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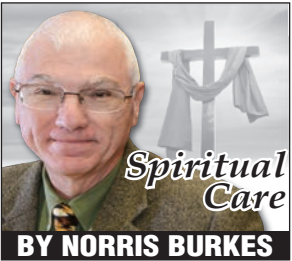
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## Chamber Opens New Office, Launches Incubator Program



Paige Lampson, Heriberto Mosqueda, Bella Castro, Kat Seabolt, Christen Newell and Nicole Gross help cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Galt Chamber of Commerce's new office and small business incubator at 417 C St.

**Story and photos  
by Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt Chamber of Commerce held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Tuesday for its new office on C Street while also announcing its new business incubator program, a major milestone for the organization.

The incubator program is the brainchild of Community Relations Director Kat Seabolt, who said the idea is to provide smaller businesses and startups a location to help grow their brand and clientele while keeping a lower overhead.

Seabolt said when she presented

the idea to the Chamber board, "everyone was onboard."

"Our goal is by having them here we can help connect them with resources, get them more plugged in with the business community here and also give them the opportunity where they don't have the overhead of having their own building," Seabolt said. "They can build up their clientele, build up their brand, and that way when they are ready to spread their wings into the community, they will have had that head start."

The event was attended by around 50 of the local Galt business and government community, including

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The new location is housed in the former home of the Associated Family Physicians medical clinic in Old Town and has five offices for small businesses to rent out.

## Commercial Salmon Season is Shut Down — Again

Will California's  
Iconic Fish Ever  
Recover?

**By Alastair Bland  
CalMatters.org**

*This story was originally published by CalMatters.*

Facing the continued collapse of Chinook salmon, officials April 15 shut down California's commercial salmon fishing season for an unprecedented third year in a row.

Under the decision by an interstate fisheries agency, recreational salmon fishing will be allowed in California for only brief windows of time this spring. This will be the first year that any sportfishing of Chinook has been allowed since 2022.

The decision by the Pacific Fishery Management Council means that no salmon caught off California can be sold to retail consumers and restaurants for at least another year. In Oregon and Washington, commercial salmon fishing will remain open, although limited.

"From a salmon standpoint, it's an environmental disaster. For the fishing industry, it's a human tragedy, and it's also an economic disaster," said Scott Artis, executive director of the Golden State Salmon Association, an industry organization that has lobbied for river restoration and improved hatchery programs.

The decline of California's salmon follows decades of deteriorating conditions in the waterways where the fish spawn each year, including the Sacramento and Klamath rivers.

California's salmon are an ecological icon and a valued source of food for Native American tribes. The shutdown also has an economic toll: It has already put hundreds of commercial fishers and sportfishing boat operators out of work and affected thousands of people in communities and industries reliant on processing, selling and serving locally caught salmon.

California's commercial fishery has never been closed for three years in a row before.

Some experts fear the conditions in California have been so poor for so long that Chinook may never rebound to fishable levels. Others remain

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## Women Make Up 39.9% of Farmers in County



Women have the highest representation in sheep and goat farming where they make up 46.1% of all producers, followed closely by aquaculture and other animal production (44.9%). Photo by RDNE Stock Project/Pexels

**By Federico Fontanella  
Trace One**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - A quiet transformation is unfolding in American agriculture. Female farmers are taking on a larger role in shaping the future of farming, contributing to both local economies and national food production.

Recent data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture reveals a steady rise in the number of women involved in farm decision-making and management. From small family farms to large commercial operations, women are increasingly present in agricultural leadership. As this shift continues, certain parts of the country stand

out for having a higher concentration of female farmers.

There has been a growing number of female farmers in the U.S. Over the past two decades, the share of female farmers in the United States has steadily increased. According to data from the most recent Census of Agriculture, women

now make up more than a third of all agricultural producers, a notable rise from 26.9% in 2002.

A key turning point came with the 2017 Census of Agriculture, which expanded the definition of producers to provide a more comprehensive picture of the individuals involved in

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# Commercial Salmon Season is Shut Down — Again

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hopeful for major recovery if the amounts of water diverted to farms and cities are reduced and wetlands kept dry by flood-control levees are restored.

The Ups and Downs of California Salmon

Salmon populations in Central Valley rivers have declined for decades. They also tend to follow patterns in natural hydrology. Wet periods are often followed by an uptick of adult Chinook returning from the ocean to spawn several years later, while droughts often precede population plunges.

This year's recreational season includes several brief windows for fishing, including a weekend in June and another in July, or a quota of 7,000 fish.

Jared Davis, owner and operator of the Salty Lady in Sausalito, one of dozens of party boats that take paying customers fishing, thinks it's likely that this quota will be met on the first open weekend for recreational fishing, scheduled for June 7-8.

"Obviously, the pressure is going to be intense, so everybody and their mother is going to be out on the water on those days," he said. "When they hit that quota, it's done."

One member of the fishery council, Corey Ridings, voted against the proposed regulations after saying she was concerned that the first weekend would overshoot the 7,000-fish quota.

Davis said such a miniscule recreational season won't help boat owners like him recover from past closures, though it will carry symbolic meaning.

"It might give California anglers a glimmer of hope and keep them from selling all their rods and buying golf clubs," he said.

Sarah Bates, a commercial fisher based at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, said the ongoing closure has stripped many boat owners of most of their income.

"It continues to be devastating," she said. "Salmon has been the cornerstone of many of our ports for a long time."

She said the shutdown also has trickle-down effects on a range of businesses that support the salmon fishery, such as fuel services, grocery stores and dockside ice machines.



Fall-run Chinook salmon migrate and spawn in the Feather River near state infrastructure and the Feather River Fish Hatchery in Oroville on Oct. 28, 2024. Photo by Xavier Mascareñas, California Department of Water Resources

"We're also seeing a sort of a third wave ... the general seafood market for local products has tanked," such as rockfish and halibut. She said that many buyers are turning to farmed and wild salmon delivered from other regions instead.

Davis noted that federal emergency relief funds promised for the 2023 closure still have not arrived. "Nobody has seen a dime," he said.

Fewer Returning Salmon Before the Gold Rush, several million Chinook spawned annually in the river systems of the Central Valley and the state's northern coast. Through much of the 20th century, California's salmon fishery formed the economic backbone of coastal fishing ports, with fishers using hook and line pulling in millions of pounds in good years.

But in 2024, just 99,274 fall-run Chinook — the most commercially viable of the Central Valley's four subpopulations — returned to the Sacramento River and its tributaries, substantially lower than the numbers in 2023. In 2022, fewer than 70,000 returned, one of the lowest estimates ever.

The estimated number of Chinook salmon returning to the Sacramento River to spawn has been

substantially lower than pre-season forecasts, meaning fewer salmon return than expected.

About 40,000 returned to the San Joaquin River. Fewer than 30,000 Chinook reached their spawning grounds in the Klamath River system, where the Hoopa, Yurok and Karuk tribes rely on the fish in years of abundance.

The decline of California's salmon stems from nearly two centuries of damage inflicted on the rivers where salmon spend the first and final stages of their lives. Gold mining, logging and dam construction devastated watersheds. Levees constrained rivers, turning them into relatively sterile channels of fast-moving water while converting floodplains and wetlands into irrigated farmland.

Today, many of these impacts persist, along with water diversions, reduced flows and elevated river temperatures that frequently spell death for fertilized eggs and juvenile fish.

The Future of California Salmon is Murky

Peter Moyle, a UC Davis fish biologist and professor emeritus, said recovery of self-sustaining populations may be possible in some tributaries of the Sacramento River.

"There are some opportunities for at least keeping runs going in parts of the Central Valley, but getting naturally spawning fish back in large numbers, I just can't see it happening," he said.

Jacob Katz, a biologist with the group California Trout, holds out hope for a future of flourishing Sacramento River Chinook. "We could have vibrant fall-run populations in a decade," he said.

That will require major habitat restoration involving dam removals, reconstruction of levee systems to revive wetlands and floodplains, and reduced water diversions for agriculture — all measures fraught with cost, regulatory constraints, and controversy.

State officials, recognizing the risk of extinction, have promoted salmon recovery as a policy goal for years.

In early 2024, the Newsom administration released its California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future, a 37-page catalogue of proposed actions to mitigate environmental impacts and restore flows and habitat, all in the face of climate change.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Charlton H. Bonham said the decision to allow

limited recreational fishing "brings hope. We know, however, that this news brings little relief" to the industry.

He said salmon "are still recovering from severe drought and other climate challenges and have not yet benefitted from our consecutive years of wet winters and other actions taken to boost populations."

