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## An All-American Celebration

### Fourth of July Festivities Spotlited



Staff and family from Papas & Wings greet the crowd from their float during the 2025 Independence Day Parade. Herald file photo

*By Idaly Valencia*

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - As the nation marks its 250th anniversary this year, the Fourth of July weekend is expected to bring an all-American celebration to city of Galt.

Festivities begin Saturday, July 4 with the annual Officer Tonn Memorial 5K Run/Walk, held in

honor of fallen Galt Police Officer Kevin Tonn. The event starts at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. Pre-registration is encouraged and available at [bit.ly/4uJeuFI](https://bit.ly/4uJeuFI) (case sensitive).

The city's Independence Day Parade follows with its decorative floats at 9:30 a.m., with prime viewing locations along Fourth and C

streets and Civic Drive.

The celebration continues into the evening with Fireworks in the Pool at 7:30 p.m. at the Gora Aquatic Center, 630 Chabolla Ave. The day concludes with the Fireworks Spectacular at 9:30 p.m. at Veterans Field, 900 Caroline Ave.

See the sponsored parade route and map on pages 2 and 3. ★

## Police, Firefighters Honored for Lifesaving Effort



Galt Police officers and Cosumnes Fire Department personnel pose with residents Ellen and Rohn Kihm, center, during recognition at the June 2 City Council meeting. Police officers and firefighters worked side by side for 27 minutes performing CPR while awaiting transport to a local hospital, an effort that saved Rohn Kihm's life. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

**Galt Police Department News Release**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - On June 2, Galt City Council recognized a team effort that highlights the very best of public service.

Corporal Spinelli, Officer Robison and Officer A. Steele, alongside the on-duty crew from Cosumnes Fire Department Engine 45 and Medic 45, were honored for their lifesaving actions during a medical emergency involving a resident who suffered a major heart attack at home.

Galt Police officers were first to arrive and immediately began CPR,

providing continuous chest compressions until fire personnel arrived on scene. Working side-by-side, Galt Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department personnel continued lifesaving efforts for 27 minutes before the patient was transported to a local hospital.

What made the recognition especially meaningful was hearing directly from the patient and their family. During the meeting, they shared their gratitude for the quick response, professionalism, compassion and teamwork shown by both departments during one of the most difficult moments of their lives.

We are incredibly proud of the partnership between Galt Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department. Every day, our personnel train and work together to serve this community, and last night was a powerful reminder of why that partnership matters.

Most importantly, we are thankful that the patient has made a remarkable recovery and that our officers had the opportunity to meet them again under much happier circumstances. Moments like these remind us that behind every call for service is a person, a family and a community worth serving. ★

## Teen Earns Cosmetology License, Taking Clients



Local teen Kaydence Farnsworth is accepting clients after recently achieving a rare milestone of earning her cosmetology license at 17 years old. Photo by MGM Photography

**The Hive Salon & Spa News Release**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - As high school graduation season wraps up and thousands of local teens prepare to pack for college, one 17-year-old Galt resident is already launching her professional career.

Kaydence "Kady" Farnsworth has reached a rare milestone, earning her California cosmetology license at just 17 and a half years old: the earliest age permitted by state law.

While many of her peers spent the last year navigating their senior year of high school, Kady's fast-tracked journey was already well underway. She graduated early from SAVA Charter School in May 2025 at age 16 and immediately transitioned into professional training at Paul Mitchell The School in Sacramento.

Displaying immense discipline and work ethic, she completed her rigorous technical hours by March and passed the state board exam to secure her professional licensure in April.

Instead of waiting for a future college degree to start her career, Kady is already open for business. She is bringing her specialized talents back to the local community, focusing on high-demand, modern beauty trends including lived-in hair color techniques and precision gel and Gel-X manicures.

Kady is officially accepting clients at The Hive Salon & Spa, located across from the Galt Post Office (the site formerly known as Rustic Grace Salon).

As a new wave of students steps into the next chapter of their lives, community members are encouraged to support this driven young entrepreneur. Clients can book an appointment with her inside the salon or view her professional portfolio on Instagram at [@beauty-ritual.kady](https://www.instagram.com/beauty-ritual.kady). ★

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# CELEBRATION PARADE

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

### EVENT SUMMARY

Officer Tonn Memorial 5k Run/Walk @ 8 am

Saturday Market @ 9 am-2 pm

Live Music & Kids Zone at Veterans Field @ 6 pm

Fireworks at Veterans Field @ 9:30pm

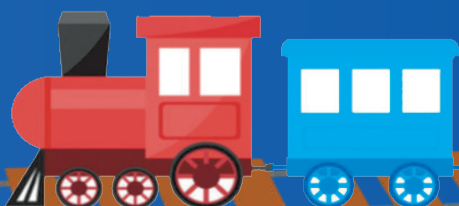


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# Exclusive Company: The Medal of Honor



The striking facade and prominent window displays of the National Medal of Honor Center, welcoming visitors to the museum dedicated to the nation's highest military decoration in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Photo courtesy Chris Moreland, Marketing & Communication, Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Center

By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

*The Medal of Honor is the United States' highest award for military valor in action.....a distinguished award presented only to the deserving; the Medal tells a story of its own. – Congressional Medal of Honor Society*

I volunteer at the Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the birthplace of the Medal of Honor. There are two other Medal of Honor Museums in the United States: Arlington, Texas and Charleston, South Carolina.

What got me interested in volunteering was to honor my dad, Sal Sr., who served in World War II, and to continue my interest in learning more about the military personnel and the stories that are attached to each veteran at the center. There are stories about individuals and caring for those around them. The stories are not about war, but about character.

To give some context to this story, there have been approximately 41 million men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Presently, 3,555 Medals of Honor have been awarded, with nineteen individuals receiving the award twice. There are 65 living Recipients.

As I guide visitors throughout the Center, people are interested in knowing why Chattanooga is the birthplace of the Medal of Honor. Well, during the Civil War in 1862, a group of mainly Union soldiers that eventually became known as "Andrews' Raiders" pulled off a daring heist of a train known as "The General" from a Confederate base near Atlanta, Georgia. Chattanooga is called the "birthplace of the Medal of Honor" because the first medals awarded in 1863 were to six members of Andrews' Raiders; other medals were awarded for Civil War actions in and around the city.

In the state of California, there have been 138 Medal of Honor Recipients. As I learned more of the information presented at the Medal of Honor Center in Chattanooga, I found that one of the notable Recipients there is Maximo Yabes, who was born in Lodi, California in 1932.

