



Hawk Varsity Soccer Battles Through Challenging Schedule, Dominates League Play

PAGE 12

Warriors Show Heart in Second-Half Comeback Effort Against Summerville

PAGE 11



The Galt Herald

75¢ per copy

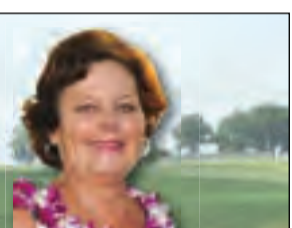
125TH YEAR • ISSUE 51

Serving Galt and Sacramento County Since 1901

DECEMBER 19, 2025

SEE INSIDE

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS!



PAGE 8

TRUMP SIDES WITH AG IN WATER WARS



PAGE 5

WHICH PLAYERS TO KEEP AT ALL COSTS?



PAGE 5



Scan our QR Code for a direct link to our online edition!

PRSRTD STD. U.S. POSTAGE PAID

CARMICHAEL, CA PERMIT NO. 350

OR CURRENT POSTAL CUSTOMER



City Unveils First Sensory Playground



Newly appointed Galt Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez, center, cuts the ribbon for the city's first sensory playground, joined by Parks and Recreation staff, city officials and chamber of commerce representatives on Dec. 6.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - Parks and Recreation staff, city officials and chamber of commerce representatives attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, Dec. 6 to mark the opening of Galt's first sensory playground.

The Sports Complex playground, located at 1022 Caroline Ave., features active play amenities for swinging, sliding and climbing.

Designed for inclusivity, the playground ensures children can feel safe, independent, active and included

while engaging in fair play. Its Nature Grounds features bring nature into the space, enhancing the standard playground experience.

The playground also includes outdoor adult fitness equipment and playful community pathways, creating a space that engages the entire family.

With the completion of the playground, Galt has been recognized as a National Demonstration Site, complete with on-site QR code feedback stations and interactive learning resources.

Newly appointed Galt Mayor

Bonnie Rodriguez was in attendance to help facilitate the ribbon cutting. She noted that the project highlights the city's commitment to providing innovative and inclusive recreational spaces for all residents.

"This park just helps fill a whole different need and brings so much to this community," Rodriguez said.

"I'm very proud of our staff... they've been out there talking to the community to find out what residents want," she added. "You can tell with all these people here, even adults are using it. It's just a great asset to

Continued on Page 3

Local Teens Attend National Catholic Youth Conference



Arriving at the convention center. Left to right are Fr. Miguel Silva, Marisela Suarez, Jesus Casillas, Elias Orejel, Elis Suarez, Nathalie Ochoa, Mia Hernandez, Fatima Cabrera and Eva Delgado. Courtesy photo

By Fatima Cabrera and Elis Suarez

Editor's Note: Fatima Cabrera and Elis Suarez are students at Liberty Ranch High School and members of the local St. Christopher's Church youth ministry, led by youth minister Eva Delgado. The teens co-wrote a piece on their experience attending the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference along with four other youth.

GALT, CA (MPG) - The 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) took place from Nov. 20 to 22 in Indianapolis, Indiana, where thousands of Catholic youths were invited into a pilgrimage of transformation during the Jubilee of Hope. A journey where youth could explore their faith, make choices rooted in their beliefs and find strength in the shared experience of thousands of fellow pilgrims.

Inspired by God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush, the theme of this year's conference of "I Am/Yo Soy," highlighted how the Sacraments form the living story of God's love, uniting youth as the Church.

Through this sacramental encounter, youth came face-to-face with the greatness of "I am." Discovering that we are chosen, anointed, called, transformed, loved, forgiven, restored and healed.

St. Christopher's Church youth member Jesus Casillas said in regard to their experience, "Now is the time to dream big, be open to what God can do through your lives."

As we joined the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the United States, we experienced Mass and prayer with more than 16,000 catholic teenagers, catechetical sessions, a digital encounter with Pope Leo XIV and powerful general sessions. These sessions helped youth unpack each "I Am / Yo Soy" identity

Continued on Page 2

Rotary Club Hosts 15th Community Dinner



Pictured is the start of the 15th annual Galt Sunrise Rotary Club community dinner Dec. 13 with residents beginning to receive dinner.

Story and photos by Nathan Felix Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Sunrise Rotary Club hosted its 15th annual community dinner at the Littleton Center on Saturday, Dec. 13. It was free entry where anyone could stop by for a plate of food.

The club served plates with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, greens and bread, along with a piece of pumpkin pie for dessert. At 2 p.m.,

Santa made an appearance, and children were able to sit on his lap for a picture.

"Galt Rotary Club has been providing free meals at Christmas for 15 years. Generally, you have about 1,000 to 1,500 people show up," said Foundation Chair David Herburger.

Herburger added that planning for the dinner usually begins a few months in advance. About two weeks before the event, the club starts gathering all of the needed ingredients.

He noted that only a few days prior, the club received 80 turkeys from member Jerry Broxmeyer that had to be thawed.

While the turkeys thawed, volunteers and Rotary members set up the equipment needed to cook all of the food. Once everything was ready, member Pedro Ramos took the lead as chef.

"This is our way of saying, 'Welcome, everybody. Have some

Continued on Page 3

Local Teens Attend National Catholic Youth Conference

Continued from page 1

through the Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony, and the Eucharist.

The opening ceremonies, led by master of ceremonies Sr. Eifler Del Rosario and Gian Gamboa, drew youth into this encounter with God saying, "I am," inviting each young person to respond, "You are..." and discover our identity in Christ.

"NCYC was bigger than a conference, it was 16,000 teenagers rediscovering God embracing who He made us to be, and walking forward with renewed faith," said St. Christopher's Church youth member Mia Hernandez.

One of the standout moments for many pilgrims was a special digital encounter with Pope Leo XIV, prepared specifically for NCYC. The Holy Father spoke directly to young Catholics, greeting them with warmth and enthusiasm. In his message, he reminded youth that the Jubilee Year is a privileged time of grace, urging them to encounter Jesus in adoration, receive Him in the Eucharist and rediscover the beauty of the Church's liturgy.

St. Christopher's Church youth member Nathalie Ochoa reflected on the journey stating, "When you feel lost in the dark, I am your light, and when you feel like your lost, I am your Shepherd."

Powerful testimonies of young people helped us see how God works in our daily struggles. Mia from Baltimore, Maryland, shared that though we fall



"A pilgrimage to remember," wrote St. Christopher's Church youth Fatima Cabrera and Elis Suarez, pictured with fellow youth ministry members and congregation leaders.

and make mistakes, God is the Good Shepherd who never stops inviting us home through forgiveness and reconciliation.

Ezequiel from Los Angeles encouraged us to bring our worries to Jesus in prayer, Scripture, adoration and the rosary, trusting that authentic friendship with Christ forms us into better, more faithful people.

"A NCYC quote from Pope Leo XIV that really spoke to me said, 'we the youth are not just the future of the church, but also the present,' said St. Christopher's Church youth member Elias Oregel.

Lastly, Chris from Las Vegas, Nevada, challenged us to use technology wisely, not as a replacement for real connection, but as a tool to deepen our faith and serve others, following the example of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mic from Honolulu, Hawaii, spoke about using artificial intelligence with caution, ensuring education and safety while grounding our

choices in God's grace and a strong moral foundation.

"In the loud noise of the world, NCYC reminded me to listen for the quiet truth: I am chosen, I am loved, I am transformed. I am a child of God," said Elis Suarez.

Fatima Cabrera also quoted Pope Leo XIV stating, "God never gets tired of forgiving you, we normally get tired of asking for forgiveness."

Leaders from the Archdiocese of Dubuque and Iowa reflected on how the Church, guided and protected by Jesus, is preparing for the future by inviting the young church, who are not just the future but the present of the Catholic Church, to be involved now through Mass, service, prayer and authentic discipleship.

To sum up this NCYC experience, we would like to thank all our chaperones for handling our youth group that decided to travel. Thanks to Maria Polanco, our priest Father Miguel Silva, Chaperone Miguel Oregel, and all



The final blessing before flying to National Catholic Youth Conference. Top row, from left to right, are Eva Delgado, Marisela Suarez, Fr. Miguel Silva, Jesus Casillas and Miguel Oregel. Bottom row, left to right, are Mia Hernandez, Elis Suarez, Nathalie Ochoa, Fatima Cabrera and Elias Oregel. Courtesy photos



St. Christopher's Church youth members make sleeping mats out of plastic bags for the homeless community of Indianapolis.

those in and out of our parish who supported us with all the fundraising. Lastly, a special thanks to Eva Delgado and Marisela Suarez, who planned everything for us to come closer to God, closer to each other, and closer to ourselves.

"NCYC '25 transformed many Catholic family groups into one, all in a matter of a few days," said Miguel Oregel.

Suarez added that, "Watching thousands of young Catholics worship was deeply moving. Pope Leo XIV's message

resonated with me just as much as it did with the youth."

Youth minister Delgado said, "The NCYC experience brings the young church back closer to God. You believe, pray, and listen for I am with you always!" ★

FEATURE YOUR EVENT!
STAND OUT AND SELL MORE TICKETS!

QUICK, EASY, TARGETED, EFFECTIVE!

WWW.GALTHERALD.COM

1. GO TO 'EVENTS' IN MAIN MENU

2. GET "FEATURED" FOR ONLY \$25/WEEK!

3. LANDING PAGE FULL LANDING PAGE WITH ALL YOUR EVENT INFORMATION!



29 WEBSITES IN THE GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA TO CHOOSE FROM



COPY THE URL OF YOUR EVENT LANDING PAGE TO INCLUDE IN YOUR ADS, & EMAILS,

PRICING VARIES DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF WEBSITES WHERE YOUR EVENT APPEARS, LENGTH OF TIME YOUR EVENT IS FEATURED.