However, Artis of Golden State Salmon Association said while the state's salmon strategy includes some important items, it leaves out equally critical steps, such as protecting minimum flows for fish.

He said salmon are threatened by proposed water projects endorsed by the Newsom administration.

"It fails to include some of the upcoming salmon-killing projects that the governor is pushing like Sites Reservoir and the Delta tunnel, and it ignores the fact that the Voluntary Agreements are designed to allow massive diversions of water," he said.

Experts agree that an important key to rebuilding salmon runs is increasing the frequency and duration of shallow flooding in riverside riparian areas, or even fallow rice paddies — a program Katz has helped develop through his career. On such seasonal

floodplains, a shallow layer of water can help trigger an explosion of photosynthesis and food production, ultimately providing nutrition for juvenile salmon as they migrate out of the river system each spring.

Through meetings with farmers, urban water agencies and government officials, Rene Henery, California science director with Trout Unlimited, has helped draft an ambitious salmon recovery plan dubbed "Reorienting to Recovery."

Featuring habitat restoration, carefully managed harvests and generously enhanced river flows — especially in dry years — this framework, Henery said, could rebuild diminished Central Valley Chinook runs to more than 1.6 million adult fish per year over a 20-year period.

He said adversaries — often farmers and environmentalists — must shift from traditional feuds over water to more collaborative programs of restoring productive watersheds while maintaining productive agriculture.

As the recovery needle for Chinook moves in the wrong direction, Katz said deliberate action is urgent.

"We're balanced on the edge of losing these populations," he said. "We have to go big now. We have no other option." ★

## Women Make Up 39.9% of Farmers in County

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farm decision-making. As a result, the recorded number of female producers increased significantly from 969,672 in 2012 to 1,227,461 in 2017, in part due to this broader definition.

The data also shows a clear long-term trend: the number of male producers has been declining since 2007, when it peaked at 2.3 million. By 2022, that number fell to 2.15 million, continuing a downward trajectory.

Meanwhile, the share of female producers has grown consistently across every census, from 30.0% in 2007 to 30.5% in 2012, even before the definitional change in 2017 pushed it higher to 36.1%.

The 2022 census confirmed that this upward trend has continued, with women now accounting for 36.3% of all producers.

While there are a record number of female farmers in the U.S., their presence varies significantly across different farming industries.

Female producers are most concentrated in livestock operations involving smaller animals, specialty crops and greenhouse production, while they have lower representation in large-scale commodity farming.

Women have the highest representation in sheep and goat farming where they make up 46.1% of all producers, followed closely by aquaculture and other animal

production (44.9%).

This category includes horse farming, which has historically had strong female participation.

Poultry and egg farming also has a high share of female producers (43.2%). While large-scale poultry production is dominated by major agribusinesses, smaller-scale poultry operations, such as those focused on pasture-raised eggs, organic poultry or specialty breeds are also common.

Female producers are well represented in vegetable and melon farming (39.3%), greenhouse and floriculture production (39.3%) and fruit and tree nut farming (38.0%).

These sectors frequently involve intensive management, diversified crop production and specialty markets.

In contrast, female representation is lower in commodity crop production and large-scale livestock operations.

Women account for just 27.5% of cotton farmers, 25.9% of oilseed and grain producers and only 21.2% of tobacco farmers, which is the lowest share among all major agricultural sectors. Similarly, industries that require large-scale infrastructure, such as cattle feedlots (28.4%) and dairy farming (29.9%), have lower female participation rates.

Female farmers are not evenly distributed across the country. The western United States and the Northeast have the

highest concentrations of female producers while much of the Midwest and parts of the Southeast have the lowest.

Arizona leads the nation, with 47.9% of its agricultural producers being women. Other western states also rank high, including Alaska (47.6%), Oregon (44.0%) and Nevada (42.7%).

In the Northeast, New Hampshire (44.8%), Maine (43.1%) and Rhode Island (42.9%) have a high share of female producers. These regions tend to have a greater proportion of smaller farms, direct-to-consumer markets and diversified operations.

In contrast, the Midwest has the lowest share of female farmers, with the bottom five states being Illinois (28.0%), North Dakota (29.9%), Minnesota (31.0%), South Dakota (31.2%) and Iowa (32.7%).

The Southeast also has relatively lower concentrations, with North Carolina (33.3%), Mississippi (34.4%), Alabama (34.7%) and several other southern states ranking below the national average. These regions are home to large-scale commodity crop operations such as corn, soybeans and commercial livestock.

County-level data reinforces these trends. Among the nation's largest agricultural counties, Coconino County, Arizona (52.9%) has the highest share among large counties, followed closely by Apache County, Arizona (52.6%) and Navajo County, Arizona (51.0%).

Other counties with a high proportion of female farmers include Pierce County, Washington (49.5%); Deschutes County, Oregon (49.2%); and McKinley County, New Mexico (49.1%), reinforcing the regional trend of stronger female representation in the West.

A summary of the Sacramento County data follows:

Female producers as a share of total: 39.9%

Female-operated farms as a share of total: 67.4%

10-year change in female producers: -2.5%

10-year change in female-operated farms: -4.3%

Total female producers: 814

Total female-operated farms: 753

Total producers: 2,041

Total farms: 1,118.

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Female producers as a share of total: 36.3%

Female-operated farms as a share of total: 58.4%

10-year change in female producers: +26.3%

10-year change in female-operated farms: +20.2%

Total female producers: 1,224,726

Total female-operated farms: 1,110,546

Total producers: 3,374,044

Total farms: 1,900,487.

The data in this study was sourced from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Census of Agriculture, specifically the most recent 2022 edition, which was released in 2024. ★



# Chamber Opens New Office, Launches Incubator Program

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Mayor Shawn Farmer and Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu, as well as Council Member Bonnie Rodriguez.

The freshly renovated location at 417 C St. includes five smaller offices for small businesses to rent, four at between \$550 and \$650 a month, and a fifth at between \$650 and \$750 a month depending on the lease terms.

The space also has bathrooms for guests and workers, as well as a waiting room and copy and print station.

“We wanted a space where the business community can come together, hold mixers and create that synergy with some of our legends that have been in business for 10-plus years with some of our newcomers.”

The building previously held the Associated Family Physicians medical clinic and had sat empty for close to a year. Seabolt said she had toured the building with other business owners with interest in the space before the Chamber opted to make use of it.

“Every time I came I just kept having this feeling of this is where we should be and what we should do with having those extra spaces and being able to help those other businesses.” Seabolt said.

Seabolt described the new office as a calculated move – the chamber was previously housed in a smaller office on Fourth Street – one that puts the organization in the “heart of Old Town.”

It’s a good time for the Chamber to move. City

officials have discussed ideas to help revitalize Old Town, with an attention to attracting more businesses and events to the important corridor.

Farmer said he thinks the space is a great location for the Chamber and was interested to see what comes out of the organization’s new business incubator idea.

“Galt doesn’t have stuff like that,” Farmer said. “People are always asking, ‘Do you know someone who is renting a small office or an office inside a building’... there are a couple of Victorians where people are renting offices, but there is always a waiting list.”

“It’s something that Galt could really use, so I can imagine it’s going to fill up quick,” he added.

Seabolt said the Chamber has already received some interest in the incubator offices and has also started to meet with local nonprofits to band together and work on some community events.

Farmer said he sees the move as another indicator that the Chamber is returning to a place of prominence in Galt. He said the Chamber’s influence in the city has waned over time, but he has watched in recent years as the Chamber moved in a more upward trajectory.

“I think we are on an upswing in a big way,” Farmer said. “I think that the Chamber has done a phenomenal job over the past few years getting to where we are.”

He said the City Council is in full support of the path that Seabolt and the

board are charting for the Chamber.

“We think the Chamber is important and I’m glad that as a city official I can embrace that relationship and help them,” Farmer said. “I hope that they keep doing great things.”

Aaron Jones, field representative for Rep. Doris Matsui, attended the opening and said the congresswoman is excited for what the new Chamber office and incubator approach means for Galt business both locally and regionally.

“Good results require collaboration across business communities, across governmental officials, across nonprofits, and that is what we have here today, an actual place for that to happen; we are really excited for what this means for Galt,” Jones said.

Bret Bartholomew, a director with the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, also attended and said he’s impressed with what the Galt Chamber can do with such a small staff. According to its website, Seabolt is joined by administrative assistant Bella Castro and events assistant Andelyn Buys.