According to his son, Greg Filer, 1st Sergeant Yabes was "all military." "Dad was compassionate and that's what he was all about." Greg noted that to get the Medal of Honor, a person had to have compassion and to care about other soldiers first; Medal of Honor Recipients share six common traits – commitment, courage, citizenship, integrity, patriotism and sacrifice. He emphasized his point by mentioning his dad



HONORING  
**MAXIMO YABES**

Photo courtesy of Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund Wall of Faces



An acknowledgment for selfless duty, the Medal of Honor stands as the ultimate testament to courage under the most extreme circumstances. Photos courtesy of Chris Moreland, Marketing & Communication, Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Center

"jumped into a river to save a friend." He was "just that kind of guy," Greg continued.

When 1st Sergeant Yabes entered service, the United States was already involved in the Vietnam War. A member of Company A, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division,

1st Sergeant Yabes Medal of Honor Action date was February 26, 1967. Greg was a high school senior when word came his dad

had been killed in action.

The citation for 1st Sergeant Maximo Yabes reads as follows:

*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. First Sgt. Yabes distinguished himself with Company A, which was providing security for a land-clearing operation. Early in the morning the company suddenly came under intense automatic-weapons and*



Photo courtesy of the Congressional Medal of Honor Center

*mortar fire followed by a battalion-sized assault from three sides. Penetrating the defensive perimeter, the enemy advanced on the company command post bunker. The command post received increasingly heavy fire and was in danger of being overwhelmed. When several enemy grenades landed within the command post, 1st Sgt. Yabes shouted a warning and used his body as a shield to protect others in the bunker. Although painfully wounded by numerous grenade fragments, and despite the vicious enemy fire on the bunker, he remained there to provide covering fire and enable the others in the command group to relocate. When the command group had reached a new position, 1st Sgt. Yabes moved through a withering hail of enemy fire to another bunker 50 meters away. There he secured a grenade launcher from a fallen comrade and fired point-blank into the attacking Viet Cong, stopping further penetration of the perimeter. Noting two wounded men helpless in the fire-swept area, he moved them to a safer position where they could be given medical treatment. He resumed his accurate and effective fire, killing several enemy soldiers and forcing others to withdraw from the vicinity of the command post. As the battle continued, he observed an enemy machine gun within the perimeter which threatened the whole position. On his own, he dashed across the exposed area, assaulted the machine gun, killed the crew, destroyed the weapon, and fell mortally wounded. First*

*Sgt. Yabes' valiant and selfless actions saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and inspired his comrades to effectively repel the enemy assault. His indomitable fighting spirit, extraordinary courage, and intrepidity at the cost of his life are in the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.*

I encourage individuals to research on their own to discover the sacrifices that have been made by our armed forces personnel and their families and come to appreciate what makes our military second to none.

For those looking for more information within the state of California, you may want to check out these official websites.

The Medal of Honor Historical Society of the United States for California can be found at: <https://www.mohhsus.com/california-2>

The Congressional Medal of Honor website: <https://www.cmohs.org/>

The Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center website: [www.mohhc.org](http://www.mohhc.org).

As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, you may want to refresh your historical knowledge and look at this important document, the Declaration of Independence: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

Sal Arrigo, Jr., has interviewed and written numerous articles about veterans of our nation's armed forces. He was a professor at CSU, Sacramento before he retired. ★

# Keep Kids Safe Around Water This Summer

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As temperatures rise and families look for ways to stay cool, Sacramento County reminds parents and caregivers that water safety should be a top priority throughout the summer months.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of injury-related death for children, but many incidents can be prevented through awareness, preparation and active supervision.

Whether spending time at a swimming pool, lake, river, water park or even at home, it's important to take steps to stay safe. Drowning can happen quickly and quietly.

An adult should always be supervising children when they are in or near water.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to talk with children and teens about water safety this summer. These conversations should include the importance of following safety rules, swimming with a buddy and listening to lifeguards or supervising adults.

**What you can do before spending a day on the water:** Parents should take a few minutes to make sure they are prepared.

Children under 13 in Sacramento County must wear properly fitted life jackets when boating or spending time in lakes, rivers or other open water. While floatation devices

and water toys can be fun, they should never replace close adult supervision or a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

**How you can start the conversation with your kids:** It's also important to talk with children about what to do around water. Remind them to stay where adults can see them, avoid rough play near pools or waterways and never enter the water without permission. Having these conversations before a family outing can help children make safer choices when they are excited and distracted by summer activities.

**Drownings can happen in unexpected places:** Water safety discussions should not be limited to

pools, lakes, rivers and oceans. Drownings can happen inside the home as well. Bathtubs, buckets, large containers and other sources of standing water can pose serious risks to young children. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. Parents and caregivers should never leave infants or young children unattended around water, even for a moment.

**To help keep children safe, parents and caregivers should:** Always provide close, undistracted supervision when children are in or near water; Designate a responsible adult as a "water watcher" during gatherings and swimming activities; Ensure pools and spas are secured with proper

fencing and self-latching gates; Use properly fitted life jackets when boating or recreating near open water; Enroll children in age-appropriate swim lessons when possible; Learn CPR and know how to respond in a water emergency; Talk with children regularly about water safety rules and expectations; Empty buckets, kiddie pools and other containers after use and store them safely.

**When visiting Sacramento County Parks:** Sacramento County Regional Parks reminds residents to use extra caution when visiting local waterways. Rivers can have strong currents, cold water temperatures and hidden hazards that make

them dangerous, even for experienced swimmers.

Parents should talk with children about these risks and make sure they stay in approved recreation areas. Remember: County ordinance requires that all children under 13 wear an approved life jacket before entering lakes and rivers. Life jackets are also stationed in several areas along the river.

As families enjoy the summer season, a few simple precautions and conversations can go a long way toward preventing accidents and keeping children safe while they have fun in and around the water.

Check out additional water safety resources at [saccounty.gov](http://saccounty.gov). ★

# Keep Your Pets Safe This Fourth of July

## Tips to Prevent Lost Pets

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - For many people, the Fourth of July is a time to celebrate with family, friends and fireworks. For pets, it's often one of the scariest nights of the year.

Every year, animal shelters across the country see a sharp increase in lost pets around the Fourth of July as frightened dogs and cats panic at the sound of fireworks, escape yards, slip out open doors or bolt from leashes. The good news? A few simple steps can help keep your pets safe at home.