CALL (916) 773-1111 OR EMAIL PUBLISHER@MPG8.COM FOR A QUICK QUOTE. EASY PAYMENT OPTIONS



You're Invited

CELEBRATE WITH US AT
CARLTON SENIOR LIVING

Tuesday, Dec 23rd | 3:00 - 4:00pm

Join us for a lively holiday performance from the **Sacramento Banjo Band** with treats and refreshments.

RSVP to Misty Charles at (916) 335-1238

Carlton Senior Living Elk Grove
6915 Elk Grove Boulevard, 95758

RCFE #347005464





Police Remind Residents to Celebrate Responsibly

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Police Department wants to remind the public of the dangers of driving impaired and to celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence.

From now through New Year's Day, police will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The high-visibility enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," with the goal of stopping

suspected impaired drivers who put others at risk.

The Galt Police Department encourages everyone to stay in or plan ahead by designating a sober driver, using public transit, or calling a taxi or rideshare service if you intend to drink.

Impaired driving isn't limited

to alcohol use. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, cannabis products and other substances can also affect your ability to drive safely. If you plan to drink or take any medication that carries a driving warning label, arrange for a sober driver. If you see someone who appears to be driving while impaired, call 9-1-1.

Funding is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. ★

Rotary Club Hosts 15th Community Dinner



"This is our way of saying, 'Welcome, everybody. Have some food; let's break bread together, stand shoulder to shoulder and make Galt a better place,'" Galt Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation Chair David Herburger said.



"It is for the community. You come, have a meal together for the holidays and really enjoy each other," Galt Sunrise Rotary Club President Rich Lozano said.

Continued from page 1
food; let's break bread together, stand shoulder to shoulder and make Galt a

better place,'" Herburger said.

The community dinner is the Galt Sunrise Rotary

Club's biggest event of the year and serves as a way to give back to the community. Its efforts continued



A parent takes a photo of Santa with her child at the Galt Sunrise Rotary Club community dinner.

even during COVID, when the club worked with the Sunshine Food Pantry to provide boxes of food for residents.

Club President Rich Lozano credited member Winona Cassidy with coming up with the idea to give back to the community in this way.

"It is for the community.

You come, have a meal together for the holidays and really enjoy each other," Lozano said.

The Rotary Club also fundraises throughout the year. During June and July, the club sponsors a fireworks booth, and it holds a taco dinner at the beginning of May.

The club's fundraisers

help to support events such as the community dinner, giving everyone an opportunity to come together as a whole community.

"Galt is the best-kept secret in Sacramento County. We spend the entire year raising money and then giving it back to the community," Herburger said. ★



Children and parents enjoy the amenities featured at the new sensory playground at the Sports Complex located at 1022 Caroline Ave.

City Unveils First Sensory Playground



Tim Reed, newly appointed Galt vice mayor, after the ribbon-cutting ceremony breaking in the new playground slide on Dec. 6.

Continued from page 1
have and something for our community."

Rodriguez said that she hopes more projects like this come to fruition and that residents see the efforts of city council to

hear their needs.

"I hope we have more parks that can fit the needs of the community, and I hope that the community sees this and sees that the council is listening, that staff are listening," said

Rodriguez. "If they have any other ideas or thoughts that they have, come forward and go to the parks and rec meetings or to council with those ideas because that's how these things come to be." ★

Lic # 347005464

Carlton
SENIOR LIVING
ELK GROVE

LIVE FULLY, WORRY LESS

Come visit Carlton Elk Grove and see how we make life lighter, easier, and more enjoyable.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- ✓ Exceptional Senior Living Support
- ✓ Healthy, Delicious Dining
- ✓ Convenient Transportation
- ✓ Welcoming Community & Social Events

LIMITED TIME SAVINGS

◆ Save \$500 on your monthly rental rate through January 2026 on select apartments!*

**For new residents only*

Call today to schedule your visit:

- 📞 (916) 714-2404 | CarltonSeniorLiving.com
- 📍 6915 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95758

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Business License Renewals Due

Business licenses issued by the City of Galt will expire Dec. 31. Individual renewal notices have been sent to all businesses via email. Local businesses can renew online at CityofGalt.org.

Your business license is due and payable annually on the first day of January.

If payment is not received within 30 days from due date, a penalty will be incurred per Galt Municipal Code Title 5.

Square Dance Classes 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 Valley Oaks Grange Hall is at 347 Fifth St.

For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

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.

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

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

Sunshine Food Pantry 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.

TOPS Weekly Meetings

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, holds meetings every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi. Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m.

Weight-ins: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

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 with questions.

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

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project?

Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planningdivision@cityofgalt.org.

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

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.

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.

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.

'True Believers Finding Peace and Love' Meeting

The discussion is offered at 3 p.m. every first Saturday of the month at Calvary Life Tabernacle, 446 Third St. For more information, contact Sue Ellen Williams at 818-290-4093. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Dec. 9 to Dec. 15, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 11 arrests.

Dec. 9

1:10 p.m., Vandalism reported, Willowgreen Circle: Vehicle window broken.

1:11 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, More for Less on North Lincoln Way.

1:37 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Chelsham Avenue: Attempted break-in to work truck. Locks were damaged.

5:54 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Rachel Drive: Work truck was broken into.

Dec. 10

11:29 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Marian O. Lawrence Library, Caroline Avenue.

1:28 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Allport Drive.

Dec. 11

2:09 a.m., Warrant

Served/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Mingo Road.

7:18 a.m., Vandalism reported, Park Heights Drive: Tire damaged on pickup.

10:03 a.m., Burglary reported, C Street: Business broken into.

Dec. 12

1:37 p.m., Suspicious Circumstances, Palin Avenue: Social Security fraud.

4:58 p.m., Suspicious Circumstances, Snow Lily Avenue: Scams targeting reporting party's elderly parents. Parents got calls from reporting party's "son" saying he was in a car accident, was in jail and needed \$7K for his release.

7:07 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Seventh Street.

Dec. 13

1:08 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, North Lincoln Way/Terrace Lane.

2:23 p.m., Narcotics

Violation/Adult Arrest, Galt Sports Complex on Caroline Avenue.

2:25 p.m., Fraud reported, Brodie Drive: Scammer claiming to be from Reader's Digest/Wells Fargo, requesting upfront tax payment for prize.

8:08 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, A Street.

Dec. 14

1:49 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/Kost Road.

4:22 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Kost Road/New Hope Road.

5:48 p.m., Burglary reported, AT&T Cellular on Twin Cities Road: Someone broke into safe.

6:40 p.m., Weapon-Possession/Adult Arrest, Kost Road/First Street.

Dec. 15

12:21 p.m., Burglary reported, Certified Collision Center on Fairway Drive: Fence cut; paint materials taken. ★



Glenn Guenard & Ross Bozarth
are dedicated to the victims of accidents.

We help with serious injuries that require serious representation.

We are the Law Offices Of Guenard & Bozarth.

We have over 80 years of experience on our legal team... the most experienced law firm in Elk Grove. If you are looking for results Call GB Legal 24/7/365 at 916-714-7672 or visit gblegal.com

WE CAN HELP!

The Law Offices of Guenard & Bozarth represent injured people. Our Office is located at 8830 Elk Grove Blvd. in the heart of Elk Grove.

NEW HWY-99 SATURDAY SERVICE

Connecting Galt with Elk Grove, Cosumnes River College, Kaiser South and Methodist Hospital

HWY 99 EXPRESS ROUTE										HWY 99 EXPRESS ROUTE																	
Northbound					Southbound					Northbound					Southbound												
Time	Stop	Time	Stop	Time	Time	Stop	Time	Stop	Time	Time	Stop	Time	Stop	Time	Time	Stop	Time	Stop	Time	Time	Stop	Time	Stop				
7:25 AM	Galt	8:45 AM	Elk Grove	9:55 AM	9:55 AM	Elk Grove	11:15 AM	11:15 AM	Galt	12:35 PM	12:35 PM	Elk Grove	1:55 PM	1:55 PM	Elk Grove	3:15 PM	3:15 PM	Galt	4:35 PM	4:35 PM	Elk Grove	5:55 PM	5:55 PM	Elk Grove	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	Galt

GALT COMMUTER STOPS:

- Galt
- Twin Cities
- Midtown
- Downtown
- Sacramento

Living Trust Attorney

Robert "Jeff" Busch
Living Trusts – Wills – Powers of Attorney
Trust Administration – Probate

2228 Longport Court #110 • Elk Grove, CA 95758
(916) 859-0370 • www.RobertBuschLaw.com

IT'S NOT JUST A RENTAL... IT'S A TOYOTA!

LOW WEEKLY RENTALS
Starting at \$419⁹⁴ per week
Over 700 30¢/mile Expires 12/31/2025

ELK GROVE TOYOTA RENT-A-CAR
In the Elk Grove Auto Mall, Elk Grove
(916) 405-8085
rental@elkgrovetoyota.com
elkgrovetoyota.com/rental

Summer Special

4 Runner
\$89⁹⁹ per day
100 free miles/day, 30¢/mile over 100
Expires 12/31/2025

4 Runner
\$539⁹⁴ per week
7 day minimum, 700 free miles/week, 30¢/mile over 700
Expires 12/31/2025

Tacoma
\$69⁹⁹ per day
150 free miles/day, 30¢/mile over 150
Expires 12/31/2025

Tacoma
\$419⁹⁴ per week
7 day minimum, 700 free miles/week, 30¢/mile over 700
Expires 12/31/2025

ALL SERVICES

- Available to EVERYONE
- Discounted Fares for Seniors, Disabled Riders, and Students
- Children 4 and Under Free With Paying Adult
- Lift-Equipped and Accessible to Mobility Aids

DIAL-A-RIDE

- Curb-to-Curb Service Within Galt City Limits
- Save With Ticket Books and Group Discounts
- Medical Run for Seniors and Disabled Riders
- Extended service on Tuesdays
- Service Monday Through Saturday

DELTA ROUTE

- Service Connecting Galt with Walnut Grove, Ryde, And Isleton
- Service from Delta Communities to Raley's and Wal-Mart in Galt
- Service Monday Through Friday

ALL SERVICES CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER AT GALT CITY HALL FOR SCHEDULES OR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (209) 745-3052 OR (800) 338-8676
www.sctlink.com

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings had a rough week. Whether it's at Golden One or on the road, the 2025-26 campaign has not been a pleasant experience.

