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First Truck Show at Fairgrounds



Sara MacLachlan and Allison Lowrie from Bobtail Apparel are hosting a first-ever truck show at the Dixon Fairgrounds this weekend. Photo courtesy of Bobtail Apparel

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - You might recognize this name: Lowrie. Actually, a young woman named Madison Lowrie from Lowrie Trucking, the huge trucking firm running along I-80 on Sparling Lane—who has put together a first of its kind for the Dixon May Fair: a truck show this weekend. Brought by her company, Bobtail Apparel, there will be a beer garden, great food, super cool trucks and on Saturday, there will be live music.

Madison got the idea of doing a truck show as a means of marketing her brand of Bobtail Apparel which she created with her friend.

The Tee's have drawings of cool trucks like the Showstopper, Trucker's Delight, Keeping America

Rolling, and Hay Bartender but the company also offers sweatshirts and beanies as well. The artwork is detailed and the colors match real trucks seen in and out of Dixon.

"I like to sit and get really creative," she said about the colorful and artistic lettering on the shirts. "This is a brand for shirts and company apparel."

Mike Lowrie Trucking was the first to sponsor a certain package for the event and now they have other sponsors like Peterbilt in Sacramento, NorCal Kenworth, 4-State Trucks.com, Gonella Trucking, South Sac Parts, Gee Agri Transport, Inc., Schwebel Petroleum Company, RediGro, All Star Truck Lines in Santa Rosa, and several more.

"I grew up in the industry of my family so I've been around trucks

since I was kid and my Dad dragged me around and I took advantage of where we are in town for the fairgrounds and I could get people from all around the western states," she said. They are expecting about 200 trucks.

"We have signs going up on the ground and on social media," she said. "Friday afternoon there will be music and a light show when it's dark. All the trucks will turn on their lights. It will be like Christmas!"

Judges are coming from "all over the place" for 10-4 Magazine to determine winners in categories such as interiors, exteriors, engine compartments and quality of vehicle starting on Saturday morning, she explained.

Later, at 4 p.m., the live band Fried

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Detective Brent Dawson Named Dixon Officer of The Year



Detective Brent Dawson is 2022 Officer of the Year for the City of Dixon. Photo courtesy of the Dixon Police Department

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Police Department announced Detective Brent Dawson as the 2022 Officer of the Year. Det. Dawson joined the Dixon Police Department in 2020 with 18 years of law enforcement experience. His assignments include Field Training Officer, Rangemaster, Armorer, and Investigations.

An example of his exemplary work was evidenced in January 2022, when Detective Dawson responded to an arson at a local business that caused significant damage. After hours of investigation, including reviewing surveillance footage and cross-referencing license plate reader data, Detective Dawson identified the suspect vehicle and the suspect. Within a week, Detective Dawson located the suspect and obtained a full confession, resulting in an arrest. For his exceptional performance of duty, he was awarded an Award of Excellence.

Officer Dawson's work ethic and work product are admirable. His substantial knowledge and experience benefit his peers and the entire department. He is committed to continuing his professional education and often suggests training or development to his co-workers. His peers seek his advice and guidance. With his help, junior officers are producing high-quality police reports and search warrants. Officer Dawson continues to be an asset to this department and was unanimously chosen by his supervisors as the 2022 Dixon Police Officer of the Year.

Det. Dawson will be honored with all Solano County law enforcement agencies honorees at the 2022 Night of Honor, sponsored by the Rotary International, on October 21, 2022. ★

No Day of Rest for Service

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The California Veteran Riders parked their heavy motorcycles and picked up a variety of kitchen scrubbers to help clean up the Veterans Memorial Hall on a recent Sunday afternoon.

"I thought we had gotten all new equipment, it was so clean," said former Commander Wayne Holland as he stood inside the large kitchen showing off a 'new' double oven. "You couldn't see inside the glass before because it was so burnt over. I was really impressed because everything looked like it was brand new. And, everything still works!" he said with a laugh. "That was awesome. My kudos; they showed up in force," he added.

The Veteran Riders removed all of the kitchen equipment taking them outdoors for power spraying while others scrubbed inside all the way down



California Veteran Riders brought the muscles to the recent Dixon Veterans Memorial Hall and thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned the kitchen as well as helped clean up outdoors. They were joined by several local veteran volunteers and their families. Photo by Leah Marlin

to the grease traps and included the floor.

"The American Legion would like to thank all the

volunteers who gave their time to help clean up the Veterans Hall," said Office & Events Coordinator

Leah Marlin. "The California Veteran Riders did an amazing job." But, they weren't the only ones she said about the turnout that drew veterans from as far as Napa.

Lucas Jackson of the Sons of the American Legion and Carla Schafer from the Women's Auxiliary cleaned our bar area, floors, and the coolers. Jack Brown, John Darby, Wayne Holland, and Dean Manley from the local American Legion Post 208 worked hard outside in the heat alongside California Veteran Rider Dave Ruth and his son, Brian. The outside workers trimmed trees and bushes and then hauled all the trimmings and leaves to the dump.

Colleen Brown cleaned the curtains and helped Leah Marlin with various projects around the hall. Both are also in the Women's Auxiliary. Other Legion sons such as

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Dixon News Briefs



Above are Soroptimist members Dorothy Luedke, Lynda Jones, President Linda Green, and Brenda Walker. Jones was recently welcomed as a new member. The Soroptimist International of Dixon believes women and girls should have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Their mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. For more information contact Amy Pretti, via email: amypretti@yahoo.com. Soroptimist courtesy photo

MPG Staff

Housing Plans

Did you know every City in California has a Housing Element that evaluates housing needs and how to meet those needs? Dixon's plans were presented to the Dixon Planning Commission at its last meeting.

Raffi Boloyan, City of Dixon Community Development Director along with Jennifer Gastelum and Lucy Rolling, consultants for Placeworks, gave interesting plans for Dixon's housing future. Housing Elements are required to be updated at least every eight years, in accordance with a state-wide update cycle. The City currently has a certified Housing Element for 2015-2023. As the end of the 8-year cycle nears, the City has embarked on an update to prepare for the next Housing Element cycle, which will cover 2023 through 2031 and is required to be completed by January 31, 2023. This is the 6th Cycle Update. The Draft Housing Element has been released for public review. For more information visit: <http://ow.ly/zhvH50KoqtO>

Senior Fun

Senior Fun-filled Senior Center News: Pizza Party on Friday, October 21. First log onto cityofdixon.us. Then hover over DEPARTMENTS and a drop-down menu will offer a variety of subheads. One says, 'Public Works' and under that is the word 'Recreation.' Once you click on that word, the site will take you to another window and on the left side of that is a list of departments. One of those is 'Senior/MultiUse Center.' When you click on that, the next screen gives you numerous resources listed including the Dixon Senior Calendar with the last couple editions in a different color of text. Click on the October one and then, finally, you will get the SENIOR CALENDAR.

There you will see a Pizza Party planned for Friday, November 21 noon to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 201 South 5th Street. For more information, call Membership Chairperson, Barbara Long at (209) 304-2564.

Museum Uno

Card players are invited to this month's Coffee Hour at the Dixon History Museum. Uno will be taught by Denise McBride and played for all residents who want to get out and socialize with others on Wednesday, October 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. RSVP by contacting McBride at (707) 693-3044 or RSVP to dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Lead Poisoning

On Monday, October 24, a presentation on Childhood Lead Poisoning Awareness will be given by Solano Public Health Nurse Yolanda Smaldino at the Dixon Public Library from 4 to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited. The library is located at 230 North First Street. For more information, email Ygsmaldino@solanocounty.com.