Bartholomew said he has known Seabolt for a few years now. He said after meeting her he pinpointed her as an engaged and down-to-earth person with aspirational ideas for the Galt Chamber.

“With what Galt Chamber is doing with the incubator setup, the five different offices that are available, what a great opportunity for small businesses who don’t have a location and want to work



From left, Christen Newell, Heriberto Mosqueda, Kat Seabolt, Mayor Shawn Farmer and Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu welcome attendees to the new Chamber office.



Kat Seabolt, chamber Community Relations director, accepts a plaque from Aaron Jones, field representative for the office of Rep. Doris Matsui to commemorate the office’s opening.

together,” Bartholomew said.

“What an amazing opportunity for them that just makes so much sense.”

Bartholomew said he would like to see more collaboration between businesses in Galt and Elk Grove.

“Elk Grove is only a stone’s throw away,” Bartholomew said. “The 99 Corridor should be working together.” ★

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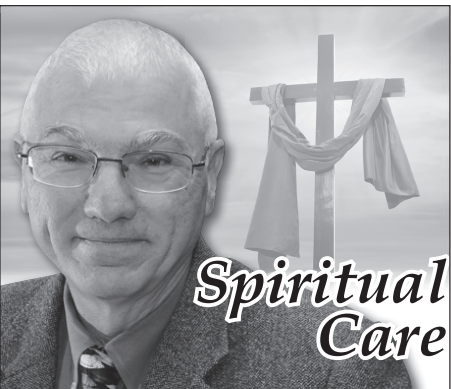
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# Learn To Share the Road on Life's Highway



**BY NORRIS BURKES**

Some years back, I was driving Interstate 99 south of Sacramento, Calif when a man began aggressively tailgating me.

Known as the most dangerous freeway in California, there is little room for traffic weavers like him. He was close enough that I could see his face redden in my rearview mirror. And of course, he could read the smirk on my face as I gloated over my strategic position ahead of him.

When traffic finally allowed me to move into the right lane, I displayed an upturned palm that invited His Excellency to proceed. But appeasement was too little, too late.

He initiated aggressive movements, dropping back and speeding past and changing lanes. I answered his vulgar hand signals with moronic smiles and have-a-nice-day waves until he flashed a doubled fist, suggesting a roadside fight.

With evasive maneuvers exhausted, I finally led our rage parade onto the highway's shoulder hoping to sucker him into exiting his pickup. With him afoot, my plan was to floor my Hyundai to escape velocity.

I knew this was a bad plan when I noticed he was searching for something behind his seat.

Being a smart aleck to a dangerous stranger is wrong, but my problem really began with the assumption that most of us make when we become randomly targeted by rage.

I assumed this man's anger really was about me.

You've probably made the same assumption. It happens when the guy flips you off on the road or the woman screams at you for taking her parking space.

While it's natural for you to go into a

defensive mode claiming your righteous innocence, it's best to remember that their rage isn't really about you. In fact, it's even a little self-centered to think it is about you.

The reality of these rages is that we are collateral damage for folks like these.

For instance, I occasionally receive a caustic e-mail, something Anne Lamott aptly calls, "Orwellian memos detailing my thought crimes."

Most of the time I know that, like the freeway driver, their anger isn't about me; they are fighting battles I'm not privileged to see.

Recently, I got an e-mail from such an angry reader. When I replied from a defensive mode, he escalated our discussion by calling me every synonym of idiot. Recalling the road-rage incident, my second reply took a reconciling approach.

The reader sent a confessional apology adding details of his wife's terminal illness and children who weren't talking to him. Just like the interstate guy, this reader's rage wasn't about me.

It never ceases to amaze me that when I remember to squelch my defensiveness and respond in a caring manner, I will often get a sincere response. My smug attitude toward the driver only stirred his rage, but my soft answer to the reader turned away his wrath and made a friend.

Short of a soft answer on the freeway, I sped back into traffic, spitting gravel on the man's truck. After another 10 minutes of cat-and-mouse, I took the freeway exit labeled, "Galt Police Station." Amazingly, the man followed me into town but finally broke off his chase when I entered the station's driveway.

At the end of the day, the best answer to road rage on life's highway may be contained in the sacred proverb that suggests, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh answer stirs up anger."

After all, we are all on a journey, so maybe it's time to share the road.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

### AA 24-Hour Hotline

For help with an alcohol-related problem, call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hotline at 209-745-1525.

### 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.

### 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.

### Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to [planningdivision@cityofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@cityofgalt.org).

The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### City After-Hours Assistance

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

## MEETING MINDERS

### Sunday, May 4

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

Street), 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

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

### Wednesday, May 7

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

Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

Sacramento LAFCo, 5:30 p.m., County Administration Center boardroom, 700 H St.

### Thursday, May 8

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

### Friday, May 9

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

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



There are the times in the life of an NBA city, when sadness becomes an almost overwhelming reality. For some it is a different emotion because as fans we come in all shapes and sizes. But for those of you that are simply angry, let me say to you that life is too short, and if anything, this franchise needs your positive energy more than your anger.

The person responsible for giving away Davion Mitchell and then trading away the heart of the franchise in DeAaron Fox, has been given his walking papers, and many would say rightfully so.

Yes, the Sacramento Kings have a new general manager, and his name is Scott Perry. Unlike his two predecessors, Perry comes to the Kings with a resume of experience.

Sacramento is not new to Scott Perry, as he spent a short stint as the Kings vice president of basketball operations in 2017. After only three months in the head office, Perry was hired by the New York Knicks as their general manager.

Make no mistake about it, the position of GM with any NBA club is a chess piece of invaluable proportion. Fortunately, Scott Perry comes with not only experience in his role, but NBA respect as well. This bodes well for a franchise in desperate need of a captain that can navigate a ship.

Fans immediately wonder what Perry's first moves will look like, and will Doug Christie remain as the head coach of the Kings moving into the 2025/2026 season? Many believe the answer is yes, as Vivek Radadive apparently holds Christie in high esteem.

Whether it's choosing the coach or draft choices, the Kings owner has shown a penchant for being centrally involved in all moves involving this team. He has been criticized for being too involved and has even been given credit for the decision to draft Marvin Bagley over Luka Doncic in the 2018 draft.

At the end of the day, virtually every owner has the final decision as it relates to all moves, but the most successful organizations know the value of the basketball minds they hire, and those people need to know they have a level of autonomy when it comes to decision making. In short, let

people do the job they've been hired to do, and respect their ability to do it.

Every NBA team has a culture, and as a new general manager walks in the door, that culture is about to change.

What fans want and hope for, is a culture that not only fosters camaradery and cogent decision making, but an environment that says loudly, "we know what we're doing and we're good at it."

Poor decision making has robbed the Kings of a first-round draft choice in the upcoming draft, so before Scott Perry sits down at his new desk, he will have to decide if he needs to reconcile a pathway that includes a move that can secure a first-round draft pick. Easier said than done, and there will need to be a player in this draft that makes a move like this necessary.

NBA insiders say this draft is a better than average class, so this is not a good time to be sitting on the sideline.

After making the playoffs just two seasons ago, the Kings finished 40-42 this season, and many might say that it was overachieving considering the upheaval that was the 2024/2025 season.

Without question, the team and the fans are looking for a steady hand that can create not just confidence, but genuine excitement as the 2025/2026 season begins.

I believe this is possible, and I want to give this new GM my utmost support as he steps in at a difficult time and knows without a doubt, he has a big job to do.

Very soon Sacramento Kings fans will discover if players like Keegan Murray and even newcomer Zach Lavine have a future in a Kings uniform.

Attempting to reassemble a team in mid-season while making dramatic changes to the lineup proved too much the Sactown ballers, and this offseason will be one of the most critical in many years.

Take a deep breath Kings fans but don't lose hope. More changes are undoubtedly in the offing, and shortly you will see if the experience that Scott Perry brings to this team will pay the dividends fans are praying for.

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

# Social Security Matters

## When Should My Wife Claim Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** My wife was born in July 1959, and her recent SS benefit estimate is \$3,337 at her full retirement age, or \$4,397 at age 70. She is presently employed full-time and intends to continue working until she is aged 70. She is wondering when the most financially advantageous time would be to draw her SS retirement. **Signed: Planning Ahead**

**Dear Planning Ahead:** Obviously, the best time for your wife to get the highest possible monthly Social Security benefit would be age 70. Provided your wife's life expectancy is at least average (about age 87 for a woman her current age), she will likely receive the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until age 70 to claim.