Diehard fans will likely point to injuries, and you would have a point, but injuries alone cannot account for losing 20 games in the first 26 contests. There is more to the story.

The Kings as they are currently assembled do not match up with bigger teams. Does that mean that the Kings need to build a team that resembles the Oklahoma City Thunder? Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea, but easier said than done, it's important to note that there are a host of players under 6 feet, 6 inches that are difference makers in this league.

Well, I don't pretend to be able to read the mind of Scott Perry, but if you listen to him, he will tell you that he has autonomy and will be the architect of what is apparently going to be a rebuilding season. Perry has alluded to this experience likely taking three to five years, which no one wants to hear.

For me, I can condense the process to five players that I would keep at all costs.

Domantas Sabonis has had little time on the hardwood this season due to injury, but make no mistake about it, he is a difference maker. Any player that can lead the league in double-doubles, year over year, while also leading the league in rebounding three years running, is someone you need to covet. Sabonis also led the league in triple-doubles two years ago, so there you have an anchor on your team that simply needs to stay.

The Kings are guard heavy, but their young guards have yet to see their potential. Players like Nique Clifford and even Devin Carter have not had sufficient time for fans to see what could be an incredible upside. Keep these youngsters and remember why you made them number one draft choices.

Keegan Murray had a rookie season three years ago that was eye popping because he was living up to his hype. The NCAA scoring champ out of Iowa set a Sacramento franchise record of 11 consecutive threes, and a total of twelve three-pointers in one game.

Keegan's experience in Sacramento has been up and down, but this year could be a breakout year for the young baller that has not just the shooting ability, but a knack for defense as well. Keep him!

Maxime Reynaud is getting game time due to Domantas being sidelined and he is giving Kings fans a glimpse of what this seven-footer can do. He is my fifth pick to stay.

As our Sactown ballers lost three games last week by a total of 56 combined points, I glanced around the league to see who might be a player that could bring a steadiness to this lineup. One player, although a guard, was Austin Reeves, who managed to drop 51 points on the Kings earlier this season when both LeBron James and Luca Doncic were sidelined with injuries. The same Austin Reeves that just 4 years ago went undrafted by all 30 NBA teams and would eventually be signed to a two-way contract as a walk-on by the LA Lakers.

In high school, Reeves scored 73 points in one game and won back-to-back state titles. Reeves went on to play for Oklahoma averaging 32 points per game as a senior while making the NCAA tournament. How does the entire league miss on a talent that is having the time of his life playing in the NBA?

As I've said before, the Kings need to find someone that can assess talent and hit home runs. It needs to happen sooner rather than later, so right now would be just fine.

Are you listening, Doug Christie? You have a player sitting on your bench by the name of Doug McDermott that can shoot threes like everyone else shoots free throws, and he needs to find a place in your rotation. With six wins to show for the season, what are you waiting for?

Just as Austin Reeves was a welcome surprise, maybe McDermott could bring some much-needed energy to this team.

Stay tuned Kings fans because we're only 25 percent of the way into the season!

All the best and a very Merry Christmas!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Trump Sides with Agriculture Again in California's Never-Ending Water Wars



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

From the onset of his foray into presidential politics a decade ago, Donald Trump has been obsessed with managing California's water, often interjecting himself into decades-long conflicts over how the precious commodity should be divided up.

During his first stint as president, Trump was heavily influenced by the Westlands Water District, a huge agricultural water agency in the San Joaquin Valley that sought more irrigation water for itself and other farm interests.

That relationship led to an extremely controversial contract that guaranteed Westlands as much as 1 million acre-feet of water each year from the federal Central Valley Project, solidifying the district's supply situation. Lacking water rights, Westlands had historically depended on temporary contracts to meet members' demands.

The new contract angered environmental groups because it threatened to reduce flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for wildlife habitat. The groups sued and won rulings against the contract in trial and appellate courts.

After Trump moved back into the White House in January, he immediately picked up where he left off, issuing an order to federal water officials to maximize deliveries in California.

He also complained that

a shortage of water deliveries to Southern California was a factor in the rapid spread of deadly wildfires in Los Angeles County, claiming that the state's efforts to protect "an essentially worthless fish called a smelt" was at fault.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the North, to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump wrote on his social media site, Truth Social.

Newsom's office rebuked the claim, saying, "There is no such document as the water restoration declaration — that is pure fiction."

Meanwhile, Trump's executive order pushed the Bureau of Reclamation to modify how it operates the Central Valley Project, a complex of reservoirs — including Lake Shasta — and canals that captures runoff from Northern California mountains and supplies water agencies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Last week, the bureau announced an operational modification that would increase annual water deliveries by 130,000 to 180,000 acre-feet from the Central Valley Project and another 120,000 to 220,000 from the State Water Project, the latter chiefly generated from the Oroville Dam on the Feather River. The two projects share management of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

"This updated operations plan reflects our commitment to using the best available science to increase water deliveries while safeguarding the environment and honoring the legacy of the Central Valley Project's

90 years of service," Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum said in a statement.

The announcement sparked reactions, both pro and con, that reflect the state's long-running water allocation battles — praise from Westlands and other agricultural water agencies that are facing supply reductions from regulation of groundwater use and condemnation from state officials and environmental groups.

"These operational refinements reflect a thoughtful, data-informed approach that strengthens water supply availability for growers while maintaining California's commitment to environmental stewardship," Westlands said in a statement.

Newsom spokesperson, Tara Gallegos, had another take: "The Trump administration is putting politics over people — catering to big donors instead of doing what's right for Californians. As per usual, the emperor is left with no clothes, pushing for an outcome that disregards science and undermines our ability to protect the water supply for people, farms, and the environment."

For their part, state water officials say they have no intention of matching the Bureau of Reclamation's new operational rules.

So here we go again, another chapter in the war over water that began when California became a state 175 years ago. It's probably headed to the courts and will probably outlast not only Newsom's governorship but Trump's presidency.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters About Remarrying and Benefits from an Ex-spouse



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am almost 57, divorced after a 14-year marriage. My former spouse is 15 years older than I and made significantly more money than me. I am required to retire from my job at age 60 but expect to keep working in some capacity.

I have a girlfriend of a similar age to me. She did not earn as much as her former husband as she mainly raised their children. She is also divorced from an older spouse who made more money than she did. I am trying to figure out if we will be penalized if we marry, or if it matters if we wait until after we reach 60 years of age. Can I claim my own benefits when I become eligible at 62, then claim survivor benefits later, whenever my former spouse passes? Is that affected if, or when, I remarry? I do not want to give up my potential survivor benefits from my ex-spouse. Are those affected if I remarry?

If I understand correctly, if I remarry even after 60, we would both forfeit divorced spousal benefits, is that right? Given that my girlfriend's former spouse

probably made more money than I, would she be forfeiting her former spousal benefits if we were to marry, even after age 60?

Lastly, I am considering retiring abroad as an expat. Any suggestions about how that would affect our Social Security benefits? **Signed: Starting Over**

Dear Starting Over: With certain exceptions, benefits from a living ex-spouse cannot be collected if you remarry (regardless of your age when you remarry). So, from what you've shared, whenever you remarry both you and your new wife will forfeit eligibility for benefits from your respective ex-spouses while they are living (FYI, there are exceptions for those who are disabled).

However, the rules are different for a surviving ex-spouse: if you remarry before age 60, you will forfeit your surviving ex-spouse benefit. But if you remarry after age 60, you retain eligibility to collect survivor benefits from a deceased former spouse. So, if you and your girlfriend remarry after you are both age 60, you will both still be able to claim survivor benefits based on your former spouses' records.

And, yes, it is possible for you to initially claim your own SS retirement benefit at 62 and claim your surviving ex-spouse benefit later (after your former spouse dies). Provided you remarry after age 60 you do not lose that option, but if you were to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit before reaching your full retirement age (FRA), the monthly payment amount would be reduced (all SS benefits taken before FRA are reduced).

Note too, that if you plan

to continue working after you are first eligible for SS benefits, Social Security has an "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early benefits. The limit changes yearly (for 2025 it is \$23,400) and if exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. And as you likely know, claiming at age 62 will also mean a benefit payment of about 30% less than available at your FRA of 67. So, if you plan to work after age 62 and plan to claim early SS, you should take the "earnings test" into consideration. FYI, the earning test no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

Now, regarding retiring overseas, be aware that Social Security has limits on where you can collect U.S. Social Security benefits. I suggest you use Social Security's Payments Abroad Screening Tool to find out if benefits are payable wherever you plan to retire abroad. That SSA tool can be found here:

www.ssa.gov/international/payments_outsideUS.html

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★



Europe Has Made Itself An Afterthought

of the U.S., "decline is a choice."

This isn't quite right with regard to Europe, whose great powers were kneecapped by the cataclysms of the early 20th century. France bore the brunt of World War I, suffering 1.4 million dead and 4.3 million wounded and a ruinous economic cost.