Park Cleanup

At a recent City meeting, it was announced that there will be a special Hall Park Volunteer Clean Up Day on Saturday, November 5. Check out the City's Facebook page for more info.

Home Show

The Solano County Home Show & Fall Festival Returns October 22 & 23, 2022 to the Harbison Event Center, Nut Tree, 1661 East Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville. (Behind Fenton's Creamery) Free parking at the end of Nut Tree road.

Come meet with home improvement specialists to see the latest products and services for finishing those unfinished projects. Specialists offer a wide range of products and services including upgrades and repairs for heating, air, solar, kitchens, bathrooms, doors, windows, gutters, blinds, screens, electrical, pavers, patios and more. For more info, call (707) 655-8439. Admission is \$8 General; \$5 Seniors and Military; Kids 12 & under are free.

Prescription TakeBack

The Dixon Police Department will host a Prescription TakeBack day on Thursday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dixon Police Department, 201 West A Street. This is for turning in unneeded medication for safe disposal. ★

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Solano County DA News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - We invite you to join the Solano County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with Fairfield and Vacaville Police Departments on October 21, 2022, at 12 p.m. at the courthouse steps located at 530 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA where we will recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We will honor this time by recognizing the impact that domestic violence can have on all our homes, families and communities. We would like to recognize all the survivors and those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and remember those whose lives were lost to domestic violence.

We thank all of our first responders, county partners, non-profit organizations, and all the individuals who work every day towards ensuring that victims of domestic violence are able to escape their abuse. "Our priority at the District Attorney's Office is to ensure victims are safe, their voices are heard and rights preserved in the criminal justice system,

and that their offenders are held accountable. We must continue to work tirelessly towards removing any and all barriers that stand in the way of victims' rights, safety, and justice," said District Attorney Krishna Abrams.

The District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Unit is available to support victims with a wide variety of services. Please contact our Victim/Witness Unit at (707) 784-6844 for assistance. The District Attorney's Office also strongly supports a violence prevention approach and continues to engage in partnerships that provide a unique opportunity to strengthen victim advocacy efforts within Solano County. Many local resources are available to victims of domestic violence at the Solano Family Justice Center (SFJC) located at 604 Empire Street in Fairfield. Anyone in need of direct services as a result of family violence may call the SFJC at (707) 784-7635.

Let's all challenge ourselves to be more proactive by reporting what we see and reaching out to those in need so together we can break this cycle of violence. ★

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Andrew and Josh Marlin helped clean up the walls and rehang pictures while Sean Walker helped install new door stops and scrub the ice machine. Auxiliary member Karla Alvarado helped with various cleanings throughout the hall.

"We appreciate everyone's amazing help," said Marlin. This was a great help for the venue that nearly closed its doors over the pandemic.

"We've recovered pretty well," said Holland. "We're above water but not floating. We do month to month depending on the rentals and those are starting to pick up. The dinners are doing really well. We had another 100 people for the fish dinner last week." The organization is doing well enough to reopen the bar for additional hours, too.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the Veterans Memorial Hall is

available for private parties and can be rented out at very reasonable rates for your birthday parties, receptions, quinceañeras, or other gatherings.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays, the bar is now open from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and sometimes later if people won't leave and tip well. They also have pool tables and lottery tickets. For more information, call (707) 678-6308. ★

First Truck Show at Fairgrounds

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Brothers will be at the Leber Garden Stage and perform throughout the evening which will coincide with the lights show. Awards will be given on Sunday.

Some of the vendors are Matt Andrew's Food and Familia, Buckhorn Barbecue, Maine Lobster, and more. Friends of the Fair will be serving beer and margaritas and one can check out Bobtail Apparel—"shirts made for truckers by truckers,"

Handley's Western Wear from Folsom, and Patrick's Mobile Detailing to name a few.

For more information, go to Bobtailapparel.com or attend the May Fair event October 21-23. Hours are Friday, October 21 from 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The May Fair is at 655 South First Street. ★



Student Scientists Visit Suisun Marsh for Hands-on Field Trip

SRCD News Release

SUISUN CITY, CA (MPG)

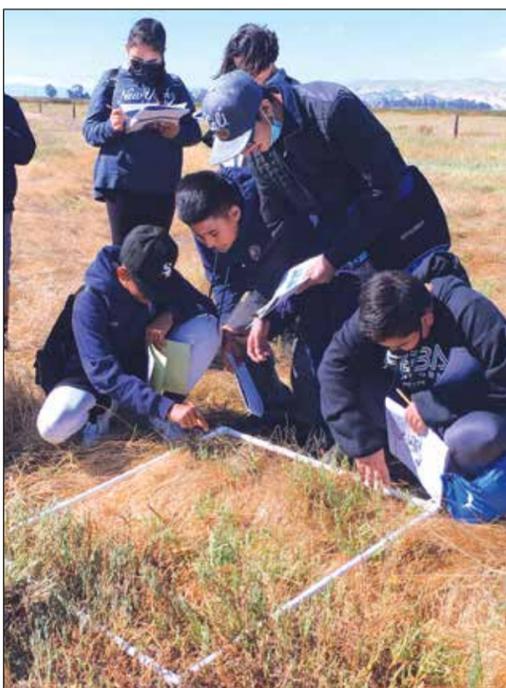
Hundreds of Solano County sixth graders will visit the Suisun Marsh at Rush Ranch Open Space this fall for hands-on environmental education that will enhance their understanding of their local watershed. As Solano County moves from severe to extreme drought conditions, it is more important than ever for students to be familiar with their local water resources.

Solano Resource Conservation District's Suisun Marsh Watershed Program engages sixth graders in three classroom lessons and a field trip to teach students the effects of pollution on their watershed, and the effects of drought and development on local water resources. Students also learn how they can play a role in keeping pollution out of our waterways and in conserving water. The curriculum meets Next Generation Science Standards and helps students develop environmental literacy, giving

them the knowledge to be effective stewards of their environment.

At Rush Ranch Open Space, students participate in science stations that connect them to the unique facets of the tidal marsh habitat of the Suisun Marsh. Students use scientific equipment to test the quality of the water, observe and record the characteristics of soil sampled from multiple marsh habitats, and discuss the difference between native and non-native plants as they hone their plant-identification skills. Over 300 Solano County students have already participated in field trips this fall, and about 1,000 more from schools around the county, from Benicia and Vallejo to Vacaville and Rio Vista, will participate over the course of the next two months.

One student wrote that they "enjoyed going on the trail since I got to see a lot of wildlife and the beauty of nature." Many students say that being hydrologists is a field trip highlight. Students use test tubes to test the pH and



Students and plant quadrat. Photo courtesy of the Solano Resource Conservation District

dissolved oxygen levels of the slough water. Students also measure the temperature of the sample with a thermometer and evaluate the cloudiness of the water with a turbidity tube.

Education Program Manager Shea Kinser stressed the importance

of students' experiences on the field trip, noting, "Our team of educators use peer discussion and inquiry-based learning to incite students to look at the world with a different perspective. Students get up-close and personal with soil as they use

their senses to observe it as a soil scientist would. This kind of hands-on learning is crucial in developing their understanding of watershed ecology and their role as stewards of our county resources."

Students also spend time on the field trip quietly reflecting on their experience, writing poetry and drawing in their journals. Teachers have the option of entering their students' work in the River of Words contest, a project of St. Mary's College of California's Center for Environmental Literacy, which encourages students to take their scientific observations and use them for creative expression. One student described this experience, writing that "[m]y favorite parts of the field trip were sitting around trees and breathing fresh air."

