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Chamber Honors Excellence at Awards Night



Past President Award recipient Kari Markel, center, poses with Papas & Wings owner Heriberto Mosqueda, left, and Galt Chamber Director Kat Seabolt. Photo courtesy of Galt Chamber of Commerce

Galt Chamber of Commerce News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrated the accomplishments, dedication and community spirit of its local business community during the 2025 Awards

Night held on Friday, May 29 in the Galt Chamber Courtyard.

Sponsored by SMUD, the annual event brought together business owners, nonprofit leaders, community members and supporters to recognize the individuals and organizations that help make Galt a thriving place

to live, work and do business. The evening honored excellence through four award categories: Rising Star, Community Champion, Legacy Award and the Chamber's highest recognition, Business of the Year.

All nominees were fellow
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Council Approves 2026-27 City Budget



By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City Council unanimously approved Galt's \$110.94 million 2026-2027 fiscal year budget at its June 16 meeting, a budget that has significant changes from previous budgets.

The first of these is the budgeting cycle, which now moves to an annual process instead of a biennial or two-year cycle. Galt Finance Director Leila Menor said the change was a major step for the city.

"Doing this will help us get a more accurate picture on the city's actual financial condition," Menor told the council.

The budget reflects increases in revenues as well as expenses over the 2025-2026 budget. General Fund revenue is projected to increase \$5.7 million, 21.85% over 2026, to \$31.9 million total while expenses increased \$8.9 million, 36.73%, to \$33.2 million.

Much of the difference between revenues and expenses in the fund comes from a \$1.2 million one-time requested appropriation in the Community Development Department to fund the 2050 General Plan update, along with \$834,528 for citywide operating capital projects and \$234,000 for capital improvement projects that include the annual pavement rehabilitation and municipal service center rehabilitation projects. Payroll and Operation & Management expenses take up the largest section of the General Fund pie with payroll at \$19.3 million, 58%, and Operations & Maintenance at \$9.9 million, 29.9%.

The Police Department continues to be the largest expense among departments using the General Fund at \$13.5 million, almost 41% of spending, proposed this budget. It's followed by Public Works at \$5.38 million, 16.22%, Administration at \$3.92 million, 11.82% and Community Development at \$3.44 million, 10.38%.

General Fund revenues are projected to grow by 21.84%, led by property and sales taxes, which account for over 45% of fund revenues and are
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City Warns Against Illegal Fireworks, Emphasizes Safety



The city is reminding residents of the hefty fines associated with the use and possession of illegal fireworks, with each one being considered a separate violation subject to penalties. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - As Independence Day approaches, the City of Galt reminds residents that illegal fireworks are prohibited and pose serious risks to public safety.

Illegal fireworks can cause injuries, fires, property damage and place additional strain on emergency services.

Only fireworks labeled "Safe and Sane" and bearing the California State Fire Marshal's seal may be used

within the City of Galt from 12 p.m. June 28 through 11 p.m. July 5.

Fireworks that fly, explode or move across the ground are illegal in California.

The Galt Police Department and City of Galt Code Enforcement will work together throughout the holiday period to promote safe and responsible celebrations while enforcing fireworks regulations.

Each illegal firework is considered a separate violation and subject to penalties: First violation is a \$1,000

fine, and each additional violation is another \$1,000 fine.

Because penalties are assessed per firework, fines can add up quickly. For example, possession or use of three illegal fireworks may result in fines totaling \$3,000.

Penalties may apply not only to the individual responsible, but also to property owners, renters and event hosts where violations occur.

The city encourages everyone to celebrate responsibly this Fourth of July. ★

Chamber Honors Excellence at Awards Night

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Chamber members, and every member who had maintained Chamber membership for at least one year during the 2025 awards season was eligible for nomination. The large number of nominations received reflected the strength, passion and dedication of Galt's business community and the many ways local organizations contribute to the city.

Rising Star Award
The Rising Star Award recognizes a Chamber member that has been in business for five years or less and is already making a meaningful impact while demonstrating tremendous potential for future success.

Nominees included: Fell Together Photography, Giddens Brothers Plumbing, Heating & Air and Ink House Social.

The winner was Fell Together Photography. Through creativity, professionalism and a growing presence within the community, Fell Together Photography exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit and promise celebrated by this award.

Community Champion Award

The Community Champion Award honors a Chamber business or non-profit organization that serves as an unsung hero through service, generosity and meaningful community impact.

Nominees included: BackAlley Brewhouse, Galt Lions Club Foundation, Kaci Boyd Farmers Insurance, Papas & Wings, Roenspie + Johnson Real Estate Group, St. Luke's Episcopal Church,

Sunshine Food Pantry and Galt Teen Center.

The winner was Papas & Wings. Known for its generosity, community involvement and unwavering support of local events and organizations, Papas & Wings was recognized for making a lasting difference throughout Galt.

Legacy Award

The Legacy Award celebrates a Chamber member that has been in business for more than 10 years and continues to serve as a pillar of the community.

Nominees included: BMD, Carson's Coatings, Galt Sign & Screenprinting Inc., Spaans Cookie Co., Rachele Copp - State Farm Insurance and Velvet Grill and Creamery.

The winner is Carson's Coatings. For years of dedicated service, business excellence and unwavering commitment to the Galt community, Carson's Coatings was honored with this prestigious recognition.

Business of the Year Award

The Business of the Year Award is the Chamber's highest honor, recognizing a Chamber member business that demonstrates excellence, growth, innovation and a strong commitment to our local economy and community.

Nominees included: BackAlley Brewhouse, BMD, Carson's Coatings, Fell Together Photography, Galt Lions Club Foundation, Galt Sign & Screenprinting Inc., Giddens Brothers Plumbing, Heating & Air, Ink House Social, Kaci Boyd Farmers Insurance, Papas & Wings, Rachele Copp - State Farm Insurance, Roenspie



Carson's Coatings owners Kit Carson and Leanna Carson, center, receive the Legacy Award alongside Galt Chamber Director Kat Seabolt and outgoing Board President Kari Markel. Photos courtesy of Galt Chamber of Commerce

+ Johnson Real Estate Group, Spaans Cookie Co., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sunshine Food Pantry, Galt Teen Center and Velvet Grill and Creamery.

The winner was Papas & Wings. Selected from an outstanding field of nominees, Papas & Wings earned the Chamber's highest recognition for its business excellence, continued growth, community leadership and commitment to supporting Galt. Its dedication to serving customers while consistently giving back to the community has made it a respected and valued part of the local business landscape.

In addition to celebrating the award nominees and recipients, the Chamber also recognized its outgoing 2025 Board president, Kari Markel, for her dedicated leadership and service. During the

evening, Markel received a commemorative plaque in appreciation of her commitment to the Galt Chamber of Commerce and the local business community.

While awards were presented to four deserving recipients, the Galt Chamber of Commerce emphasized that every nominee represents the very best of what makes Galt special. These businesses and organizations work tirelessly behind the scenes to create jobs, support community events, sponsor local programs, donate their time and resources and help to strengthen the city they proudly call home.

"The nominations themselves are a testament to the dedication, passion and hard work of our Chamber members," said Galt Chamber of Commerce Community Relations



Papas & Wings owners Heriberto Mosqueda and Maria Santoyo, center, accept the Business of the Year Award alongside Galt Chamber Director Kat Seabolt and outgoing Board President Kari Markel.



Pictured from left are SMUD Economic Development Specialist Jim Alves, SMUD Board Director Nancy Bui Thompson and Galt Chamber Director Kat Seabolt.

Director Kat Seabolt. "Every nominee should be incredibly proud of this recognition. Our local businesses and nonprofits go above and beyond every day to support our

community. They don't just do business in Galt; they invest in Galt. Their commitment, generosity, and love for this community are what make our city such a special place." ★

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State Senate Honors Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week

Office of State Sen. Roger Niello News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) introduced Senate Resolution 112 to declare the week of June 14 through June 20 as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week in California. Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) is a hereditary condition that results in a high number of polyps developing within the colon and rectum.

“By declaring this week as FAP awareness week, we acknowledge a commitment to encouraging Californians to gather their family health history and share this information with their healthcare provider for early screening and prevention of cancers associated with these conditions,” explained Niello. “Understanding your risk for FAP can help healthcare providers determine appropriate treatment and screening protocol for prevention and early detection.”

Dan Shockley, who has been an active advocate of FAP awareness, lives in Galt. Shockley is a constituent of Sen. Niello, and said, “Genetic testing and early detection are paramount. I’m living proof. As a 14-year attenuated FAP warrior, my mantra is a positive spin on a bleak



From left to right: Sen. Roger Niello, Joyce Moss (former nurse and FAP advocate) and Dan Shockley (FAP advocate). Photo courtesy of State Sen. Roger Niello

diagnosis: Always Forge Ahead with a Purpose!”

Since 2012, Life’s a Polyp Foundation has been in action raising awareness and supporting FAP patients online worldwide.