As for Britain, stretched to the max, it got steadily eclipsed in power and influence by the United States as World War II progressed. The less said about Germany's role in all this, of course, the better. And then the European colonial empires inevitably dissolved. So, Europe was going to be diminished compared to its glory days. Its current fecklessness, though, has indeed been a choice, borne of strategic fantasy and economic incompetence.

Strong militaries were deemed as a thing of the past, or something unnecessary as long as Uncle Sam was around. The Brits, for instance, are hard-pressed to maintain a 73,000-strong army, and the size of their once-storied surface fleet is at a historic low.

Europe imagined itself "a diplomatic superpower," but has learned to regret that "soft power" not backed up by hard power is of limited utility. Both the Nobel Committee and Amnesty International have considerable soft power, too, but no one pays attention to them regarding high-level geopolitical questions.

Economically, the EU "regulatory superpower"

has hobbled growth -- over the last 30 years, Western European labor productivity declined from 95% of the U.S. level to 80% -- while Europe's commitment to "net zero" greenhouse emissions has driven insane energy priorities. Years into the Ukraine war, Europe is still dependent on gas imports from Russia.

None of this means that the U.S. should go out of its way to give Europe the back of its hand. Whatever its other failings, Europe has collectively given Ukraine more aid than the United States, and was justifiably furious at the initial 28-point Ukraine proposal. That plan had the embattled country handing over to Moscow strategically important territory that is still in Ukrainian hands; agreeing to a limit on the size of its military; and the U.S. taking currently frozen Russian assets in Europe to rebuild Ukraine (getting 50% of any profits) and to pursue joint investment projects with Russia.

Negotiations with the Ukrainians have reportedly produced a more reasonable version, but it is Washington and Moscow that matter most here.

The analyst Robert Kagan famously wrote years ago that, in their divergent approaches to the world, "Americans are from Mars and Europeans are from Venus." Having long outsourced power politics to Mars, it turns out that Venus has limited influence even in her own backyard.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

(c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Fees to Build New Homes Average \$109,000

BIA Calls on Local Governments to Lower Fees, Improve Affordability

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fees builders must pay to local governments in order to build a new home in the Sacramento region now average \$109,000 per home – and a new analysis shows that fees have hit the point where many proposed new home projects may not be built.

The study, conducted by Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) for the North State Building Industry Association, found that the fees charged for homes on standard-sized lots have risen by 25 percent since 2020.

Fees on homes on smaller lots – generally homes that can be profitably sold at lower prices – have risen by 15 percent since 2020 to an average of \$90,000. These rising fees are an important factor in reduced housing affordability, said Tim Murphy, the Building Industry Association's president and CEO.

"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible."

"Housing production in our region is already far below levels needed to meet the need for new housing. Rather than adding to the cost to build, our partners in local



"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible." Photo courtesy Freepik

governments need to carefully evaluate their fees and keep them as low as possible."

The study analyzed a comprehensive set of projects underway in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo counties. The Economic & Planning Systems study found that fees totaling between 15 percent and 20 percent of a home's sale price poses potential feasibility problems, while fees exceeding 20 percent may cause challenges. Fee ranges for six of the 16 higher density projects studied were at or above 20 percent, while two others were reaching that level.

"Homebuilders recognize that

they must pay their fair share for infrastructure needed to accommodate growth," said Clifton Taylor, president of Taylor Builders and the Building Industry Association's 2025 President.

"But the fees many jurisdictions are charging have gotten to the point where many projects simply won't pencil out," Taylor said.

"For our members to continue building the new homes the region needs, this study shows that jurisdictions need to be thoughtful and careful about how they set their fees, and that the total fee burden needs to be evaluated both in

terms of absolute dollar amounts and as a percentage of the finished home value."

Fees for new homes on standard-sized lots average \$125,000 in El Dorado County jurisdictions (up 30 percent from five years ago); \$114,000 in Yolo County communities (up 15 percent), \$109,000 in Sacramento County jurisdictions (up 24 percent); and \$95,000 in Placer County communities (up 17 percent).

Murphy noted that many local jurisdictions do work hard to keep their fees justified and affordable, and some have reduced fees

when studies show their levels were excessive.

"Builders and local officials all recognize that the region is in the middle of a worsening housing crisis that can only be resolved by finding ways to reduce costs and speed the development process to bring the supply of housing more into line with the demand," Murphy said.

Jamie Gomes, managing director at Economic & Planning Systems (EPS), and the lead analyst on the report, said while impact fees are an important tool for local jurisdictions to help fund expanded infrastructure and utilities, the impacts of the fees need to be considered as well.

"Higher than average impact fee burdens are usually only sustainable in higher-income developments or communities, where home prices may be unattainable for many buyers," he said. "High costs and fee burdens eliminate the ability to hit lower home prices that are attainable to broader household income ranges. That's why fees should be carefully evaluated."

Economic & Planning Systems is a land economics consulting firm that provides municipalities, developers and builders with realistic assessments of the feasibility of projects and works with local governments throughout the West in preparing development impact fee nexus studies and impact fee comparisons. ★

Probation Chiefs Elect President and Executive Officers

Chief Probation Officers of California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) has selected its executive leadership team for 2026, naming Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause of Contra Costa County as President, Chief Izen Locatelli of Mendocino County as Vice President, and Chief Tamika Nelson of San Diego County as Secretary/Treasurer.

"California's probation departments are built on a balance of accountability and opportunity, helping those ready for change while protecting the communities we serve," Chief Ehmen-Krause said.

"It is a privilege to serve alongside the dedicated leaders of this association. I look forward to strengthening partnerships, advancing effective practices and supporting the incredible work happening in counties across the state."

Chief Ehmen-Krause, who has served as Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County for the last five years, will



Pictured from left are 2026 CPOC State of Officers Chief Tamika Nelson (San Diego), Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause (Contra Costa) and Chief Izen Locatelli (Mendocino). Courtesy photo

guide the association during a period of continued evolution in California's public safety landscape. She brings more than two decades of experience in youth services, community-based interventions and system reform.

Her leadership background includes advancing major reform initiatives as Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Alameda County, as well as earlier

roles within the Indiana Department of Corrections' Division of Youth Services. In Indiana, she earned recognition for implementing the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Performance-based Standards model and developing strategies to safely reduce youth facility populations.

"Chief Ehmen-Krause is a collaborative, thoughtful, and forward-thinking

leader," said 2025 Chief Probation Officers of California President and San Joaquin County Probation Chief Steve Jackson. "She brings people together to support better outcomes for our communities, an approach that will serve both the association and communities across the state."

The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is an association of all 58 counties with a shared identity as law enforcement leaders. Chief Probation Officers of California is committed to a research-based approach to public safety that promotes positive behavior change.

Their leadership guides policy and practice in prevention, community-based corrections, secure detention for youth, and direct human services. Chief Probation Officers of California aims to prevent crime and delinquency, reduce recidivism, restore victims, and promote healthy families and communities.

For more information about The Chief Probation Officers of California, go to www.cpoc.org. ★

Sierra Health and United Way Launch Match for Meals

Match For Meals News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As local food banks' resources are stretched thin to serve record numbers of people experiencing food insecurity, Sierra Health Foundation and United Way California Capital Region are launching the Match for Meals campaign.

All donations made through Match for Meals until Jan. 31, 2026, will be matched up to \$300,000 by the two organizations to benefit Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, Interfaith Food Bank of Amador County, El Dorado County Food Bank, Feeding the Foothills in Placer County and Yolo Food Bank. To donate, visit www.MatchForMeals.org or text Match4Meals to 41444.

Sierra Health Foundation will match donations up to \$200,000, and the local United Way will match donations up to \$100,000.

The announcement was made recently at a press conference at Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, which supports more than 110 local agencies, including food pantries, community meal sites, senior centers, schools and nonprofits.

On average, nearly 320,000 people rely on Sacramento Food Bank's 200 distribution sites each month. In October, the food bank broke a 49-year record, serving more than 372,000 people.

Across the state in 2024, food banks distributed more than 950 million pounds of food and served more than 6 million people per month, according to the California

Association of Food Banks. Currently one in five Californians – almost 9 million – experience food insecurity.

"When one in five Californians is struggling to put food on the table, we are reminded that hunger isn't just a statistic, it's a reality for our neighbors, our friends and our families," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region.

Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy investing in and serving as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California and the San Joaquin Valley. Learn more: www.sierrahealth.org.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts, launched the region's first guaranteed income program and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. Learn more: www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

CAL FIRE Transitions to New National Emergency Reporting System

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced recently that fire departments across the state are beginning the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)—a secure, cloud-based platform built to modernize how emergency incidents are reported and analyzed.

Departments across the country are onboarding to NERIS as part of a phased national rollout led by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T), and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), part of Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Research Institutes. NERIS is replacing the 40-year-old National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), and will provide local agencies with timely data tools, location-based analytics, and flexible options for incident reporting at no cost to departments.

"Modernizing emergency data collection is a critical step toward strengthening public safety," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "By utilizing NERIS, we are giving our departments better tools to protect our communities, manage resources effectively, and make informed decisions backed by current data."

The National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) offers several key features designed to support public fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies. The platform provides zero-cost access

for all public fire and EMS departments, ensuring that every agency can take advantage of its capabilities without financial barriers.

NERIS also prioritizes local data ownership, allowing departments to maintain full control over their records and information. Its GIS-based reporting tools deliver location-specific insights that support better planning and decision-making.

In addition, the system includes actionable dashboards that enhance operational awareness and performance tracking. To make adoption easier, NERIS offers streamlined onboarding, complete with help desk support and training tools.

Departments can begin the onboarding process today by visiting the NERIS website. The process includes account setup, administrator access, and records management system (RMS) integration, if applicable. "NERIS is purpose-built for today's fire service," said Steve Kerber, Executive Director of FSRI. "It's based on research and feedback from the field, and it delivers actionable information that improves emergency response and supports long-term planning and resourcing at the local, state, and national levels."