For clarity, if your wife were to choose to claim before her full retirement age (FRA), her monthly amount would be less and she would be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much she can earn before her FRA. If the AET is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 for every \$2 her earnings are over the limit (they take away by

withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied). The AET (\$23,400 for 2025 but changes yearly) is in effect until your wife reaches her full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months, after which she can earn as much as she likes without penalty. Since she plans to work full time until age 70, your wife should likely not claim Social Security before her FRA. As mentioned, claiming at age 70 is probably a more prudent financial option.

Since your wife expects to continue working, she should also know that her estimated benefit will likely increase assuming her more recent earnings are among the highest over her lifetime. Social Security will review current year earnings annually to see if her current earnings warrant a benefit increase (SS benefits are always based on the highest 35 years of work earnings, and that includes earnings even after SS benefit are started). Also, the estimates provided by SS do not include Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which typically occur annually. FYI, the average annual COLA increase over the past two decades has been about 2.5%.

Based on her estimated FRA benefit, it is also evident that your wife will not get additional benefits as your spouse. For that to occur, your benefit at your FRA would need to be more than twice your wife's FRA amount, which it likely is not. Thus, your wife should make her claiming decision based

only on her own benefit opportunity, considering her personal financial needs and her life expectancy.

FYI, your wife's "breakeven age" – the age at which she will have collected the same amount of SS money by claiming at age 70 vs. claiming at her full retirement age (FRA), is about 82 years of age. Thus, assuming her life expectancy is more than 82, it would be prudent to wait until age 70 to claim Social Security.

In the end, the "best" time to claim Social Security depends on a few factors – most notably, life expectancy, and financial need. If the SS money isn't urgently needed now, and your wife's life expectancy is at least "average," then it appears from what you've shared that her best choice would be to wait until age 70 to claim Social Security. If life circumstances change over the years, your wife can take comfort knowing that she can also claim her Social Security at any time before age 70 and she will get benefits right up to the month she claims. Note that by waiting until after her FRA to claim, she will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of .667% more benefit for each month of delay (about 8% more for each year of delay).

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# Salmon Fishing Shutdown Marks a Grim Milestone

By Charlton H. Bonham

This week, a public federal process determined there will be no commercial salmon fishing off California's coast for the third year in a row. It's a grim milestone for our state.

While we will see some recreational ocean fishing, we're at the low-water mark. With so few fish available, we know this won't be enough to meet the demand of our state. That's hard news in hard times.

Thirty years ago, the idea we would be implementing, yet alone discussing, these restrictions would have been unthinkable. Back then, millions of salmon swam through the rivers of California every year. It was a bountiful, thriving species.

But last year, the number of adult salmon in the Sacramento Index, a critical measure of the Sacramento River salmon population and an indicator of the overall health of California's salmon, shrank to roughly 100,000 fish. It's a tiny fraction of salmon's former might.

The reasons for the decline are numerous and complicated. Decades of severe drought, climate disruption, water management challenges and habitat loss threaten the future of salmon in California. The loss of salmon would wound California deeply.

Salmon are the basis of a multibillion-dollar fishing economy that creates jobs across the state. They support thriving forests, rivers and floodplains and serve as one of the most popular seafood choices across the country. Salmon provide vital subsistence to numerous California tribes. Recreational salmon fishing trips form the basis of family legend and lore.

For the salmon lovers among us, these are dark times. But I see glimmers of hope.

Two weeks ago, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife revealed the progress on California's "Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future." It was an update on the strategy Gov. Gavin Newsom released last year, which outlined dozens of key action items the state must take to better support healthy salmon populations.

In the last year alone, state fish and wildlife and its partner agencies have made critical headway on nearly 70% of the action items set by Governor Gavin Newsom. Another 26% are already done.

California finished removing the

outdated and obsolete Klamath River dams, allowing for a free-flowing river and access to cold-water habitats blocked for more than a century.

California's initiative to fast-track approvals for salmon restoration projects led to the streamlining of more than 60 important projects to support salmon populations over the past year.

Fish and wildlife has also worked with the State Water Resources Control Board to develop flow recommendations in drought-prone watersheds like the Scott and Shasta rivers and Mill and Deer creeks. This ensures salmon populations have enough cold water to survive during dry periods.

Investments to expand and modernize the state's fish hatcheries, ensuring California is supporting the production of a resilient salmon population, have increased fall run production from state-operated hatcheries in the Central Valley by over 9.7 million fish.

The state's salmon strategy was designed for long-term salmon support. But we're already seeing early benefits, some that even surprised fish and wildlife officials. Ten days after the final Klamath dam came down, state scientists spotted salmon swimming north of the dam sites into Oregon.

Experts originally estimated that would take 10 years.

Data shows that, while salmon numbers from 2024 are down, California saw the highest number of jacks (2-year-old fish) returning to the Central Valley since 2019. Jacks are an important predictor of the number of adult salmon that will return to spawn the following year.

In Lagunitas Creek, there's been a 60% increase in spawning of endangered Coho salmon. In Mendocino County, adult salmon returns have almost quadrupled their 15-year average.

To be clear, these wins are just the beginning. The road to reviving California salmon will be long. But these successes give me hope and the drive to keep fighting for salmon.

*This commentary appeared on CalMatters.org on April 18, written by Charlton H. Bonham, director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.* ★



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# Hume Provides an Update on County Homelessness Response

By Supervisor Pat Hume

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - On March 25, my colleagues and I received the latest biannual homelessness update from the County Departments of Homeless Services and Housing (DHS) and Health Services (DHS) at our Board of Supervisors hearing. This report gave a detailed look at the County's outreach efforts, shelter operations and mental health services from July 1 to December 31, 2024.

As the primary entity responsible for homeless outreach in the unincorporated areas and the entire American River Parkway, the County has implemented strategic initiatives to connect people living outside with critical resources and housing solutions.

The County's outreach teams, which include 10



**Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume represents District 5, which encompasses nearly 700 miles of the county, including the cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Isleton, Galt and portions of the City of Sacramento.** Photo courtesy of Pat Hume

parkway staff, 10 encampment services staff and six community-based outreach staff, meet these folks where they are and provide ongoing engagement and assistance as they work toward stable housing options.

During the six-month reporting period, the

County's outreach teams delivered 25,274 services to 810 unique individuals, including case management, housing search assistance, vital document retrieval, transportation support and behavioral health referrals.

One of the biggest and most critical priorities in the County's strategy is helping individuals transition from shelters into housing.

During the last six months of 2024, our teams helped 1,137 unique households find shelter through County-funded programs, including 1,070 single-adult households and 67 families. To ensure progress, participants are reassessed every 90 days to confirm they are actively engaged in housing programs.

Beyond housing, we know that many individuals experiencing homelessness also struggle

with mental, physical, behavioral and/or developmental health challenges. Sacramento County has continued its investment in Full-Service Partnership (FSP) programs, providing recovery-oriented treatment services for those living unhoused with severe mental illness, many of whom have experienced repeat hospitalizations or been involved in the criminal justice system. These programs address individual needs, improving outcomes, reducing costs and ultimately, saving lives.

The dramatic increase in homelessness emphasized the urgent need for stronger collaboration between the County, the City of Sacramento and key community service partners to develop long-term solutions. In response, regional efforts to expand homeless outreach and housing support have significantly

increased. The impact of these initiatives is evident in the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, which reported a 41% reduction in unsheltered homelessness, meaning fewer people living on the streets, and an overall 29% decline in total homelessness since 2022, marking Sacramento County as the most improved PIT count in the State of California.

While these numbers demonstrate meaningful progress, there is still more work to be done. My colleagues and I are also committed to tackling one of the root causes of homelessness, the lack of housing supply. The County's Planning and Building Departments are working to streamline the development process in our unincorporated areas, allowing for the faster construction of much-needed housing to meet growing demand.

There is no easy, single solution to ending homelessness. It demands a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach. I remain dedicated to serving the people of Sacramento County by reducing the impacts of encampments on businesses and neighborhoods, supporting homelessness initiatives that help connect individuals to critical services and transition folks off the streets, and holding our public agencies and partners accountable for these public investments to help improve the quality of life in all our communities.

I look forward to additional discussions planned for later this spring, where the Board will further evaluate existing housing initiatives, identify areas for improvement, explore new strategies to enhance services and strengthen collaboration with our partner cities. ★

# Tarango Appointed to Cosumnes CSD Board

Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - A new voice is stepping up to help shape parks, recreation, fire protection and emergency medical services in southern Sacramento County.