Founder and President Jenny Jones stated, “FAP Awareness Week highlights the care FAP requires, ultimately helping save lives. When patients are fighting the lack of awareness in the medical field about FAP, it results in difficulty to obtain diagnostic testing upon known FAP risk, and they are unable to obtain proper surveillance

after diagnosis. Then, their lives are put at risk for multiple cancers and other health issues.” Jones continued, “Recognizing this week tells medical providers there’s something they need to learn more about and tells every FAP patient out there that they are seen and they are not alone. There’s a whole community of us out here with welcoming arms.”

More information and resources regarding Familial Adenomatous Polyposis can be found on life-sapolyp.org. ★

Community Invited to Support Local Nurse, Mother

HOW Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt chapter of Helping One Woman (HOW) invites the community to its upcoming July 7 dinner benefiting local resident Shenell VanWarmerdam, a devoted single mother, labor and delivery nurse, and survivor of sudden cardiac arrest.

For more than 15 years, VanWarmerdam has cared for women and families during some of life’s most important moments. Known for her compassion and generosity, she has dedicated her career to supporting others while raising her two children.

In 2022, VanWarmerdam’s life changed dramatically when she suffered a sudden cardiac arrest caused by stress-induced cardiomyopathy. Thanks to the quick actions of her father, who performed CPR until emergency responders arrived, and the skilled medical professionals who cared for her, VanWarmerdam survived and was given a second chance at life.

Today, VanWarmerdam continues to face ongoing cardiac challenges. She lives with an implanted cardiac defibrillator (ICD) and requires specialized medical care, regular monitoring, future procedures and surgeries, and periodic adjustments to her work schedule as she recovers from treatment.

Despite these challenges, she remains dedicated to her family, her nursing career and supporting her son Benjamin’s ongoing therapies and unique needs.

“Shenell is the kind of person who spends her life caring for others,” organizers said. “Now it’s our turn to care for her.”



Logo courtesy of Helping One Woman (HOW)

Helping One Woman brings women (and men) together to support a local woman facing irreplaceable loss and hardship through community, connection and financial support.

Each attendee contributes a \$10 monetary gift directly to the recipient the night of the dinner. There are also raffle baskets, a silent auction, live auction items and a dessert auction during the dinner. All proceeds from the night are gifted directly to the recipient, demonstrating the power of neighbors helping neighbors.

The community is invited to attend the dinner on July 7 at Brewster’s Kitchen & Cocktails and show VanWarmerdam the same love, encouragement, and support that she has given so freely to others throughout her life. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m.

For ticket information and event details, go to MySOSEvent.com or visit the Helping One Woman Galt Facebook page. ★

WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

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projected to increase by 3.75% to \$14.5 million, mainly because of increased property values from planned residential construction. Charges for services are projected to grow by 33.12%, \$2.51 million, while licenses and permits are projected to increase from \$1.29 million to \$1.37 million.

One of the biggest increases in General Fund revenue comes from the “Refunds” category, jumping 3,759.20% from \$161,382 to almost \$6.23 million. The category is confusing in that its name and function are part of the outdated system the city is transitioning from.

In an email, Menor explained that historically, budgets from department such as Public Works Engineering, Police and Landscape Maintenance within Parks and Recreation were spread across multiple funds, with salary and operating costs for one position often divided among 12 different funds. To improve transparency and align with budgeting and accounting best practices, the new system moves those costs into the General Fund or Parks and Recreation Fund so that now departments are reimbursing just two funds instead of

several. The result is a one-time, large increase in the “Refunds” line item representing these reimbursements.

“This change is net neutral,” Menor said. “While the revenues appear higher, they simply offset the corresponding increase in expenditures.”

The affected departments now show a decrease due to the shift, but have net budget increases resulting from staffing changes, reclassifications and higher benefit costs, she added.

“In total we moved about \$4.5 million in expenses to the General Fund and \$1.78 million to the Parks and Recreation Fund,” Menor said.

Expenditures for all other departments that are key to city operations such as Public Works, Parks and Recreation and capital projects total \$77.8 million, reflecting an overall increase from 2026 of 2.2% with some departments seeing larger increases due to planned projects and personnel additions. Revenues from the city’s two tax measures, Measure R for public safety and Measure Q, are expected to increase in 2027, with Measure R seeing a 2.45% bump to just over \$2.56 million

while Measure Q for essential city services will jump 8.67% to \$5.025 million.

Citywide payroll increased by \$8.26 million over the current fiscal year budget, a figure that includes \$2.9 million in cost-of-living adjustment in labor bargaining groups agreements and the \$4.5 million shift in Refunds changes. The city is proposing to create eight new positions, six in the General Fund and two in utility funds with a combined expense of \$812,516 that includes one-time equipment expenses along with \$164,838 in reclassification and salary adjustments from promotions or changed work requirements among 23 positions.

The 2026-2027 adopted budget also includes \$4.5 million for 32 new funding requests across all funds. Just over \$3.2 million of these are funded through the General Fund, the largest of which is \$1.45 million in Community Development, consisting of \$1.2 million for General Plan updates and \$250,000 for software upgrades.

The budget includes \$24 million for 17 proposed capital projects, largest of which is a \$5 million water main replacement in Old Town. Also included are storm

and water main replacements at \$4.5 million each, \$3.21 million for Carillion Boulevard safety improvements and \$2 million for the Deadman Gulch improvement project.

Project expenses are covered through several sources including reserve funds generated through developer impact fees. In response to several councilmember concerns about the number of projects, Deputy Finance Director Carlos Solorio said they were “a good use of fund balances.”

“We’ve collected it for a specific purpose and we’re now keeping our promise,” Solorio added.

Staff foresees revenues and expenses remaining fairly stable. Revenues are projected to increase based on known development projects in the pipeline, Solorio told the council, with expenses increasing annually with inflation.

Solorio added they are projecting healthy reserves and ending fund balances over the next five years, including a requirement to maintain a 25% operating reserves for the General Fund.

In adopting the budget, council also approved the five-year Capital Improvement Plan, the fiscal year California Constitutional Appropriations Limit and the city’s master fee schedule by “adjusting the amount of user fees and regulatory fees for public services.” ★

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Friday, June 26

Blood, Sweat and Gears Pizza and Pistons – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Foothill Pizza. Join us for this cruise-in on the fourth Friday every month. For more information, contact Dave at 209-570-0448 or Paul at 925-219-6057. 18970 N. Highway 88, Lockeford.

Saturday, June 27

Runabouts on the River Classic Boat & Car Show – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stockton Sailing Club. Come join us for a fun day of activities, including free boat rides, food vendors, youth activities, live music and much more. ROTR features the largest collection of classic boats on the West Coast. Proceeds from the event support Stockton Sailing Club Youth Sailing Program, the Sea Scouts, and help the Stockton Maritime Museum's efforts to continue to offer programs for the entire community. Bring the whole family to enjoy the beautiful San Joaquin River. 4980 Buckley Cove Way, Stockton.

Family-Friendly Nature Walk – 10 a.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Come join us for a fun and educational nature walk at the beautiful Preserve. This in-person event is perfect for families looking to explore the outdoors and learn about the local wildlife and habitats. Our knowledgeable guides will lead you on a leisurely stroll through the preserve, while the group looks for interesting plants and animals along the way. Register at Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Yoga with Cats – 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at PALS Haven. Stretch, breathe and unwind during this unique yoga experience surrounded by adorable, adoptable kittens and cats. Whether you're a yoga enthusiast or simply looking for a fun and relaxing activity, this playful class offers the perfect opportunity to recharge while spending time with furry companions who may just steal your heart. \$40 per person; two sessions to choose from. Proceeds benefit PALS Haven. Register at visitlodi.com/events. 5113 Sargent Road, Lodi.

EMAC BBQ Stick Cook-Off & Fundraiser – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at LDT Grand Lodge. Empowering Marginalized Asian Communities (EMAC) is hosting a BBQ stick competition as a fundraiser for our critical work in advocating for immigrant rights and building power for a safer, thriving Southeast Asian community. Join us for a fun, family-friendly event where you can sample entries and help us decide which BBQ stick reigns supreme. Come support our organization while celebrating the cultural assets of our vibrant and diverse city through music, food and connection. Tickets include BBQ stick tasting and rice.

Tickets available at Eventbrite.com. 4520 Quashnick Road, Stockton.

Next Level Dance presents "Boots, Bows, and Bling" – 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. at Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. This summer show is shaping up to be our biggest, sparkliest, country-filled celebration yet. From our elite, award-winning dancers to our adorable toddlers stealing the spotlight, this show is packed with talent, heart and nonstop entertainment. Tickets and more information at lodi.gov. 125 S. Huchins St., Lodi.

Young Farmers & Ranchers Summer Barbecue – 5:30 p.m. social hour, dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Have-a-Few. Join us for a night of great food, good company and fundraising for ag youth. This is the Sacramento County Farm Bureau's signature event to raise funds to directly support youth in agriculture in Sacramento County. Tickets and more information at sacfarmbureau.org/yfr-bbq. 12606 Hardesty Lane.

