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## Silveyville Pumpkin Season Arrives



Josh and Kendra Vanguardia from Fairfield along with friends Ricky and Angelica Adams and their 15-month-old son came from Fairfield to visit Silveyville Pumpkin Patch for the first time.

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Fall; a perfect time for pumpkins! After a seemingly slumbering summer, the Silveyville Pumpkin Patch opened in a fury of orange and activities to delight all ages. One of Solano County's most popular pumpkin patches is located at 6248 Silveyville Road in Dixon and sits on a 20-acre site cared for by the hard-working hands of the Seifert family.

Come sit on a bale of hay and watch all the activities around the barnyard while you enjoy the comfortable music-filled ranch.

For the 43 years it's been around, owners Ted and Jeri Seifert seem to never stop adding delightful places

and fun activities like the new hay maze-pyramid that after getting to the top, sends happy campers down a large black tunnel and plops them in a blanket of corn. One of the first ones down the chute was 5-year-old Ruby while parents Nadia and Gilbert Reyes took pictures. This family has made Silveyville a family tradition and they come every year.

"We also come at Christmas," said Gilbert. "This place is a winner. It's the first time I ever saw a blacksmith." Blacksmithing is something children and adults seem to find fascinating, but it helps that the blacksmith himself is very friendly and good at demonstrating.

Nearby, children can try getting plastic bottles to land upright at the

Bottle Flip table, also a new activity.

"We had a great opening," said Jeri, who had just come from leading a line of ATVs around the ranch. That ride is always popular because a half dozen ATVs are rigged together and pulled through the farm on various routes through trees and tunnels. "We never know what the economy will do but when the economy doesn't do well, we usually do better because we always have complimentary activities. Whenever I bring in something that is going to cost, I bring in a few that don't," she added. The ATV ride is \$6.

The Duck Ride is \$5 per person, and you sit on a train of open cars that take visitors back through

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## Meet the School Board Candidates

By Debra Dingman,  
Dixon editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon residents get to choose three out of five people for the Dixon Unified School District Board of Trustees in this year's elections. To help make informed choices, the Dixon Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidates Night Forum on Monday, October 17, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 600 East A Street. It is hosted by the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Each of the five candidates who are running for the three open seats will be asked questions and members of the community are welcome to join in person or via Zoom.

The incumbents are Jewel Fink and Dr. Lloyd McCabe, and candidates are Julian Cuevas, Ian Arnold, and John Gabby.

Fink moved to Dixon about five years ago to be closer to her sons and their families who own Lemuria Nursery. She has grandchildren who attend Dixon schools. She has more than 40 years' experience as a teacher and administrator with the Vallejo City Unified School District giving her tools to advocate on behalf of educators, students and families, according to her campaign statement.

"When all children have access to high quality teachers, a standards-aligned, rigorous curriculum and supportive programming, all children benefit and are more likely to reach their full potential," she wrote.

McCabe has 45 years of Educational experience that includes High School Ag Teacher and Department Chair, Teacher of the Year at two different schools and State CATA Teacher of Excellence Award. He's been a Chair or member of numerous local non-profit organizations including President of the Dixon May Fair. He was an Administrator and Consultant for the California Department of Education.

Cueva, 34, is the son of immigrant parents who worked in the fields before they pursued community service employment in public education and public safety. Cueva is a government, non-profit, and community relations professional with experience in federal, state and local government advocacy.

For several years he was the Director of Education Programs at the Hispanic Foundation of the Silicon Valley where his work primarily focused on

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## Dixon Fire Department Opens Its House

By Debra Dingman,  
Dixon editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The trucks have been polished, the long hoses have been rolled neatly, and the fire hats have been hung with care. Now, the City of Dixon Fire Department is ready for the public to join them in marking its 151st anniversary alongside Fire Prevention Week with an open house on Saturday, October 15 at Fire Station 81 on Ford Way.

This week's theme is 'Fire Won't Wait.' It helps plan your escape and emphasizes how we must all prepare fire escape plans, test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every month and replace them every 10 years, implement appropriate building codes, and when possible, install residential fire sprinklers, according to a government source.

"We hope the community will help us celebrate and come out to our interactive open house to learn



A Dixon Fireman helps a little boy handle the firehose at last year's Open House. Photo by Nicolas Brown

more about fire safety and prevention, as drought and fire dangers continue to grow more severe," said Dixon Fire Chief Todd McNeal.

Established in 1871, the Dixon Fire Department has a long tradition of serving and protecting the Dixon community. That tradition continues today with a full range of emergency

services offered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Department serves a combined population of nearly 25,000 covering an area of 320 square miles. Seven square miles of service area are within the city limits and 313 are in the Dixon Fire Protection District through a protection contract. The Department provides fire

protection, paramedic level emergency medical response, fire prevention services, public fire safety education, fire investigations, and emergency management.