CAL FIRE – OSFM encourages all departments to complete onboarding as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. The current national data platform, NFIRS, will be formally decommissioned on January 1, 2026. For additional questions or technical support, departments can contact the NERIS Help Desk or the CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal directly. ★

Legal Advertising
916-483-0946

LEGAL ADVERTISING

The Galt Herald Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Case No. 93246 - October 14, 1910

2508 Garfield Ave. • Ste. A
Carmichael, CA 95608

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV027785

Cristina Olga Noble Lockie has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cristina Olga Noble Lockie to Cristina Cheyenne Lockie.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 17, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
LOCKIE 12-26-25

LIEN SALE

Lien Sale 12/29/25 10am
at 6630 A Foote Rd Ceres
22 Gdan lic# 4VR7197
vin# 1GR1A0624NW402026
GALTHERALD 12-19-25

Lien Sale 12/29/25 10am
at 10375 Live Oak Ave Galt
18 Honda Lic # 8AMF845
vin # 5FNRL6H91JB044516
GALTHERALD 12-19-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 25-35594 A.P.N.: 148-0280-077-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/8/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed

of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Daniel Sanchez Tellez and Monica Reyes Ochoa, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC Recorded 4/10/2020 as Instrument No. 202004101282 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California , Described as follows: As more fully described in the Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 12/30/2025 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$289,309.33 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1100 TUDOR ST GALT, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 148-0280-077-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are consider-

ing 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 (800) 758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site www.xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35594. 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. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: 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 (800) 758-8052, or visit this internet website www.xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35594 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. Date: 11/26/2025 Vylla Solutions, LLC 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (800) 758-8052 or www.Xome.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 LaTedran Franklin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-008930 Published 12/5/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/19/2025 GALTHERALD 12-19-25

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. 25-01713-RM-CA Title No. RTSG2506-CA-3932778 A.P.N. 148-0270-002-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/13/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Raul L. Jara and Celia L. Jara, his wife, as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded

03/20/2006 as Instrument No. Book 20060320 Page 1171 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale 01/29/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the east main entrance to the county courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$482,174.62 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1018 Tudor Street, Galt, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 148-0270-002-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 applica-

ble, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 25-01713-RM-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 website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: 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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to 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 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com. using the file number assigned to this case 25-01713-RM-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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 12/11/2025 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4860692
12/19/2025, 12/26/2025, 01/02/2026
GALTHERALD 01-02-2026



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Galt, California, will receive sealed Bids as follows:

BID DATE / TIME / AWARD DATE: THURSDAY, January 22, 2026 Until 2:00 P.M. (Local Time).
SUBMIT BIDS TO: City Clerk
City of Galt
380 Civic Drive
Galt, CA 95632
FOR: City of Galt
Fiber Optic Line Installation Project, CIP 626A
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$244,000 – \$334,000 Base Bid
TOTAL CONTRACT TIME: 25 working days
CONTRACTOR'S CALIFORNIA LICENSE AND/OR CLASS REQUIRED A – General Engineering Contractor

The Base Bid Scope of Work encompasses a crucial upgrade to the city's digital backbone. This project involves the specialized horizontal boring installation of approximately 3,128 linear feet of new fiber optic cable and all necessary supporting equipment across five key municipal sites.

This initiative establishes a modern, high-speed fiber network that directly connects City Hall with the Community Center, the Parks & Recreation Building, the Aquatic Center, and the Galt Market Building with 4 fibers at each location. This direct connectivity will not only significantly improve and modernize the City's communication infrastructure but will also fully integrate the data systems of all five locations. To ensure maximum efficiency and security, all new fiber lines are designed to terminate directly and securely within each building's designated server room.

While the anticipated primary method is horizontal directional boring, the Contractor has the flexibility to propose alternate construction methods (e.g., aerial, open trench, or specific bore profiles) that they deem more efficient, cost-effective, or technically necessary. Any proposed change in method must be submitted to the City of Galt Engineering Division for review and approval a minimum of 15 days prior to commencement of work using that method, and must maintain or improve the final installed product's longevity and performance.

The Contractor shall be compensated based on the measured and verified installed quantities upon completion of the project, using the bid's established unit prices. The specified 3,128 linear feet is an estimated quantity provided for bidding purposes only.

The Market grounds have restrictive availability. The Market operates with vendor setup on **Mondays**, and the Market itself on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Therefore, all work inside the fenced Market grounds should ideally be scheduled for **Thursday through Sunday**.

Notice is hereby further given that the Project is a public works project within the requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code, and that each Bidder and all Subcontractors are required to be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 at the time of bidding. **Failure of the Bidder to be registered at the time of bidding shall render the Bid non-responsive and unavailable for award. A Subcontractor who is unregistered will not be permitted to work on the Project. If any Subcontractor required to be listed in the Bid is unregistered, that Subcontractor will be required to be substituted with a registered Subcontractor at no additional cost to the City and/or the listing of an unregistered Subcontractor may render the bid nonresponsive.**

City affirmatively identifies this project as a "public work" as that term is defined by Labor Code Section 1720, and the project is, therefore, subject to prevailing wages under Labor Code Section 1771. Contractor and its Subcontractors shall fully comply with all the provisions of the California Labor Code governing the performance of public works contracts including, but not limited to, payment of prevailing wages, limitations on time worked, compliance with apprentice requirements, maintenance of payroll records, posting of wages at the job site and prohibitions against discrimination. Prevailing wage determinations are available from the Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov. Those prevailing wage rates hereby are incorporated in this Contract and made a part hereof. (See General Provisions, Chapter 6.)

Submit Bids (original/no copies) and bid security in a sealed envelope, marked "Bid for CITY OF GALT Fiber Optic Line Installation Project, CIP 626A" and include the company name and address on the envelope.

City Clerk's Office is located in the City Administration Building, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632, telephone (209) 366-7130 Monday -Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The contractor may view/print the project Contract Documents, Supplemental Information available to Bidders, and check for addenda at the link below. **The contractor should call the Clerk's office and request to be included on the Plan Holder's List for addenda.** The City of Galt will not provide printed hardcopies for purchase of the Notice to Contractors. Visit the webpage and select the applicable project:

<https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/public-works-department/bid-cip-construction-projects>

Complete sets of Contract Documents must be used in preparing Bids. The City does not assume responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Contract Documents. The City, in making copies of the Contract Documents available on the above terms, does so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and does not confer license or grant for any other use.

Written questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be directed to **Daniel Wolfe** by email at dwolfe@cityofgalt.org no later than ten (10) calendar days before the time specified for opening Bids. The City will issue addenda seven (7) calendar days, or as deemed appropriate, prior to the time specified for opening Bids. All emails shall require verification of receipt by sender in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall develop and submit Bids at their own expense. The City will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of any and all Bids.

Each Bid must be submitted on the Bid Forms provided in the Contract Documents. The Bid must be submitted and received by the Engineering Division no later than the time and date prescribed. The clock located in the Engineering Division office is considered the official local time. Bid submissions received after the designated time will not be opened and will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Telephones will not be available to Bidders at the City's offices for the preparation of Bids.

Each bid shall also have a **STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE**, which provides contact information, and project descriptions of similar work as advertised herein. The statement shall be on the Contractor's own form/letterhead.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by security in the form of a Bidder's Bond issued by a corporate surety, a certified check, or cashier's check payable to the City of Galt, or cash. The amount of the bid security must be not less than ten percent (10%) of the Total Bid Price, consisting of the total base bid plus the total additive bid alternates. The successful Bidder shall be required to execute a Material and Labor Payment Bond and Performance Bond, issued by a corporate surety, in conformance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, each for not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

If the lowest responsive, responsible bidder fails or refuses to execute any Contract for the Project, the City may, in its discretion, award the Contract to the second lowest, responsive responsible bidder. If the second lowest responsive, responsible bidder fails or refuses to execute any Contract for the Project, the City may, in its discretion, award that and all other Contracts for the Project to the third lowest, responsive responsible bidder. Any Bidder to whom any Contract for the Project is awarded who fails to execute the Contract and file acceptable bonds and insurance certificates as required in the Contract Documents will have its Bid Guarantee forfeited.

Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code, any contract awarded pursuant to this Notice to Contractors shall obtain a provision permitting, at the Contractors' sole expense, the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld to ensure performance under the Contract. The terms of such provisions shall be according to the requirements of the Public Contracts Code Section 22300.

No Bid received and read aloud may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date, except pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 5101 et seq.

The City reserves the right to award the Contract, to reject any or all Bids, to waive non-material and inconsequential irregularities in any Bid, and to reject nonconforming, nonresponsive, non-responsible, or conditional Bids.

/s/ Trung Trinh
Trung Trinh, PE
Acting Public Works Director
City of Galt

December 11, 2025
Date

The Galt Herald 12-19-2025

Thank A Veteran Today

Merry Christmas to All and Your Ugly Christmas Sweaters!

“Gaudy and garish,” “hand-knit and glued,” “red and green” covered with snowmen, reindeer and Christmas trees: These are just a few of the ways an ugly Christmas sweater might be described. They are worn all day on National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, no matter what the circumstances.

No matter if someone needs to be at work or at school; no matter if they have to attend a wedding or a funeral, an Ugly Sweater must be worn. The creators of the day have called it “a day of lighthearted fun and a day to be yourself and not that buttoned up corporate version of yourself you have grown to despise.”

Taking place on the third Friday of December each year, the day adds extra fun to holidays.

Ugly Christmas sweaters – sometimes simply known as “Christmas Sweaters” or as “jumpers” in the United Kingdom – permeated culture in the 1980s, gaining in popularity and becoming ironic fashion statements.