Saturday, July 4

Galt Lions Club 4th of July Pancake Breakfast – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Galt. Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage while supporting programs that make a difference right here in our community. \$8 adults; \$4 kids under 10. Corner of 4th and C streets.

4th of July at Lodi Lake – starts with a Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; \$15 for adults 13 and up, \$8 child 5 to 12, kids under 5 are free. Return at 4 p.m. when the main gates open to the public and you're invited to shop vendors from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Our fireworks start after dark, estimated around 9:30 p.m. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Officer Tonn Memorial 5k Run/Walk – 7:30 a.m. sign-in at City Hall; event begins at 8 a.m. This event kicks off our City of Galt Independence Day Celebration. On Jan. 15, 2013, Officer Kevin Tonn was shot and killed in the line of duty. Officer Tonn was a Galt Police officer for three and half years and believed having a job of helping and protecting people was the highest calling anyone could have in a community. Pre-registration is encouraged and available online at cityofgalt.org. 380 Civic Drive.

Independence Day Celebration – 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., various sites across the City of Galt. Starting with a special Independence Day-themed Saturday market, followed by a parade at 9:30 a.m. starting and ending at the Galt Flea Market grounds, live music and family fun zone in the evening, fireworks in the pool at Gora Aquatic Center at 7 p.m., and finishing with the fireworks spectacular at 9:30 p.m. at Veterans Field. More information and links to register

at cityofgalt.org.

4th of July Parade & Festival in Downtown Stockton – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This year the event is hosted by the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16. The parade starts from DeCarli Plaza, following a route to Weber Avenue. Festival begins at 5 p.m. at Weber Point Events Center, followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. More information at stocktonca.gov. 221 N. Center St., Stockton.

Sunday, July 5

Central Valley Classics n' Customs Cars & Coffee – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Parkwest Casino, first Sunday each month. Bring your ride, bring your friends and let's enjoy another incredible season of community, classics, customs and coffee. This event proudly supports local U.S. military active-duty troops and veterans, adding a meaningful community connection to the experience. 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11

Sunset Bat Kayak Tour – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening on the Cosumnes River. Experience a magical sunset bat kayaking tour on the Cosumnes River, featuring fascinating wildlife insights, delicious snacks and the breathtaking sight of bat migrations. Link to buy tickets at visitlodi.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Friday, July 10

Friday Night Movies: "Hoppers" – at Veterans Field. Gates open at 6 p.m.; movie begins at dusk. Our summer movie series is back with family-friendly movies, outdoor fun and concessions available throughout the night. Grab your blankets, lawn chairs and favorite movie crew and join us for a movie under the stars this summer. 900 Caroline Ave.

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 galhistory.com. 8899 Orr Road.

Kiwanis Free Day at the Pool – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gora Aquatic Center. Join us for this fun day when the Kiwanis Club will cover admission for the first 100 youth (17 years and under) entering the Gora Aquatic Center. Any adult attending with their child will be required to either pay the entrance fee (adults \$8 and seniors \$6) or the dry fee (\$4 for adults and seniors). All regular facility rules apply on these

days. A special thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Galt for their continued generosity and support. 630 Chabolla Ave.

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, delicious food trucks and amazing community. This month, enjoy 80's music from the Fast Times Band. Grab your friends and family and stroll down C Street while you enjoy music, dancing, food and more.

Ongoing Events

Dillard Farmers Market – 8 a.m. to noon at the Wilton Community Center. Join us at our vibrant, small community farmers market, where the essence of local agriculture comes alive. Every Saturday through October 3, our market serves as a gathering place for farmers, artisans, and families, fostering a sense of community and supporting sustainable practices. 9717 Colony Road, Wilton.

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, July 11. 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 – June 26, 10 a.m.: Mixed variety game day at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPCS. 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, July 13 in the Wilton Community Center (one-time change for this month). Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and 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) Galt Marian O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Ave. and (WG) Walnut Grove, 14177 Market St.

Friday, June 26: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Saturday, June 27: Summer reading – family game night, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. All ages are invited to come play a variety of board games for a fun-filled afternoon. (WG)

Tuesday, June 30: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Wednesday, July 1: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Thursday, July 2: STEAM for kids – marble maze, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, July 3: 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 "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke. (WG)

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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., 8830 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.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month 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.

Veterans of Galt – local veterans who 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., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Draft Night is Here

By V.G. Harris

While the wild celebrations go on in the city of New York, and Jalen Brunson has been given the key to the city, NBA fans all over America wait like a four-year-old at Christmas for the NBA draft to take place.

The long-awaited draft will finally bring into focus what G.M. Scott Perry is all about. No more inaction and waiting to see what other teams will do, it's time to show up and let the Sacramento Kings fans get a glimpse into who they really have.

Much discussion has taken place with so many mock drafts, and most pundits are reciting names in their sleep.

While sharpshooter Darius Acuff Jr. remains a longshot possibility, a likely candidate that will still be available as the Kings pick at No. 7 is none other than Kingston Flemings, and that is not a bad thing.

For the Houston Cougars last season, Kingston scored 16 points per game with four rebounds and five assists, and while those numbers aren't gawdy, they are certainly respectable.

Listed at six-foot-four with an average wingspan, it's his on-court presence and basketball I.Q. that have teams interested in taking a closer look.

Without a doubt Kingston has competition, and names like Mikel Brown and Braydon Burries top the list that Kingston will have to contend with. Still, Kingston has the intangibles that matter, and among them is a strong family presence that continues to support his journey. Raised in a tight-knit Texas home, Kingston understands the team concept, and although I don't pretend to know the mind of Scott Perry, Kingston Flemings passes the litmus test.

Now is the time for the Sacramento franchise to come home with a sold pick and not something that brings up nightmares from the past. No more Marvin Bagley's or Thomas Robinson's. Now is the time to not get cute or to try and show the league that you know better than they do.

I'm not wanting to see an overseas candidate come out of nowhere. Staring this franchise in the face are solid players that can

make a difference on a team that is in rebuilding mode.

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither will the Sacramento Kings build a team overnight.

The No. 7 pick in this year's draft needs to be a player that will make an impact, but he doesn't have to be a franchise player to make a difference.

No Luka Doncic or Cooper Flagg waiting this time around, but just as Jalen Brunson was selected 33rd overall in the second round, anything can happen if you don't try and get too creative.

I've said before and I'll say again, the foundation of this team is Domantas Sabonis, and there's a reason why so many teams have an interest in trading for him. Domantas is a game changer, a consummate team player that never takes a night off, and a true leader that young players can aspire to.

Tuesday night is finally here, and it needs to be Christmas time for the Sacramento Kings. Make a sensible selection and feel good that you've just made your team better.

Go back to work and help Keegan Murray to find his shot again. In particular, the past two seasons Keegan looks like the player who's lost his confidence, and it's up to Doug Christie and staff to build his confidence back and remind him that he's the guy that led the entire nation in scoring while playing for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Russell Westbrook, who last season exceeded everyone's expectations, is eager to return for one more season with the Sacramento Kings, and this year with a healthy team he can make an even bigger difference than he did last year.

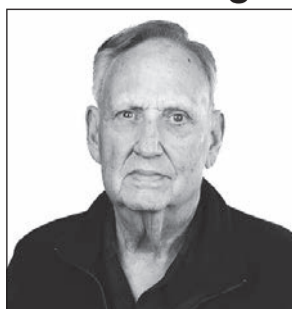
It's time to celebrate Kings fans because having a top ten pick in the draft is not something to be taken lightly.

If the experts are to be believed, this is one of the deepest drafts in decades, and the Kings enjoy not only a first-round pick, but two second-round picks as well.

Tuesday night will reveal how well Scott Perry and staff have done their homework, but don't be too surprised if you hear the name Kingston Flemings!

All the best Kings fans because a better season is just around the corner! ★

Minimum Wage Hikes to Offset High Living Costs. There's a Downside



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

There are three immutable aspects of economic life in California today.

No. 1, Californians face the nation's highest cost of living. It is 11% higher than the national average, according to the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis, including rents 53% higher than average and utilities 63% higher. It's why California also has the nation's highest poverty rate.

No. 2, the high cost of living, especially for housing, is the most important factor in the out-migration of Californians to other states. It has led to a net loss of 900,000 people since 2015, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

No. 3, California's unemployment rate, currently 5.3% of its labor force, has been among the highest of any state for the last half-decade, with more than a million jobless workers. It rises to 10.1% when it's broadened to discouraged job seekers and those who work part-time but want full employment. This alternative measure is also the nation's highest.

The response to these economic conditions from the state's mostly Democratic politicians has been an amalgam of high concept policy changes, one-time or short-term allocations of relief money and micro-managing wages.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature, for example, have enacted dozens of laws and administrative directives aimed at making it easier to build new housing, especially for low- and moderate-income families and, in theory, tempering housing costs.

However, the actual rate of new housing construction of all kinds has been stuck at about 100,000 units a year. Newsom's latest state budget projects only fractional gains, to about 115,000 units, through 2030.