### Fourth of July Pet Safety Tips

Keep pets indoors. Even pets that are usually comfortable outside can become startled by fireworks. Bring them inside before celebrations begin and keep them there for the evening.

Create a safe, quiet space. Set up a comfortable room with their favorite bed, blankets, toys and water. Closing windows, curtains and playing calming music or the TV can help to drown out loud noises.

Double-check identification. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with current ID tags. If they're microchipped, verify that your contact information is up to date. A microchip is one of the best ways to help your pet find their way home.

Talk to your veterinarian. If your pet becomes anxious during fireworks, talk



The county is reminding residents of a few simple steps that can help keep pets safe at home during Fourth of July, as well as offering waived redemption fees through July 11 to reunite lost pets with their families as quickly as possible. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

to your veterinarian before the holiday about medications or other options that can help reduce stress and keep them calm during the celebrations.

Exercise early. Take dogs for a walk earlier in the day before fireworks begin. Keep them on a secure leash, even if they're usually reliable off-leash.

Leave them home. Fireworks shows, neighborhood parties and crowded events are not pet-friendly. The safest place for your pet is inside your home.

Watch the doors. Guests coming and going can create opportunities for pets to slip outside. Remind visitors to keep doors and gates closed.

Never leave pets in the yard during fireworks. Even fenced yards aren't escape-proof when a frightened pet is trying to get away.

### Waived Redemption Fees

To help reunite lost pets with their families as quickly as possible, Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter is waiving owner redemption fees from June 27 through July 11.

The fee waiver applies

to all redeemable animals except those involved in ongoing investigations or animals that have been confiscated or placed under quarantine.

If your pet goes missing, don't wait. Visit the shelter as soon as possible and check our lost pet listings daily. Many lost pets are found within the first few days after the holiday.

### Looking for Your Lost Pet?

Visit Bradshaw Animal Shelter at 3839 Bradshaw Road during public hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday: Noon to 6 p.m. and closed Mondays and County holidays (check at [saccounty.gov/us/en/County-Holidays.html#gsc.tab=0](http://saccounty.gov/us/en/County-Holidays.html#gsc.tab=0)).

You can also view lost and found pets online at [animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/lost-and-found-pets.html#gsc.tab=0](http://animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/lost-and-found-pets.html#gsc.tab=0) before heading to the shelter.

A little preparation can make all the difference. By planning ahead and keeping pets safely indoors, we can help ensure this Fourth of July ends with more happy reunions and fewer frightened pets spending the holiday away from home. ★

# Niello Urges Parole Board to Rescind Grant of Parole for Serial Child Molester

## Office of Sen. Roger Niello News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On June 25, Sen. Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) delivered a letter to the Board of Parole Hearings, urging them to prioritize public safety and rescind its grant of parole for serial child molester Gregory Vogelsang ahead of his hearing on June 26.

Vogelsang was sentenced to over 350 years in prison for molesting at least six boys between the ages of 5 and 11 in the Sacramento area in the 1990s. In November 2025, he was granted parole after serving just 27 years due to the state's Elderly Parole law. He is 57 years old.

"Mr. Vogelsang is a repeat child predator whose actions caused immeasurable harm to vulnerable victims and their families," Sen. Niello wrote in his letter to the board. "As you review this case, I ask that you consider not only the offender, but the victims and the lasting trauma inflicted upon them. Consider the message that his release would send to survivors, their families, and communities that rely on the justice system to protect them."

While in prison, evaluations of Vogelsang found that he posed a greater risk to the public than 80% of other sexual offenders. He also remained sexually attracted to young boys between ages 5 and 11 as recently as 2020.

The Board of Parole Hearings found him to be unfit for release in both 2022 and 2024. But on Nov. 4, 2025, he was granted preliminary elder parole.

The board voted to refer its grant of elder parole to a rescission hearing, after outcry from Sen. Niello and fellow Republicans.

The June 26 hearing will determine whether the original parole grant for Vogelsang should stand or be reversed.

"The consequences of a wrong decision in this case are irreversible. If another child becomes a victim, there is no chance to undo that harm. Public safety must remain the board's highest priority. For all these reasons, I respectfully request that the board rescind Mr. Vogelsang's parole," Sen. Niello's letter concluded.

*Elected in 2022, State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes the cities of Galt and Herald in Sacramento County and Roseville in Placer County.* ★

# Police Pursuit Ends in Drug Arrest

## Galt Police Department News Release



**GALT, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday, June 24, just before 10:40 p.m., Galt Police officers observed what appeared to be a drug transaction in the 300 block of Pine Street.


When officers attempted to stop one of the involved vehicles, the driver, later identified as 34-year-old Mark Livingston Jr. of Stockton, led officers on a short pursuit. The pursuit ended after Livingston struck a curb on Fairway

Drive and fled on foot.

Officers established a perimeter around the area where he was last seen. With the assistance of the Folsom Police Department K9 Unit, Livingston was safely taken into custody.

Livingston was found to be on parole and had two outstanding felony warrants from another county. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 13 grams of methamphetamine, three grams of heroin, multiple smoking pipes and syringes.

Livingston was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on felony warrants and charges including evading police, resisting a police officer, possession of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. ★



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**Friday, July 3**  
**Unity in the Community Fest** – 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Stockton Ballpark. We're bringing the city together for a big night at the ballpark. Join us for live music, entertainment, food, fireworks, movies, vendors and non-stop family fun. \$10 parking, \$10 entry fee, kids under 5 free. For more information, call 209-279-8299. 404 W. Fremont St., Stockton

**Food, Friends & Military Tanks** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Best Western Hotel. Join us for an Independence Day kick-off event featuring food, friends and a special preview of the military tanks that will be in the Galt Independence Day Parade. This free, family-friendly event offers a chance to see the vehicles up close, enjoy complimentary food and connect with the community ahead of the holiday. 620 N. Lincoln Way.

**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 and Sunday, July 12**  
**StocktonCon Summer** – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Adventist Health Arena. Featuring a star-studded list of celebrity guests and artists, cosplay costume contests, gaming tournaments, panels and more. A portion of the proceeds goes directly to local charities. See stocktoncon.com for more information and tickets. 248 W. Fremont St., Stockton.

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

**The 3 Queens of Motown** – 7 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. The show takes to the stage with a Las Vegas style, fantastic, high energy show that pays honor to 3 Queens of the music business: Tina, Diana & Aretha. They re-create the soul, glamour and sass of these ultimate divas with lots of attitude and style.

