

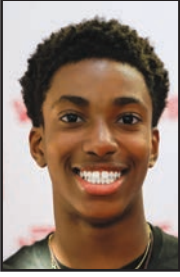


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Council Approves Police Body and Car Camera, Drone Upgrade



A Skydio X10 drone operates over a utility substation. A council-approved contract extension with Axon enables the Galt Police Department to purchase two of these drones for use as incident first responders. Photo courtesy of Skydio

By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt’s City Council unanimously approved a \$1.5 million Police Department appropriation to upgrade its body and patrol camera technology while purchasing a new pair of Skydio drones to be used as first

responders.

The funding for the purchase, which is a renewal of the city’s current contract with technology provider Axon, comes from the city’s General Fund available fund balance. The existing five-year contract was set to expire this July, and the purchase will

renew that agreement for another five years.

Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski told the council at its May 19 meeting the contract renewal was the result of two years of work by department staff on “concepts” to “reasonably provide” needed upgrades to officer safety

and enhance police work. Because it’s a contract renewal, a portion of the expense is already built into the department’s budget, with the entirety of the contract cost being paid up front.

Two key components in the contract are the drones *Continued on page 4*

Parents Continue Fight for Son Who Took Own Life after Service



Juanita, left, and Carlos Sr. Lopez are shown at their Elk Grove home posing next to photos, recognitions and military photos of their late son Carlos Jr. Lopez, who they say was an Army combat veteran who lost his life “due to PTSD.”

**Story and photos
by Idaly Valencia**

Editor’s Note: This article includes discussion of suicide. If you or someone you know may be considering suicide, contact the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988, or the Crisis Text Line by texting HOME to 741741.

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - For nearly eight

years, parents Carlos and Juanita Lopez have kept medical records, legal filings, photographs and movie posters in their Elk Grove home tied to one mission: fighting for answers after the death of their son, Army veteran and aspiring actor Carlos Lopez Jr.

However, what began as grief over the loss of their son has evolved into a lengthy legal battle against the

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in what the family describes as a broader fight for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after returning home from war.

“We knew he was struggling, but it seemed like he had it together,” Juanita Lopez said in a recent interview at the family’s home.

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City Spotlights Upcoming Independence Day Celebrations



The City of Galt has announced its schedule of Independence Day events, including the annual parade through Old Town, Fireworks at the Pool and a fireworks spectacular at Veterans Field on July 4. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

**City of Galt
News Release**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt invites the community to celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 4 with a full day of family fun throughout the city.

Celebrations commence at 7:30 a.m. with the 14th Annual Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial 5K Run/Walk. Pre-registration is required by June 6 to receive an event shirt.

At 9 a.m., the Saturday Market will be open to the community to shop from local vendors, enjoy the festive atmosphere and grab a great spot to watch the Independence Day Parade as it travels through Old Town Galt.

The Independence Day Parade will start at 9:30 a.m., with entries now being accepted. Families, businesses, community groups, bands, dance teams and organizations are invited to participate. The deadline to submit entries is Thursday, June 25. Community members are encouraged to review the Best Viewing Map, arrive early and bring chairs along the parade route.

Later in the day, starting at 6 p.m., there will be a family fun kids’ zone. A live performance will feature music by the band North Forty, plus roaming entertainment, 4th of July swag giveaways, bounce houses and face painting. Cost is \$10 per child wristband.

At 7 p.m., Fireworks in the Pool will take place where guests can enjoy the fireworks showcase from their pool floats at the Gora Aquatic Center. Ticket sales are open and are available for purchase at the Gora Aquatic Center. Tickets will be available during public swim hours until sold out.

The Fireworks Spectacular will start at 9:30 p.m., ending the evening with a fireworks spectacular at Veterans Field (900 Caroline Ave.).

For additional event information, schedules and updates, visit the city’s Independence Day Celebration webpage at cityofgalt.org/home. ★

A Summer of Free Movies and Live Music

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt is inviting residents to enjoy a summer filled with free outdoor entertainment, including movie nights, live concerts and performances at the Galt Market, according to the city’s latest newsletter.

Free Friday Night Movies

The City’s Summer Movie Series returns this year with family-friendly films, outdoor entertainment and concessions available throughout the evening. Community members are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and friends and family to enjoy movies under the stars.



The city announced the return of its Summer Concerts on C Street series featuring free concerts that will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. throughout the summer in downtown Galt. Photos courtesy of City of Galt

Screenings will take place at Veterans Field, 900 Caroline Ave., on the second Friday of each month from June through September. A special dive-in movie night is planned for August at the Gora Aquatic Center, 630 Chabolla Ave. Gates open at 6 p.m., with films

beginning at dusk.

This year’s lineup includes “Zootopia 2” on June 12, “Hoppers” on July 10, “Moana” on Aug. 14 at the aquatic center and “Toy Story 5” on Sept. 11.

Summer Concerts on C Street

The Summer Concerts

on C Street series will also return, bringing live music, car shows and community activities to downtown Galt throughout the summer. The free concerts will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and feature a range of musical genres in a family-friendly atmosphere.

The schedule begins



Screenings for the free Friday night Summer Movie Series will take place at Veterans Field, 900 Caroline Ave., on the second Friday of each month from June through September. Gates open at 6 p.m., with films beginning at dusk.

June 13 with The Rupert Duncan Country Band performing country music, followed by Fast Times Band on July 11 featuring ’80s hits. Gary Bohannon and The Bad Habits Band will perform Motown and R&B on Aug. 8, and Latin Magic Band will close the series Sept. 12 with salsa and cumbia music.

Live Music at the Galt Market

The city will also offer Music at the Market,

featuring live performances during lunchtime hours at the Galt Market. Visitors can shop local vendors while enjoying live music throughout the summer.

Performances will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from June through August.

The Galt Market is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 209-366-7168. ★



The Galt Police Department announced May 15 that two suspects were recently arrested in connection with an armed robbery that occurred April 27 at a gas station located in the 12000 block of East Stockton Blvd. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

Suspects Arrested in Armed Robbery Investigation

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On April 27, just before midnight, the Galt Police Department Communications Center received a report of a victim who had been robbed at gunpoint while getting fuel in the 12000 block of East Stockton Blvd.

During the investigation, detectives determined the suspect vehicle and one of the involved suspects were also connected to a shooting incident which occurred after the robbery being investigated by the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office.

Through the investigation, Alejandro Roque Jr., 20, of Antelope, was identified as one of the robbery suspects. Roque was already in custody for crimes committed within Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office jurisdiction.

He was additionally booked on charges of robbery with a firearm and committing a felony while out on bail.

Detectives continued their investigation and later identified the location of an additional suspect. On May 14, with the assistance of the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office Special Enforcement Detail (SED), a

search warrant was served at a residence in South Sacramento.

During the service of the warrant, Juan Jesus Rivera, 19, of Chico, was located inside the residence and taken into custody without incident. Rivera was booked into jail on charges of robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime, and an outstanding felony warrant from an outside agency.

The Galt Police Department would like to thank the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office and its Special Enforcement Detail (SED) team for their assistance during this investigation and the service of the search warrant. ★

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Parents Continue Fight for Son Who Took Own Life after Service

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Lopez Jr., a combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, was diagnosed with PTSD and a traumatic brain injury related to his military service, according to his parents. After his honorable discharge in 2010, he pursued acting and film-making, first studying at Cosumnes River College before moving to Los Angeles.

He pursued acting opportunities and worked as a consultant on film sets, drawing on his combat experience for military-themed productions. He also graduated from the Los Angeles Film School, where he developed his own PTSD-focused film project inspired by his experiences.

His parents said acting became a way for him to process trauma and communicate what many veterans experience after combat.