When the budget's revenues allow — or at least appear to allow — the state has appropriated funds for direct relief to Californians mired in poverty, such as an earned income tax credit or even cash distributions.

Increasingly, state and local officials also have responded to ever-increasing costs of living by increasing minimum wages.

A new report from the Virginia-based Employment Policies Institute reveals that California is the most active state in setting new and higher wages for specific economic sectors. It has 8 of the nation's 10 largest local minimum wage increases taking in effect in July.

When California, after much political angst, decreed a \$20 minimum wage for fast food workers three years ago and created an agency to oversee that industry's employment conditions, it ignited a debate over impact that's still raging.

Proponents have ginned up studies that purport to prove that the higher wages had little or no negative effects on employment and consumer prices. Critics have countered with studies saying that \$20 wages forced fast food

operators to raise prices and reduce their staffs.

Newsom and the Legislature also set higher wages for healthcare industry employees. Local city and county officials have decreed new wage levels for particular economic segments, such as the hotel industry in Los Angeles and amusement parks in San Diego.

The Los Angeles City Council set a \$30 minimum wage for hotel and airport workers on the theory that travelers from elsewhere would bear the costs, but last month postponed implementation until after the 2028 Olympics. In return, the business community canceled a ballot measure to eliminate the city's gross receipts tax, a major city revenue source.

The tactic of raising minimum wages to offset rising living costs shows no signs of abating. Currently, for example, the Service Employees International Union is sponsoring legislation, Senate Bill 1203, that would increase the training requirements for private security guards but also empower the state Industrial Welfare Commission to set new and presumably higher minimum wages for such guards.

This may be a circular economic firing squad. Higher wages can lead to higher consumer costs, which increases pressure for higher wages and pushes those caught in the middle, trying to survive, to lower-cost states.

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

Why Don't They Just Create Individual Social Security Accounts?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Regarding Social Security's financial issues, three people contributing to Social Security for every one beneficiary sounds to me like a surplus. If they had given workers their own accounts, similar to a 401k, where they could manage their own money, it would have worked out more favorably for retirees. President George W Bush suggested these changes, but it was shot down by Congress.

The average worker now pays a 6.2% Social Security tax. If the government had bumped it up to say 7%, I don't believe that me or anyone else would have cried too hard. There are ways of correcting this before the SS reserves are depleted and, hopefully, Congress will address Social Security's financing soon. **Signed: Skeptical Senior**

Dear Skeptical: Believe it or not, putting SS contributions (from payroll taxes) into separate

individual accounts is not really a good idea. For information, most people get back all payroll taxes they contributed to Social Security within about 5 years of receiving SS benefits. Even with decent public market returns, some individual separate accounts would eventually run out of money, causing some to lose Social Security benefits before they die, meaning they would likely live in poverty. People are now collecting benefits (on average) for decades, and the current SS format means that even those who contribute only a small amount will collect benefits no matter how long they live. Remember, the primary purpose of the SS program is to reduce poverty in America.

FYI, President Bush's plan had opposition in the 2005 Congress largely because of the cost to transition to that plan, and the fear that investments in the public markets subjected individual retirement savings to unacceptable risk. In any case, few have since advocated investing Social Security funds in the public financial markets because of the risks and the political backlash. And adding a small amount to the FICA/SECA payroll tax rate only somewhat mitigates the problem - it doesn't completely solve it. I'm afraid that

Social Security's financial issues are more complex than that and can't be fully solved by a small increase in SS payroll taxes.

You are right - Congress (and, we are confident, will) address this, and hopefully soon. For its part, AMAC (the Association of Mature American Citizens) and the AMAC Foundation have been evaluating this issue for years and have developed a Social Security reform plan for Congress to consider (see this). And we are actively promoting our reform plan in Washington, D.C. Please know that we share your concerns about the future of Social Security and will continue to work hard to ensure the program is here for many generations.

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The spirit of Buchenwald lives on, we are supposed to believe, in the Israeli military operation in Gaza. It's nearly mandatory for progressive Democrats to denounce Israel for its alleged genocide, while Tucker Carlson and Hasan Piker -- radical influencers on the right and left, respectively -- say that the moral offense is the same as the Holocaust, even if the scale is less extensive.

Israel's haters surely enjoy the perversity of accusing the Jewish state of the same enormity that contributed to its creation, of comparing the Jews to heinous murderers of Jews. The charge is a grotesque libel.

If Israel wanted to kill everyone in Gaza, it could do it easily. What we have witnessed in the Hamas-controlled territory is not a genocide -- the deliberate destruction of a people -- but an urban battle.

Warfare in urban environments is almost always highly destructive. When the Iraqi army retook Mosul from ISIS in 2016-2017 with our air support, tens of thousands of buildings were damaged or destroyed and an estimated 80% of the Old City.

Vietnam gave us the famous (perhaps apocryphal) line, "We had to destroy the city in order to save it." The city in question was Ben Tre, infiltrated by the Viet Cong during the Tet Offensive in 1968. We used airstrikes, heli-

The Perverse Genocide Charge

copter gunships, artillery and ground troops to extricate the communist forces, and the Mekong Delta town suffered extensive damage, even though the fighting only lasted days.

The old imperial capital of Hue suffered the same fate, but on a larger scale. Communist forces took most of the city and dug in, requiring street-to-street combat over a period of months to take it back. About half the city was damaged or destroyed.

The lesson is that cities never fare well when they are the locus of combat, whether Seoul or Pyongyang during the Korean War, Manila or Stalingrad during World War II, Vicksburg or Charleston during the Civil War.

Civilians inevitably suffer and die. This is true of even the most honored military operations. The Allied invasion of Normandy killed 20,000 French civilians as cities such as Rouen and Le Havre were pulverized by our bombardment. Why would anyone expect Gaza, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, to be different? Hamas spent years and massive resources tunneling and fortifying, making Gaza into a bristling armed camp difficult to subdue.

Sure enough, it has taken a grinding, years-long campaign to substantially reduce Hamas. Israel's detractors profess to detect "genocidal intent" in harsh things that Israeli officials have said about Gaza, but these statements have typically been aimed at Hamas.

If Israel wanted to commit genocide against the Gazans, Prime Minister

Bibi Netanyahu wouldn't have sought to accommodate Hamas for years, in the hopes that a major war could be avoided. The Oct. 7 attack exposed this as a grievous misjudgment. It's hard to believe that any society, having experienced the unspeakable crimes visited on its people that day, would have concluded, "Well, we can't do anything in response -- even recover our hostages -- because combat in Gaza will be too destructive."

Hamas intertwined its military infrastructure with civilian facilities, and made military use of hospitals, mosques and schools. Its fighters posed as medical personnel and journalists. Everything was geared to making it as difficult as possible to target Hamas without collateral damage, creating the predicate for denouncing Israel for war crimes.

As military expert John Spencer points out, Israel takes steps to avoid civilian harm: "It warns before attacks using text messages, phone calls, leaflets and broadcasts. It opens safe corridors and pauses operations so civilians can leave combat areas. It tracks civilian presence down to the building level."

TITLE: None of this matters, though. The ultimate perversity is that Hamas has genocidal intent against the Jews. Yet, it is the war against this cruel terror group that is being used to associate the Jewish state with one of history's worst crimes.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. **CA-24-990008-BF** Order No.: **FIN-24004601 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/16/2019. 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, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's

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201912200492 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **SACRAMENTO** County, California; Date of Sale: **7/7/2026** at **09:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$397,407.38** The purported property address is: **13034 ALTA MESA RD, HERALD, CA 95638** Assessor's Parcel No. : **152-0260-007-0000** Legal Description: **Please be advised that the legal description set forth on the Deed of Trust is in error. The legal description of the property secured by the Deed of Trust is more properly set forth and made part of Exhibit "A" as attached hereto.** The South One half of Lot 33 as shown on the Official Plat of "Central California Traction Colony No. 1", recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County on June 22, 1911, in Book 12 of Maps, Map No. 23. All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to

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Notice of Regulatory Fees – Water Code Section 10730

The 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed sustainably within its statutory timelines. The City of Galt overlies the Cosumnes River Subbasin and is one of the groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) responsible for SGMA compliance in that groundwater subbasin. The City carries out this effort as a member of the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (CGA). If the City and its partner agencies in the CGA fail to act, or if the state determines that those actions are insufficient, the Subbasin would be subject to intervention and fees levied by the California State Water Resources Control Board.

SGMA authorizes a GSA to impose fees on the extraction of groundwater or other regulated activity to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program. (Water Code, § 10730.) The City, in its capacity as a GSA, has partnered with CGA to develop a basin-wide model for cost sharing and fee development to support the ongoing sustainable management of the Subbasin.

Information supporting the fee and its calculation may be found at www.cityofgalt.org/SGMF. The proposed fee for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is \$35.59 per groundwater-using parcel plus \$10 per irrigated agricultural acre.

