources to support student-athletes. The findings will serve as a roadmap for Sacramento State's long-term success as the institution evaluates the best path forward.

With its recent achievements, including three consecutive Big Sky football championships, and an offering of 21 sports, Sacramento State is well positioned for continued growth. The feasibility

study shows that the University's commitment to athletics will ensure that its programs remain competitive, both regionally and nationally.

"We are energized about what this study shows regarding the future of our athletics program and its implications for the University as a whole," said Sacramento State President Luke Wood. "Our recent accomplishments across multiple sports, coupled with the investments we are ready

to make across campus, demonstrate that Sacramento State is prepared to rise to the next level. The numbers show we are on the right track, and we are enthusiastic about the possibilities ahead."

The executive summary of the study highlights important considerations, including the need to increase scholarships for student-athletes to meet the benchmarks of top-tier programs. Additionally, it emphasizes a focus on

enhancing football and basketball venues, including expanded seating, enhanced media and team areas, and increased revenue opportunities through premium seating and sponsorship.

The report also outlines the importance of supporting student-athletes through Sacramento State's strategic development of its Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) initiatives.

For more information on the feasibility study, visit www.csus.edu. ★

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