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**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 Oct. 3, our market serves as a gathering place for farmers, artisans and families, fostering a sense of community and supporting sustainable practices. Saturday, July 4, celebrate small town fun with our 4th of July-themed market, with a community garden contest. Enter to win "biggest zucchini" in Wilton. 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 and fresh cheeses to 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** – July 3, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

July 6, 10:30 a.m.: WPSC Board Meeting at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

July 6, Noon: Lunch at El Jardin, 9385 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove. Contact Merrylyn, 916-549-4264.

July 8, Noon: No-host lunch followed by beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

July 10, 10 a.m.: Hand and Foot card game 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 WPSC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

**Wilton Bingo** – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, 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, 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)

Saturday, July 4: Libraries closed for Independence Day holiday.

Tuesday, July 7: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Wednesday, July 8: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

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

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

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

**American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233** – fourth Thursdays at

7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road. Dinner at 6 p.m.

**Post 233 Family Breakfast** – first Saturdays at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. 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 Mondays, 5:45 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

**Marine Corps League Detachment #1238** – first Thursdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

**VFW Post 2073** – second Thursdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

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is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pizza Guys #165/Pizza Guys" 640 Carol Drive Suite 130, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 26, 2026

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Notice of Public Hearing Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan – 2025 Update**

The Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code §10608–10656) requires the City of Galt (City) to update its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and associated Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) every 5 years. The City must also make the draft documents available for public review and hold a public hearing before adopting its UWMP and associated WSCP.

This is to notify you that the City will hold a public hearing on July 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular City Council meeting to consider proposed revisions and updates to the 2025 UWMP and associated WSCP. We invite your agency's participation in the process. In conjunction with the update to the UWMP, the public may also provide input on the urban water use target included in the UWMP, any impacts to the local economy, and the City's method of determining its urban water use target.

The UWMP and associated WSCP will be made available for public review by June 1, 2026 at <https://www.cityofgalt.org/>.

If you have any questions about the 2025 UWMP or WSCP or the process for updating these documents, please contact me at:

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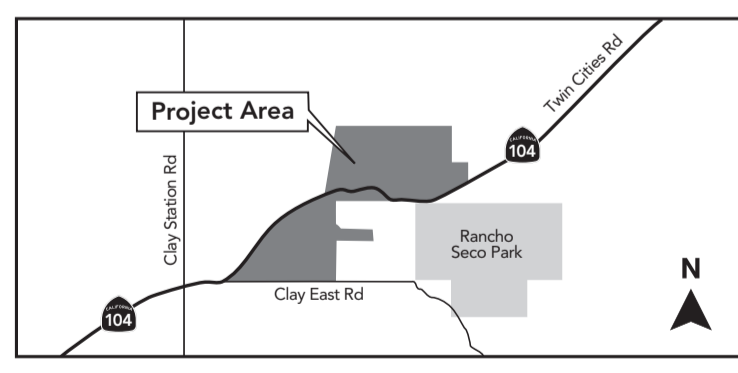
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Extended Comment Period for Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, SMUD has prepared a notice of preparation (NOP) to invite comments on the scope of the environmental impact report (EIR) being prepared for the proposed Twin Cities Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Project, which would involve the construction and operation of a photovoltaic solar power and battery storage renewable energy generation facility interconnected to our electric grid. The original scoping public comment period was from May 27 through June 26. The purpose of this notice is to extend the scoping public comment period on the NOP to October 16 to allow more time for the public to provide their input. No other revisions have been made to the NOP.

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



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

**Document availability**  
 The NOP is available at [smud.org/TwinCitiesSolar](http://smud.org/TwinCitiesSolar). Printed copies are available during normal business hours at these locations:

SMUD Customer Service Center 6301 S Street Sacramento, CA 95817	SMUD East Campus-Operations Center 4401 Bradshaw Road Sacramento, CA 95827
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**In-person public meeting**  
 A public scoping meeting was held on June 11. An additional public meeting will be scheduled in the fall.

**Where to send your comments**  
 Please submit written comments at the public meeting or by email to [TwinCitiesSolar@smud.org](mailto:TwinCitiesSolar@smud.org) by Oct. 16.

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# Summer Fun Awaits at the Galt Market



Residents are encouraged to visit the Galt Market this summer to shop from various vendors offering food, treats, clothing, plants as well as enjoy live music on the first Wednesday of July during Music at the Market. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

## City of Galt News Release

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - School is out, the sun is shining, and summer is in full swing at the Galt Market.

Bring the family and spend the morning exploring hundreds of vendors offering everything from toys, clothing, accessories, tools, plants and electronics to unique treasures

waiting to be discovered.

Be sure to visit the market's popular produce row and enjoy a variety of food and treats from more than 20 food vendors offering fresh fruit, tacos, churros, popcorn, ice cream, drinks and more.

Looking for even more entertainment? Visit the Galt Market for Music at the Market during the first Wednesday of July from

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., featuring live music by A Touch of Magic Band.

The Galt Market is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission and parking are always free, making it a great way to enjoy a summer morning with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you at the market this summer! ★

## Panels Advance Matsui Bills Targeting Chemical Exposure, Patient Care

### Office of Rep. Doris Matsui News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)**

- On May 21, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce overwhelmingly passed Rep. Doris Matsui's (D-CA-07) Motor Vehicle Flammability Standards Study Act and Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act. Together, the bills advance a simple promise that families deserve stronger health and safety protections in their daily lives, from reducing exposure to harmful chemicals in the cars they drive to improving access to life-saving treatments when

illness strikes.

"Sacramento families deserve to know that the cars they drive, the products they use and the healthcare systems they rely on are built around their safety and well-being," said Matsui.

"These bipartisan bills are about meeting people where they are, whether that means protecting families from unnecessary toxic chemical exposure in their vehicles or helping patients find a lifesaving stem cell match when they need it most.

"I'm proud to work with the Committee to pass these bills and bring us one step closer to ensuring

better, safer standards, stronger patient access, and real peace of mind for families in Sacramento and across the country."

### Motor Vehicle Flammability Standards Study Act

Families should be able to trust that the cars they drive are safe without being exposed to unnecessary toxic chemicals in the process. The Motor Vehicle Flammability Standards Study Act would require the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to conduct a study that identifies potential safety risks from hazardous

chemicals used as flame retardants in the interior of motor vehicles. The study will help update federal motor vehicle safety standards to protect Americans from vehicle fires while also preventing exposure to dangerous chemicals.