After a thorough and competitive process, the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors voted at its April 16 meeting to appoint Reina Tarango as the new director for Division 3.

Tarango was immediately sworn in and began her term representing the district's southern Elk Grove neighborhoods. She will serve until the next regularly scheduled election on Nov. 3, 2026.

Tarango is a longtime Elk Grove resident, a health advocate and a respected community leader. She currently serves

as the Purchase Referred Care manager for Wilton Rancheria, overseeing one of the tribe's largest federally funded health departments. She also serves on the City of Elk Grove's Diversity and Inclusion Commission, where she helped lead the creation of Elk Grove's first event honoring Native people. As a wife and mother of six children, Tarango has a deep connection to the community and a strong commitment to its future.

"I intend to uphold the values that make this community so special and ensure we continue moving forward — with a strong focus on safety, growth, and opportunity," Tarango said. "I'm proud to support the essential work of our fire and emergency services and to champion the parks and recreation programs that uplift our families and bring us together."

"We are pleased to welcome Director

Tarango to the Board," said Cosumnes CSD Board President Angela Spease. "Her decades-long commitment to Elk Grove, combined with her leadership in health-care and community advocacy, makes her a powerful addition. Reina brings a thoughtful, inclusive approach to public service that aligns with our mission and values."

The appointment follows Director Jim Luttrell's resignation in March after more than eight years of dedicated service. The board received four applications for the vacancy and extends its gratitude to the residents who stepped forward to serve.

"We're grateful for the time and effort each applicant dedicated to the public interview process," added President Spease.

Cosumnes CSD provides essential services to a growing population of more



**Reina Tarango, left, was appointed last week to Cosumnes CSD Board of Directors. She will replace Jim Luttrell, who resigned from the post in March.** Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

than 210,000 people. The district oversees fire protection and emergency medical services in Elk Grove, Galt and unincorporated southern Sacramento County, along with parks and recreation services in Elk Grove.

The board plays a key role in shaping policy, overseeing the district's budget, and guiding services that enhance the safety and quality of life for residents. ★

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# POLICE LOGS

During the time period of April 15 to April 21, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 17 arrests.

### April 15

2:27 a.m., Vandalism, Beaver Park Way: Front windshield and driver's side window broken.

12:50 p.m., Theft, Comfort Inn & Suites on Twin Cities Road: Items from room taken.

6:58 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Caroline Avenue/Pine Street.

### April 16

11:44 a.m., Vandalism, Grouse Drive: Tires slashed.

4:56 p.m., Theft, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Wallet stolen from purse.

### April 17

4:47 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Meadowview Drive.

5:04 p.m., Domestic Violence/adult arrest, Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.

7:44 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Ripken Avenue.

### April 18

8:01 a.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, Gaylon Way.

4:32 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Walmart, Twin Cities Road.

### April 19

6:01 a.m., Theft, Savemart Supermarkets on C Street: Homeless subject, dressed in all black, breaking into the clothing donation bin.

10:04 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Ashboro Lane.

12:08 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Marengo Road.

7:36 p.m., Domestic Violence/adult arrest, Grouse Drive.

9:27 p.m., Weapon Possession/adult arrest, Fourth Street/D Street.

11:04 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Cold Brook Way/Cedar Flat Avenue.

### April 20

1:40 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Highway 99 northbound/Mingo Road.

9:05 a.m., Burglary, Bay Heights Court.

### April 21

2:01 a.m., Domestic Violence/adult arrest, Park Heights Drive.

7:12 a.m., Vandalism, Lennar Homes on Lake Park Circle: Trailer vandalized.

2:09 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

3:01 p.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, The Galt Place on D Street.

6 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Fairsite School. ★

# Cleaning Up the Voter Rolls in Sacramento County

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Did you know that after every general election, voters who have not voted in two federal elections and have not updated their voter registration file get canceled and removed from the voter roll?

This duty is one of the responsibilities of the Sacramento County Voter Registration & Elections (VRE) office under the National Voter Registration Act.

There were 56,086 Sacramento County voters who met these conditions during our most recent review.

As a result, on March 18, Voter Registration & Elections sent out postcards to these inactive voters letting them know that their voter registration would be removed from the voter roll.

Voters who received the postcard had to respond by April 2 to keep their voter registration active and on the voter roll in Sacramento County.

Voters who missed this deadline had their registration canceled and needed to re-register to vote.

What to do if you receive this postcard for a voter who no longer lives at your address? Nothing. Our office will cancel the voter's registration on April 2.



Voters who received the postcard from the Voter Registration & Elections office had to respond by April 2 to keep their voter registration active and on the voter roll in Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

What is this postcard for? The postcard is called a pre-cancellation card and is used as a final notice to voters in Sacramento County that their voter registration is being canceled. The deadline for response to this postcard is 15 days from the day it is sent.

Other reasons we send out this postcard on a weekly basis include death, conservatorship and current incarceration for the conviction of a felony.

For more information on Voter File Maintenance, visit the elections website at elections.sacounty.net.

If you missed the deadline to respond to this postcard and need to re-register to vote visit the California Online Voter Registration website at registerstovote.ca.gov. ★

# ABOUT TOWN

## Fireworks Vendor Applications Accepted

The City of Galt is accepting applications for organizations that wish to sell fireworks on city property.

Applications for fireworks permits are available in the City Clerk's Office, 380 Civic Drive; city website, cityofgalt.org, or email clerk@cityofgalt.org.

All applications and required attachments must be completed and received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. May 22.

Applicants must be community-based, resident 501(c) (3), (4), (6) or (7) nonprofit organizations promoting and providing

services to residents and/or businesses.

The lottery will be held the first Monday of June in the City Clerk's office and will determine the rank order for placement at the bottom of the master list for those eligible nonprofit organizations not already included in the master list.

### Saturday, April 26

**Lodi Beer Fest and State BBQ Championship** - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: The Lodi Beer Fest is a great celebration of craft beer from up to 50 local and national breweries. Find a new favorite beer, toss a game of cornhole and dance along to live band. Held in conjunction with the State BBQ Championship,

more than 30 BBQ teams will compete. For tickets, visit grapefestival.com/pl events/lo-di-beer-fest--state-bbq-competition. 413 Lockeford St., Lodi.

**Taco de Mayo** - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.: The Galt Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting a fundraiser. Dinner includes three tacos, rice and beans, with carry-out options available. Tickets are \$20 and available at: galtsunriserotary.com. For more information, text 916-662-6915. At the Littleton Center, 410 Civic Drive

### Saturday, May 3

**Wilton Bingo** - The next bingo will be on Saturday, May 3 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and

bingo starts at 6 p.m.

All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group.

9717 Colony Road, at Dillard Road.

**Cosumnes River Preserve Habitat Restoration Day** - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Habitat Restoration Team (HRT) is open to anyone 18 or older who wishes to be truly involved with environmental stewardship at the Preserve. HRT assists Preserve staff with focused conservation projects that allow members to experience more of the Preserve and contribute to its success.

To sign up, please contact the volunteer coordinator by calling

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**Lodi Comic Con** - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: The event will feature more than 200 booths of exhibitors and artists, our biggest event ever! A portion of the proceeds will benefit local charities. Information and tickets at: universe.com/events/lo-di-comic-con-spring-saturday-may-10-2025-lo-di-grape-festival-tickets-JHMK4X.

Lodi Grape Festival grounds, 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi

### Saturday, May 10

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According to daysoftheweek.com, vegetables in cake may sound weird, but carrot cake proved it a success. Zucchini bread follows in the same vein: a moist, tasty, sweet treat ... with a healthy side?

Zucchini happens to be a vegetable that tends to take on the flavor of the other ingredients it is combined with. It is a commonly used ingredient in savory meals such as casseroles, stir fry or side dishes. But many people don't know that it can also be a yummy, healthful ingredient that is part of a variety of baked goods.

Moist and sweet, this popular bread is delicious enough to deserve its own day to celebrate: National Zucchini Bread Day. Zucchini originated in Italy in the 1800s and made it to the United States via immigration.

Those who have never grown zucchini may think that making zucchini bread sounds strange. Those who know how prolific a zucchini plant can grow and produce know what I am talking about.

When those green gourd-ish veggies start to pile up on your counter, and your family and neighbors practically run the



other way when they see you coming their way with a bag of fresh zucchini, a person gets creative.

Don't be suspicious; be adventurous. Most of the people who are willing to try zucchini bread are just a taste away from falling in love. Obviously the most logical thing to do on this special day is to make a loaf or two of zucchini bread, which actually can be considered a cake more than a bread, because it does not require yeast.