Because the amount to be charged is attributable to the costs assigned to the City as part of its participation in CGA (and the attendant groundwater management services that CGA coordinates on the City's behalf), the proposed fees do not exceed the cost of providing this service to City of Galt irrigators and groundwater users. By participating in this effort, the City will continue to ensure that its interests are represented in the Subbasin, and that the required GSP is implemented in a timely fashion (thus avoiding potential state intervention).

The City Council will consider the proposed Sustainable Groundwater Management Fees at a public meeting on July 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm at 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA. For further information and data regarding the fee's calculation, to protest, or to provide additional comments, please contact the City of Galt Public Works Department by email at publicworks@cityofgalt.org or call 209-366-7260.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING GALT MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 18 GALT DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 18.16.055 RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the 2021 – 2029 Housing Element required the implementation of objective design standards ("Standards"), which were initially adopted in 2022 and codified at Galt Municipal Code ("GMC") section 18.16.055; and

WHEREAS, the Standards apply to residential projects throughout the City, including certain residential projects that are eligible for streamlined review under State law; and

WHEREAS, over time, a need to update the Standards became apparent, specifically to reflect modern building needs and trends and be more objective, therefore enforceable, in light of modern housing law; and

WHEREAS, staff prepared amendments to Section 18.16.55 to bring the Standards in alignment with current State law and to clarify objective design standards for more efficient implementation and application; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Standards at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with the Standards were heard and the amendments were comprehensively reviewed; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2026, the Planning Commission, by a vote of 5-0, recommended that the City Council approve the amendments to the Standards; and

WHEREAS, the City gave public notice of the City Council's public hearing regarding the amendments to the Standards on May 22, 2026 by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation, and posted the public notice at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2026, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with the amendments to the Standards were heard, and said amendments were fully studied; and

WHEREAS, amending Section 18.16.55 of the Municipal Code to address residential design standards is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., "CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15305 where the amendments will not change the land use or density of any parcels, just the design of the building already permitted thereon. In the alternative, the amendments are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) where it can be seen with certainty that minor adjustments to parameters on the colors, style, and design of single-family homes will not have a significant impact on the environment. In the further alternative, the amendments are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 where the development of single family homes in the City was entirely evaluated in the EIR accompanying the City's current general plan (SCH 2007082092) and the proposed amendments to single-family design standards are not substantial changes to the anticipated development, not substantial changes to the development

circumstances, and not new information meriting further environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the City Council find that the proposed amendments to Section 18.16.055 is in conformance with the Galt General Plan.

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

SECTION 1. Findings.

SECTION 2. Galt Municipal Code Title 18.

SECTION 3. CEQA.

SECTION 4. Severability.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its final passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published in full in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code or publish a pre-adoption and post-adoption summary as otherwise authorized by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 2 day of June, 2026 and by 4-1 roll call vote of the Council members present, further reading was waived.

On a motion by Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Pratton, the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 16th day of June, 2026 by the following vote, to wit:

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

/s/ Bonnie Rodriguez
MAYOR, City of Galt

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

A certified copy of the full text of this ordinance is posted in and available for public review at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Galt, located at 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CHABOLLA SKATE PARK ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Galt has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Information on the public review period and location where documents can be reviewed are noted at the end of this notice.

PROJECT TITLE: Chabolla Skate Park Enhancements Project

PROJECT APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY: City of Galt, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located at Chabolla Skate Park at 620 Chabolla Avenue, Galt, CA, 95632. The project site is bordered by the City of Galt Parks and Recreation Department building and the Chabolla Community Center to the north, Chabolla Avenue and the Galt Market parking lot to the east, the Gora Aquatic Center to the south, and Fairsite Elementary School and Preschool to the west. The City of Galt's City Hall is located approximately 0.2 mile northeast of the project site.

The project site is currently developed with a paved parking lot, sidewalks, lawns and ornamental trees, light poles, and existing skate park facilities on an approximately 4,048-square-foot concrete pad. A four-foot-tall wrought iron fence borders the existing Chabolla Skate Park.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would include the demolition of the existing Chabolla Skate Park facilities and concrete pad, and the construction of a new skate park, landscaping, and other park amenities. The proposed skate park improvements would include construction of a new central bowl and various ramps, banks, box jumps, ledges, curbs, and pipes. An eight-foot by 20-foot black cantilevered shade structure, picnic table, drinking fountain, and trash/recycle receptacles would be installed near the northern park entrance. Modular seating, trash/recycle receptacles, and a short-term bicycle rack would be installed near the eastern park entrance. The proposed improvements would be constructed primarily within the existing Chabolla Skate Park footprint.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Based on the findings of the IS/MND, the City has determined that, with mitigation incorporated, the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts. Mitigation measures for air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, and recreation will be required to reduce potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level. Accordingly, the City intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project site is not included on the list of hazardous materials facilities, hazardous waste properties, or hazardous waste sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Cortese List).

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The IS/MND prepared for the proposed project will be available for viewing or downloading on the City's Public Works Department website under the heading "RFP/BID/CIP – Construction Projects" at: <https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/public-works-department/bid-cip-construction-projects>

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Written comments on the IS/MND will be accepted during the 30-day public review period for the IS/MND commencing June 26, 2026 and ending July 27, 2026.

Written comments on the IS/MND should be submitted via regular mail or by email at the addresses below no later than 5:00 PM on July 27, 2026.

Betsy Flores, City of Galt – Public Works Department
495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632
(209) 366-7295 BFlores@cityofgalt.org

The City of Galt City Council will consider adopting the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration during one of their regularly scheduled meetings in 2026.

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72.2 Million Americans Expected to Travel over July 4th Week Despite Higher Fuel Prices

AAA Mountain West Group News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- AAA projects 72.2 million people will travel at least 50 miles from home for Independence Day between Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, July 5. Of those, more than 8.94 million are expected to travel in California, and more than 1.59 million are expected to travel in Arizona. This year's domestic travel forecast surpasses last year's record of 71.8 million travelers, but the increase is smaller than recent year-over-year gains. The vast majority of travelers (61.4 million) are expected to drive while 5.85 million are expected to fly to their destinations. While there's been little change in those numbers compared to last year, travel by other modes, including cruises, is the category seeing the biggest increase.

"As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday, Americans are prioritizing making memories with family and friends this 4th of July," said Cyndi Zesk, senior vice president of travel for AAA Mountain West Group. "While beaches and theme parks top our list of destinations, AAA Travel is seeing a boost in cruise ship bookings, signaling continued interest in the cruise industry this summer."

Independence Day Travelers by Mode of Transportation

By Car: Driving is the preferred mode of transportation during holiday travel periods



As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday, Americans are prioritizing making memories with family and friends this 4th of July. Photo courtesy Designed Magnific

with 85% of Independence Day travelers choosing to take road trips. AAA is reminding travelers not to delay vehicle maintenance. A breakdown is the fastest way to ruin a holiday weekend. Of the 61.4 million Americans traveling by car, 7.08 million will be in California and 1.2 million will be in Arizona.

By Air: Air travelers make up 8% of the share of holiday travelers. Seeking the guidance of a AAA Travel Advisor can help navigate these nuances should they come up during your trip. Of the 5.85 million Americans who are flying, 1.2 million will be flying out of California and 179,000 will be flying out of Arizona.

By Other Modes: AAA projects 4.93 million Americans will take buses, trains, and cruises over Independence Day week, a 5.3% increase from last year. This year is also expected to surpass 2019's figure of 4.79 million travelers, due in large part to the post-COVID cruising boom. Approximately 620,000 Californians and 135,000 Arizonans will travel by bus, train or cruises over Independence Day week.

AAA Encourages Safety on the Road This Summer

Independence Day week can be especially dangerous on the road with more teen drivers behind the wheel and a rise in

impaired driving due to holiday festivities.

According to AAA crash data analysis, nearly one in three summertime traffic deaths involves an impaired driver.

From 2019 to 2023, there were 2,653 traffic crash fatalities during the Fourth of July holiday period.

More than 1,600 of those fatalities were a driver, and about 38% of those drivers were under the influence.

The 21-34 age group had the highest percentage (48%) of drunk drivers.

AAA is urging drivers to commit to 100 Days of Safe Driving this summer and to plan a safe

ride home before going out. AAA also reminds drivers to Slow Down, Move Over when approaching any stopped vehicle on the side of the road. By reducing speed and changing lanes, drivers allow roadside workers to do their jobs safely and help prevent tragedies.

AAA Shares Best Travel Tips

Hit the road early. Thursday, July 2, Friday, July 3 and Sunday, July 5 are projected to be the busiest travel days with 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. being the most congested hours. Conversely, Saturday, July 4 will see lighter traffic overall, with a spike between between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. before tapering off after 3 p.m., barring any unexpected events on the road.

Be road trip ready. AAA anticipates about 350,000 roadside service calls nationwide for the holiday weekend. A pre-trip inspection at a AAA Auto Repair Center can prevent common breakdowns like dead batteries and blown tires. Last year, AAA came to the rescue of hundreds of motorists in these Mountain West Group states: Alaska: 191; Arizona: 7,700; Montana: 710; Northern California: 26,000; Nevada: 4,000; Utah: 1,400; Wyoming: 270.