Prior to a field trip at the Suisun Marsh, Solano RCD educators teach two classroom lessons at participating schools to help students familiarize themselves with watershed ecology and the geography

of Solano County and its water resources. Students interact with a 3-D Enviroscope model of their town and learn to use topographic maps to understand how runoff and stormwater flow throughout their cities and into larger bodies of water like the Sacramento River and the Suisun Marsh. A third classroom lesson after the field trip focuses on water conservation and helps students identify ways they can conserve water in the households.

Solano Resource Conservation District's Suisun Marsh Watershed Program is free to participating schools and is made possible through funding from the Solano County Water Agency; Solano County Department of Resource Management; Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, and Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District.

To learn more about the Suisun Marsh Watershed Program and Solano RCD's other education programs, visit www.solanorcd.org or email education@solanorcd.org. ★

Plumbing Doctor Celebrates 30 Years



Plumbing Doctor, a local plumbing service company, is celebrating 30 years in business. Courtesy photo

Plumbing Doctor News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Plumbing Doctor, a local plumbing service company, is celebrating 30 years in business.

It was 1992 when long-time plumbing contractor Michael Farias decided that he wanted to offer service and repair, and sewer and drain cleaning to consumers in Solano and Yolo counties and beyond.

Setting up an office in a spare bedroom and purchasing an old ambulance from the Winters Fire Department, Mike set out to provide his clients with an exceptional plumbing service experience. He called it 'The Feel-Good Plumbing Experience.' He also wanted his clients to expect a quick response when they had a need and Plumbing Doctor was born.

Mike quickly learned that the level of service he offered was in demand. Soon, his 18-year-old son Taylor joined the operation after he graduated from Winters High School in 1993. Today, Taylor holds a plumbing contractor license of his own and has trained numerous young men in the trade.

Over the years, the one truck operation has grown to service clients in over 150 zip codes in three states. The home-grown company grew locally by training interested candidates in the

trade and offering service from Elk Grove to Fairfield and everywhere in between. The company expanded further by offering franchise opportunities.

In 2004, Mike's oldest son, Justin, joined the company after a short career as a professional in the golf industry. His role was to lead the small company in expansion and technology efforts. Today, Justin is also a plumbing contractor.

In 2005 the company purchased property and built a headquarters facility in Dixon that they still occupy today.

Several years ago, Mike's daughter Jessie decided that she too wanted to join the family business. She was in the dental industry and has a bachelor's degree from UC Davis. She serves as the Chief Operations Officer over the entire organization, while Justin and Taylor serve as Co-Chief Executive Officer for the corporation.

In 2012 Mike retired from the company so he could pursue ministerial interests and is currently the Senior Pastor of Revive Church in Dixon.

The company held a 30th anniversary kick off celebration with its employees in September and plans to have different promotions over the next year. They are located at 955 Business Park Drive in Dixon. For more information, call (707) 678-8777. ★

How Old is Your House?

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The age of your house or where you came from may determine your child's risk for lead poisoning which can harm a child's health, learning ability, paying attention, and behaving.

California Lead Prevention Week is October 23-29 and a presentation on how a child can come in contact with danger will be presented on Monday, October 24 at 4 p.m. at the Dixon Public Library by Solano County Health & Social Services Nurse Yolanda Smaldino.

"People need to be aware that even a small amount of lead can do harm," said Smaldino, who's been in charge of the Childhood Lead Prevention Program for the past 15 years, working with 90 to 100 children per year.

"If you live in a house that was built before 1978, you probably have lead in it," she said. It's in the window sills or you see the dust on the edge of the windows or it can be in the pipes.

According to the World Health Organization, lead is also used in many other products, for example, pigments, paints, solder, stained glass, lead crystal glassware, ammunition, ceramic glazes, jewelry, toys, some cosmetics such as kohl and sindoor, and traditional medicines used in countries such as India, Mexico, and Vietnam. Drinking water delivered through lead pipes or pipes joined with lead solder may contain lead, according to the World Health Organization.

Lead poisoning can cause neurodevelopmental problems in the brain such as learning, disabilities,



Yolanda Smaldino will present about Lead Poisoning at the library next week. Courtesy photo

behavior problems, and can also cause low growth but the biggest one is difficulty learning in school.

"Unfortunately, there are no (specific) signs but there are different levels so the parent doesn't know a child has lead in the blood unless they get tested," she explained. "There's only one way to know if a child has it and that is a blood test. If a child is on Medi-Cal, he or she will be tested at one year old with a finger poke and again at the age of two."

Smaldino shared one story where she received a referral of a child with 28 micrograms, which is a lot of lead in the blood. She visited the family and learned that the risk factor was grasshoppers. This family was from a state in Mexico where they are eaten commonly.

"I encouraged the mom to get tested because I noticed she was pregnant, and her level was over 30. When the baby was born the baby's level was just below level and the 1-year-old was about 30," she said. "If a level is 4.5 or higher, I work with that child for a year to

two years. It can be treated at 1 year or 2 years old or even older."

There are ways lead poisoning can be prevented: Don't let children eat paint chips; wash hands before meals and bedtime; clean window seals with damp towels; mop floors; take off shoes outside; prevent children from eating dirt; don't allow a child to put a battery in the mouth.

"Stomachache, not sleeping, hyper... those are signs that any child could have," she said. When a child goes to a doctor, there will be a lab report sent to the state that ultimately winds up with Smaldino. She does not recommend over-the-counter tests.

Dixonites interested in learning more do not have to register for the presentation. They can just show up for the class. Smaldino will present in English, but she is bilingual so can answer questions for Spanish-speaking parents.

"I feel very passionate about what I do because children are our future," she said. For more information, call (707) 784-7070. ★

Can you spot the fake?

One is real Oxy.

One contains deadly fentanyl.

Many street pills claim to be Oxy, Adderall or Xanax.

But they're really counterfeits designed to look just like the real thing.

What's worse, half of those pills contain a deadly dose of fentanyl, a drug 100x stronger than morphine and 50x more potent than heroine.

Tell your kids about the risks of fentanyl. If a pill isn't prescribed to them, it's not safe for them. Fentanyl kills.



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International Railfair Returns



Share your joy and childhood memories with your family and enthusiasts at the International Railfair. Photo courtesy of IRF

By Thomas J. Sullivan

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - It's 'All Aboard' for Northern California's largest model railroad exhibition, International Rail Fair 2022 (IRF) which returns after a two-year absence to The Grounds in Roseville at 700 Event Center Drive on Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23.

Remember the thrill you felt when, as a child, you looked in wonder at an operating model railroad layout? Share that joy and make new memories with your family at the International Railfair.

Enthusiasts can enjoy a 'county fair' worth of model railroad activities and see operating model railroads in different scales and shop vendors who sell model railroad and rail-



Railroad enthusiasts have been putting on model railroad shows in the region for over 40 years. Photo courtesy of IRF

fan products. Learn about model railroading, railroad history, and prototypical railroad operations.

IRF is run by members of the Sacramento Modular Railroaders, the Sacramento chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts, Roseville Roundhouse Model Railroad Association, and the Sierra Division of the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA, all of whom have been putting on model railroad shows for over 40 years.

Operating layouts include the Sacramento Modular Railroaders - Sacramento Central (HO scale), European Train Enthusiasts with two layouts one in HO and one in N scale, Gold Country



Roseville Roundhouse on the Sacramento Central Railroad layout, operated by the Sacramento Modular Railroaders. Photo courtesy of IRF

Model Railroaders (HO scale), Sacramento FreeMo-N (N scale), Sacramento Brick Builders - (LEGO 1:48), BAZ BoyZ (Z scale) and the Sacramento Valley Garden

Railway Society (G scale).