Chevy Chase wore ugly sweaters with a holiday twist in “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation.” Christmas sweaters also were worn by singers Val Doonican and Andy Williams in their Christmas specials, helping to bring the apparel into the public consciousness.



In the United Kingdom, the sweaters gained in popularity after they were worn by television personalities Gyles Brandreth and Timmy Mallett during the holiday season.

The sweaters went out of vogue during the 1990s and commonly were seen as gag gifts. In the early 2000s, what may have been the first ugly holiday sweater party was held in Vancouver, Canada, which helped to rekindle interest in ugly sweaters. The sweater parties spread across the United States, and as the 2000s progressed, the sweaters once again gained popularity.

They were very popular again by the 2010s when they were seen as campy costumes. Ugly Christmas sweater contests were common, and the sweaters were used as merchandising gimmicks by various organizations.

Ugly Christmas sweaters can regularly be found in resale and thrift stores, but regular clothing retailers make them as

well, including some higher-end companies. There you have it: Why do we wear Ugly Christmas Sweaters? Because it is fun.

21; it is the shortest day of the year. However, the days will begin to get longer. Something to look forward to: longer days and sunshine.

We also celebrate holly today. Holly is an evergreen plant long associated with Christmas and used in wreaths, boughs and other trimmings. Before being connected to Christmas, it had many other associations and has been used as a winter decoration since ancient times.

Holly was identified with winter solstice festivals, which celebrated the lengthening of days. The festival celebrated the darkest time of the year, but also the movement toward a time of sunshine and Spring.

Holly historically represented new growth and eternal life, freshened the air, reminded people of the coming of Spring and was believed to have magical properties.

Holly is pretty, but it’s hard to work with as the thorns seem to snag clothing and at times draw blood. I think I will enjoy looking at holly growing on the bush.

Winter Solstice is this Sunday, Dec.

This weekend Lisa and I will be making our annual Christmas treats. Fudge, Russian Tea Cakes (Snowball), baklava, sugar cookies, thumbprints, rum cake and peanut butter cookies. A little something for everyone.

I will finish the few days left before Christmas wrapping gifts for the stealing game and then prep for grazing appetizers.

I love that everyone brings appetizers for Christmas. It is much easier than a full-blown-out, sit-at-the-table meal. More time to chat and visit and less time spent in the kitchen.

From my home and family to yours: Merry Christmas!

My prayer for you is a lovely day spent with your family and friends remembering Jesus is the reason for such a joyous occasion.

Blessing to you and yours: Make some wonderful memories and document them with photos.

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

CALL A PROFESSIONAL

AUTO GLASS

McSparren Auto Glass

“Your one stop shop for auto glass”

- Windshield Chip Repair
- Direct Insurance Billing
- Tractors, RV’s & Semi’s

Family owned and operated since 1986

LODI (209) 333-2601 | GALT (209) 745-4941
STOCKTON (209) 466-4901

GARAGE DOORS

ROBBINS’ QUALITY GARAGE DOORS

Residential • Commercial • Service • Repair
Installation • Automatic Gate Systems

Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

Kenny Robbins 630 Fairway Ste. #110 Galt, CA
(209) 744-1159 CA State Lic. 632916 Fax (209) 744-1160

TREE SERVICE

- Full-Service Tree Removal
- Artistic Shaping and Trimming



- Stump Grinding
- 24-Hour Emergency Service

www.jordanstreeservice.net • jordanstreeservice@yahoo.com

Claudia Jordan
(209) 210-8221



Nacho Gutierrez
(209) 2108022

CLOSETS



- Maximize Space
- Increase Shelving
- Increase Hanging
- Organized
- Fully Adjustable
- Fully Custom

CLOSETS OFFICES GARAGES

Since 1984 (209) 267-5073 Lic. No. 521179

STUMP GRINDING

BEST PRICE Stump Grinding & Tree Service



CALL Jessie - FREE ESTIMATES 209-210-0625

WATER WELLS



BOB LIEBIG PUMP SERVICE

10062 NEW HOPE ROAD, GALT
Contractor's License No. 425554

PHONE (209) 745-2787

FURNITURE



COMPLETE HOME FURNISHING

Financing Available Now On Approved Credit No Interest for 12-18 Months

Open: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sunday 12:00 Noon-5pm

835 "C" Street #100, Galt • (209) 745-1827 • Fax (209) 745-9596

Call (209) 745-1551 to advertise with us today!

The Galt Herald
Messenger Publishing Group



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Worship with us!

Grace & Discipleship ~ Revelation 12:17
Galt Adventist Church
916-613-6113
Pastor, Abel Alvarado
619 Myrtle Ave. Galt, CA 95632
English and Spanish Services
Educating for Eternity
Galt Adventist School
Lisa Willis, Principal ~ galtadventistschool@gmail.com

Herald Baptist
Where truth changes lives.
Where God's Word is taught.
Where God meets you - where you're at.
9:45 a.m. - Bible School For All Ages
11 a.m. - Family Worship Hr.
Pastor Scott McCann
Hwy. 104 & Conley Rd. One mile east of Arcohe School
(209) 748-2242



Publisher, Paul V. Scholl

The Galt Herald is a member of Messenger Publishing Group

To submit your articles, information, announcements or letters to the editor, please email to: Publisher@mpg8.com. Be sure to place in the subject field "Attention to Publisher". If you do not have email access, please call us at (916) 773-1111.

The Galt Herald

Serving Galt and Sacramento County since 1901

It is the intent of *The Galt Herald* to strive for an objective point of view in the reporting of news and events. It is understood that the opinions expressed on these pages are those of the authors and cartoonists and are not necessarily the opinions of the publisher or our contributors.

The Galt Herald is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts or materials. The entire contents of *The Galt Herald* are copyrighted. Ownership of all advertising created and/or composed by the Galt Herald is with the publishing company and written permission to reproduce the same must be obtained from the publisher.

Subscriptions should be mailed to *The Galt Herald*, 217 Fourth Street, Galt, CA 95632. Subscription rate is \$52 per year within Galt, \$72 within Sacramento County.

The Galt Herald is published weekly. Call our main office (916) 773-1111 for more information. Visit www.MPG8.com.

We are proud members of these newspaper associations.



WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS MPG

ABOUT TOWN

Community Toy Drive Accepting Donations



The Galt Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department are proud to host this year's Toy Drive, and we're inviting our community to help make the season brighter for local children. Drop a new, unwrapped toy at any of our convenient donation stations, including the Police Department lobby, Fire Stations 45 and 46, and L'Chayim of Galt/Barsetti Vineyards tasting room. Hours may vary by location. Donation map at toydrive.galtca.org. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

spectacular Christmas production is your ticket to creating unforgettable memories with your loved ones. We're transforming the fairgrounds into a Christmas paradise, including carnival rides, photos with Santa, games and play zone, face painting, a synthetic ice-skating rink and more. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Friday, Dec. 19
Oak Farm Vineyards Christmas Holiday Stroll – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Step into a winter wonderland as this historic estate comes alive with sparkling décor, holiday music and plenty of local charm. Enjoy the cozy, welcoming atmosphere, meet the makers behind a selection of arts and small businesses and take in the picturesque setting. 23627 N. DeVries Road, Lodi

Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21
The Nutcracker – two performances each day,

2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. This spectacular holiday tradition is presented by the Elite Studio of Dance. Experience the magic and wonder of this timeless ballet, brought to life by talented young dancers. Tickets and more information at lodi.gov. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Saturday, Dec. 20
Breakfast with Santa – 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Chabolla Community Center. Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. We are bringing delicious food, fun activities and a chance to meet Santa himself. \$10 tickets in advance at cityofgalt.org; seating is limited. 600 Chabolla Ave.

Sunday, Dec. 21
Docent Orientation and Training – 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Nature Center, Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. The session includes a

no-obligation presentation and an introduction to the Nature Center, along with an overview of our public and school programs. We can answer your questions and help you decide how you'd like to contribute in preparation for our upcoming docent training in March. \$6 cash parking. 4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Ongoing Events
Galt Café & Cars – every second Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, Jan. 10. 1000 C St.

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Life's Grind coffee house located in the Raley's shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. This is a family-oriented event: no burnouts, no loud music, no drinking alcohol. 10420 Twin Cities Road.

Wilton Bingo – First

Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale; bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events
 Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events at (G) Marian O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Ave. (WG) Walnut Grove, 14177 Market St. is currently closed.

Friday, Dec. 19: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25: Libraries closed for Christmas Holiday.