Flexibility is key to scoring cheaper airfare. Weekdays tend to be the least expensive days to travel. Opting for basic economy fares (while noting restrictions), booking airport parking in advance, and bringing your own meals can help save you money. ★

Don't Forget Food Safety this Summer



As summer gatherings, picnics and camping trips are underway, Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) and the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) are urging residents to follow safe food handling practices. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) and the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) are urging residents to follow safe food handling practices as summer temperatures, activities and subsequent foodborne illnesses are on the rise.

Food Safety Best Practices

Thoroughly cook all meats, especially poultry. Poultry should be cooked to reach a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees. If you are served undercooked poultry in a restaurant, send it back for further cooking.

Wash hands before preparing food and immediately after handling any raw poultry or meat.

Avoid cross-contamination by carefully

cleaning all cutting boards, countertops and utensils with soap and hot water after preparing raw poultry or meat and prevent juices from raw meats from dripping on other foods.

Make sure that other foods, such as fruits or vegetables, do not come into contact with cutting boards or knives that have been used with raw poultry or meat.

Always refrigerate meat products. Never leave raw meat at room temperature.

Avoid unpasteurized milk and soft cheeses and untreated (not chlorinated or boiled) surface or stream water.

Wash hands well with soap and water after using the bathroom, changing diapers or handling pets, including animals at petting zoos. Make sure children wash their hands well after going to the bathroom or handling pets.

This reminder follows a recent increase in Campylobacter infections in Sacramento County. Campylobacter is one of the most

common bacterial causes of foodborne illness in the United States. Recent monitoring data shows Campylobacter cases were 1.3 times higher than the previous month and 1.2 times higher than the three-year average.

Campylobacter infections can result from eating undercooked poultry, consuming unpasteurized dairy products, drinking contaminated water or allowing raw meat and poultry juices to contaminate ready-to-eat foods. Symptoms often include diarrhea, stomach cramps, fever, nausea and vomiting.

"Summer is a time for gathering with family and friends, whether that's around a backyard grill, at a picnic in the park or on a camping trip," said Sacramento County Public Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu. "Recent increases in Campylobacter infections serve as a reminder that food safety matters. No one wants a celebration to end with a trip to the doctor. A few simple food

safety steps can help prevent illness and keep summer memories focused on the people and moments that matter most."

SCPH monitors disease trends, investigates outbreaks and works to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. EMD protects public health through food safety inspections, environmental health programs and education for food facilities and residents. Both departments work together to identify emerging public health concerns and provide residents with information to prevent illness before it occurs.

"Food safety starts long before the first bite," said Jennea Monasterio, director of the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department. "Keeping food at safe temperatures and preventing cross-contamination are small steps that can prevent illness and help people enjoy their summer season." ★

Local Emergency in Response to Invasive Golden Mussel Threat

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- On Tuesday, June 16, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency in response to the growing threat posed by the invasive Golden Mussel. These freshwater species have rapidly spread throughout California waterways and threaten regional water infrastructure, the environment and the local economy. This proclamation allows the County to work more closely with regional, state and federal partners to address the threat posed by the Golden Mussel and help safeguard vital water resources.

The Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) was first



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detected in North America in October 2024. Native to Asia, Golden Mussels are highly invasive and reproduce quickly, forming dense colonies on hard surfaces. They can spread through waterways, on boats and on water equipment, making containment

difficult once established. Large clusters of the mussels can clog pipes, pumps and conveyance systems. Golden Mussels can also damage infrastructure and disrupt aquatic ecosystems by competing with native species.

Sacramento County joins a

growing number of jurisdictions throughout California that have taken action to address the threat. Neighboring San Joaquin County also proclaimed an emergency this year. Kern County also recently declared an emergency due to the presence

of golden mussels.

Sacramento County relies on an extensive network of waterways and water infrastructure to support residents, businesses and agriculture. The County will continue working with water agencies, environmental partners and state officials to monitor the species and support efforts to prevent further spread.

You can help prevent the spread of invasive mussels by cleaning off tubes, kayaks, canoes and other watercraft between uses. Visit the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers website to find out how to correctly clean your watercraft to help prevent the spread of all invasive species. If you believe you have sighted golden mussels, you can report it to Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city).

Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

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.

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.

Recycle Household Batteries

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

The green bin is only for dry-cell household batteries.

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

Square Dance Classes 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.

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. ★

POLICE LOGS

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

June 15

12:44 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/

Twin Cities Road. 7:21 a.m., Theft reported, Us Storage Centers on A Street.

11:02 a.m., Theft reported, Chase Drive: Electrical breakers stolen.

2:31 p.m., Vandalism reported, Meadowview Park, Meadowview Drive: Sink filled with sand.

10:18 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Union 76, Simmerhorn Road.

June 16

8:19 a.m., Theft reported, Ashboro Lane: Hard top of car was stolen.

1:18 p.m., Robbery/Adult Arrest, Rio Mesa Way/West C Street.

June 17

9:42 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Galt Market on Meladee Lane.

11:45 a.m., Hit and Run/Injury, C Street/Civic Drive.

June 19

7:23 a.m., Burglary reported, Chase Drive.

7:26 a.m., Burglary reported, Chase Drive.

7:34 a.m., Burglary reported, Honeysuckle Hill Avenue.

June 20

3:08 p.m., Fraud reported, Posey Street: Reporting party purchased cryptocurrency and it

ended up being a scam.

June 21

12:08 a.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, La Quinta Inn & Suites on North Lincoln Way.

11:38 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, 7-ELEVEN on Pine Street. ★

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It's National Food Truck Day!



vendors across the country. They encouraged people to eat at food trucks and help small businesses grow. Before that, in 2014, Texas radio host Rick Mc Neely started a similar idea: He wanted to show love for local trucks in his area.

A few years later, he teamed up with Roaming Hunger. Together, they picked the last Friday of June for the big celebration. The name started out longer: "National Eat at a Food Truck Day." It changed later to keep things simple and catchy.

As more trucks joined in, the event became a popular summer tradition in many cities.

Street food fans now mark the day by eating outdoors and trying new flavors. Many trucks offer deals or bring out new items on the menu. Social media also

plays a big role, helping spread the word fast. Each year, more people take part. What began as a small idea has grown into a national event that lifts up local chefs.

I love going to food trucks. It is quick and fast and the food is fresh. I have a favorite taco truck right up the road: best Al Pastor tacos ever! Especially when they add a scoop of the marinated peppers and onions on the side with hot salsa.

Here's something to ponder: Are ice cream trucks the original food trucks?

Raise your hand if you like coconut. Aw, come on; really? Coconut is awesome and today is also National Coconut Day.

Do you know how versatile the coconut is? This incredible fruit hydrates, nourishes and even helps build homes. Its water refreshes on a hot day. Its meat enhances meals, and its oil finds a place in kitchens and beauty routines alike. Even the husk and leaves become useful, woven into ropes, mats and shelter. National Coconut Day celebrates all these benefits, reminding us how one simple

fruit can do so much.

Beyond its many uses, coconuts also play a huge role in global communities. Farmers in tropical regions depend on it for their income, turning every part of the fruit into something valuable.

It provides food, medicine and industry, making life better in ways many people don't even realize.

This day isn't just about enjoying coconuts; it's about recognizing their impact on health, culture and livelihoods across the world.

I truly enjoy eating coconut meat. It enhances German Chocolate homemade frosting. And Almond Joy and Mounds candy bars are so refreshing. I think I need to go get some today.

On a personal note: shout out to my daughter, Lisa; she will be celebrating her birthday this coming Wednesday. Happy Birthday, baby girl. You are amazing; the Energizer Bunny has nothing on you. We love you "To the Moon and Back."