“The career made the PTSD better for him,” Juanita Lopez said. “It helped him express what he was feeling.”

Inside the family’s home, photos, recognitions and memorabilia from his film projects reflect the path Lopez Jr. was building in the years before his death in 2018.

They described him as charismatic and driven, noting he appeared in projects alongside well-known figures in the industry such as John Cena, George Lopez and Al Pacino.

“He was on his way up,” Juanita Lopez said.

His credits included being featured in “America’s Most Wanted,” “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” “iCarly,” and the film “Bumblebee,” which was released shortly after his death. He was also known for his role on the reality series “Operation Repo.”

Despite growing success in his acting career, his parents said concerns about his mental health increased in the weeks before his death after he was prescribed gabapentin through the VA. They said Lopez Jr. began experiencing paranoia after starting the medication.

“He was saying, ‘Mom,



Juanita Lopez holds a framed, signed photo from the reality series “Operation Repo,” where her late son, combat veteran and aspiring actor Carlos Lopez Jr., was best known for his role. His parents said he was building a career in Hollywood before his death by suicide in 2018.



A portrait of Carlos Lopez Jr. and a photo of him on set with George Lopez are displayed in a corner of the Lopez family home, part of the personal mementos they keep in his memory as they continue their legal fight against the VA.

are the police coming? Is somebody looking for me?” Juanita Lopez recalled. “There was this paranoia that started to surface.”

The Lopezes allege the dosage was too high and that VA medical providers failed to properly respond to warning signs despite repeated contact and appointments.

“Why would doctors give a veteran with PTSD medication that is known to cause thoughts of death or suicide?” Carlos Lopez Sr. said, referencing warning labels on the prescription that listed possible side effects including “confusion” and “thoughts of suicide.”

Court filings state Lopez Jr. first sought care in May 2018 for chronic back pain and was prescribed gabapentin during a visit to the VA neurology clinic in Los Angeles. He later returned to a VA mental

health clinic as a walk-in patient, asking to see a psychiatrist about disturbing nightmares.

After being evaluated by a psychiatric nurse and psychologist, he was discharged and scheduled for a follow-up appointment in August. Medical staff determined he was at “low risk for self-harm or harm to others,” according to court records.

Days later, on June 24, 2018, Lopez Jr., died by suicide at 35 years old.

“He went to the hospital four days before he died to complain about it,” Carlos Lopez Sr. said. “They didn’t believe him because he looked good on the outside: polished, well-dressed, handsome... They failed to bring him in.”

The family said that they later learned records indicated clinicians assessed him as low risk in part because he appeared composed and functional

during evaluation.

“This is not about appearance,” Juanita Lopez said. “It’s what was happening inside.”

After his death, the Lopezes said they spent months trying to obtain medical records from the VA. Carlos Lopez Sr. said he eventually wrote to both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump seeking help in accessing documents related to his son’s care.

What began as a claim for internal investigation in 2019 was denied by the VA, which found no basis for wrongful death. Lopez Jr.’s parents then pursued the case in federal court, beginning what they described as a difficult legal process from the outset.

“Lawyers didn’t want it because you’re fighting the federal government,” Carlos Lopez Sr. said.

They eventually secured



The ashes of Carlos Jr. Lopez sit at the entrance of his family’s Elk Grove home accompanied by family photos, his military recognitions and personal memorabilia.



A painting of the artwork titled “Forgiven” hangs beside a photo of Carlos Lopez Jr. at the entrance of the Lopez family home, part of the memorial space they have created to honor his memory.

representation from attorney Yana Hendriks, and the case proceeded to a federal bench trial. A judge ruled in favor of the VA in 2024, a decision the Lopezes have since appealed. The case is now before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Oral arguments were heard April 24, and the family said a decision could take months. Whatever the outcome, the Lopezes said the case has evolved beyond their son alone.

“It started as a fight for our son, but it became something bigger for veterans and their families,” Juanita Lopez said.

Throughout the interview, they pointed to broader concerns about veteran suicide and PTSD, arguing the issue remains underrecognized.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ most recent National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, the veteran suicide rate was 35.2 per 100,000 veterans in 2023, compared with 16.9 per 100,000 among non-veteran U.S. adults. Veterans died by suicide at more than twice the rate of non-veterans.

“More people died from PTSD after the war than in the war,” Carlos Lopez Sr. said.

They said they hope their case prompts greater accountability and more attention to mental health

care for veterans within the VA system.

“This was never about money,” Carlos Lopez Sr. said. “We wanted answers.”

The family has also worked to preserve Lopez Jr.’s creative legacy. After his death, his parents recovered a PTSD-focused film project from his computer titled “PTSD: An American Tragedy,” where he portrayed a combat veteran struggling after returning home and would eventually take his own life, a role that closely reflected his own experiences.

The family later held a public screening at Sacramento’s Crest Theatre as part of Lopez Jr.’s celebration of life shortly after his passing. It was the first time the film was ever shown on a big screen.

“We wanted people to know what he did in life,” Juanita Lopez said. “That was important.”

Now in another stage of their legal fight, the Lopezes said they remain committed to continuing the case regardless how long it may take.

“If they did this to our son,” Carlos Lopez Sr. said, “how many other veterans did this happen to?”

To learn more about his story or follow Carlos and Juanita Lopez’s case, visit ptsdanamericantragedy.com/never-forget or find them on Facebook at [@carlos.juanita.lopez](https://www.facebook.com/carlos.juanita.lopez). ★



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City Council Approves Police Body and Car Camera, Drone Upgrade

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and an upgrade to a new model of in-car cameras: Fleet 3.

According to the Axon website, Fleet 3 consists of a minimum of two interior-mounted cameras; a panoramic, dashboard mounted camera capable of taking in three lanes of traffic with a second camera facing rearward to the passenger area that provides a knee-to-head view of anyone being transported.

The cameras are capable of live streaming during calls, carry location update capabilities as well as automatic license plate reader (ALPR) functions similar to the city’s Flock cameras installed at various intersections and roadways. The artificial intelligence (AI) software enables officers to upload department policies and case law information and have translation services as well.

The Skydio drones carry a narrow field, telephoto and radiometric thermal camera along with a spotlight and speaker. According to the company’s website, they have a maximum flying speed of 45 miles per hour, flight duration time of 40 minutes and can be airborne in under 40 seconds.

The drones’ capabilities integrate with the department’s body-worn and car camera systems. Camera footage can be recorded and uploaded to the department’s current storage system.

Kalinowski said one drone will be stationed at the Police Department while the other will be located at Cosumnes Fire Department Station 46 on Walnut Avenue. Department research, including talking with other departments such as Elk Grove Police Department who utilize drones as first responders, indicated the approach provided quicker response times to incidents, higher arrest rates and better allocation of resources, such as assistance in finding missing individuals and helping to secure search area perimeters.

“It gives us eyes in the sky,” Kalinowski said. “It gives over watch to the officers when they’re doing different kinds of work or when we need to have a perimeter or something that would traditionally take two, three or four people to hold.”

Galt Police Department Capt. Richard Small elaborated on the latter, noting the department needs a minimum of five officers to safely engage in search: four to hold a perimeter and one to search inside.

He said they frequently rely on backup by the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office, but that can take several minutes before their officers are able to respond.

“We can’t rely on numbers until they start showing up,” Small said, adding once a drone arrives not only can it assist with perimeter duties, but it can also “help us on the ground with things we don’t see.”

Kalinowski acknowledged citizens’ concerns with privacy regarding drones flying overhead. The chief said the drones would only be used as first responders upon receipt of a call for service and would be operated by “non-sworn” department staff.