Children will enjoy exploring a special starter 'layout' and have an opportunity to operate a train on a finished model railroad. Members of the Sacramento Modular Railroaders club provides experienced members to demonstrate to each child how to operate a train on the layout and then turn over the controls to the 'student engineer.' After operating the train, the student engineer is promoted to 'junior engineer' and given a 'Junior Engineer'

badge to wear.

New this year is the 'One Foot Challenge' inviting the public to create a scale model diorama in a 12"x12" square space. Think you're up to the challenge?

Dioramas must arrive at the IRF Fall Square Foot Challenge Table by noon on the Saturday of the show, October 22nd. The public will be able to vote until 3:45 pm. on Saturday. The votes will be tabulated, and the winner(s) announced at 4 pm.

"There's no restriction on what scale can be used, it just needs to be a scale model. Just create a big scene in a square foot," said Tom Campbell, who's overseeing the contest. "Entrants must have at least one element that's related to railroads, and it must have at least one element that is related to the fall

season which has a lot of creative possibilities."

The diorama can be entered for either exhibition or a contest to win the People's Choice Award and receive a custom trophy. For information on the "One Foot Challenge, contact Tom Campbell at: tom.c.irf@gmail.com

Hot food and drinks are available at the snack bars during the show and seating is available for those who wish to enjoy lunch.

International Rail Fair 2022 (IRF) will be held at The Grounds in Roseville at 700 Event Center Drive on Saturday, October 22 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 10am to 4 pm.

Purchase advance tickets online at ticketor.com/internationalrailfair. Cash admission at the gate on the day of the show. Cost: Adult admission is \$10, and children ages 12 and under are free. Sunday only, kids ages 13 to 17 is \$5. A reminder that parking at The Grounds in Roseville is \$10. For additional information visit: www.internationalrailfair.com ★

New Study Proves Breastfeeding Sheds COVID Shot mRNA



A new study published on September 26 by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) warned women who received the COVID shot regarding breastfeeding their infants younger than six months. Courtesy photo

Liberty Counsel News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- A new study published on September 26 by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) warned women who received the COVID shot regarding breastfeeding their infants younger than six months.

The study included 11 healthy lactating women who were asked to collect and immediately freeze samples of their breast milk after receiving either the Moderna or Pfizer shot within six months of delivering their newborn babies. Of the 11 volunteers, six received Pfizer and five received Moderna injections during lactation. After vaccination, breast milk was analyzed for the presence of mRNA nanoparticles. Seven samples from five women were positive for the

presence of mRNA with higher concentrations than whole milk. The participating women also provided breast milk samples before vaccination and for five days post vaccination.

The study said, however, that no vaccine mRNA was detected in pre-vaccination or post-vaccination samples beyond two days of collection.

The study warns, "Caution is warranted about breastfeeding children younger than 6 months in the first 48 hours after maternal vaccination until more safety studies are conducted. In addition, the potential interference of COVID-19 vaccine mRNA with the immune response to multiple routine vaccines given to infants during the first 6 months of age needs to be considered. It is critical that lactating individuals be included in

future vaccination trials to better evaluate the effect of mRNA vaccines on lactation outcomes."

In addition, page 12 of the Pfizer documents that were released by the FDA as part of a court-ordered disclosure schedule stemming from an expedited Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request reveals that out of 133 breastfeeding vaccinated mothers reported, there were 17 cases of adverse events in breastfed infants. Three of them were "serious." These adverse events included pyrexia, rash, infant irritability, vomiting, diarrhea, insomnia, etc.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, "The evidence continues to unfold that these COVID shots are neither safe nor effective, and babies are now victims in this massive cover-up. This is a crime against humanity." ★

Flood Insurance Industry Undergoing Massive Regulatory Change

Commentary by Mac Armstrong

In this age of extreme weather and worsening natural disasters, it is crucial that we refresh and modernize our approach to disaster mitigation and recovery. A good place to start would be floods, which cost our nation approximately \$17 billion in damages each year.

Californians who live in a 'mandatory' flood zone as defined by FEMA are required by lenders to obtain flood insurance before purchasing their home. Residents in such zones must acquire flood insurance as a condition of the home purchase, and they have historically purchased insurance from the federal government through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Pending regulatory changes would allow private insurers to better compete with government insurance, but for the moment the NFIP enjoys an effective monopoly in mandatory zones. However, it's important to understand that damaging floods occur outside these 'mandatory' zones every year. Approximately 20% of NFIP claims, for example, come from flood events in FEMA's 'moderate' and 'low' risk zones, where residents are not required to purchase flood insurance. According to the NFIP's own flood calculator, just one inch of standing water due to flooding can cause \$25,000 dollars of damage to a home.

Consumers deserve choice, especially considering government-mandated changes to NFIP that will dramatically increase the cost of government flood insurance to cover program losses. How big a change? According to analysis by Redfin, 81% of the NFIP flood policyholders are seeing an increase in their premium as of April 1 of this year. In California, 79% of NFIP policyholders are now paying more for their government insurance. The NFIP price hike impacts all types of communities but is most pronounced in majority-Hispanic neighborhoods, where 84% of residents have seen their premiums increase.

The combination of under-insurance and price hikes raises troubling questions about our collective resilience to flood damage. According to the First

Street Foundation, our country's annual losses from flood – currently at \$17 billion – could grow to \$32 billion by the year 2051. Of course, this figure does not include the cumulative cost of tornadoes, hurricanes and other wind events, fires, and earthquakes. Over the past five years, the average annual cost for all natural disasters in the United States was \$51 billion. If policyholders facing premium hikes discontinue NFIP coverage, the costs of uninsured losses will be borne by American communities and threaten the ability of government entities at all levels to finance needed repairs and recovery efforts.

In short, we need to stop depending solely on government to restore our communities after disaster strikes. We envision a chain of community resilience where government, NGOs, community leaders and insurers work seamlessly to maximize available resources in support of Americans in need. A property that lacks adequate protection against flood or other events creates costs that are shifted to other links in the chain of resilience – government aid, or NGOs and philanthropies. In an era of tightening budgets and worsening weather, this is not sustainable.

The urgent order of business is to ensure that Californians are aware of their risk from flood damage and have multiple affordable options to protect their families. Private flood insurance is now an even more attractive alternative for California families and businesses, especially in an age of higher prices for everything from gasoline to housing. It's crucial that Californians educate themselves about their options and potential alternatives to the NFIP. Above all, it's crucial that vulnerable homes and businesses obtain coverage so that costs of recovery are not transferred to the federal government or to NGOs. The time to update our approach to disaster response is here, and we must seize the moment.

Mac Armstrong is Chairman and CEO of Palomar Holdings, a specialty insurer active in metro Sacramento and throughout California. For more information please visit Plmr.com ★

General Tree Squirrel Season Underway



Eastern fox squirrel. Photo courtesy of GDMatthews/Adobe Stock photo

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California's 2022-2023 general tree squirrel season is open from Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, through Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023.

Tree squirrels may be taken only in open zones during the open season and in observance of the shooting hours for resident small game, which is one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. A map of the state's tree squirrel hunt zones can be found on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) website, along with the full tree

squirrel regulations.

Four types of tree squirrels are game species in California. The Western gray squirrel and the Douglas squirrel are both native to California while the Eastern fox squirrel and the Eastern gray squirrel have been introduced and not native to the state. These tree squirrels can be hunted under authority of a hunting license in California and no other validations are required. To learn more about how to hunt for these squirrels and their distributions, habitat and patterns, watch the "Hunting California Tree Squirrels" recorded webinar on CDFW's

YouTube channel.

A fifth species of tree squirrel, the Northern flying squirrel, is not a game species and may not be taken. Northern flying squirrels are small tree squirrels that are native to the boreal forests of North America and can be found as far south as the Sierra Nevada. They are seldom encountered due to their nocturnal nature and preference for mature forest habitats with complex canopy structure.