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



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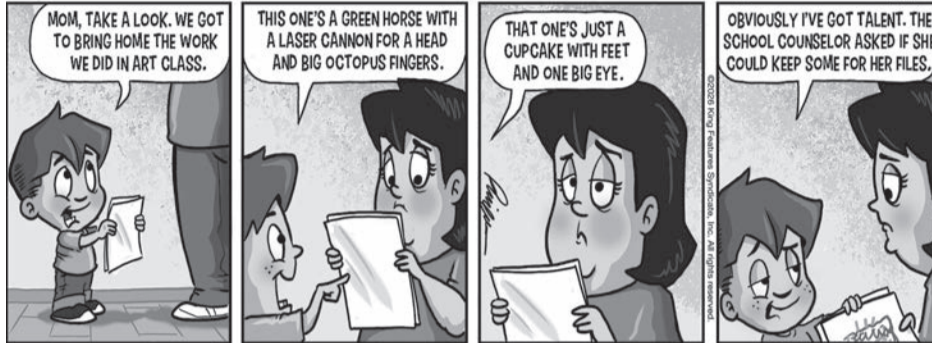
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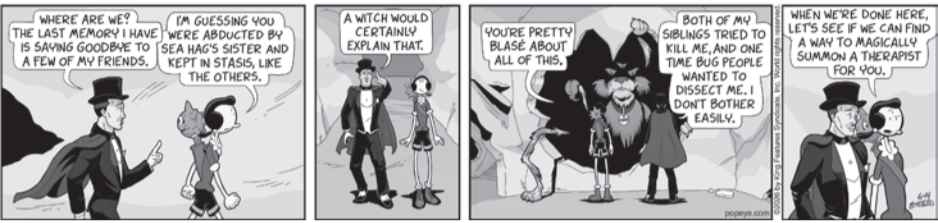
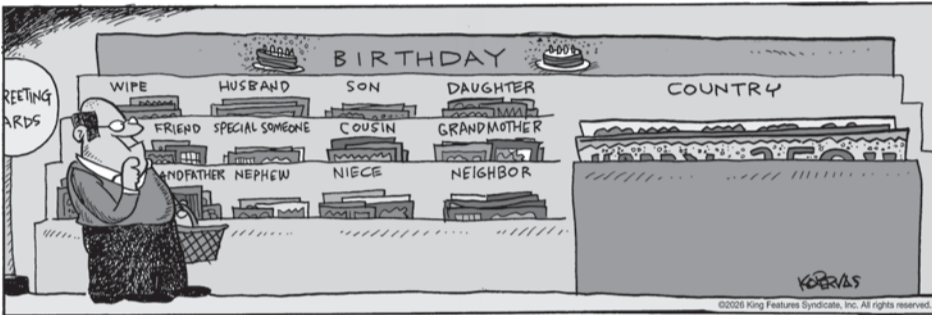
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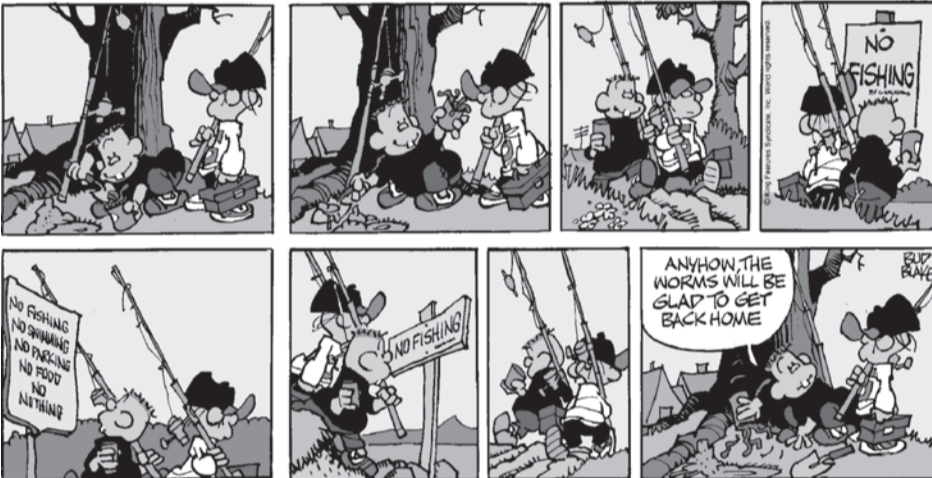
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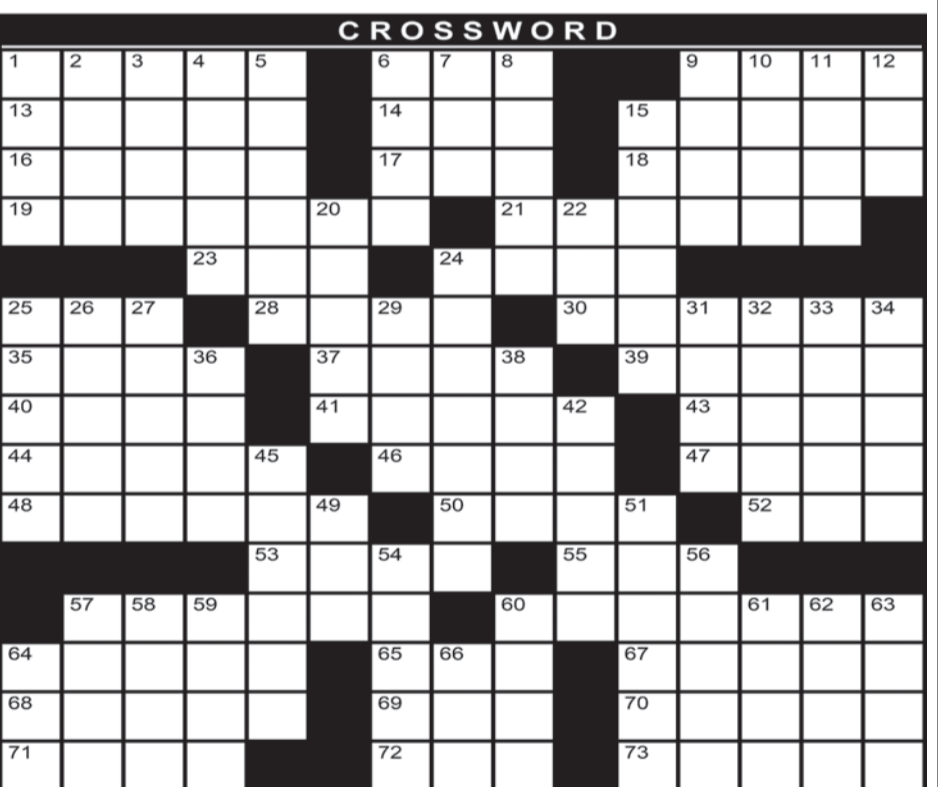
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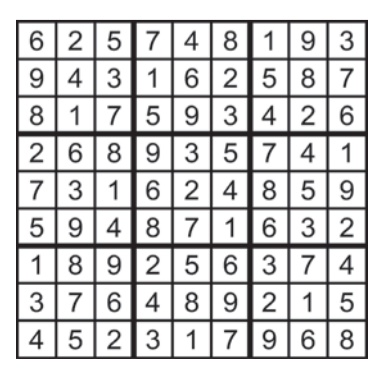
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Liberty Ranch Tennis Caps Strong Season with Section Playoff Appearance



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"They worked hard, supported each other and kept improving all season," Head Coach Shelby Behrmann said of the Liberty Ranch 2026 Tennis Team. "To make it to the section playoffs as a team and have multiple players qualify for individual sections says a lot about their dedication and the direction this program is headed."

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch High School tennis closed the season with a strong showing in the Sierra Valley Conference tournament, multiple all-league selections and a trip to the Sac-Joaquin Section team playoffs.

For Head Coach Shelby Behrmann, the Hawks' postseason run was a sign of how much the program has grown in just her second year leading the team.

"This being my second year coaching, it was amazing to see how far this group was able to go," Behrmann said. "They worked hard, supported each other and kept improving all season. To make it to the section playoffs as a team and have

multiple players qualify for individual sections says a lot about their dedication and the direction this program is headed."

The Hawks had several standout performances at the SVC League Tournament, led by senior Haley Smith, who advanced to the semifinals in girls singles before falling to the eventual champion from Amador.

On the boys' side, Harrison Leipelt battled through the consolation bracket and came away with the title, defeating a player from El Dorado.

Liberty Ranch also made a major impact in girls doubles. The all-freshman team of Aneesha Naveed and Lacey Smith entered the tournament as the No. 14 seed but quickly proved they belonged among the league's top teams. Naveed and Smith upset the No.

2-seeded doubles team from Bradshaw Christian in the first round, winning a close tiebreaker to keep their run alive.

The freshman duo carried that momentum all the way to the finals, where they eventually lost to Amador. By reaching the championship match, Naveed and Smith qualified for individual sections.

Abby Lapp and Sofia Chafaii, an exchange student from Spain, also put together a strong tournament run in girls' doubles. The pair advanced to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions from Amador.

In mixed doubles, seniors Max Guerrero and Haley Smith entered as the No. 1 seed and reached the finals. They battled Argonaut in a close match before falling in a third-set tiebreaker. Their runner-up

finish also qualified them for individual sections.

Several other Liberty Ranch players picked up first-round victories at the league tournament before falling in the second round. Gabe Oneugbu and Michael Blackmore earned a win in boys' doubles, while Jayden Sedlacek and Elis Suarez advanced in mixed doubles.

The Hawks' success was also reflected in the all-league honors. Max Guerrero, Haley Smith and Abby Lapp were named all-league players, while Gabe Oneugbu and Harrison Leipelt earned all-league honorable mention recognition.

As a team, Liberty Ranch advanced to the section playoffs, where the Hawks faced Riverbank in the opening round. Liberty Ranch lost 8-1, with Harrison Leipelt earning

the team's lone victory at singles. Riverbank went on to win the section title.

The individual section tournament was played at Oak Park in Stockton, bringing together some of the top players from across the region. Naveed and Smith continued their impressive postseason by winning their first-round match against a doubles team from Natomas. They later fell in the second round to a team from Bear River.

The season marked an important step forward for Liberty Ranch tennis, with experienced seniors leading the way and younger players showing they can compete at a high level.