Matsui previously led the Safer Occupancy Furniture Flammability Act (SOFFA) to modernize household furniture fire safety standards and remove harmful flame retardants that offered little proven safety benefit.

### The Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act


For patients facing blood cancers, sickle cell disease and other life-threatening conditions, finding a stem cell match can mean the difference between life and death. The Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act would reauthorize the national bone marrow and cord blood programs that help connect patients with life-saving donors, support transplant research and expand access to treatment. The legislation authorizes the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program for five years at \$33 million annually and the National Cord Blood Inventory at \$23 million



Rep. Doris Matsui. Courtesy photo

annually for five years.

First passed in 2005, the original legislation established a nationwide integrated bone marrow and cord blood stem cell transplantation program. Stem cells derived from cord blood and bone marrow have been successfully used to treat tens of thousands of patients. ★



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## MEETING MINDERS

<p><b>Sunday, July 5</b> Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather). See Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.</p>	<p><b>Monday, July 6</b> Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi; 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185. Galt Youth Commission,</p>	<p>6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 7</b> CANCELLED: Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive. ★</p>
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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Sunshine Food Pantry Donations

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for residents.

Collections of canned food and dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations at 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

## Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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

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. ★

# POLICE LOGS

During the time period of June 22 to June 28, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 11 arrests.

## June 22

4:07 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/A Street.

10:58 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, 4th Street 5th Street Alley/E Street.

## June 23

8:52 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest,

Union 76 on Simmerhorn Road.

## June 24

10:53 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Fairway Drive/Caroline Avenue.

## June 25

1:03 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Fairsite School on Caroline Avenue.

Disposition: Adult Arrest.

7:02 p.m., Domestic Violence-In-Progress/Adult Arrest, 5th Street.

## June 26

1:12 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, 4th Street 5th Street Alley/E Street.

2:08 a.m., Theft reported, Benteen Way: E-bike, black, with baby carrier taken.

4:20 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Oakwilde Street.

8:34 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Carillion Boulevard/Elk Hills Drive.

## June 27

12:38 p.m., Vehicle Accident-Injury, Carol Drive/Delane Drive.

1:13 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Bay Shore Drive.

7:29 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Glom (female facility), Marengo Road.

## June 28

2:53 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.

9:13 p.m., Theft reported, Steele Way: Catalytic converter stolen off of Toyota Prius. ★

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If you simply cannot resist going outside, then you can always find a nice bit of shade yet make sure you wear sunscreen and make an extra effort to protect your skin. That is what this day is really about.

Moderate exposure to the sun can provide you with a natural and healthy dose of Vitamin D. However, too much time in the sun can result in skin damage. This can speed up the aging process, which I'm sure no one wants! Plus, there are also links between too much sun exposure and skin cancer, which is why it is so important to make sure you educate yourself and protect yourself when sunbathing.

Use Stay Out of the Sun Day to educate others as well. After all, if you reach just one person, you could actually end up making a difference.

When you consider the fact that there



have been scientific studies into the link between skin cancer and the sun, it is no surprise that someone decided to create a Stay Out of the Sun Day in order to encourage people to protect their skin. Skin cancer is the second-most common type of cancer for those between the ages of 15 and 29. Staying out of the sun is the best way to protect your skin.

I was a sun worshipper in my younger years. Got a great tan every year, fried to a golden brown, until the last few years I noticed the dark spots, skin blemishes taking longer to heal.

And with the talk about cancer of late, I have now opted for sunscreen, UV shirts and hats.

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Happy Fourth of July tomorrow to you

and your family. Enjoy the celebration of 250 years of Independence! And remember to stay out of the sun.

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Speaking of fried, it is also National Fried Clam Day. Deliciously crunchy and filled with fresh seafood flavor, fried clams are a New England staple.

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A bit of history: The story goes that Lawrence "Chubby" Woodman of Essex, Massachusetts, was the first person to make deep-fried clams, in 1916.

As one of Woodman's specialties was making potato chips, he already had vats and oil, so frying the clams was not a far stretch. Especially in Massachusetts, which is in the eastern coast of the United States where clam digging is especially popular.

This event is noted to have taken place on July 3, one day prior to American Independence Day, so Chubby and his wife Bessie decided to set up a stall to sell them to people of the community.

They were an instant hit and grew in popularity from that time. Almost 100 years after fried clams got their start, Woodman's of Essex, the seafood restaurant that is still in business today, initiated the founding of National Fried Clam Day in 2015.

I love fried clams, with a little cocktail sauce and lemon. Yummy!

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I asked a while back if any of you had some "fries my pie" annoyances to add to the list and I got a response or two. Here they are: Christmas lights flopping in the wind; unsecured screen doors swinging back and forth, whacking the wall; roosters crowing in the city limits (keep the hens; eat the roosters); motorcycles roaring by, splitting the lanes; and my favorite: appliances, mattresses and trash dumped on the side of the roads (the least the dumpers could do is stuff them in the potholes!).

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**W**hen in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