Tree squirrel population levels fluctuate from year to year based on prevailing weather conditions and the annual production of nuts, acorns and seeds for forage.

National forests provide some of the best opportunity to hunt tree squirrels in California. Bureau of Land Management lands and CDFW wildlife areas may also provide opportunity for squirrel hunting. As a friendly reminder, nonlead shot is required when taking any wildlife with a firearm anywhere in California.

Please plan accordingly. For more information, please see the CDFW non-lead ammunition page. ★



Riley Reviews

'LYLE, LYLE' FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN; 'THE BAT' GOTHIC HORROR

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE" Rated PG

Based on the popular children's book series about a crocodile living in New York City, "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" is a natural for family-friendly entertainment that seems increasingly to be in short supply.

The Bernard Weber best-seller seemed right to turn into a musical comedy at the hands of screenwriter Will Davies ("How to Train Your Dragon") for a film directed by the team of Will Speck and Josh Gordon ("Office Christmas Party" comedy).

Javier Bardem's Hector P. Valenti, a low-rent magician trying to get his shot in the entertainment business by appearing on a televised talent show, showcases an animal magic act that fails miserably.

Searching for a new angle, he stumbles upon a baby crocodile in the rear of an exotic pet shop and is stunned by the animal's singing talent. Dollar signs light up his eyes, thinking he's found the golden ticket.

Hector doesn't account for stage fright happening to a reptile, and when Lyle the crocodile reaches full size he ends up living in the attic of a Manhattan brownstone apartment building.

Hector takes off on a road trip, leaving Lyle behind.

When the Primm family moves to New York City, adjustments need to be made to big city living, but nothing proves more startling than the encounter with a crocodile in the attic.

Taking second place for a surprise is the Primms' most unneighborly new neighbor Mr. Grumps (Brett Gelman), who lives alone with a cat suffering from irritable bowel syndrome and takes it upon himself to enforce HOA rules as if he were a member of the Stasi.

Scout McNairy and Constance Wu are the parents, and young son Josh (Winslow Fegley) struggles to adapt to his new school and make new friends. That changes when he discovers the singing crocodile (voiced by Shawn Mendes) who enjoys bubble baths and caviar.

Josh bonds with Lyle and they go on evening forays for dumpster diving because the crocodile has an appetite to match his size. Even the neighbor's cat Loretta joins these outings.

At first alarmed by Lyle's presence, Josh's parents soon become as fond of their new reptilian friend, and since this kind of movie needs a heartwarming tale, a certain fate awaits Lyle when the city officials start poking around.

Never fear, however, that a film like "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" which is geared primarily to kids, fails to reach a satisfactory conclusion. Even adults in tow with the young ones should find amusement

with the antics of the charming reptile and the spoiled feline.

"THE BAT" BLU-RAY AND DVD RELEASE

Arguably, the fallout of the pandemic continues to impact the quality of films being released. Maybe, it's just me but nostalgia is taking hold to revisit vintage cinema that is often the staple of Turner Classic Movies.

What could be more classic than Vincent Price, an actor in television and radio, but also acclaimed for stage performances and whose first film role was the leading man in a comedy? And yet, his career is mostly defined for gothic horror films.

On October 25th, The Film Detective, a classic film restoration and streaming company, will release the 1959 horror classic, "The Bat," on special-edition Blu-ray and DVD.

Famous mystery writer Cornelia van Gorder (Agnes Moorehead) has rented a downtrodden country estate called "The Oaks," owned by banker John Fleming (Harvey Stephens) who has embezzled a considerable sum of money.

A series of gruesome murders have taken place in the mansion by a mysterious criminal known as "The Bat." Vincent Price's Dr. Malcolm Wells figures into the picture because of his friendship with the banker.

Fleming confides in his friend the good doctor about the ill-gotten gains of one million dollars in bonds that are hidden in the family mansion and offers to share the loot upon help in faking his death.

Taking up residence in the mansion shared with a bunch of other guests, Dr. Wells will search for the hiding place, and then the predator with steel claws shows up to rip his victims to shreds. Who is this villain that goes on a killing spree?

Was it the butler? No, that's too easy and simple, even though he comes under suspicion. What we get is an impressive gallery of weirdos who are guaranteed to give you the creeps. Which of them is the mysterious killer? That's for you to find out.

The beauty of this release of "The Bat" is the restoration of a pristine print from original 35mm archival elements and the host of bonus features that fans have come to expect.

Notably, the release includes nine archival radio re-broadcasts featuring the iconic Vincent Price in everything from the popular radio drama "Suspense" to a comedic performance for CBS Radio Workshop in "Speaking of Cinderella."

Bonus features of "The Bat" includes a full-color booklet with an essay, "The Case of the Forgotten Author," by professor and film scholar Jason A. Ney, and an all-new, original production, "The Case for Crane Wilbur," the writer and director of "The Bat." ★

Heeney's History Ma Bell Telephone

Commentary by Ed Heeney

While telling a few tall tales at our Monday morning coffee gathering, the subject of telephones came up. We all started by telling about our first phone as youngsters and the pitfalls of getting them to work well in our younger days. Of course, we had to chuckle when we realized that each old geezer had a modern cell phone tucked away in his pocket, totaling about \$10,000 worth of communication marvel and most don't know how to use all the features.

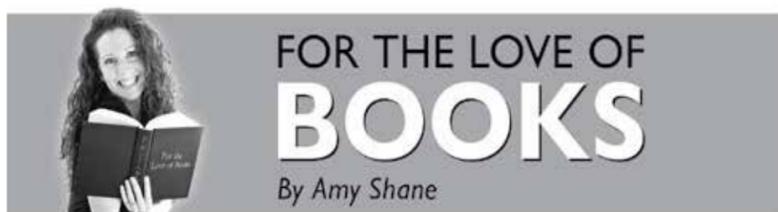
Instead of the airways, we relied on steel telephone wire, and stretching from coast to coast strung high on telephone poles. There was not much automation and we relied on human input. Each area had a 'central' operator who would 'plug' into whichever line requested. The operator had access to most human discourse within her area and served as the town crier. In an emergency, the operator would hold down on the master key and everyone in the district would hear their telephone and respond as needed.

My favorite story was a 'long distance' call I made from New York. Just out of basic training in the Air Force, I decided to call my wife who was staying with my folks in the small town of South Haven, Kansas, until I got a permanent assignment at an Air Force Base. I found a telephone

booth in downtown New York and rang up the operator. I explained that I wanted to call the Neill Heeney residence in South Haven, Kansas, and when the operator asked for a number, I replied that no number was needed; name would suffice. She rather hesitantly started by calling Chicago, who then called Kansas City, who then called Wichita, and then South Haven which responded with "South Haven, may I help you?" When the South Haven operator heard the request for Neill Heeney residence she chuckled and responded with "Is that you Ed?" By this time, the New York operator was out of her league but still going for the ride. The South Haven operator informed us that she had seen the Heeneys going west after church, probably now at Harlan's (brother-in-law) and that she will ring them up. No answer at Harlan's. Well, she said, I'll try Dave (uncle.) Sure enough – they were at Sunday dinner at Dave and MaryEllen's.

Now that we had connections across the country, we had a good visit, and as I was clearing the lines, I heard a faint sigh, "I just don't believe it."