The recipes vary; with each there are special ingredients: raisins, cranberries, nuts, chocolate chips, etc.

However, I would be a bit concerned about celebrating a "summer squash" at the beginning of spring. Where was the squash grown or was there so much squash last summer, that it was shredded and frozen to be used later? Yes, it can be

frozen and saved to use on a rainy day when a warm and tasty treat is what you need, and to share with a friend or neighbor. And today is the day to celebrate!

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Speaking of saving for a rainy day, according to the National Day calendar it is also National Teach Children to Save Day. Every year it is celebrated on the fourth Friday of April to encourage children to develop good saving habits. Sponsored by the American Bankers Association since 1997, it has helped children learn the value of money and how to save it and develop the skills they will need for a lifetime.

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April showers bring May flowers, May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Mother's Day is quickly coming. What to do? Take her to her favorite restaurant, to the movies, have a family dinner at home, buy her a card, a gift card for a spa day, buy her candy, flowers, jewelry, sweater, handbag, or shoes?

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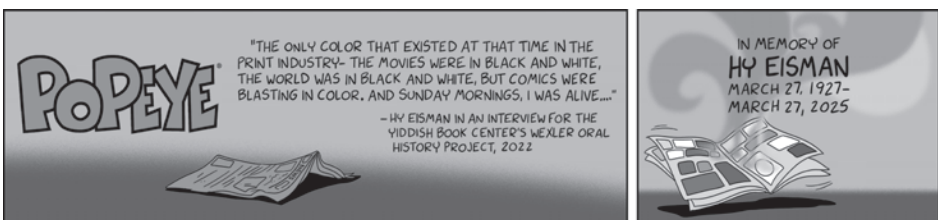
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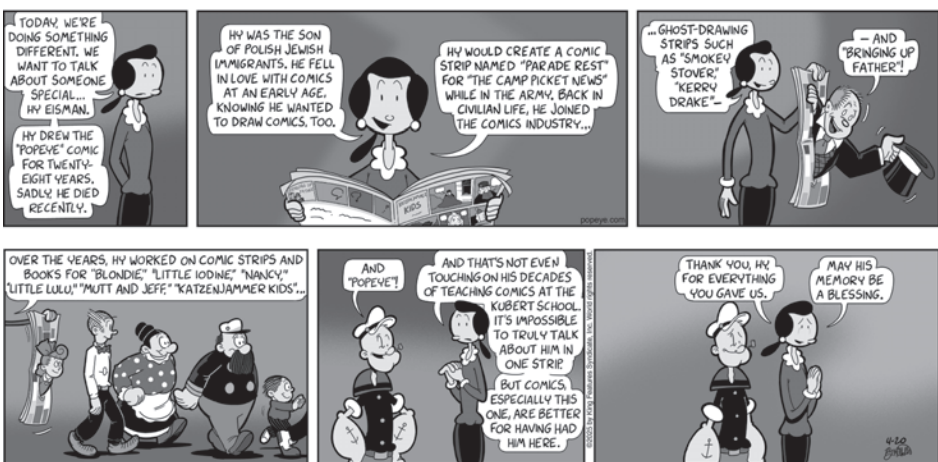
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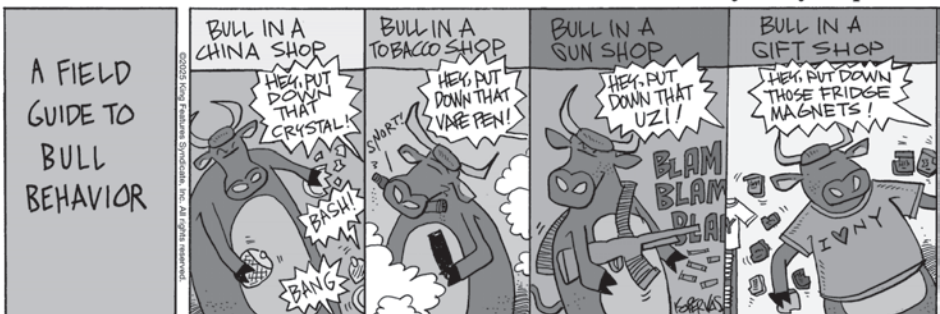
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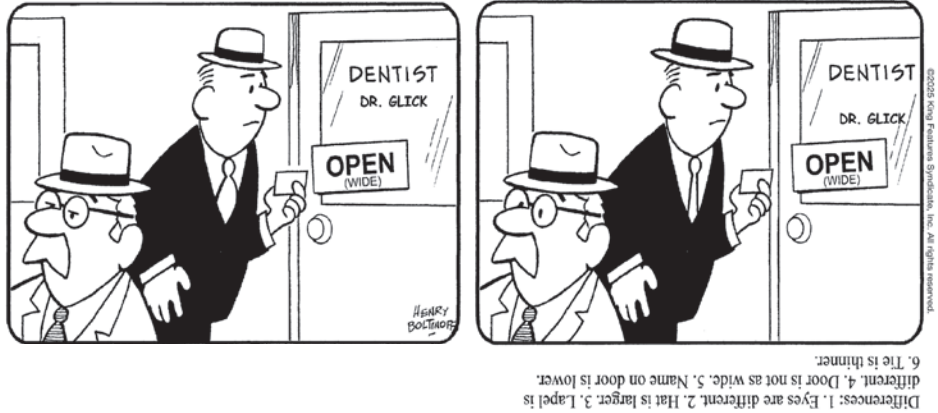


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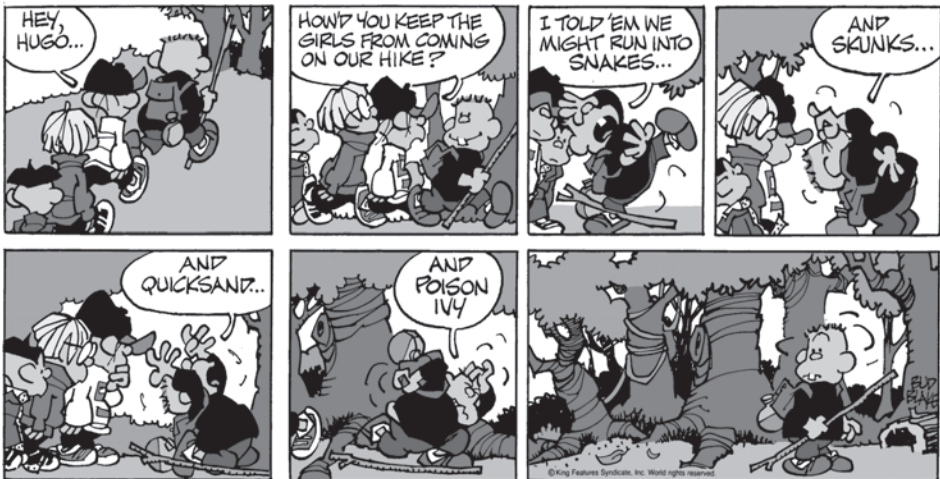