Drone cameras would be aimed at the horizon during flight to the incident and only pointed at the ground upon arrival. Drone flying height would be capped at 200 feet, and flight patterns would be posted on the department’s website.

“It is not used on some random patrol of the community,” Kalinowski said. “That in and of itself creates issues in the community if they felt like there was too much of what I would call a ‘Big Brother’ going on in the community.”

Councilmembers also acknowledged the privacy concerns, but noted use of the

drones and other aspects of upgraded technology in the Axon contract was not only about officer safety but also the safety and security of the community.

“Safety vs. privacy, there’s a balance,” Councilmember Shawn Farmer said. “Any time you have more eyes on something, it’s more transparency.”

Vice Mayor Tim Reed said he was “100% supportive” of the contract after having seen the drones in action during a demonstration on May 16. Councilmember Paul Sandhu asked why of the 480-plus cities in California only 10 to 12 were using the Skydio system.

At \$129,000 annually for the system, Kalinowski said it can get expensive, and some departments are experiencing budget cuts due to economic conditions. He added that Galt has “some extra capacity” with its funding structure, enabling the department to proceed with the Skydio purchase.

Department staff also said camera access and information storage would be restricted to members of the department. As with current information access, security measures will be installed to prevent outside access.

MEETING MINDERS

- Friday, May 29**

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.
- Tuesday, June 2**

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
- Wednesday, June 3**

Cosumnes CSD, 5:30 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.
- Sunday, June 7**

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.
- Monday, June 8**

Lodi Parkinson’s Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi; 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
- Thursday, June 11**

Lockeford Community Services District Board of Directors, 9 a.m., Old School House, 19456 N. Jack Tone Road.

Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
- Friday, June 12**

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort

- Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.
- Saturday, June 13**

Kiwanis Club of Galt, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Road. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.
- Tuesday, June 16**

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
- Wednesday, June 17**

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

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.
- Thursday, June 18**

Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
- Friday, June 19**

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.
- Wednesday, June 24**

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



MEMORIAL

DALE L. WILLIAMS — 1950 - 2026

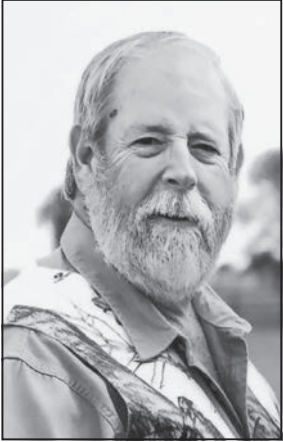
Dale Lee Williams has “gone fishing” forever at the age of 75.

Born with a rod in one hand and a rifle in the other, Dale loved being out on the water. It was only fitting he ended up in the Navy during the Vietnam War—ironically, the longest stretch of his life without seeing a lake while stationed in El Centro.

Dale never went to college, but he was a master of telling anyone within earshot what lure they should be using and held a Ph.D. in “Fish Tales,” expertise he passed down enthusiastically to his grandsons. He believed the best launch ramps were free, especially on someone else’s pond.

By far his best catch was his wife. From the moment he saw her in first grade, he was determined to reel her in. It took nearly 20 years and plenty of persistence, but she finally bit—hooked by his dry sense of humor.

Dale supported his passion by



working in his father’s drywall business. When not spent on tackle, his paycheck went to playing buffalo slots at the casino, shooting squirrels in Cedarville, or sitting by the chutes at the rodeo. He also loved watching USC football and his grandsons play baseball. Dale was impossible to miss at the games, being as loud as the fish are quiet (which made him

the bane of many referees and umpires).

Dale is survived by his brothers, Gordon (Pamela) and John (Shirley); his wife of 47 years, Janice; his sons, Ernie (Jennifer) and Addison (Jeanay); and his grandsons, Jack and Colt, who will be taking his boat out for a final run. Dale was cremated, and his ashes will be scattered at his favorite lake.

A celebration of life will be held at the Moose Lodge in Woodbridge on May 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. There will be food (no fish, Dale never ate anything that he caught), stories, and a strict no-crying rule, unless while laughing at the true size of his “Big One.” In lieu of flowers, take someone fishing—just make sure not to bring any bananas on the boat. Dale insisted they were bad luck.

We wish Dale calm waters, fair weather, and endless honey holes.



MEMORIAL

DENNIS GENE SARTINI • 6/12/1941 - 5/17/2026

Dennis Gene Sartini, 84, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026, in Riverside, California. A devoted educator, proud veteran, loyal friend, and beloved family member, Dennis lived a life grounded in service, kindness, and lasting connection to those he loved.

Dennis was born on June 12, 1941, in Lodi, California, to Jean and Geraldeane Sartini. He was raised in the close-knit communities of Thornton and Galt, where he attended New Hope Elementary School and later graduated from Galt High School. He continued his education at Sacramento State College, where he was an active member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. The friendships he formed during those years remained an important and cherished part of his life for decades to come.

Following college, Dennis was drafted out of the classroom by the United States Army proudly during the Vietnam War. After his military service, he dedicated his professional life to education, teaching at Riverside Polytechnic High School throughout his entire career. Known for his steady presence, patience, and commitment to his students, Dennis touched the lives of many young people before retiring in 2000.



Outside of his work, Dennis enjoyed spending time bowling, playing handball, and sharing laughter and stories with family and lifelong friends. He valued simple joys, meaningful conversations, and the relationships he nurtured throughout his life.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Jean and Geraldeane Sartini, and by his sister, Vesta Sartini Nunez.

He is survived by his brother, Dick Sartini (Larelyn), and their daughters, Aly Sartini Andrus and Janna Sartini Rubio; his brother, Alfred Sartini (Janet), and their children Matthew, Candy Sunick, Jennifer Smith, and Melissa Stone; his nephews Anthony Nunez and his son Nicolas, and Mark Nunez and his sons Christian and Logan; all who will miss him greatly.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 950 S Lincoln Way in Galt. Visitation at the church will take place prior to the 10:30 a.m. Rosary, followed by the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Cherokee Memorial Park, Hwy 99 & Harney Ln, in Lodi.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to a charity or cause meaningful to you, in honor of Dennis’s generous spirit.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Consider the Talent

Well Kings fans, the playoff world of basketball goes on whether the Sacramento Kings are a part of the conversation or not. The vast majority of the supposed basketball experts have been predicting an OKC repeat and with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander recently garnishing the MVP award for last season, I imagine most people believe the same thing.

As it turns out, the San Antonio Spurs may have something to say about that outcome, as their series is knotted at two-games apiece, and in the last contest they held the potent offensive of OKC to an amazing 82 points for the game.

A stifling defense swarmed the Thunder for 48 minutes and never allowed the defending champions a chance to ever make this game a contest.

But given the overwhelming prediction that OKC would virtually boat race any and all competition to the finish, how did this happen.

Obviously, 7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama hasn't been listening to ESPN or reading the papers, because he is completely unaware that the Spurs were supposed to be nothing but be a good tune up for the championship series.

Wembanyama has given the Thunder plenty to be concerned about, and at this juncture this seven-game series could go either way.

The New York Knicks have the east coast on fire with enthusiasm as going back to the regular season they have won 16 of their last 20 games, and a surprising eight games in a row in the playoffs.

A shut down defense simply took Cleveland out of their recent series and put an exclamation mark on a 130-93 thrashing of the Cavaliers to complete a 4-0 series sweep.

Experts have been emphatically saying that teams with small guards are a thing of the past and should not be considered a serious threat to the longer teams like the Thunder others that count on expansive wing spans to shut down opposing threats.

Apparently that news never got to Jalen Brunson who generously listed at six-foot-two has been a one-man wrecking crew and virtually unstoppable since the playoffs began.