Ed Heeney is a long-time Dixonite who has been very active in the community over his lifetime. He enjoys sharing his missives with Dixon Independent Voice readers. ★



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Middle Grade Reads to Howl About

Halloween Season is the perfect time for younger readers (ages 8-12) to dive into the perfect spooky story. Whether it is werewolves, vampires, witches, or ghosts, there is a new frightening or not-so-frightening read for everyone. These age-appropriate reads will have readers staying up past their bedtimes with a flashlight in hand while also learning how to tackle those everyday fears that might mask themselves as something else. So, grab your flashlight, turn off the lights, and settle down with your favorite reader; it's time for a scary story.



MonsterStreet Series

by J.H. Reynolds;
Katherine Tegen Books

With the nostalgic feel of the 90's Goosebumps series, MonsterStreet's lineup of chilling stories is the perfect updated backdrop for today's middle-grade reader. J.H. Reynolds takes classic scary story tropes and delightfully turns them into strong, likable stories with relatable characters solving difficult or scary situations with the perfect amount of suspense and mystery. Each book outlines real-life feelings and emotions along with excellent character development, morals, and just enough gripping elements to keep readers engaged.

The Boy Who Cried Werewolf: When Max is sent to stay with his grandparents, he can't decide which is scarier, the creepy old cabin without electricity or the legend of the werewolf? What Max wasn't prepared for was encountering a real live werewolf and the truth behind his father's death.

Camp of No Return: Harper has so much on her



mind before heading off to camp, but when she arrives to see the outdoor movie theater, chocolate buffet, and campfire stories, all her worries magically disappear. Then campers start to go missing, and everything starts to go amiss. Will Harper be able to escape before it's too late?

The Halloweeners: When Fisher's readers are accidentally changed into the monsters from their costumes, he must figure out how to change them back before sunrise.

Carnevil: When Ren makes a deal with the Tick-Tock Man at the strange autumn carnival, he realizes the actual cost behind the bargain. Now, Ren and his brother Kip must outwit the creepy Tick Tock Man before it's too late.

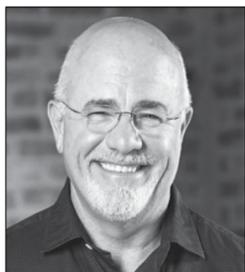
Graveyard Girls 1-2-3-4 I Declare A Thumb War
by Lisi Harrison,
Daniel Kraus,
Union Square Kids.

Whisper, Frannie, Sophie, Gemma, and Zuzu love getting together for



their Grim Sleeper meetings, where they each tell scary stories. But when they receive a mysterious message calling them to the cemetery, things turn ghostly. The Grim Sleepers thought school drama was the most frightening thing out there, but now things are going to be taken to a whole new level, and they will never believe who is responsible.

A town celebrating the death of a serial killer, mysterious text messages, scary stories, and the first meeting of the Graveyard girls turns this new middle grades series into the creepiest new series to hit shelves. *1-2-3-4 I Declare a Thumb War* will keep readers on the edge of their seats with its high tension and creepy vibes skirting on the edges of the dark side. With a nod to the famous scream queens, a spooky story within a story, and a Cliff hanger ending, readers will not be able to get enough! ★



Keep Them in the Loop

Dear Dave,

I am getting older, and health issues over the last year have made me begin thinking about selling my small business. I have spoken with a couple of potential buyers recently, and one of them seems to be the kind of person who would handle the company very well. How and when do I tell my employees about what is going on and what may happen?

– Marjorie

Dear Marjorie,

In my mind, to be a good, effective leader you have to be willing to share and discuss things with your team – whether they're good or bad. When talking to the folks at my company, I

Dave Ramsey Says

try not to get into a lot of unnecessary stuff, but if there's any doubt, I'm going to over-share rather than leave them fearful, uninformed or confused.

Think about it this way. If the roles were reversed, and you were in their shoes, when would you want to know? If you'd worked for someone a few years, would you feel betrayed if you didn't know about something like this? It might sound simple, but I think that's a good, fair way to process the situation.

If I make a mistake with my team, it's always going to be in terms of over-communication. I expect and trust them to be mature adults in the workplace, and they know this ahead of time. Still, I try to make sure I'm very transparent about how we're doing as a team and as a company. No small business owner can be successful unless they have great people around them. Your team needs to hear that once in a while,

too, in addition to knowing you're always going to keep them in the loop and shoot straight with them.

Human beings just want to be treated with dignity and respect. They want to know what's going on where they work. When it's something that impacts their day-to-day lives – and potentially their livelihoods – they deserve to know the facts as quickly as possible.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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- Enter password (2 words)
- Poetic "even"
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- Negative conjunction
- One of Five Ws
- Communications regulator, acr.
- Australian palm
- Branch of traditional medicine, adj.
- Monet's water flower
- Succotash ingredient
- Indian side dish
- Like dental exam
- Administer
- Frequency
- Town news announcer
- Do like eagle
- Recipe command
- "Not Fallon"
- Like a "Vogue" ad
- "Is it _____ wonder?"
- Onion's kin
- Am is to I as _____ is to we
- *Certain Barbarian's namesake
- **Last Week Tonight with John _____
- Indifferent to emotions
- Tokyo, in the olden days
- Type of car
- Not upright
- Floor cleaner
- Not mainstream
- Gallup's inquiry
- Word for a nod
- Particular manner

DOWN

- Electric swimmer
- Gator's kin
- NBC's peacock, e.g.
- Deck out
- Muscle to bone connector
- Balanced
- **"Full Frontal" Samantha _____
- *Judge Wagner and Judge Judy "hosted" from it
- 1/60th of min, pl.
- Palo _____, CA
- Like nonlethal gun
- Accident
- Squirrel or hummingbird, moving-wise
- _____ Kane of soap opera fame
- Pleasurable interjection
- Male witch
- Bo-Peep's sheep, e.g.
- Wispy clouds
- Request to Geico
- Politicians, for short
- Opposite of riches
- Plants and animals
- Did not go out for dinner (2 words)
- "Late "Live" King of CNN
- Original matter, according to Big Bang Theory
- *Stewart's successor
- Judge Judy's event
- Remnant of the past
- *Regis and Kathie _____
- Critical situation
- Hostile force
- Black tie one
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DWR Takes Actions to Support State's Future Water Supply Strategy

DWR News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On September 29, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced new steps that, if approved, could save enough water to supply 4.7 million Californians annually while making conservation more affordable through financial assistance and tax exemptions. The actions improve long-term water conservation and reduce wasteful outdoor water use as California adapts to a hotter, drier future driven by climate change.

The new actions will build on California's ongoing long-term efforts to make water conservation a way of life while advancing water efficiency efforts outlined in California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future. DWR will be implementing and supporting actions that include:

Outdoor Water Use Recommendations

To help prepare for a hotter and drier future, DWR has submitted outdoor water use efficiency recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board. With outdoor water use accounting for 50 percent of urban residential water use on average, the recommendations outline standards that would provide urban retail water suppliers with a framework to support more efficient outdoor residential water use. The framework will also include standards for the irrigation of large commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) landscapes in their service areas.

DWR's outdoor water use recommendations combined with indoor residential water use recommendations submitted in November 2021 would result in expected long-term water savings of 450,000 acre-feet per year starting in 2030 – enough water to supply about 1.6 million homes or about 4.7 million residents for both indoor and outdoor annual needs. The recommendations would also result in near-term savings of 100,000 acre-feet a year starting in 2023. DWR's recommendations will be evaluated by the State Water Resources Control Board through a formal rulemaking process, which will include additional analysis, engagement, and opportunity for public comment.

Indoor Water Use Legislation Signed

California also recently took additional steps to increase indoor water use savings with Governor Newsom's signing of Senate Bill 1157 (Hertzberg), which adopts recommendations made by DWR and the State Water Board last year to reduce indoor water use targets to 47 gallons per day by 2025 and 42 gallons by 2030. By adjusting indoor water use standards to reflect the joint recommendation of DWR and the State Water Board, the legislation will help increase water conservation and water use efficiency, ensuring a more water-resilient future for California.