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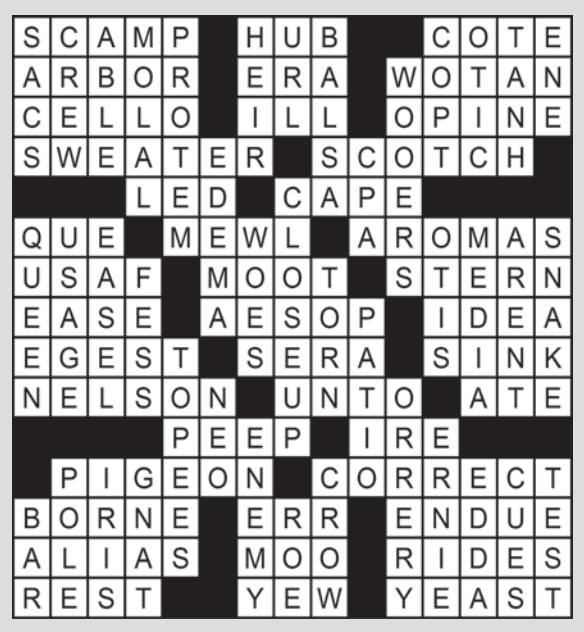
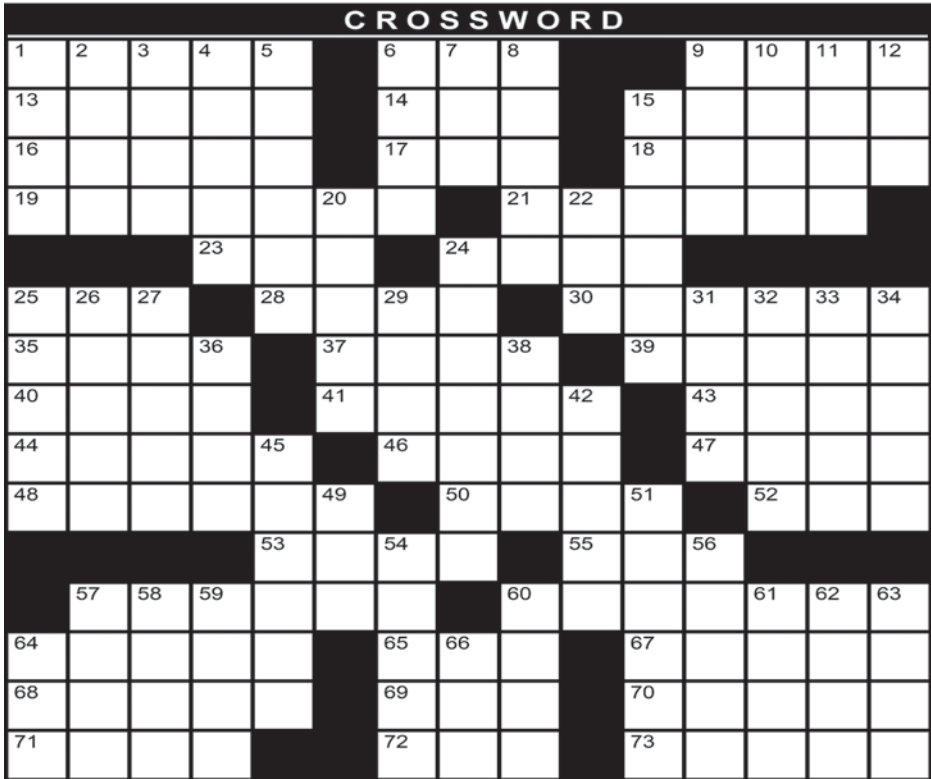
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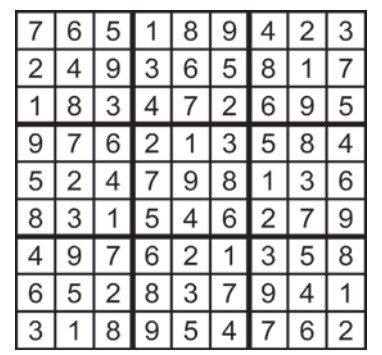
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UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 105 KENT STREET, GALT, CA 95632 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$336,915.92 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have

no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website [www.clearreconcorp.com](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 130468-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website [www.clearreconcorp.com](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 130468-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 9.38.120 A (1) OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Galt, California ("City") is a municipal corporation organized under the constitution and laws of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to amend the City of Galt Municipal Code Title 9, chapter 9.38, section 9.38.120 A (1) to update the insurance requirements for special events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA** does ordain as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals.

The City Council hereby finds that all of the foregoing recitals and the staff report presented herewith are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and adopted as findings of the City Council as if fully set forth herein.

#### SECTION 2. CEQA.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the Project is exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations). The activity is covered by the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. There is no possibility that the proposed change to the City's insurance requirements for special events may have a significant effect to the environment, therefore the activity is not subject to CEQA.

#### SECTION 3. Section 9.38.120 Amended.

Section 9.38.120 of the City of Galt Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

##### 9.38.120 Insurance.

A. The permittee of an event must possess or obtain public liability insurance to protect against liability for personal injury and property damage arising from the event. Coverage shall be a comprehensive general liability insurance policy. Minimum limits required:

1. Recommended insurance limits set by the Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund Joint Pooling Authority, as such limits may be amended or modified, from time to time;
2. If food or nonalcoholic beverages are to be sold or served at the event, the policy must also include an endorsement for products liability in an amount of not less than five hundred thousand dollars; and
3. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold or served at the event, the policy must also include an endorsement for liquor liability in an amount not less than five hundred thousand dollars.

B. Insurance required pursuant to this section shall be maintained for the duration of the event and shall:

1. Name the City of Galt, its officers, employees and agents on the policy or by endorsement as additional insureds;
2. Be a primary policy and not contributory or in excess of any policy of City of Galt; and
3. Declare all deductibles on the policy.

C. All deductibles on the policy shall be approved by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.

D. The requirement as to types, limits, and the City of Galt's approval of insurance coverage to be maintained by permittee are not intended to, and shall not in any manner, limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by permittee pursuant to this Chapter.

E. A copy of the policy or a certificate of insurance, together with all necessary endorsements, must be filed with the Parks and Recreation Director no less than ten (10) days before the date of the event, unless the Parks and Recreation Director or designee, for good cause, waives the filing deadline. The permit shall not be issued by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee until after the insurance policy or certificate of insurance, together with all necessary endorsements, have been filed with the City of Galt and approved by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.

#### SECTION 4. Severability.

Each of the provisions of this Ordinance is severable from all other provisions. If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption as provided by Government Code Section 36937. Within 15 days after its final passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Galt in accordance with Section 36933(c)(1) of the California Government Code.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 1st day of April 2025, and by unanimous vote of the City Council members present, further reading was waived.

On a motion by Council Member Sandhu, seconded by Council Member Pratton, the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 15th day of April 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Council Member:	Sandhu, Pratton, Reed, Rodriguez, Farmer
NOES:	Council Member:	
ABSTAIN:	Council Member:	
ABSENT:	Council Member:	

/s/ Shawn Farmer  
MAYOR, City of Galt

ATTEST:  
/s/ Tina Hubert  
City Clerk, City of Galt

The Galt Herald 4-25-2025

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Galt, Sacramento County, California, Case No. 24-09-0242P.** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).  
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# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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# Galt Warrior Distance Runners Shine at Wolfpack, Halden Carnivals

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**ELK GROVE AND DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - The Galt Warriors Track and Field distance team left its mark last Saturday, turning in a series of record-breaking performances at both the Wolfpack Invitational at Consummes Oaks High in Elk Grove and the Halden Invitational in Davis. Squads competed in distance-focused events—800m, 1600m, 3200m, and 4x800m relay—at both meets, which featured strong opponents and deep fields.

Competing in 20 different events, the Warriors' 10 distance runners racked up an impressive 12 personal records (PRs). The boys' team topped all rivals by taking first place at the Wolfpack Distance Carnival, while the girls' team came away with a proud second place in its division.

"We've had a great time coaching these distance runners this year," said Head Coach Bruce Peterson. "They keep



Emilyann Sheldon heads to a win in the 3200m. Courtesy photos

improving every week with some very impressive times. Many of our boys' distance runners now hold top-10 records at Galt High and are among the leaders

in Division 4. Many of our distance runners will have a good opportunity to make the section championships if they keep running the way they are."

Among Saturday's standouts was senior Emilyann Sheldon, who blazed to a new PR in the 1600m with a second-place 5:51.09 and then dominated the 3200m for the win, finishing in 12:35.62, also a PR.

Mae Trull, another senior, notched an impressive trio of PRs, running 3:22.98 in the 800m, 7:18.90 in the 1600m and 16:39.00 in the 3200m. Freshman Joselyn Jimenez continued her surge of improvement with a PR 3:11.62 in the 800m, while junior Nora Werdon contributed a 1600m season record at 6:40.18.

Senior Kitto Gonzalez led the way for the boys, securing second in the 1600m (4:28.40 PR) and an impressive fourth in the Halden 3200m, clocking a personal-best 9:45.01 against a field of 80.

Logan Rose, also a senior, cruised to third in the 1600m with a 4:37.25 PR and ran 11:01.22 in the 3200m.

Sophomore Dominik Gonzalez broke the coveted five-minute barrier in the 1600m, clocking 4:58.92 for 10th place, also a new personal best. Meanwhile, freshman David Espinoza Terrones stunned with PRs in both the 1600m (5:25.84) and 3200m (12:21.28). Fellow freshman Daniel Crownover joined the PR club in the 3200m at 12:49.26.

But it was the boys' 4x800m team—Alejandro Herrera, Dominik Gonzalez, Logan Rose and Kitto Gonzalez—that stole the show, beating hosts Consummes Oaks, a Division 1 powerhouse, with a time of 8:46.25.

Coach Peterson beamed with pride afterward:

"Our Boys' 4x800 relay really stepped up, beating a tough D1 team to take first. The way these athletes compete and keep improving, it's been a joy to coach. We're building something special at Galt."