Two things should be of great interest

to Sacramento Kings fans that are waiting patiently for the 2026 draft to begin.

Number one, the dominance of the population heavy cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and others has finally come into question, as San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Indiannapolis and others have given rise to the notion that smaller cites can compete and bring championships to their cities as well.

Number two, as stated teams with a smaller back court are not precluded from championship contention, and both of these truisms should make Sacramento Kings fans sit up and take notice.

The outcome of this year's championship series may play a part in which direction the Sacramento Kings go, and who they decide to draft.

I have long been a proponent of building this team around Domantas Sabonis, and I haven't changed my mind. Take stock in what you already have on a team laden with talent and make the necessary tweaks without putting a team together that no one recognizes.

The city of Sacramento is about to find out the true identity of GM Scott Perry, and whether he has the ability to recognize talent when he sees it.

Too many years have passed that left quality players undrafted or simply went to other teams because the Kings passed them by. This needs to stop and I can think of no better time than right now.

Whether the New York Knicks face San Antonio or the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Sacramento fan base will have an opportunity to see how a team with a smaller back court can stand the test of a bigger and longer one.

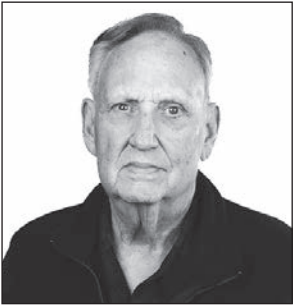
There is considerable interest in this off season for the Kings, and I've heard virtually every opinion imaginable from fans that have followed the Kings for years.

This fan base has passion, and now they need the front office to demonstrate the ability to draft and make trades that will fill Golden One Arena every night.

Every reason for optimism, so renew those season tickets Kings fans and let's keep the support high!

All the best! ★

Education is Vital and Costs California Billions, So Why Aren't Candidates Talking About It?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The single largest item in Gov. Gavin Newsom's recently proposed budget — and arguably its most important — is the \$91 billion (plus \$60 billion in local and federal funds) it would spend to educate the state's nearly 6 million students, from transitional kindergarten through high school.

How well they are educated, prepared for higher education or the job market, will be a big factor determining whether California's economy, and thus its socioeconomic whole, succeeds or fails.

Not surprisingly, given the amounts spent on education and its importance, it ranks very high in the Capitol's annual give-and-take over the budget. That's certainly true this year, as Newsom's last budget shorts the state constitution's mandatory allocation for schools by a few billion dollars, with a promise to make it up later, which drew opposition from school officials throughout the state.

Education perennially ranks very high in surveys of voters' priorities. The school lobbies, including the very powerful California Teachers Association, will use that as they press the Legislature to raise their share of the revenue stream.

With the high stakes of education financing and its place in Californians' hopes for a prosperous future, one might think that those who aspire to succeed Newsom would happily volunteer their intentions.

That would be especially helpful given that Newsom, as a parting gesture, wants to all but eliminate the elective office of state superintendent of public instruction and vest nearly all education oversight in the governor's office.

If that rearrangement of duties is enacted, the next governor would be a virtual czar of the nation's largest public education system.

However, the silence about this among the leading candidates for governor is deafening. They are more than happy to exchange personal insults during debates and in campaign ads, and to hold forth on such issues as gas prices, housing and homelessness. But they leave a vacuum when it comes to how, or if, they would change the school system.

Only one candidate, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, repeatedly brings up this issue during debates, noting that he is a former teacher. The other candidates' black-out is compounded by the eagerness of debate mediators to interrogate the candidates on other issues while failing to bring up education.

A new study by Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project verifies other data indicating that California's public schools are falling well short of the academic achievement needed for the state's future.

The study catalogued 2025 reading and math test scores throughout the nation and found that, almost everywhere, achievement is lower than it was 10 years earlier — reading is down in 83% of local school systems and math is lower in 70%.

Most disturbingly, not only is California not immune from the trend but it is one of the states with the greatest declines. Only eight states and the District of Columbia experienced deeper declines in reading than California.

The New York Times, in reporting on the study, created a website that allows readers to find out specific results in individual school systems.

It reveals, for instance, that while Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest system, showed fractional gains in reading and math, Oakland Unified experienced declines in both and San Diego fell in reading and gained in math.

After years, even decades, of ignoring its deficiencies in those foundational skills, California has lately done something that it should have done long ago — embracing phonics in teaching reading. Also, legislation to diagnose and treat deficiencies in math is moving in the Capitol.

The next governor needs to build on those and other efforts to restore California's public schools to their former glory. The people vying for that job should tell us if and how they intend to do what's necessary.

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

Help! SSA Says I'm Not Eligible for Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Help!! The Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do?" **Signed: Self-employed American**

Dear Self-employed: For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone (including the self-employed) must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings, including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of

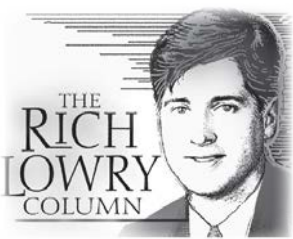
earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year. As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted (e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken). The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years. If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits. For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year, or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have

to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security, and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security. If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf

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We've been having a debate about "book bans" in recent years, but given the steep decline in student literacy, the deeper question is how anyone would notice whether a book is available in a school library or not. The New York Times published an eye-opening report on a study by the Educational Opportunity Project at Stanford documenting steep declines in student test scores, especially in reading.

Over the past 10 years, reading scores have declined in 83% of school districts. What looked like a COVID-19-driven catastrophe is, instead, part of a long-running trend. Reading scores were falling at a similar clip prior to the pandemic, in 2017-2019, and continued to fall into 2024. In a third of school districts, kids are reading a full grade level below where they were in 2015. This follows what had been a steady increase in test scores from 1990 to the 2010s.

The ability to read is foundational to a child's development. It enhances verbal fluency, memory, concentration and executive function. It is associated with academic success and sundry advantages throughout life. That our schools are falling down so badly on such an elemental matter is nothing less than a civilizational failure.

Our children aren't learning to read, in part, because we've forgot-

Our Screen Culture Increasingly Can't Read

ten how to teach them. We decided to jettison a common-sensical, tried-and-true method of reading instruction -- phonics -- for faddish theories that haven't worked. It is notable that states showing improvement between 2022-2025 embraced phonics, which now goes under the rubric "the science of reading."

It also can't be a coincidence that these harrowing trends are playing out against the backdrop of ubiquitous screens in schools. Schools are starting to ban mobile phones, but the screen that they take away with one hand, they give with the other. According to a New York Times survey, 80% of teachers say that students at their schools have a device assigned to them; it was only a third in 2019. More than 80% said that kids get devices ... by kindergarten.

It would have been comparable recklessness if schools had decided at the outset of the television age that every schoolchild needed a personal TV. Parents struggle to get their kids off devices at home, and then send them to school, where they read "To Kill a Mockingbird" on an iPad.

Now, books haven't disappeared from classrooms, but they aren't nearly as prevalent as they should be. A new study by the Rand Corporation found that most English teachers assigned at least one full book during the school year, although 9% didn't assign any, and roughly two-thirds assigned between only one to four.

Engaging with a whole book in print is so important because not all reading is equal. One analysis found that "digital reading does improve comprehension skills, but the beneficial effect is between six and seven times smaller than that of print reading." So, too, reading a book is better than reading a series of extended passages; it requires more attention and greater immersion.

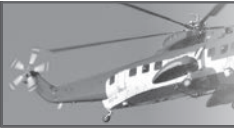
As education expert Robert Pondiscio of the American Enterprise Institute points out, it's a mistake to think of reading as solely a technical skill, since reading comprehension also depends on what the great educational theorist E.D. Hirsch called "cultural literacy," the basic facts about history, civics, art and the like that form our common knowledge. To our great detriment, schools have downgraded this, too.