"This team showed a lot of heart," Behrmann said. "Whether it was seniors making one last run or freshmen stepping into big moments, they represented

Liberty Ranch with pride. I'm really proud of what they accomplished."

Galt High also had a strong showing in the SVC tournament. The Warriors' boys' doubles team won the league championship, defeating a tough Argonaut team in a close three-set battle. Edgar Zavala earned all-league honors for Galt, while Leopoldo Garcia and Angel Munoz received honorable mentions. ★



Coach Carina Colomer poses with the McCaffrey Champion Girls soccer team. Courtesy photos

McCaffrey Soccer Teams Complete Perfect Seasons with Championship Wins

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a championship sweep for McCaffrey Middle School soccer on May 21 at Walker Park, as both the boys and girls teams

capped off undefeated seasons by winning their middle school championship games.

The McCaffrey boys' team, coached by James Smith, finished its season in perfect fashion, battling through the schedule without a loss before claiming the championship. The girls' team, led by coach Carina Colomer, matched that success with an undefeated run of its own, bringing home a second title for McCaffrey on the same day.

Winning one championship is impressive. Having both soccer teams finish undefeated and win titles in the same season made it a special moment for McCaffrey athletics. The players' hard work, teamwork and consistency throughout the season showed up when it mattered most, giving the school a soccer season to remember. ★



Coach James Smith poses with his McCaffrey Champion Boys soccer team.

Liberty Ranch STUNT Celebrates Historic MVP, Coach of Year Honors

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch High School STUNT continued its league dominance this season, and senior Mikina McCreery made history along the way.

McCreery was named league MVP for the third year in a row, becoming the first Liberty Ranch STUNT athlete to accomplish the feat. The honor, voted on by the other coaches in the league, adds another milestone to one of the most decorated careers in program history.

The achievement is especially impressive because of McCreery's versatility. She is both a base and a tumbler, two demanding roles in a sport built around precision, strength, timing and execution. In a high school STUNT game, 18 different routines can be called, and McCreery said she competed in 15 of the 18 routines this season.

"I'm very thankful for everyone who gave me the chance to get where I am," McCreery said.

McCreery's historic MVP honor will also be recognized inside the Liberty Ranch gym, where she will have a poster displayed in her honor.

The Hawks once again won the league championship, continuing a streak that dates back to the beginning of league competition in the sport. Liberty Ranch has won league every year there has been a league title to win.



Barbara Welch-Coach of the Year.



Mikina McCreery-League MVP. Photos courtesy of Tracy Portrait Studio



Isabela Richardson-All-League.



Rylee Morrow-All-League.



Sofia Richardson-All-League.

This season, the Hawks were perfect in league play and finished with an overall record of 26 wins and two losses.

Head Coach Barbara Welch was also honored, earning Coach of the Year after a vote by her

fellow league coaches. The award adds to a memorable season for Welch and the Hawks, who continued to set the standard for STUNT in the area.

Liberty Ranch was allowed three all-league nominees this season, and

Welch's selections were seniors Sofia Richardson and Isabela Richardson, along with freshman flyer Rylee Morrow.

The all-league recognition reflected both veteran leadership and the future of the program. Sofia

Richardson and Isabela Richardson helped lead the Hawks through another championship season as seniors, while Morrow made an immediate impact as a freshman flyer.

The honors capped another season defined

by consistency, depth and dominance. With another championship, a 26-2 overall record, a Coach of the Year award and a historic three-time MVP, the Hawks showed why they remain a top STUNT program in the region. ★

Welch Retires after Building Liberty Ranch STUNT into Northern California Power

Story and photo
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - When Barbara Welch first helped bring STUNT to Liberty Ranch High School in 2014, the sport was still new to many athletes, coaches and administrators. More than a decade later, Welch retires from coaching after building one of the school's most successful programs from the ground up.

The idea, Welch said, actually started with her daughter, Alexis Welch, who competed in STUNT and cheer at Cal Poly.

"Alexis was the one who wanted to start a STUNT program at Liberty Ranch," Welch said. "She was in her first year doing STUNT and cheer at Cal Poly, and she thought it was the greatest thing. She helped me get the program started here."

With support from principal Joe Saramago, Welch helped launch a program that would grow steadily each season.

"I remember talking to Joe and asking, 'Can we start a STUNT team?'" Welch said. "He told me he didn't know much about it, but he knew it was going to be big. He supported us, gave us what we needed and we made it happen."

That phrase - "make it happen" - became one of Welch's favorite sayings and a guiding principle for the Liberty Ranch program.

At first, the Hawks had a small team and were still learning the sport. Welch said the early years were about building interest, teaching athletes the structure of STUNT and creating a foundation. Alexis Welch helped coach during the first few seasons, and the program continued to grow in both



Liberty Ranch STUNT Coach Barbara Welch: "We went from barely scoring points in the beginning to winning games 24-0. The progress this program has made has been amazing."

numbers and skill.

"We started small, but every year we got bigger and better," Welch said. "We went from barely scoring points in the beginning to winning games 24-0. The progress this program has made has been amazing."

That progress eventually turned Liberty Ranch into a dominant program. The Hawks have won league every year they have competed, and this season they reached the furthest point in program history.

For Welch, the proudest moment came when Liberty Ranch defeated Roseville in the Section Championship, earning an automatic qualification to the state tournament.

"My proudest moment was beating Roseville at the Section Championship," Welch said. "To be able to say, 'We're going to state' was incredible. That was the

furthest Liberty Ranch has ever gone."

Liberty Ranch competed at the Division II level during sections, but the CIF placed the Hawks in Division I for the state tournament. Welch said the team that went on to win the Division II state championship was a team Liberty Ranch had already beaten earlier in the season.

"We knew we could compete with the Division II teams," Welch said. "But it was also an honor to be considered a Division I team and go against schools with 3,000 or 4,000 students, teams with tumblers from the Bay Area, Northern California and Southern California. That was a huge accomplishment for Liberty Ranch."

Welch leaves coaching after being selected Coach of the Year by her fellow coaches, adding to

the honors she has received throughout her career. But her impact goes beyond wins, titles and awards. She helped to mentor many coaches as STUNT programs began forming across Northern California, helping the sport become more competitive and established in the region.

She also helped to create a college pathway for Liberty Ranch athletes. Welch said 10 to 15 former Hawks have gone on to compete in STUNT at the college level. This year alone, five Liberty Ranch athletes are moving on to college STUNT programs, including two to Cal Poly, one to University of the Pacific, one to Jessup University and one to Northwest Nazarene University.

"STUNT has sent more Liberty Ranch athletes on to compete at the college level than any other sport at the school," Welch said.

As competitive as Welch is, she said her favorite athletes were not only the most talented ones, but the ones who showed up every day ready to work.

"My favorite STUNT athletes are the ones who come to practice every day, work hard, have drive and motivation, and want to learn their routines," Welch said. "I'm very competitive. I like to win, and I want them to want it as much as I do. But I also want them to learn through the process, keep up their grades and understand that all of it matters."

That approach left an impression on athletes from the very beginning of the program. Lauren Cole, who was on Liberty Ranch's first STUNT team, said she was drawn to the sport because of its structure and focus on skill.

"When I first heard about STUNT, I didn't really know what it was," Cole said. "But I liked the structure of the game and the way it worked. It wasn't about choreography. It was based on skill, and that's what drew me to it."

Cole said one of her favorite memories came during a section playoff game against Roseville that went into overtime, when she was an assistant coach.

"My favorite memory was our last game at sections when we beat Roseville in overtime," Cole said. "I sobbed."

Cole remembers when she was an athlete on the team, "Back then, all of our games were at Sac State. That day, I competed in a STUNT game, got in the car, went to Stockton for a UCF cheer competition, competed with two teams, got back in the car, returned to Sac State, tore a muscle, still landed my handsprings ... and we

won."

For Welch, stories like that show the commitment and toughness that helped define the program.

Now, as she steps away from coaching at Liberty Ranch, Welch is looking forward to a new chapter centered around family. Her daughter coaches STUNT at Jessup University, and Welch said she hopes to spend more time traveling, watching games and caring for her grandbaby.

"I want to be able to pack up the baby, travel and watch every STUNT game my daughter coaches," Welch said. "I want to spend time taking care of my grandbaby and see what this next chapter holds."

Still, Welch may not be completely finished with the sport. She serves on the CIF board for STUNT and said she may consider becoming an official.

Welch leaves behind a Liberty Ranch legacy built on commitment, competitiveness and the belief that preparation turns possibility into reality.

Her message to future athletes is the same one she used to build the program from the beginning.

"Make it happen," Welch said. "Show up every day ready to work, take care of your grades, practice with the same intensity you bring to games, support the people beside you and keep a positive attitude. If you commit to those things, you give yourself and your team a chance to be successful."

And after more than a decade of building Liberty Ranch STUNT into a winning program, Welch leaves behind more than championships: She leaves a standard of commitment, toughness and belief for future Hawks to follow. ★