Friday, Dec. 26: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. English conversation

group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8820 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be in January 2026; no meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99) in Elk Grove. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

Local Classifieds Advertise in your local community newspaper Call 916-685-5533

Concrete	Job Listing	Landscaping	Automotive	Roofing
<p>Perez Landscaping & Concrete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete Finishing/Stamping • Landscape installation and Design • Sodding, • Planting • Irrigation • Retaining Walls • Yard maintenance. <p>Free estimates. Fore more info. call 916-834-2352 email: Elverperez@att.net Lic #14-00016214</p>	<p>DIRECTOR OF MICROBIOLOGY Pharmaceutical manufacturing and research co. (Sacramento, CA) seeks Director of Microbiology to oversee microbiological testing, quality control, and compliance to ensure that products meet regulatory and safety standards. Direct activities of microbiologists, ensure microbiological testing processes are efficient and compliant with regulatory requirements, and collaborate cross-functionally with R&D, quality assurance, production, and other teams. Maintain the company's commitment to product safety and efficacy. Salary: \$165,000.00 - \$165,500.00. Send resumes to: HRD, Nivagen Pharmaceuticals Inc., 3050 Fite Circle, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95827</p>	<p>CREATE YOUR PARADISE</p> <p>Winter Yard Cleanups, Complete Landscape Design/Installation, Sprinkler System Installs/Repairs, All Types Concrete Work, Fence Installation, Retaining Walls-All Types, Drainage Systems-all types, Landscape Lighting, Residential/commercial American Landscape Design & Installation. Est 1987 American Construction & Property Maintenance Company WE ACCEPT VISA & MASTER CARD (916)612-0776 Lic#690968</p>	<p>Elk Grove Shell</p> <p>Your Local Full Service Auto Repair Shop Committed to Customer Satisfaction</p> <p>Specializing In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil Changes • Smog Repair • Smog Inspection • Safety Inspection • Transmission Service • Brakes • Wheel Alignment • Check Engine Light Diagnosis • Tires • Tune-Up • Batteries • 30, 60, 90K Service • Brake & Lamp Station <p>Mon-Fri, 8-5 • 916-685-7796</p> <p>8901 Elk Grove Blvd.</p>	<p>PREMIER ROOFING INC. <i>Se Habla Espanol</i></p> <p>LIC# 1097848</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROOF REPAIR • ROOF MAINTENANCE • COMPLETE RE-ROOF • NEW ROOFS • GUTTER CLEANING CELL 209.810.6233 <p>209.745.7565 1premierroofing@gmail.com</p>
<p>3DR CONCRETE All your concrete needs.</p> <p>Bobcat services, driveway repair. Comm. & Res. Lic. # 968987 Insured (209) 570-7304</p>	<p>Landscaping</p> <p>YARD CLEANUP Sod installation Landscape installation Lawnmowing services Fence repair Call for free estimate 916-271-7265</p>	<p>YARD CLEANUP & DECORATIVE ROCK One time cleanup pruning. Also bark, weed control, sod, seed, pruning, sprinkler systems, hauling, etc. Mobile homes, commercial or residential. Local gardener.</p> <p>916-205-9310 or 916-627-9000</p>	<p>Roofing</p> <p>JIM MOYLEN ROOFING</p> <p>1981 License # 407605 A+ Rating with BBB. Specialize in Re-Roof, Prompt Repairs, Low Slope Roof, Seamless Gutter Installation.</p> <p>Free Estimates! Open Monday-Saturday 916-531-2793 Cell Tile Repairs</p>	<p>SACRAMENTO VALLEY ROOFING & GUTTERS INC.</p> <p>RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW ROOF INSTALL • TEAR OFF & REROOF • ROOF REPAIR • OVERLAY ROOF INSTALL • DRY ROT REPAIR • SEAMLESS GUTTER INSTALL • GUTTER REMOVAL & INSTALL • GUTTER REPAIR & INSTALL • DOWNSPOUTS INSTALL • CUSTOM COLORS <p>FREE ESTIMATES! 916-719-8288</p> <p>RAMON M. FOREMAN/OPERATOR LIC# 1072137</p> <p>WE ARE BONDED AND INSURED</p>
<p>Home Improvement</p> <p>ALL PHASE HOME REPAIR Elk Grove, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical • Plumbing • Fencing • Fans • Decks • Doors • Windows • Tile • Flooring • Trim baseboard • Sheetrock • Dry Rot • Texture • Painting • Lighting • Concrete • Sprinkler Repair • Framing and more! <p>All phases of home repair & any construction needed- Big or small. Quality work guaranteed! Low prices- free est. Serving Elk Grove, Rancho Murietta, Galt, Wilton, Herald, Sac. & Surrounding Areas CSLB#1134987 Bonded & Insured (916)287-6164</p>	<p>MPG</p> <p>Yard sale? Garage Sale?</p> <p>Advertise in your local community newspaper! Call (916) 773-1111</p>	<p>BRILLIANT LANDSCAPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial Turf Fencing Retaining Wall Concrete Drainage Irrigation Planting Tree Trimming <p>209-251-9387 LIC# 1108441</p>	<p>Painting</p> <p>Shelton Painting, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repaints: Exterior & Interior • Dry Wall Repair <p>Free Estimates (209) 745-7897 3 Generations of Quality Painters #908019 We accept Visa & Mastercard</p>	<p>Roofing</p> <p>ROUTT ROOFING Specializing in Res Roofing & Repairs We Hand Nail for Quality! Free Estimates 916-423-1288 or 209-748-5588</p> <p>BBB Since 1975 Lic.#302302</p>
				<p>Tractor Work</p> <p>MAC Industries DIRT WORK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavations • Utility Trenching • Foundations-All types • Laser Grading & Dozer work • Driveways • Building Pads • Drainage-All Types • Field Mowing / Firebreaks • Foli • Bushog • Septic System Installation • Drilling • Foundations • Post • Tree holes • Trenching • Irrigation • Drainage • Rototilling • Disking License #919198 & Insured <p>Michael- 916-747-9667 Bill- 916-869-1019</p>
				<p>Services Available</p> <p>Driver with wheelchair accessible van available. Help with shopping or other activities. Call George at 916-470-7169 6 am - 10 pm</p>
				<p>Advertise in your local community newspaper</p> <p>Call (916) 685-5533</p>

Visit: mpg8.com

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

OUR NEIGHBOR KISSES HIS WIFE EVERY MORNING.

...WHY CAN'T YOU BE LIKE THAT?

I DON'T KNOW HIS WIFE THAT WELL.

by Jeff Pickering

TRIPLE THEATRE PRESENTS **POPEYE**

I JUST WISH THE UNIVERSE WOULD SEND ME A SIGN THAT THINGS ARE GONNA BE OKAY.

KRAKA-BOOM!

THE UNIVERSE HAS REALLY GOTTA WORK ON ITS MIXED SIGNALS.

ARE YOU OKAY, OLIVE?

NOT REALLY, SUTRA.

EVERY HOLIDAY SEASON I WANT TO SPOIL THE PEOPLE I LOVE WITH GIFTS, BUT EVERY YEAR, I'M JUST TOO BROKE.

IT MAKES ME FEEL WORTHLESS.

YOU'RE NOT WORTHLESS. A LOT OF PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THIS, Y'KNOW.

Amber Waves

MOM, MOM, IT'S SNOWING OUT! I'M GONNA GO PLAY OUTSIDE.

GEEZ, WHY DO MY GRANDPARENTS HATE WINTER? IF IT'S SO BAD WHY CALL IT A "WINTER WONDERLAND"?

ZIP!!

MAYBE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW I WONDER IF I BROKE SOMETHING?

by Dave T. Phipps

PRESENTS ARE NICE, BUT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE JUST WANNA BE THOUGHT OF, CARED ABOUT, AND LOVED.

NOW YOU JUST NEED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THAT FOR THEM, SINCE YOU HAVE THE EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE OF A SNAPPING TURTLE.

THE JOKE'S ON YOU! MY BONES AREN'T AS FRAGILE AS YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!

Out on a Limb

MY TAPE STICKS TO EVERYTHING BUT THE PAPER.

I ONCE USED A WHOLE ROLL OF TAPE TO WRAP A CANDLE.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR BAD GIFT WRAPPERS

by Gary Kopervas

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

HEAVY BOLTINOFF

A-1 HEATING

A-1 HEATING

Differences: 1. Mailbox is open. 2. Patch on sleeve is higher. 3. Mouth is open. 4. Roof is different. 5. Cap is smaller. 6. Mitten is missing.

TIGER

HEY! IT SNOWED LAST NIGHT.

by BUD BLAKE

GIN AND BEAR IT

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

MY WIFE IS NOW UPSET WITH ME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S UPSET. SHOULDN'T THAT BE AGAINST THE RULES?

FIGBY'S DEPARTMENT STORE GET IT HERE

"Could you manage a little less bah-humbug and a little more ho-ho-ho?"

Do You Need **MPG** Your Legal Ads Published?

We can help. Call us now to place your legal advertising!

916-773-1111

All legal ads published by Messenger Publishing Group.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • YEAR-IN-REVIEW

CLUES

- ACROSS
- W.E.B Du Bois' org.
 - Rascal
 - Ho-hum
 - "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
 - Tropical constrictor
 - Forgo
 - Tequila source
 - + or - atom
 - Reason by deduction
 - *Trade war "weapon," pl.
 - *2025 MLB World Series winners
 - ____-tzu
 - C&H crop
 - Dunce
 - Western necktie
 - Catch in a snare
 - Ginger cookie
 - Master of his castle
 - Use a razor
 - British slang for donkey
 - Arch and ball locations
 - Winglike
 - March celebrants
 - *Arthur Sze, 2025 Laureate
 - Dam-like structure
 - *Beyoncé's "Cowboy _____," 2025 Grammy winner
 - King Kong and Curious George, e.g.
 - Like a fox
 - What Pinocchio did
 - *Florida Panthers won this org.'s '25 championship
 - *"Wicked: _____"

- DOWN
- At room temperature, bar order
 - Algae, sing.
 - Petri dish filler
 - Raise trivial objections
 - Ready to be assembled
 - Avian wader
 - Farm sound
 - China's goodwill " _____ diplomacy"
 - Collision, onomatopoeically speaking
 - *Taylor Swift's "The _____ of a Showgirl"
 - Affirm solemnly
 - Third-person possessive pronoun
 - Makes broader
 - Why do they fall in love?
 - *Aryna Sabalenka's seed
 - Auto contents
 - Pertaining to osmium
 - *2025 Academy Awards Best Picture winner

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	
13						14				15			
16						17				18			
19					20		21	22					
			23				24						
25	26	27		28		29		30		31	32	33	34
35			36		37		38		39				
40					41			42		43			
44				45		46				47			
48					49		50			51		52	
					53		54		55		56		
57	58	59	60					61			62	63	64
65						66	67			68			
69						70				71			
72						73				74			

SWITCH & GET \$25

Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

N	A	A	C	P		I	M	P		B	L	A	H	
E	L	G	A	R		B	O	A		W	A	I	V	E
A	G	A	V	E		I	O	N		I	N	F	E	R
T	A	R	I	F	F	S		D	O	D	G	E	R	S
						L	A	O		C	A	N	E	
O	A	F		B	O	L	A		E	N	T	R	A	P
S	N	A	P		L	O	R	D		S	H	A	V	E
M	O	K	E		S	O	L	E	S		A	L	A	R
I	R	I	S	H		P	O	E	T		W	E	I	R
C	A	R	T	E	R		A	P	E	S		S	L	Y
						L	I	E	D		N	H	L	
F	O	R	G	O	O	D		G	O	O	D	A	L	L
U	B	O	A	T		U	S	A		F	O	L	I	O
R	E	A	L	S		C	I	G		A	P	O	R	T
L	Y	R	E			E	R	A		R	A	T	E	S

Classified Advertising

Sell Your Stuff! Reach 1000's of Readers Every Week!