The worst-case scenario is that we have become a screen culture that is only capable of producing screen kids. A report last year in the journal iScience found that reading for pleasure steadily declined from 2003 to 2023. On top of evidence that reading also fell from the 1940s to 2003, this makes for an 80-year decline.

The poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky said, "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." And not being capable of reading them is even worse than that.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Protect Your Home Before Fire Season Starts



The Cosumnes Fire Department is reminding residents to keep up with routine yard maintenance, including removing dead plants, maintaining defensible space around structures and keeping grass trimmed to no more than two inches in height to help protect homes and neighborhoods during fire season. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Fire Department

Cosumnes Fire Department News Release

ELK GROVE/GALT, CA (MPG) - Creating and maintaining defensible space around buildings is one of the most effective ways to protect homes, neighborhoods, and firefighters. Even in suburban neighborhoods, wind-driven embers can travel more than a mile ahead of a wildfire and ignite dry leaves, mulch or other vegetation around

homes. Routine yard maintenance can play a critical role in reducing the local fire risk. The Cosumnes Fire Department asks residents to protect their homes and neighborhoods by completing the following steps before peak fire season: Remove dry leaves, dead plants, fallen branches and weeds from your yard and around structures; Maintain at least 30 feet of defensible space around buildings

and along property lines; Keep at least 10 feet of clearance around propane tanks, solar panels, generators and electrical equipment; Properties two acres or larger must have weeds and vegetation cleared across the entire parcel; and maintain grass at no taller than two inches throughout fire season. Taking action now helps reduce wildfire risk and keeps the community safer throughout the dry season. ★

Traffic Stop Results in Arrest on Drug Sales Charges

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On May 18, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Galt Police officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a rental box truck for vehicle code violations. During the initial contact, officers learned the driver, Christian Lopez, 45, of Lodi, was on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). During a subsequent search of the vehicle, officers located approximately 78 grams of suspected methamphetamine, approx-



imately 7 grams of suspected psilocybin mushrooms, individual packaging baggies and a digital scale commonly associated with narcotics sales. Lopez was arrested and booked on numerous drug

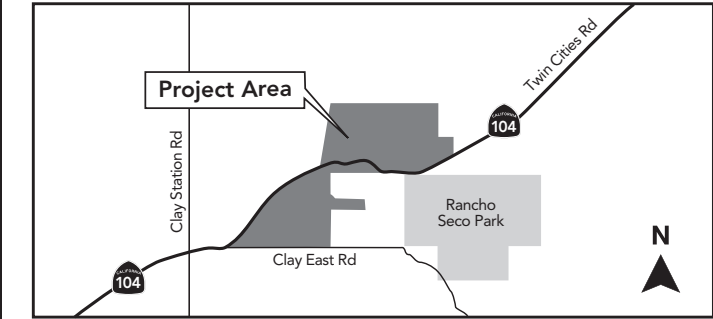
related charges, including felony possession of methamphetamine for sales, felony possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions, possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms and possession of drug paraphernalia. Lopez was transported and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail. This incident highlights the continued efforts of officers to proactively address illegal narcotics activity within the community through proactive enforcement. ★

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, we're distributing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to invite comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared for the proposed Twin Cities Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Project, which would involve the construction and operation of a photovoltaic solar power and battery storage renewable energy generation facility interconnected to our electric grid.

Project location
The proposed 1,697 acre site is in southeastern Sacramento County, east of the community of Herald. The project site is located adjacent to the north and west boundaries of the Rancho Seco Recreational Park. The northern project area is bordered by Twin Cities Road to the south. The western project area is bordered by Clay East Road to the south, Twin Cities Road to the northwest and Rancho Seco Recreational Park to the east.



Potential environmental effects
The EIR will describe any significant direct and indirect environmental impacts of the project and proposed mitigation measures for reducing or avoiding impacts. It will also evaluate cumulative impacts of the project, defined as impacts that could be made worse when considered together with other related past, present and reasonable foreseeable future projects.

Document availability
The NOP is available at smud.org/TwinCitiesSolar. Printed copies are available during normal business hours at these locations:

SMUD Customer Service Center 6301 S Street Sacramento, CA 95817	SMUD East Campus-Operations Center 4401 Bradshaw Road Sacramento, CA 95827
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In-person public meeting
A public scoping meeting will provide information and invite comments on issues to study in the EIR:

Thursday, June 11, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Arcohe Union Elementary School
11755 Ivie Road, Herald, CA 95638
We will not take any action at this meeting.

Where to send your comments
Please submit written comments at the public meeting or by email to TwinCitiesSolar@smud.org by June 26.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KEVIN A. MASON AKA KEVIN ALLAN MASON
CASE NO. 26PR001450
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kevin A. Mason aka Kevin Allan Mason.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Patricia A. Mason, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Patricia A. Mason be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent

administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under

section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Amy Abid Jeffries, 1014 16 Street, Modesto, CA 95354; 209-521-6260
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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2026-2027 ARCOHE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

Pursuant to Education Code Sections 42103, 42122, 42123, and 42127, notice is hereby published that a Public Hearing on the Arcohe Union School District's proposed budget will be held at the Arcohe Union School District **East Campus Media Center** located at **11755 Ivie Road, Herald, CA 95638 on June 16, 2026 at 7:30 am.**
Any taxpayer affected by the aforementioned proposed budget may inspect the budget at the Arcohe Union Main School Office located at **11755 Ivie Road, Herald, CA 95638 on June 10, 2026 between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**
Signed Troy Miller
Secretary to the Board
CNS-4041882#

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GALT FOR DRY CREEK WEST

WHEREAS, Riverland Homes (applicant) submitted an application to the City for a development of approximately 59.17 acres containing a commercial/mixed use, single-family row homes, senior apartments, and a future assisted living facility referred to as Dry Creek West (Project) and which requires approval of a General Plan Amendment (GPA), Rezone, Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM), and Design Review; and

WHEREAS, the Project pertains to the property shown in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, Property); and

WHEREAS, the Project proposes development of three parcels but, as part of the Project approvals, the parcel lot lines will be adjusted via a tentative and final subdivision map; and

WHEREAS, with the lot line adjustments, the northernmost portion of the Property will be mixed-use and retain commercial (C) zoning, the southernmost portion of the Property will be residential and retain high-density multiple family residential (R4) designation, and the remaining central portion will be developed into 228 units across 21.61 acres, resulting in a density of 10.55 dwelling units per acre, which is outside the permissible density allowed in the current C and R4 zoning applicable to the Property portion; and

WHEREAS, the zoning designation of medium-high multiple family residential (R3) allows eight (8) to fourteen (14) dwelling units per acre, and staff have reviewed the proposed Project, requirements for a rezone, and the underlying General Plan and zoning policies, goals, and criteria and determined that the requisite findings may be made to support a rezone as to the identified portion of the Project site from C/R4 to R3; and

WHEREAS, while the rezone and Project that it facilitates will produce less units than identified in the City's Housing Element inventory of sites, the City's regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) excess and outstanding development potential can accommodate the Project such that requisite findings can be made to allow the Project; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the rezone for the Property was held by the Planning Commission on April 9, 2026 and the Planning Commission reviewed the rezone for the Property, considered all evidence in the record including the staff report, supporting documentation, and oral and written comments, and, using their independent judgment, recommended approval of said rezone; and

WHEREAS, all potential environmental impacts resulting from the Project, including this rezone, were analyzed, addressed, and, where necessary, mitigated pursuant to the Addendum to the 2015 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Dry Creek Oaks Project adopted by the City Council on May 19, 2026 and no further CEQA review is required.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2026, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing at which all persons wishing to testify in connection with the rezone were heard and the proposed rezone was comprehensively reviewed; and

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

SECTION 1. Purpose.
SECTION 2. Findings.
SECTION 3. Rezone.
SECTION 4. No Mandatory Duty of Care.
SECTION 5. Severability.
SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary of it, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Galt.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 19th day of May, 2026 and by unanimous vote of the Council members present, further reading was waived.