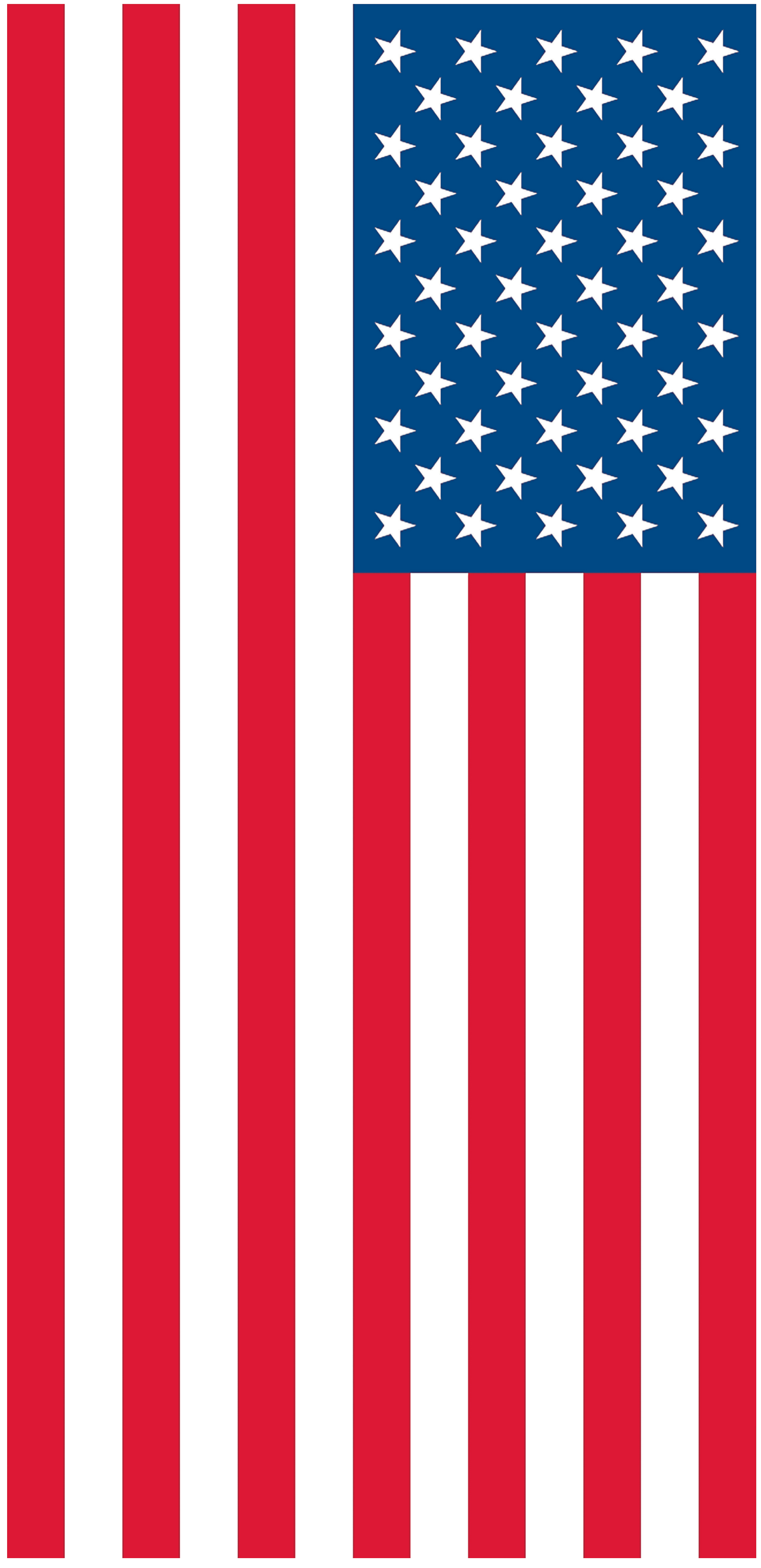
He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



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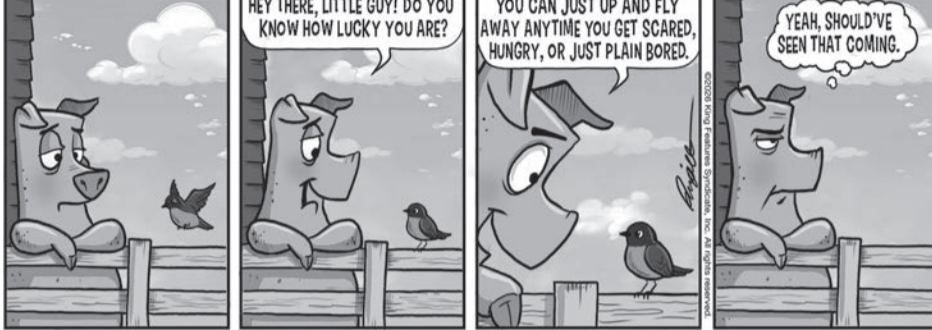
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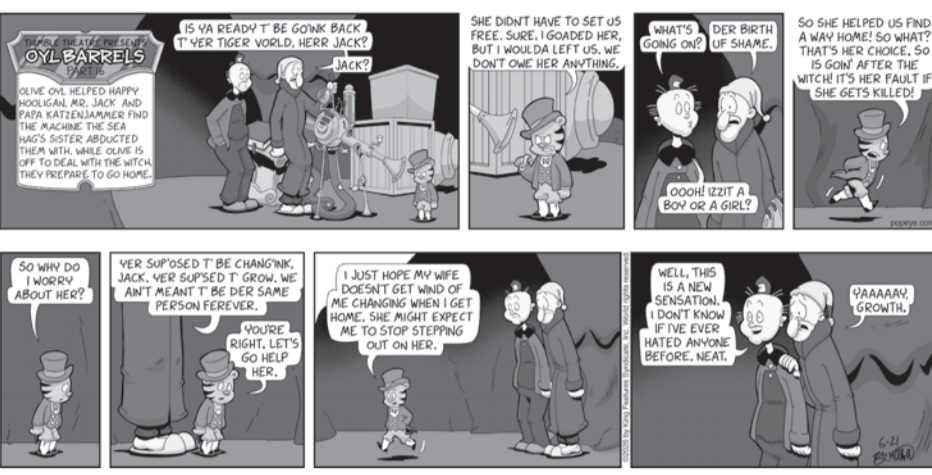
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# Record-Setting Smith Crowned Liberty Ranch Female Athlete of the Year

*Thirteen Varsity letters, 18 School Records and the Second-Highest GPA in Her Class: Smith Leaves Nothing Left to Prove*

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

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - When the history of Liberty Ranch High School athletics is written, the chapter on Haley Smith may need a few extra pages. A four-year varsity performer in basketball, volleyball and swim, and a senior-year addition to the tennis team, Smith capped a singular high school career by being named the school's Female Athlete of the Year: an honor that almost feels too small for a résumé this large.

Consider the math alone. Smith earned a remarkable 13 varsity letters across four sports, the kind of total that schools see perhaps once in a generation. She was a four-year varsity letterwinner in basketball, volleyball and swimming, then added tennis as a senior: a leap of faith that produced her 13th letter and one of the most surprising success stories of her time in a Hawks uniform.

But ask Smith what she is proudest of, and she does not begin with the volume of it all. She begins at the top.

"I am most proud of being named the California State Basketball Player of the Year for Division Four as a junior by Cal-Hi Sports," Smith said. "There are tens of thousands of amazing female basketball players in California. The fact that I was named the best player in the state in D4 is something I will cherish the rest of my life."