Financial Assistance for Turf Transition and Conservation

DWR has developed a set of funding programs that will help build resiliency in all communities including underrepresented communities and Tribes. The funding programs include financial assistance for projects that strengthen resiliency in urban communities, turf transition for residential and commercial landscapes and water conservation programs for urban water suppliers. DWR's programs will help to clear some of the hurdles that underserved communities face with direct install programs and support for local water agencies, while also helping build resiliency with equity in mind. DWR plans to release these grant programs in October. These new programs will build on the momentum created by the millions of dollars in grant funding that has been distributed by DWR in 2022.

Turf Tax Exemption

For those making smart water decisions to replace their lawns now and, in the future, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2142 (Gabriel), which will exempt from state income tax calculations any grant, rebate or additional financial assistance awarded from a state or local agency for turf transition. The law will provide the exemption through tax year 2027.

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 The following persons are doing business as: Zeros, 254 Redstone Circle, Suisun City, CA 94585.
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T.S. NO. 22-01370-LC-CA TITLE NO. 2179662 A.P.N. 0113-071-040 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.
 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/27/2016. 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.
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Dixon Earns Pivotal Win Over Pioneer on Senior Night

By Shaun Holkko,
sports editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon varsity football team moved one step closer to a repeat atop the Golden Empire League Thursday night with a valiant victory against Pioneer on Senior Night.

The Rams (7-1, 3-0 GEL) defeated the Patriots (6-2, 2-1 GEL) by a score of 21-18. If Dixon takes care of business in its next game on the road at Mesa Verde, the Rams will be playing for a league title in the final week of the season on October 28 at Casa Roble in Orangevale.

Dixon celebrated 18 players from the Class of 2023 on Senior Night, exactly half of the team's roster. Among those honored were quarterback Jett Harris, the versatile Luis Torres, wide receiver Brent Green and Thursday's star of the game, Braden Baumbach.

The senior running back scored twice on the ground and once through the air to account for all three of the Rams' touchdowns.

"Braden is a heck of a running back! He runs with passion," Dixon coach Wes Besseghini told the Independent Voice after the victory.

Baumbach was proud of how the Rams played as a unit.

"We played really well as a team," Baumbach said to the Independent Voice. "I trusted everybody on our team tonight."

Dixon scored first in the opening quarter on a short dash into the end zone by Baumbach about five minutes in. Torres successfully converted the extra point kick.

Pioneer chipped into their deficit with a field goal nearly five minutes later. The remainder of the half was a stalemate as the game went into halftime with Dixon leading 7-3.

The Rams took a two-possession lead with seconds to go in the third period when Harris found Baumbach for six. The Patriots would outscore Dixon 15-7 in the fourth quarter, but the final rushing score from Baumbach in the fourth quarter was enough to seal the deal for the three-point win.

"The word of the week was trust and you guys trusted your



The Dixon varsity football team runs onto the field before playing Pioneer on Senior Night on Thursday, October 13 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

teammates tonight," Besseghini told his team after the victory. "You fought and fought and fought and I am so proud of you."

In his final regular season home game, Harris completed 14-of-25 pass attempts for 227 yards, one touchdown and one interception. The senior speedster added seven carries for 40 yards on the ground as well.

Baumbach finished with 11 carries for a team-high 48 yards and two touchdowns rushing. Through the air, he had two catches for 56 yards and a score. Baumbach also contributed seven tackles, four being solo, defensively.

Torres contributed to all three facets of the game Friday. The senior had two rushes for 17 yards and four receptions for 78 yards on offense. He had four tackles on defense and nailed all three extra-point kicks on special teams. Torres' contribution with his leg ultimately was the difference in the game.

Senior defensive tackle Seyyid Smith made an impact in what could have been his last home

game, recording a team-high eight tackles with four of them on his own. Seniors, defensive tackle Cole Hensley and defensive end Elijah Hairston, tallied the Rams' only sacks, with one each. Senior middle linebacker Matthew Whitaker had Dixon's one and only interception.

"Because of the other team and who they were, it was going to take everyone to do their job. We don't need heroes, we need teammates," Besseghini explained. "What makes this team is that they care about each other."

"Our guys are full of heart. They're gamers. They love to play the game."

The Rams will now travel for their final two games, beginning on Thursday night at 7 p.m. with a game against the reeling Mesa Verde Mavericks (5-3, 0-3 GEL), who have lost three games in a row, all in league play. The game will be played at San Juan High School as Mesa Verde's new sports complex is currently under construction. ★

Additional reporting
by Debra Dingman



Dixon senior quarterback Jett Harris jukes Pioneer junior linebacker Llyod Ruiz during a 21-18 Senior Night win against Pioneer. Photo by Nicolas Brown



Dixon senior offensive guard/defensive tackle Thai Barfield and his family walk out on to the field before playing Pioneer. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Office of Education Receives \$50K Donation for STEM Camps



A large symbolic check was presented to Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson by Joe Wilson who is the vice president of PG&E's North Valley & Sierra region. Courtesy photo

SCOE News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) received a \$50,000 donation from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for local students. The donation was presented yesterday at PG&E's celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Vaca-Dixon substation, which now features a museum. A large symbolic check was presented to Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson by Joe Wilson who is the vice president of PG&E's North Valley & Sierra region.

PG&E's donation will help SCOE expand free robotics, coding and engineering camps aimed at closing gender gaps in STEM-related fields for Solano County girls. Funds will also provide supplies for SCOE's Innovation Lab at the Golden Hills Educational Center in Fairfield. The lab has a career and college readiness focus, supporting students in

exploring engineering, robotics, and coding. Stocked with 3-D printers, robotics systems, maker space materials and more, SCOE's Innovation Lab offers students a wide variety of engineering-based learning experiences. Both the Innovation Lab and girl camp program promote career exploration in STEM industries as well as collaboration, design thinking, growth mindset, and project-based learning for students.

"The donation from PG&E will allow SCOE to continue to expand free programs across Solano County and connect students with meaningful learning experiences and career exploration in the energy industry and STEM-related fields," commented Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. "We are grateful for their support of our career and college readiness programs for students."

For more information about SCOE's camps or Innovation Lab, contact the SCOE's Community Engagement Office at (707) 399-4429. ★

Travis Credit Union Appoints Chief People Officer to Drive Culture

Travis Credit Union News Release

VACAVILLE, CA (MPG) - Kevin Miller, President and CEO of Travis Credit Union (TCU), announced the appointment of Catherine Johnson as Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer. As Chief People Officer, Johnson will have oversight and responsibility for TCU's Human Resources, Learning & Development, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion engagement programs, as well as be an integral member of the Executive Leadership Team.

Johnson will be responsible for setting the strategic direction for all disciplines that fall under Human Resources and Training. She will develop and execute TCU's long-range human capital business plan, including organizational learning, internal communications, cultural alignment, leadership development, succession planning, organization design, human resource management, and diversity and inclusion initiatives to support the culture, values and strategic vision for the organization comprised of more than 600 employees.

"Much great work has got us where we are today," Johnson said. "From there, I would like to build our people strategy, focusing on strengthening and scaling our people programs, processes, and systems that attract, develop and retain talent, ultimately advancing TCU's mission, vision, and goals."

"I'm very excited to build on the

organization's strong foundation and mission, strengthen our connection to our members and communities, helping our staff to do their best work and be their best selves. It is a privilege to join Travis Credit Union."