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ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Sunday, May 31
San Joaquin Kennel Club Dog Show – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Hundreds of the top dogs in the country will be competing for “Best in Show” at this annual AKC-licensed event. Enjoy food vendors as well as vendors with dog-related items on the grounds. There will be free dog show tours as well as an educational booth with free dog training materials and information on how to pick the right dog for you and your family. Admission is free; parking \$10. *413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.*

Friday, May 29
Live Music with Phil & da Pinots – 6 to 9 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room in Old Town. Phil & da Pinots play tunes from the 1960s, ’70s, ’80s and ’90s. For more information, visit barsetti-vineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. *400 4th St., Suite 150.*

Galt Chamber’s 3rd Annual Awards Night – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Galt District Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a night of connection, celebration and recognition as we spotlight the Chamber members who go above and beyond to make a lasting impact. Reserve your spot at business.galtchamber.org. *417 C St.*

Sunset Bat Flyout Paddle – 6:30 p.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Join Wild Spirit Recreation for an unforgettable evening as we embark on an intimate paddle to witness the mesmerizing sunset bat flyout. A limited number of boats are available. Registration and more information at Eventbrite.com. *13501 Franklin Blvd.*

Saturday, May 30
Swap Meet & Car Show – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Galt Market grounds. Turn those old parts into cash. Swap meet spaces are only \$20 pre-registered or \$25 day of show. Free parking, \$5 admission; kids 12 and under are free. Call 209-513-8651 for more information. *610 Chabolla Ave.*

Paint & Sip – 1 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room in Old Town. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes all materials and instruction; led by artist Beth Bates. Reservations can be made by visiting Paintnite.com, selecting “Find events near me” and entering Beth Bates in the search bar. Wine and wine slushies will be available for purchase. For more

information, visit barsetti-vineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. *400 4th St., Suite 150.*

Lodi Ballet – Tinkerbell’s Adventure in Neverland – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. Join Tinkerbell and all her fairy friends as they dance and celebrate nature. Featuring the students of the City of Lodi Ballet Program as mermaids, pirates and tons of fairies. Tickets available at lodi.gov/calendar.aspx. *125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.*

Sunday, May 31
Concours de Corvette Car Show – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Idol Beer Works. Rev up your Sunday with an impressive showcase of classic and modern Corvettes. Hosted by Corvettes of Lodi, this family-friendly car show brings together stunning vehicles, local enthusiasts and great craft beer in a relaxed outdoor setting. Admission is free. *100 S. Sacramento St., Lodi.*

Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7
Hot Boats & Hot Rods Big Ol’ River Show – at Tower Park Marina. Join us for an epic weekend on the Delta. We get things started Friday, with an open poker run at 1 p.m. Saturday is the show & shine hot boat show, hot rod car show, cackle fest with blown fuel boats, and live band. Sunday, we’ll explore the Delta. Call 916-296-2326 for more event information. *14900 W. Highway 12, Lodi.*

Saturday, June 6
Annual Catfish Derby – 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Regional Park. San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation and the Delta Fly Fishers are your hosts, where prizes will be awarded in youth and adult categories. Kids fish free; \$5 for anglers ages 16 and older with a valid California fishing license. Registration and more information at sjparks.com/events. *4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.*

Galt Saturday Market – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. Join us for a warm, family-friendly event filled with local vendors, fresh finds, tasty treats and a welcoming atmosphere for all ages. Bring the kids, invite friends and make it a Saturday tradition. Markets are the first Saturday each month through November. This month, the Market goes retro and we’ll be rockin’ in ’50s style. More information at

209-366-7115. *4th and C streets.*

Hawaiian Fathers/ Mothers Day Dinner-Bingo Celebration – Catholic Community Center. Hosted by St. Christopher Knights of Columbus Council 9836. Cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:30; \$40 per person; includes five bingo cards. Additional bingo cards at extra cost. Couples \$75; \$300 table of eight. Menu: Hawaiian-style pulled pork, Chicken kebabs; Hawaiian coconut rice; coleslaw, fruit salad, grilled corn on the cob. For tickets, text Joel Schaffhausen, 916-862-5106; Joel Martinez, 209-479-1358; or David Orozco, 209-747-8826. *526 3rd St.*

Lodi Elks Annual Car Show – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lodi Elks Lodge #1900. Rev up your weekend at our 11th Annual Car Show: a must-see event for car enthusiasts and families alike. From timeless classics to custom builds, this show brings together an impressive lineup of vehicles in a welcoming, community-focused setting. Enjoy live music, no-host bar, famous Lockeford sausage and more. Proceeds benefit the Lodi Elks Scholarship Fund, Youth Drug Awareness and local Veterans Groups. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com. *19071 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi.*

Lodi Pride 2026 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Idol Beer Works. Celebrate love, diversity and community at this vibrant, family-friendly festival. This year’s theme, “Pride Grows Here,” highlights how Lodi’s LGBTQ+ community continues to flourish, rooted in joy, inclusion and togetherness. Enjoy local vendors and community organizations, live performances, food, drinks and positive energy. *100 S. Sacramento St., Lodi.*

Sunday, June 7
Central Valley Classics and Customs Cars and Coffee – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Park West Casino. Bring your ride, bring your friends and let’s enjoy another incredible season of community, classics, customs and coffee. First Sunday each month. *1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.*

The Skedaddle Bubble Run – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Michael Faklis Park. Be met with a foamy fun mountain of bubbles in multiple bubble zones. This event benefits the Emergency Food Bank of San Joaquin. No race day registration; register in advance at runsignup.com.

5250 Cosumnes Drive, Stockton.

Festa Italiana! – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Get into the spirit of Italy with the whole community. This is a family-friendly event for all ages. You’ll get to taste food from the most esteemed Italian restaurants and chefs in the area, participate in authentic Italian activities and games and enjoy live music. Tickets are \$15 at the door; children 12 and under admitted free with an adult. Visit festa-italiana.com for more information. *413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.*

Friday, June 12
Friday Night Movies – Grab your chairs, blankets, family and friends and join us for this series, every second Friday of the month through September. Gates open at 6 p.m. and movie starts at dusk. Concessions will be available for purchase. This month, join us for “Zootopia 2” at Veterans Field. *900 Caroline Ave.*

Saturday, June 13
Lodi Art Hop – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Park. Enjoy live music in the park, an outdoor art market and easy access to nearby gallery exhibits. *305 W. Pine St., Lodi.*

Showstoppers Dance Studio Recital – 1 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theater. Our Dance Studio is celebrating 42 years of dance. Our dancers will take the stage and showcase their talents. Tickets available at lodi.gov/calendar. *125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.*

Concerts on C Street – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Downtown Galt. Join us for an evening of live music, local businesses, food trucks and amazing community. This month, enjoy country music from The Rupert Duncan Country Band. Grab your friends and family and stroll down C Street while you enjoy music, dancing, food and more.