916.773.1111

2	9	8	1	4	7	6	5	3
5	4	3	2	6	8	7	1	9
6	1	7	3	9	5	2	4	8
3	6	1	9	5	2	4	8	7
7	5	4	8	3	1	9	2	6
8	2	9	6	7	4	5	3	1
9	7	2	4	8	3	1	6	5
4	8	5	7	1	6	3	9	2
1	3	6	5	2	9	8	7	4

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF

SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB 1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-in Tub. Not applicable with any previous deals in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CGL# 1082100. NSC# 026296. ©2024/25

	9		4			5	3
	4		2				
6			9	2	4	8	
7			3				6
	2	9	6		4		
	7						5
				6		9	
1	3			2			7

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

© StatePoint Media

27. Faquir, alt.spelling
29. Pilot's stunt
31. Spring event
32. Pneumonia symptom, pl.
33. Be of use
34. *Blue Origin's 2025 singing passenger
36. Boll weevil, e.g.
38. * _____ Seek
42. Shorthand typist, for short
45. Serfs
49. 2016 Olympics host, for short
51. Ram's horn at a synagogue
54. Draw a conclusion
56. Parkinson's disease drug
57. Roll up
58. Heed
59. Lion sound
60. Dorothy's last name
61. *Lady of "The Mayhem Ball"
62. Tons (2 words)
63. Lira, pl.
64. Land parcels
67. *Gary Oldman received this honorific in 2025

LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Warriors Show Heart in Second-Half Comeback Effort Against Summerville



Sophomore Hunter Hileman fires from the top of the key.



Warrior No. 20 battles through the Summerville defense for a shot attempt.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors varsity boys basketball team demonstrated resilience and character on Tuesday night, battling back from a difficult second quarter to make a spirited second-half push against Summerville in a 49-30 contest.

The Warriors hung tough in the opening period, trailing just 7-5 after one quarter of play. But the second quarter proved challenging as Galt was held scoreless while Summerville extended its lead to 18-5 at halftime.

“We hit a wall in that second quarter,” said Head Coach Hunter Johnson. “But I’m proud of how our guys responded. They could have folded, but instead they showed character and fought their way back into competing.”

And compete they did. The Warriors found their rhythm in the second half, outscoring Summerville 13-11 in the third quarter to close the gap. Galt added 12 more points in the fourth quarter, refusing to back down despite the deficit.

Junior Garrett Rose



Junior Garrett Rose drives deep into the paint for a layup. Rose led all Warriors with 18 points on 7-of-16 shooting in the team’s spirited performance against Summerville.

carried the offensive load for the Warriors, scoring a team-high 18 points on 7-of-16 shooting from the field. Rose also hit 2 of 3 from beyond the arc and grabbed three rebounds while dishing out an assist.

Senior Troy Sommer provided an efficient spark off the bench,

going a perfect 2-for-2 from the field and 1-for-1 from three-point range to finish with five points. Sophomore Hunter Hileman added four points and pulled down three rebounds, while junior Bryan Villalobos contributed three points along with four rebounds, three



Junior Bryan Villalobos launches a three-pointer against Summerville.

assists and two steals.

The Warriors showed flashes of their potential throughout the game, pulling down 17 total rebounds (two offensive, 15 defensive) and recording 10 assists as a team. Senior Joel Diaz contributed two rebounds, three assists and one steal while facilitating the offense, and senior Seth Miller grabbed four rebounds and dished out three assists in a solid all-around effort.

The Warriors will look to build on their second-half performance as they continue their season.

With leaders like Rose and a coaching staff that emphasizes resilience, Galt has the foundation to grow stronger with each game. ★



Senior Troy Sommer rises up for a three-point attempt.

Galt Warriors Dominate the Mat at Saturday Tournament



The Warrior Boys Varsity wrestlers show off their medals.



Galt Varsity Girls wrestlers pose with their medals.

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors wrestling team turned in an impressive performance on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Cordova Toe to Toe Tournament, bringing home a haul of medals from as boys’ and girls’ competitors showcased their skills on the mat.

Under the guidance of Head Coach EJ Smith, the Warriors proved they’re a force to be reckoned with this season, with nearly every athlete earning a spot on the podium.

The Warriors claimed three first-place finishes on the day. Carson McEwen

delivered a flawless performance, going 3-0 to capture the top spot in his weight class. On the girls’ side, Jacqueline Dahl matched that success with a 2-1 record to claim gold, while Vicente Avalos capped off the tournament with a perfect 3-0 record and a first-place medal.

Caleb McEwen battled his way to a second-place finish with a 2-1 record, demonstrating the grit and determination that defines Warrior wrestling. Jordyn Asuncion also took home silver with a 2-1 showing, while Izzie Miranda earned second place despite dropping two matches in a hard-fought bracket.

Everett Maraschini and Nikolette Gonzales rounded out the medal count



The Warrior wrestlers and coaches are shown after their hard-fought tournament. Photos courtesy of Margareth Cacnio

with third-place finishes, going 2-2 and 1-2, respectively.

Coach Smith couldn’t hide his pride in his squad’s performance.

“I could not be prouder of our Warriors,” Smith said. “Nearly everyone brought home a medal, but what impressed me the most was the way they competed with toughness, discipline and respect. They trusted their training and

fought for every point, and that’s the mark of a special team. This weekend showed what happens when hard work and belief come together.”

As the season progresses, the Warriors have sent a clear message to their competition: Galt wrestling is here to stay. With performances like these and a coach who believes in his athletes, the Warriors are poised for continued success. ★

Hawk Varsity Soccer Battles Through Challenging Schedule, Dominates League Play



Alan Montelongo works to steal the ball.



Hawks Evan Rangel and Noah Pacheco defend the goal and stop a score.



Hawk Wesley Steinbaugh powers past a Pleasant Grove player.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks varsity boys soccer team is proving that a tough schedule builds championship character, and Head Coach Garrett Arcega couldn't be more pleased with how his squad is developing.

The Hawks took on Division I powerhouse Pleasant Grove on Dec. 11, falling 2-1 in a hard-fought battle that showcased Liberty Ranch's ability to compete with the best. Freshman Evan Rangel scored the lone goal for the Hawks, who peppered the Pleasant Grove goalkeeper with 13 shots on goal in the hard defeat.

"Our schedule is narrow by design," said Arcega. "But where it counts - in league play - we're taking care of business."

And take care of business they have. The Hawks are undefeated in league competition, securing dominant victories over Union Mine (4-0 on Dec. 10), Amador (8-2 on Dec. 12) and most recently Argonaut (8-2 on Dec. 16).

The Hawks have navigated a challenging early season schedule that included

tournament play and tough non-league opponents.

After dropping a 3-0 decision to Ponderosa on Dec. 5, Liberty Ranch bounced back with tournament wins over Cordova (3-1) and River City (4-3) on Dec. 6. A 2-1 loss at Franklin on Dec. 9 tested the team's resolve before it embarked on its league dominance.

"The team is starting to gel," Arcega noted. "But we're still going to work on becoming a stronger team and working together."

What makes this Hawks squad particularly exciting is the balance of youth and experience on the roster.

The team features contributions from seniors, juniors and sophomores, with even some freshmen earning starting roles, including goal-scorer Rangel, who has already made his mark in just his first high school season.

With a perfect league record and momentum building, the Hawks are positioned to make noise as the season progresses. Coach Arcega remains optimistic but focused on continued improvement as his team works toward its ultimate goals.



★ Danny Juarez moves around and evades to control the ball.

Hawks JV Soccer Flying High Despite Tough Schedule

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks JV soccer team continues to prove it belongs among the region's elite, even when facing opponents well above its division.

On Dec. 11, the Hawks fell 3-1 to Pleasant Grove in a hard-fought battle. While the loss stings, there's no shame in coming up short against a Division I powerhouse when you're a Division IV program. The Hawks are testing themselves against the best, and that competitive schedule is paying dividends.

Where it matters most - in league play - Liberty Ranch is soaring. The Hawks have dominated their league opponents,

securing convincing victories over Union Mine (8-0 on Dec. 10) and Amador (4-1 on Dec. 12). Those two wins show what the Hawks are capable of when they face teams in their own division.

The non-league schedule has been challenging. Liberty Ranch opened its recent run with a 4-1 loss at Franklin on Dec. 9, another test against quality competition. But the Hawks bounced back immediately, showcasing their resilience and ability to refocus.

With a 2-0 league record firmly in hand, the Hawks will look to carry their momentum into their next matchup against Tokay on Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. If its recent form is any indication, Liberty Ranch is a team that gets better with every challenge it faces. ★



JV Hawk No. 3 kicks the ball down the pitch.



JV Hawk No. 7 wrestles to control the ball.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Everett Dixon
Liberty Ranch
Basketball



Haley Smith
Liberty Ranch
Basketball



Brianna Romero
Galt High Soccer



Garrett Rose
Galt High Basketball

Photos by Paige Lampson