Prior to her appointment, Johnson spent five years as the Vice President of Human Resources (HR) with the Center for Elders' Independence in Oakland. Her impressive portfolio also includes positions as Director of Global HR Programs for Menlo Worldwide/Con-Way, Inc., an international logistics and supply chain business with more than 5,000 employees in 22 countries, in San Mateo, and Director of HR Programs at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, where she successfully translated strategy into HR programs and initiatives, resulting in innovative programs with positive, measurable results.

"Catherine is a national human resources leader who brings a deep knowledge of the human resources industry and 20 years of executive leadership experience to Travis Credit Union," stated Miller. "She brings a wealth of human resources and strategic planning expertise, and company results to Travis Credit Union, including organization design and development, performance management, talent management, strategic business, and HR planning. We are thrilled to have Catherine as part of our organization." ★

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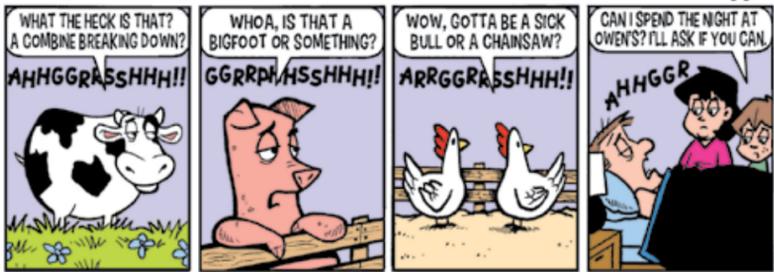
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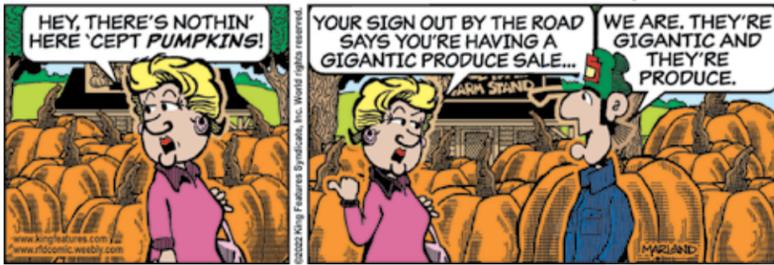
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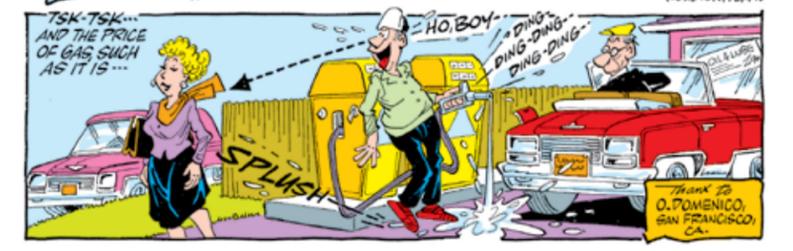
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Zombie Bike Ride: A Halloween Festival

Smartz Graphics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Visit Davis, California, home of the West Coast's ZOMBIE BIKE RIDE festival from Saturday, October 29th through Sunday, October 30th. Encounter endless Halloween spectacles, including hordes of the undead, rotting robots, swords, lasers, Halloween hounds, a giant inflatable octopus, and a skydiving grand finale! The Davis Odd Fellows and the Bike Campaign are delighted to help present unforgettable Halloween experiences! Full details at www.zombiebikeparade.com.

Over the past three years, Zombie Bike Ride's organizers have raised funds (primarily from sponsors) and donated more than \$14,000 to Norcal Trykers, an organization that creates custom tricycles for children with disabilities. Each tri-cycle costs about \$1,000 to make, and these children get to experience the freedom of riding on a bicycle and feeling the wind in their hair for the first time.

There are many opportunities along the route to help our generous sponsors raise money for Norcal Trykers, while also hosting almost entirely FREE to the public events!

You can experience all that Davis has to offer including art, culture, a vibrant night life, and wonderful lodging. Book a room in one of our 12 motels/hotels, visit the UC Davis Arboretum & Public Garden, and stroll our downtown. Davis boasts a variety bike shops to rent



Get your bike ready for the Zombie Bike Ride on Sunday, October 30th from 12-3:30 pm. There you'll laugh, howl and pedal for your life in an unforgettable Halloween! Photo courtesy of Smartz Graphics

your ride, including our featured partners: Ken's Bike-Ski-Board, Davis Cyclery, Green Bicycle Depot, Freewheeler, and The Bike Garage.

Zombie activities begin Saturday morning with ZOMBIE PAINTBALL from 9 am-3:30 pm at Davis Paintball, located at 24998 Co Rd 102. Zombie Paintball features the use of green paint in a game of zombies vs humans. Humans who get hit with green paint join the undead ranks. Can YOU survive the attack? Zombie Paintball is one of the very few features with a cost associated. Davis Paintball's rules and charges apply.

After a day of sightseeing or Zombie Paintball, settle down at the Zombie Bike Ride's family-friendly PRE-BIKE

BREW PARTY, hosted by Sudwerk Brewing Co. from 5-8 pm at 2001 2nd Street. Meet like-minded zombie friends, get a bite to eat together, and enjoy brews, boos, and plenty of Halloween treats – complete with a mini pumpkin patch.

Then on Sunday, October 30th from 12-3:30 pm our team of event organizers invites visitors and residents alike to join thousands of Halloween creatures for the ride of your life at our 4th annual, family-friendly ZOMBIE BIKE RIDE!!!

Along the 12-mile Davis Bike Loop (visit our website for event map) you can expect more than 10 entertainment stations, several zombie bike mechanics, food and drink

Pizza, Niknek Lemonade, Kona Ice, and our vegan option, Vegan Circus along with entertainment, and the Skydance Skydiving grand finale at 3:30pm.

After you watch zombies literally fall from the sky at the end of our renowned bike ride, we want to make your visit to Davis, Calif., even better by inviting you to the ZOMBIE MASH AFTERPARTY from 4-6pm at E Street Plaza (228 E Street), sponsored by the Davis Downtown Business Association and featuring many unique small businesses, art galleries, bars, retail shopping, and more!

This year only – the Zombie Bike Ride is hosting celebrity comedian and MTV personality, Brent Pella, at our Zombie Bike Ride Comedy Show/Fundraiser on Sunday, October 30th from 7:30-9pm at the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge (415 2nd Street).

Pella's comedy sketches, celebrity impressions, and parody music videos have gained more than 200 million views online and have been featured on MTV, Funny or Die, BroBible, Worldstar HipHop, and more.

Comedy show tickets are \$100 each, and proceeds from ticket sales will go to our non-profit beneficiaries, Norcal Trykers and The Bike Campaign.

If you wish to join the cause, sponsor our event, or form a partnership, please contact Zombie Bike Ride coordinator, Aaron Wedra, at 530-574-7306 or smartzgraphics@yahoo.com. ★



Zombie activities begin Saturday, October 29th with Zombie Paintball from 9 am-3:30 pm at Davis Paintball. Photo courtesy of Smartz Graphics

vendors, opportunities for prizes for best costumes, and so much more. Entertainment stations range from interactive opportunities – such as engaging with local Davis groups like the robotics team (Citrus Circuits) and the Davis Fencing Academy – to encountering epic spectacles – such as zombies on stilts, an entire Halloween marching band, a Michael

Jackson's Thriller performance, and a huge party on UC Davis Campus with DJ Mellax!

Although we emphasize bicycling and most riders can complete the entire Davis Bike Loop, it is not required. Scooters, skateboards, strollers, and other modes of transportation are allowed. Community Park food and drink will be served by vendors such as Hotdogger, Steve's

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