Saturday, July 11
A Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McFarland Living History Ranch. The Galt Area Historical Society will host its annual car show, open to all cars from the 1970s and older. Car entry is \$35 in advance and \$45 at the gate. There will be a \$5 per car fee for the public to attend. For those interested, vehicles can be registered at galthistory.com. *8899 Orr Road.*

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, June 13. *1000 C St.*

Lodi Certified Farmers Market – 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. weekly on Thursdays through Aug. 27. The streets will come alive with more than 65 growers, producers and food vendors offering everything from organic fruits and vegetables to fresh cheeses, meats, baked goods, local wines and handcrafted treasures. Enjoy live music while you browse. *School Street in Downtown Lodi.*

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at “Life’s Grind” coffee house in the Raley’s shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. *10420 Twin Cities Road.*

Widowed Persons Social Club – May 29, Noon: Bingo at Oaks Mobile Home Park Club House, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact Pat at 916-802-4524.

June 1, 10:30 a.m.: WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

June 1, Noon: Lunch at Original Mike’s Diner, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact is Merrylyn 916-549-4264.

June 4, Noon: No-host Lunch & Bunco at Patty’s Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPSC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next Bingo will be on Saturday, June 6 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. *9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.*

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

Friday, May 29: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, June 2: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Wednesday, June 3: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Thursday, June 4: STEAM builder space – Perler Beads, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, June 5: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Adult book group, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This month we’re reading and discussing “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans. (WG)

Veterans Meetings
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays; 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays; 9 a.m., Mimi’s Café, 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., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

Veterans of Galt – A group of local Veterans meet at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Galt Place Apartments meeting room. For more information, call Tom at 530-386-2721 or Brian at 209-404-5022. All Veterans are welcome. 400 D St.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★



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National Coq Au Vin Day

Ooh la la! It's time to celebrate a delicious French stew that has been popular all over the world for many years, National Coq Au Vin Day is here! Indulge your taste buds with Coq au Vin!

According to the daysoftheyear.com website, this classic French dish is the epitome of indulgence, filled with rich flavors, tender chicken and a touch of wine. So go ahead, raise your fork and enjoy a little taste of France.

While the exact beginning of coq au vin (pronounced "kok-oh-vah[n]) can't be verified, the dish has a number of different legends that surround its origins. Some trace coq au vin all the way back to Julius Caesar and ancient Gaul, but written documentation of this well-known French dish only dates back to sometime in the 20th century.

Prior to that, a very similar dish, called poulet au vin blanc (chicken in white wine), was placed in a cookbook in the year 1864. Though it dates back much farther, famous American French chef Juia Child can be credited with making the dish much more popular in the United States in the 1960s and beyond.



Child's recipe for coq au vin in her 1961 cookbook "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" made the recipe accessible in kitchens thorough the United States.

While recipes can differ slightly, the general idea for coq au vin is that it is made from chicken pieces that are braised in a sauce of wine, onion mushrooms, garlic and perhaps some other spices and flavors of your choice.

The French stew is slow braised to allow the flavors to meld, creating a rich sauce that makes a delicious meal, particularly in cooler weather. No matter how old it is, coq au vin offers a delicious and hearty meal with rustic flavors that is absolutely worth celebrating. And today is the day for that!

I really enjoy Coq au Vin like Chef Childs makes, along with fresh rosemary

bread and Caesar salad. Yum! I think I will paper-clip the recipe to my recipe holder and prepare Coq au Vin tonight.

Did I say paper clip? Yes, I did. Today is also National Paper Clip Day. Did you just roll your eyes at the idea of the bent little piece of metal known as the paper clip having its own holiday?

Have you ever worked in an office? If not, I can see how you might not get it ... and that's all right, I am about to explain some interesting information you may not know about a paper clip. But if you have worked in an office, you know exactly where I am coming from and going to,

The first patent for a wire paper clip was awarded to Samuel B. Fay in 1867 in the United States. It was used to attach tickets to fabric. However, that model of paper clip did not resemble the one we know today all that much.

The paper clip as we know it was most likely designed by Norwegian inventor Johan Vaaler. Years later, during World War II, the paper clip was used as a symbol of the Norwegian resistance to Nazi

German occupation. Meant to show solidarity with other Norwegians during those difficult times, paper clips were worn in coat lapels by many.

The Nazis saw this show of solidarity as a threat, and they soon prohibited paper clips altogether, threatening people who dared wear the paper clip with severe punishment.

In fact, an enormous paper clip over a meter wide and five meters tall was erected in Sandvika, Norway, to remind people about the role this tiny object played in their nation's history.

Paper clips are very versatile; they can be used as a key chain, hair clip, zipper tab pull, to unclog narrow holes, ornament hangers, or hook them all together for decorative garland. They come in various shapes and sizes for your creative enjoyment.

This is the last week of May. My, how time flies, and we are ending it with a blue moon. Make a wish.

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The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

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.

TOPS Weekly Meetings
TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi. Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m. Weigh-ins: 9-9:50am.
No charge for first meeting.
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.

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.

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@city-ofgalt.org.
The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

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.

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of May 19 to May 21, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in four arrests.

May 19
4:12 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult arrest, Galt Plaza, C Street.
6:05 a.m., Vandalism reported, North Lincoln Way.
12:21 p.m., Theft reported, Elk Grove Adult Training on C Street: Catalytic converter taken.
12:36 p.m., Fraud reported, Comfrey Senior Apartments on Lake Park Avenue: Reporting party “scammed out of money.”

12:48 p.m., Domestic Violence/ Adult Arrest, Palin Avenue/Simons Street.
1:38 p.m., Fraud reported, Snow Lily Avenue: Fastrack bills being sent to reporting party from sold vehicle.
1:42 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, 4th Street/D Street.
2:38 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Aroma Bakery on South Lincoln Way: Broken window and money taken.
3:05 p.m., Theft reported, West Rio Mesa Way.

May 20
6:40 a.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Spoonbill Lane: Vehicle broken into

and property taken.
9:41 a.m., Vandalism reported, Bellawood Drive: Damage to patio door.
4:31 p.m., Identity Theft, Park Avenue: Unknown subject has been using reporting party’s social security number for employment.

May 21
12:56 a.m., Burglary/Adult Arrest, Kiki’s Chicken Place on C Street.
7:59 a.m., Identity Theft reported, Oberlin Way.
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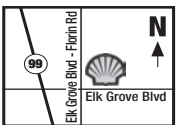


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MC Azubuike Earns All-League Honors for Galt Track and Field

Story and photo
by Paige Lampson

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt Track and Field sophomore MC Azubuike put together an outstanding season, becoming the only Galt athlete to earn all-league honors this year. For a sophomore, that accomplishment is a major achievement and a strong sign of the talent, work ethic and competitive future ahead of him.

Azubuike made an impact across several events for Galt,

showing his versatility as a sprinter, jumper and relay contributor.

He finished the season ranked first on the team in the 100 meters with a personal-best time of 11.79, first on the team in the 200 meters with a time of 23.98, fifth on the team in the 400 meters with a time of 57.56 and first on the team in the high jump with a standout mark of 6 feet, 4 inches.

One of the biggest highlights of Azubuike's season came at SVC Meet #4 on

April 22, when he cleared 6'4" in the high jump for a new personal best. That mark helped establish him as one of the top performers in his event and added to an already impressive sophomore campaign. He continued to perform well into the postseason, clearing 6'0" at the SJS Division V Trials, 6'2" at the SJS Division Finals/Masters Trials and 6'2" again at the SJS Masters Championships Finals.

On the track, Azubuike showed consistency in

the 100 meters throughout the season. He opened with a 12.03 at the Hawks Nest Invitational, continued to lower his times during league competition and ran his personal best of 11.79 at SVC Meet #4. He also posted strong marks of 11.80 at Sierra Valley Conference Meet #1, 11.81 at SVC Cluster Meet #2 and 11.96 at the Sierra Valley Conference Championships.