## A Banner Year, Literally

The basketball court is where Smith became a household name in the Sac-Joaquin Section. As a junior, she powered Liberty Ranch to the program's first-ever girls' basketball SJS Division IV section championship, and she did it in the brightest spotlight possible. Named MVP of the section title game, Smith dropped 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds to deliver the school its first blue section banner: a piece of cloth that now hangs in the gym as permanent proof of what she built.

"Winning the SJS Section D4 Championship my junior year was a memory I will never forget," she said.

The accolades piled up from there. Smith was named SVC League MVP three years in a row, a First Team All-State selection three times by Cal-Hi Sports, a four-time First Team All-Metro pick by The Sacramento Bee, and The Bee's Small School Player of the Year. She finished her career with 2,199 points, 1,053 rebounds, 328 assists and 317 steals, and she holds 18 LRHS records along the way.

Those numbers were never the point, though. They were the byproduct of winning.

"Being able to reach these huge career marks and break basketball school records helped our teams earn four straight SVC league titles, an SJS Section title and two trips to the CA State playoffs where we went all the way to the NorCal Semifinals my senior year," Smith said. "I am proud to have helped put LRHS Women's basketball on the map as one of the top programs overall in the Sac-Joaquin



Haley Smith's Junior Swim team photo.



Haley Smith's senior photo with freshman sister Lacey. They enjoyed playing on varsity together.



Haley Smith-Liberty Ranch Female Athlete of the Year.

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## The Glue That Held It Together

Coaches and teammates have long described Smith as a "glue" player: the steady presence who makes everyone around her better. For Smith, leadership was never about volume. It was about example.

"As the glue on many teams, it has been natural for me to lead by example through my strong work ethic rather than just telling other players what to do," she said. "I am always willing to do anything to help us win."

That willingness was not a slogan. It was a calendar. Smith swam whatever event her team needed for extra meet points. She played mixed doubles in tennis after a lifetime of singles. She guarded positions one through five on the basketball floor and played full rotations on the volleyball court.

"It just comes naturally to push others to their full potential by inspiring them to be their best when they see the thousands of extra hours I have put in to help our teams achieve the ultimate success," she said.

## More Than a Basketball Player

While basketball may have been the headline, Smith's volleyball career deserves its own marquee. She became just the second player in Liberty Ranch history to surpass both 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career, finishing with 1,189 kills, 1,187 digs, 254 aces, 128 assists and 111 blocks. A three-time SVC First Team All-League honoree, Smith helped the Hawks claim two league championships, reach the SJS Division IV section final as runners-up and earn a California State playoff berth.

In the pool, the work was quieter but no less demanding. Smith reached the SVC League Championships in two events, finishing sixth in the 200 Freestyle and seventh in the 500 Freestyle across the entire league — all while juggling the rest of her packed athletic life.

Then there was the senior-year surprise. Smith had only ever played tennis "for fun at Community Park," but agreed to try out because her younger sister, Lacey, wanted to play alongside her. The result was the kind of thing even Smith could not have scripted: she earned the No. 1 girls singles spot, was named SVC First Team All-League, reached the league singles semifinals, finished runner-up in the league mixed doubles championship and helped the team to its first-ever SJS playoff berth as a section quarterfinalist.



Haley Smith led her team to the Section Championships at Golden 1 Center.



Haley Smith plays varsity basketball her freshman year.

"It was a true leap of faith," Smith said. "I ended up earning the No. 1 Girl's Singles Spot on our team and went on to be named SVC First Team All-League. It was an amazing accomplishment that I never could have predicted. I had such a fun season playing with my sister, sharing memories with my teammates."

What tied all four sports together was a single, simple standard.

"No matter what sport I was playing, I always gave my max 100% effort each and every day," she said. "There were no days off."

## Salutatorian, Too

If competing in four varsity sports were her only job, it would be impressive enough. Smith did it while becoming the salutatorian of her graduating class, finishing with the second-highest GPA among her peers. She served as chapter president of both the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation, led the Academic Senate and earned Superintendent's

Honor Roll recognition eight times, posting a GPA above 4.0 every single semester.

"Every single day of my high school years was jam packed with tests, homework, projects, practices, games, matches and meets," Smith said.

"The intense schedule left little time for anything else, but I wouldn't have had it any other way. Finishing with the second highest GPA in my class proves that nothing is beyond your reach when you put the time and effort into your dreams."

## Through the Hard Parts

The journey was not without friction. Smith navigated jealousy from rival athletes and opposing coaches, and weathered three different head basketball coaches in just four years: the kind of upheaval that can derail a program. Instead, she became the constant.

"I always made sure to be a consistent leader on the court despite the constant coaching changes,"



Haley Smith serves it up her freshman year in a playoff game against Central.



Haley Smith is shown in her tennis portrait.

she said.

She credits her family as the foundation beneath all of it: her mother for inspiring her to be the best student-athlete she could be, her father for modeling a relentless work ethic, her brother Cody for setting the example, and her sister Lacey, whom she calls her "bestest friend." She also gave a warm shout-out to swim coach Kalah, "who always accommodated my other sports schedules during season and taught me so much about the sport."

Fittingly, one of her most cherished memories has nothing to do with a championship at all.

"Joining my swim teammates for our 6 a.m. morning practices," Smith said when asked what she'll still be talking about years from now. "There is nothing better than getting in the water right after you wake up."

## What She Hopes They Remember

For all the banners she helped to raise and records she rewrote, Smith hopes her legacy is measured by

something less tangible.

"I hope I am remembered more for my kindness, warmth and intelligence rather than all the league titles and banners I helped hang on the wall," she said.

Her advice to the younger Hawks who will inevitably look up to her is just as grounded: "Go out and play every sport you love, and don't ever let anyone take away the fun in your sport."

This fall, Smith will take her work ethic to Sacramento State, where she will major in nursing with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner, trading one kind of team for another, swapping the roar of a packed gym for the quiet, steady purpose of caring for others.

Liberty Ranch will hang onto the banners. But if Smith has her way, the school will remember the person who hung them even longer:

*Haley Smith - Liberty Ranch High School Class of 2026 - Female Athlete of the Year, Class Salutatorian, and bound for Sacramento State.* ★

# Miller Caps Standout Galt Career as Female Athlete of the Year

## Three-sport Athlete Will Continue with Soccer at Cal State San Marcos



A young Bayley Miller is shown in her earliest soccer days.



Freshman Bayley Miller in her team photo.



Bayley Miller's junior year team photo.