With momentum at their back, the Warriors will now turn their attention to the second League Meet of the season, set for April 30 at Union Mine High School.



Kitto Gonzalez and David Espinoza Terrones run in the 1600m.



Logan Rose competes in the 3200m.

With performances like these, section championships and more school records are well within reach.

## Galt Warriors Key Results (Wolfpack & Halden Invitationals)

**Girls**  
800m: Joselyn Jimenez, 3:11.62 PR (10th); Mae Trull, 3:22.98 PR (11th)  
1600m: Emilyann Sheldon, 5:51.09 PR (2nd); Nora Werdon, 6:40.18 SR (8th); Joselyn Jimenez, 7:00.41 (10th); Mae Trull, 7:18.90 PR (11th)  
3200m: Emilyann Sheldon, 12:35.62 PR (1st); Nora Werdon, 14:44.26 (6th); Mae Trull,

16:39.00 PR (7th)  
**Boys**  
800m: Alejandro Herrera, 2:06.31 (2nd)  
1600m: Kitto Gonzalez, 4:28.40 PR (2nd); Logan Rose, 4:37.25 PR (3rd); Alejandro Herrera, 4:44.96 (41st); Dominik Gonzalez, 4:58.92 PR (10th); David Espinoza Terrones, 5:25.84 PR (18th)  
3200m: Kitto Gonzalez, 9:45.01 PR (4th/Halden); Logan Rose, 11:01.22 (3rd); David Espinoza Terrones, 12:21.28 PR (5th); Daniel Crownover, 12:49.26 PR (6th)  
4x800m Relay: 1st place (8:46.25) — Alejandro Herrera, Dominic Gonzalez, Logan Rose, Kitto Gonzalez. ★

## GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Emilyann Sheldon**  
Galt High Track & Field



**Kitto Gonzalez**  
Galt High Track & Field



**Arianna Barnes**  
Liberty Ranch Track & Field



**Jimmy Lopez**  
Liberty Ranch Track & Field

Photos by Paige Lampson

# Liberty Tennis Stays Resilient Through Rebuilding Season

Story and photos  
by Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - In a year when Liberty Ranch High's tennis program very nearly faded before it began, the Hawks' spirit on the court has been their truest victory.

With 21 dedicated members rallying under the guidance of new head coach Shelby Behrmann, Liberty Ranch's tennis team has faced a season of challenges. Behrmann, who stepped into the coaching position at the last minute when it appeared the team would have to forfeit the season, described 2024 as "a learning year."

"I took on this team because I saw how much the players wanted to



James Briggs focuses on getting the ball back over the net.



Caitlynn Camacho hits the ball to her opponent.

compete," Behrmann said. "From the start, our focus has been on effort, improvement, and supporting each other, regardless of the final score."

Despite not winning a match so far, the Hawks have held their heads high, showing up for practices and matches with a determination that goes beyond

the scoreboard. The players have displayed true sportsmanship and learned invaluable lessons that will serve them in future seasons.

For many on the roster, the season's struggles have only fueled their drive.

"We're playing for the love of the sport," said one senior team member.

"Even if the scores haven't gone our way, we're getting better every week. We know that what we learn this year will make us stronger next year."

With a full roster returning and a newfound commitment to growth, Liberty Ranch is already looking ahead with optimism. Coach Behrmann is



Michael Schroeder returns a ball.

confident that a foundation is being laid for a much stronger showing in seasons to come.

For the Liberty Ranch

Hawks, this season has been less about the wins and more about the heart, grit and persistence that define a true team. ★



# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



## Galt, Liberty Ranch Share Spotlight on Senior Night, Split Victories



Hawk Flynn Rausser competes in the breaststroke.

**Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Two rivals. One pool. Unforgettable memories. Galt High School and Liberty Ranch once again combined forces to celebrate their annual senior swim night, turning the friendly cross-town competition into a celebration of camaraderie and lasting teamwork. With both teams practicing at the City of Galt's pool since neither campus currently has a functioning pool—Galt's has been condemned for years and Liberty Ranch has none—the bond between Warriors and Hawks runs deeper than just competition.

### Honoring the Class of 2024

The Warriors fielded a small but mighty senior class, with Levi McDonald and Ella Ipson recognized alongside coach Shannon Potter. Across the pool deck, Hawk coach Kalah Westlynn had a formidable group of nine seniors to honor: Amanda Thompson, Veronika Shayhen, Bryon Chua, Flynn Rausser, Shelby Redding, Adam Behrmann, Jonas Lindberg, Jackson Lagana and Arianna Avalos. With this wave of upperclassmen

moving on, Westlynn will have much rebuilding ahead.

### Meet Results: Hawks Take Boys; Warriors Claim Girls

The contest itself showed the strength of both programs. The Liberty Ranch boys surged to a 97-46 win, bolstered by strong relay squads and individual performances, while the Galt girls answered back in dominating fashion, clinching a 91-77 victory thanks in large part to relay sweeps and depth in distance and sprint events.

### Girls' Results

- 200 Medley Relay: Galt took first, setting the tone for the meet.
- 200 Free: 1. Haley Smith (LR), 2. Madi Brixey (LR), 3. Rivera (Galt)
- 200 IM: 1. Brouwer (Galt), 2. Isabella Westlynn (LR), 3. Jackson (Galt)
- 50 Free: 1. Madison

- McDonald (Galt), 2. Schlesinger (Galt), 3. Thomlinson (Galt)

- 100 Fly: 1. Ainsley Robbins (LR), 2. Thomlinson (Galt), 3. Haley Andrews (LR)

- 100 Free: 1. Brouwer (Galt), 2. Arianna Avalos (LR), 3. Maple (Galt)

- 500 Free: 1. Madison McDonald (Galt), 2. Ella Ipson (Galt), 3. Isabella Westlynn (LR)

- 200 Free Relay: Galt victory

- 100 Back: 1. Maple (Galt), 2. Jackson (Galt), 3. Shelby Redding (LR)

- 100 Breast: 1. Ainsley Robbins (LR), 2. Schlesinger (Galt), 3. Haley Andrews (LR)

- 400 Free Relay: Galt took first

Key Warrior performances came from senior Levi McDonald, who swept the 50 free and 500 free and returned for a win in the 200 free relay. Brouwer was also a double



Galt High Swim seniors Ella Ipson and Levi McDonald stand with Coach Shannon Potter.



Liberty Ranch senior swimmers pose for a photo: Amanda Thompson, left, Veronika Shayhen, Bryon Chua, Flynn Rausser, Shelby Redding, Adam Behrmann, Jonas Lindberg, Jackson Lagana and Arianna Avalos.

winner individually with victories in the 200 IM and 100 free.

### Boys Results

200 Medley Relay: Liberty Ranch opened fast

for first

200 Free Relay: Galt answered with a win

400 Free Relay: Liberty Ranch closed strong with the victory

200 Free: 1. Jackson Lagana (LR), 2. Tackett (Galt), 3. Arthur Chua (LR)

200 IM: 1. Adam Behrmann (LR), 2. Alec Ortega (LR)

50 Free: 1. Flynn Rausser (LR), 2. Tackett (Galt), 3. Mejia (Galt)

100 Fly: 1. Alec Ortega (LR), 2. Byron Chua (LR)

100 Free: 1. Jackson Lagana (LR), 2. Beck (Galt), 3. Jonas Lindberg (LR)

500 Free: 1. Mason Bussman (LR), 2. Arthur Chua (LR)

100 Back: 1. Mason Bussman (LR), 2. Levi McDonald (Galt), 3. Julian Alvarado (Galt)

100 Breast: 1. Levi McDonald (Galt), 2. Flynn Rausser (LR), 3. Adam Behrmann (LR)

Highlights for the Hawks included Jackson Lagana, who doubled in the 200 and 100 free, and Mason Bussman, who swept the 500 free and 100 back. Galt's McDonald prevailed in the 100 breast and placed second in the 100 back. ★

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

Baseball	
School	W/L
Bradshaw	10-0
Liberty Ranch	10-1
Union Mine	6-5
Amador	5-6
El Dorado	5-6
Galt	3-8
Argonaut	2-8
Rosemont	2-9

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

Swimming	
School	W/L
Liberty Boys	3-3
Liberty Girls	3-3

Stunt	
School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	4-0
Bradshaw	2-1
Galt	1-2



The backstroke begins.



And they're off: The boys dive in.



Galt's Madison McDonald swims the butterfly.



Galt's Julian Alvarado swims the freestyle.