Azubuike was also an important part of Galt's relay success. He

contributed to multiple strong 4x100 and 4x400 relay performances, including first-place relay finishes at Sierra Valley Conference Meet #1 and SVC Meet #4. His ability to contribute in individual events and relays made him a valuable all-around athlete for the Galt program.

Earning all-league recognition as a sophomore is no small accomplishment, especially as the only Galt Track and Field athlete to receive the honor this season.



MC Azubuike has shown his versatility as a sprinter, jumper and relay contributor.

With top team marks in the 100 meters, 200 meters and high jump, plus a 6'4" personal best and postseason experience, MC Azubuike has established himself as one of Galt's athletes to watch in the seasons ahead. ★

Liberty Ranch's Michael Lamson Earns All-League Honors in Multiple Events



Liberty Ranch standout Michael Lamson delivered a season full of consistency and big performances.

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GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch standout Michael Lamson put together an impressive track and field season for the Hawks, earning all-league recognition in multiple events and establishing himself as one of the top performers on the team.

Lamson led Liberty Ranch in three individual events this season, finishing first on the team in the 400 meters, 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles. His top marks included a personal-best 53.74 in the 400 meters, a personal-best 16.00 in the 110-meter hurdles and a personal-best 42.05 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Earning all-league honors in one event is a major accomplishment. Doing it across multiple events shows the kind of versatility, toughness and consistency that made Lamson such a valuable

athlete for Liberty Ranch this season.

In the 400 meters, Lamson opened the season with his best time of the year, running 53.74 at the Inderkum Invitational on Feb. 21. He remained consistent throughout the season, including a strong 53.76 performance at Sierra Valley Conference Meet #1.

Lamson was especially strong in the hurdles. In the 110-meter hurdles, he won SVC Cluster Meet #2 in 16.70, captured the Sierra Valley Conference Championship in 16.28 and then lowered his personal best to 16.00 at the SJS Division V Trials. In the 300-meter hurdles, he won Sierra Valley Conference Meet #1 in 43.74, took first at SVC Cluster Meet #2 in 42.77, won the Sierra Valley Conference Championship in 42.80 and recorded his personal best of 42.05 at the Herd Roundup.

Lamson also contributed to Liberty Ranch's

relay success throughout the season, helping the Hawks in both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. He was part of a 4x100 relay team that ran 44.73 at the Sierra Valley Conference Championships and advanced to the SJS Division Finals/Masters Trials. He also helped the 4x400 relay team post a strong 3:40.00 at the Sierra Valley Conference Championships.

With all-league honors in multiple events, Lamson may have given Liberty Ranch fans a reason to wonder if there is enough room on the letterman jacket for all the recognition. Whether CIF hands out one patch or several, there is no question that Michael Lamson earned plenty of hardware-worthy respect this season.

From the 400 meters to both hurdle races and the relays, Lamson delivered a season full of consistency and big performances for Liberty Ranch Track and Field. ★

MC Azubuike Soars to Fifth at Masters Meet, Narrowly Misses State Berth



Galt High School's MC Azubuike jumps 6'2" at the Masters. Courtesy Photo

By Paige Lampson
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FOLSOM, CA (MPG) - The San Joaquin Section's top track and field athletes gathered at Folsom High School on Saturday, May 23 for the highly anticipated CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Masters Meet.

Representing Galt High School as the program's lone qualifier was sophomore MC Azubuike, who took center stage in the high jump and delivered a strong performance against some of the best jumpers in the section. Azubuike finished fifth overall, closing out an impressive postseason run and narrowly missing a top-three finish that would have earned him a berth to the CIF State Championships in Clovis.

Placing fifth in a section as deep and competitive as the Sac-Joaquin Section is a major accomplishment, especially for a sophomore competing on one of the biggest stages of the season.

"To place fifth in this section as a

sophomore is an incredible achievement," Galt Head Coach Bruce Peterson said. "It's not easy to compete in the high-pressure environment at the Masters Championship meet. It takes poise, and MC showed why he is one of the best jumpers in the San Joaquin Section. MC is the top sophomore jumper in the section and one of the top sophomores in California."

With two more years of high school competition ahead, Azubuike has a chance to continue building on an already impressive start to his career. If Saturday's performance at Folsom is any indication, this may only be the beginning of a strong postseason presence for him over the next several seasons.

"We are proud of MC and all of our track athletes this season," Peterson said. "We have a young squad with great potential. It's been a fun year watching this young team improve every week. The future looks bright for Galt High School Track and Field." ★

Team Garcia is Tops in Men's Adult Softball



Team Garcia captured the City of Galt Men's Adult Softball Spring Championship after competing in a six-team league featuring an eight-game season, with the top three teams advancing to the playoffs. Congratulations to Team Garcia on a successful spring season! Courtesy photo

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Haley Sanchez appears in her Cosumnes River College athletic photo.

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ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - 2020 Galt High graduate Haley Sanchez is continuing to make her mark as a student-athlete at Cosumnes River College, showing resilience, versatility and a true love for competition as she returns to volleyball this season.

Sanchez originally played indoor volleyball for CRC from 2020 through 2022. Because of the impact of COVID, she only used one year of athletic eligibility during that time while also completing her academic goals and earning her AA Degree. After some time away, Sanchez made the decision in the summer of 2025 to return to school and athletics.

Her comeback began when she tried out for and made the CRC softball team. Although she earned a spot on the team, Sanchez ultimately decided that softball was not the right fit for her. That decision opened the door for a new challenge: beach volleyball. With no prior beach volleyball experience, Sanchez tried out for the CRC beach volleyball team, made the roster and competed for Cosumnes this spring.

Sanchez’s journey is not finished. After completing her 2026 beach volleyball season, she plans to continue and complete her indoor volleyball career at Cosumnes River College in fall 2026.

“It’s been really rewarding to continue my athletic journey with volleyball this season, especially after having the opportunity to represent my college in both softball and volleyball,” Haley Sanchez said. “Being able to compete in two sports has helped me grow a lot as both an athlete and a person, and I’m grateful for all the experiences and relationships that have come from it. This volleyball season, I’m looking forward to continuing to improve my game, competing at a high level and making lasting memories both on and off the court.”

Her mother and former coach, Jennifer Sanchez, shared how proud she is of Haley and everything she has accomplished.

Sanchez Continues Her Athletic Journey at Cosumnes River College



Haley Sanchez prepares to serve this spring during beach volleyball. Courtesy photos

“We are so very proud of her,” Jennifer Sanchez said.

From indoor volleyball to softball, then to beach volleyball with no previous beach experience, Haley has continued to prove that hard work, courage and a willingness to try something new can lead to incredible opportunities. As she prepares for the next chapter of her volleyball career at CRC, Haley Sanchez remains a strong example of perseverance and passion for local athletes to look up to. ★

Galt High STUNT Announces All-League Honorees



Galt High STUNT athletes Jane Humphreys, left, and Melanie Flores pose with their All-League certificates. Courtesy photo

By Paige Lampson
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GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt High School STUNT celebrated its season last Wednesday during the team banquet, where athletes were recognized for their hard work, dedication, and contributions throughout the year.

This season, Galt High School was allotted two all-league selections by the CIF. The coaching staff selected Jane Humphreys and Melanie Flores as this year’s all-league honorees.

Humphreys competed as a flyer and contributed in jumps and tumbling during the STUNT season. Flores served as a backspot and also contributed in jumps and tumbling. Both athletes played important roles for the team and earned recognition for the effort and commitment they brought to the program.

Congratulations to Jane Humphreys and Melanie Flores. Your hard work paid off, and Galt High School STUNT is proud to recognize you as this year’s all-league selections.