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GALT, CA (MPG) - For four years, Bayley Miller was a fixture on the fields and courts of Galt High School, a competitor whose name became synonymous with hard work, leadership and a relentless drive to be the best. This spring, that reputation was made official when Miller was named Galt High School Female Athlete of the Year, the culmination of a remarkable prep career that spanned soccer, volleyball and tennis.

For Miller, the honor carried weight far beyond a plaque or a podium.

"Being named athlete of the year was more than just an honor to me; it was a recognition of the hours I have put in to become a better athlete," Miller said. "Whether it was playing soccer, volleyball or tennis, I enjoyed every moment of being an athlete at GHS. I believe I was chosen because I had set out to break school records, I was determined to remain in high academic standings and, lastly, I wanted to lead by example. It was very important to me to display good character on and off the pitch."

### A Love that Started Early

Miller's story with the sport she would one day play in college began when she was just 4 years old, lacing up for the first time with County Line Soccer. The game grabbed hold of her immediately, and the memories from those early days still resonate.

"What I remember most about falling in love with the sport is the adrenaline rush I felt after scoring, the excitement I would feel getting ready for soccer tournaments that would last all day long, and making friendships and memories that I will always hold close to my heart," she said.

The numbers tell the story of a goal-scorer who only got more dangerous with time. Over four varsity seasons, Miller piled up 54 goals and 14 assists for 122 points across 54 games: an average of a goal per game. After scoring five goals in each of her freshman and sophomore campaigns, she erupted as an upperclassman, netting 21 goals as a junior and another 21 as a senior while averaging 1.6 goals per game in both seasons. Her senior year alone produced 47 points, and as a junior she posted a career-high 53. As a sophomore, she also showed her two-way value with 20 steals, finishing her career with 32.

That early spark grew into a lifelong commitment. Miller played for Sacramento United Soccer Club from the age of 6 until she aged out of club



A freshman on varsity, Bayley Miller controls the ball.



Bayley Miller plays volleyball her junior year.

soccer at 17, more than a decade of competitive play that shaped her both as an athlete and as a person.

"Playing for a competitive soccer team has taught me valuable lessons and skills that I used throughout high school and will continue to use as my journey continues into college," Miller said. "Club soccer has taught me the definition of hard work, resilience and the importance of teamwork. Playing at a competitive level required me to balance school, travel and training while staying committed to improving every day. It also taught me how to handle both success and setbacks, learning from losses instead of letting them define me. Most importantly, club soccer showed me that success comes from consistency, accountability and trusting the people around you: lessons that I carry into school, leadership roles and everyday life."

### Leading by Example

When she took on the role of soccer captain for Galt, Miller discovered that leadership demanded more than a title.

"I learned that leadership

is about much more than wearing the captain's band; it's about setting the standard every day through hard work, accountability and encouragement," she said. "This experience taught me how to communicate effectively, motivate others and put the team's success ahead of my own."

That mindset showed up everywhere she competed. A tri-sport athlete, Miller spent two years each on the varsity volleyball and varsity tennis teams, embracing the chance to test herself in new arenas and alongside new teammates.

"Both sports made me a better athlete by requiring me to use different skills and all-around different demands of each sport," she said. "I enjoyed getting to experience a whole new sport with a new group of friends. The atmosphere in volleyball is awesome to be around, and I was excited every time I got to step onto the court. I enjoyed playing tennis because it taught me to compete on an individual basis, and being coached by Julian Parra was an awesome experience that I am truly grateful for."

On the volleyball court,



Bayley Miller-Galt High Female Athlete of the Year.



Bayley Miller plays soccer her senior year.

Miller logged 65 sets over her two varsity seasons, recording 14 kills on 149 attack attempts. Her senior year proved her most productive at the net, where she registered nine kills and posted her best hitting percentage across 23 sets of play.

### A Trophy Case to Remember

Miller's competitive resume reads like a highlight reel. She earned four-time Sierra Valley Conference All-League Offensive MVP and took home SVC Scholar Athlete of the Year. Her achievements stretched well beyond the scoreboard, including Superintendent's Honor Roll recognition, Outstanding Pathway Completer for floriculture and her merit sash and State Degree in FFA.

"I've been blessed to receive multiple awards throughout my high school career," she said.

### Student First; Athlete Second

Through it all, Miller never lost sight of the classroom. Maintaining top academic standing while juggling three varsity sports was a point of pride and, she noted, a necessity.

"To me it was extremely important to do well inside of the classroom while competing in three varsity sports," Miller said. "In order to play at the collegiate level, or even during the high school season, you must have good grades

to be eligible to play. I was always taught that I was a student first and then an athlete. Academics has always been a priority, but the demands of both have definitely helped shape my competitive drive and personality."

### A Leader in the FFA, Too

Off the field, Miller poured the same energy into the National FFA Organization, serving as a chapter officer and competing across multiple Career Development Event and Leadership Development Event teams.

"I was on our job interview team, and competed on both floral and agriculture issues teams," she said. "I was involved in all three pathways and earned Outstanding Pathway Completer for floral. This year we won second high team for floral."

The experience, she said, helped to chart her future.

"Being involved in FFA has helped shape my future by giving me countless opportunities and experiences that have prepared me for life outside of high school," Miller said. "It has helped me decide what I want to do with my future and continue to make a positive impact in agriculture."

### The Next Chapter

This fall, Miller will continue her soccer career at Cal State San Marcos, a program she said felt like home from the moment she arrived.

"CSUSM was the right fit for me because the coaching staff demonstrated an exceptional level of genuine care and dedication toward each student-athlete's holistic development," she said. "Each girl was truly welcoming, and I couldn't be more excited to be a part of the team this fall."

### A Lasting Legacy

As she closes the book on her time at Galt High, Miller hopes her legacy will be measured not only in wins and awards, but in the way she carried herself.

"When people look back on my time in high school, I hope they remember me as someone who always gave my best and made those around me better," she said. "As an athlete, I hope they remember my leadership, work ethic and willingness to lead by example as a captain. As a teammate, I hope they remember that I was dependable, encouraging and always put the success of the team before myself. As a student, I hope they remember my dedication to balancing academics, athletics and FFA while always striving to improve. Most importantly, as a person, I hope they remember me for being kind, respectful and someone who treated others with compassion and integrity."

She paused, then offered a final word of gratitude.

"I truly am thankful for my time at GHS and couldn't have asked for a better four years." ★