The open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dixon Fire Department, 205 Ford Way, behind Ron DuPratt

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## Life's too SHORT

By Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

**Corection:** You can never get too sure of yourself in this busines when it comes to double letters. Just as son as you think you got a great headline or a perfectly-typed story, you find errors in the published version for al to see your mistake! When I typed in the headline for the Lambtown wrap up, 'A Woly God Time,' The correct spelling was with two 'o's and two 'l's, of course. I apologize for the er.

As always, this fall season creates a flurry of activity as everything in Dixon wakes back up from a long and sleepy summer. I've had trouble staying up with it all but want to apologize to anyone in line at McDonald's the other day when I got trapped in the line for 25 minutes waiting for a Senior decaf with two creams.

The red Tesla in front of me was waiting for a white work truck in front of him and the line grew to 25 cars behind us. No one knew at all what was happening and no one was coming out to tell us either. I got out of my car and hollered back at the car next to the speaker to ask what was going on. Did they? No. The apology is to people who thought I was angry. Nope, just curious.

We continued to be stuck for about another five minutes when the man in front of me got out and angrily yelled at the cars ahead of him to move on. One car moved...then we were stuck again.

When I finally got up to the window and saw the manager standing next to the

cashier, I was thinking it was a brand-new employee who must have broken the cash register so of course I asked what seems to be the problem in there in my sweetest journalist-inquiry voice. He explained that the banking machines were all down in the area and possibly Northern California. I paid the cashier from the change in the ashtray without incident.

My perfect, hot coffee was welcome but instead of turning toward Pitt School, I wondered about Starbucks and Travis Credit Union. I couldn't tell you about Starbucks but there was a long line out the door at Travis and it got me thinking: Maybe we've become way too dependent on electronics!

It used to be important to always have a little change on me when I was in Dallas because of parking meters everywhere. I liked having a roll of quarters in the house for the laundry room in our El Segundo apartment. And, I usually have quarters in the car ashtray for grandchildren wanting to do those silly little toy machines. But the debit cards rule now. Besides, shoulder-strap purses don't even have coin sections now. I can see in the future where a big evil guy can hold an entire country hostage by messing up our online banking systems.

Every business including small Dixon businesses should create a backup plan; like getting one of those old metal contraptions that roll over your card and make carbon receipts for emergencies. Of course, one can just call it a holiday and put a closed sign in the window. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



The Concerts at the Pardi Plaza in downtown hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on October 13 will feature Pub Kats. They play Classic Rock. Courtesy Photo

## MPG Staff

### DHS Football

Thursday, October 13, is the last Dixon High School home game for the Rams of the regular season. JV starts at 5 and Varsity is at 7 p.m. It is also Senior Night and a special ceremony will happen after the JV game, and before the Varsity game. We will be playing against the Patriots of Pioneer High School (Woodland.) Dixon High School is located at 555 College Way and there is free parking.

The next two games are away; first at San Juan High School against Mesa Verde on Thursday, October 20 and then Casa Robles (Orangevale) on the following Friday, October 28.

### Soup Luncheon

The Catholic women's group, YLI, is hosting their popular Soup Luncheon on Friday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The women will prepare a variety of home-made soups including some traditional Portuguese ones and offer those with a variety of crackers or breads, plus there will be desserts and raffle prizes, too. President Karen Hamera will oversee the event. Admission is \$15 and it's all you can eat. St. Peter's Catholic Church is located at 105 South Second Street in downtown Dixon. For more information, call Leah Barrett at (707) 678-3309.

### Fire Fundraiser

The Dixon Fire Department is hosting its annual all-you-can-eat prawns and raviolis dinner on Saturday, October 22, starting with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. The menu includes salad and bread as well. Tickets are \$50 and include entry into the door prize raffle. They are available by calling Rachel Domegaard at (707) 678-7060. Other questions can be directed to Ricky Rodarte at (707) 862-1047. The dinner will be held at the Dixon Fire Station, 205 Ford Way.

### Youth Group

Young people are invited to enjoy Wednesday evenings for Youth Night at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 6:30 to

8:30 p.m. There are games, snacks, hanging out, the Bible and more. It is open to all middle and high school students and is held in the upstairs youth room at 185 West Cherry Street.

### Girls Softball

The Girls Softball 2023 Spring League is now open for registration. In person dates are November or December 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pizza Guys in Dixon. New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Fee is \$200 and includes their team shirt, visor, belt, socks, insurance and trophy. Board positions are available as well as umpires. For questions or to sponsor the program, email Teri Thompson at scubateri7@gmail.com or see their website www.dixongirlssoftball.com

### City Council

Tuesday, October 18, is the next City Council Meeting at the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street. There are three ways a Dixonite can participate: You can go in person, you can use Zoom in real time and ask questions if you want, or you can watch via 'Granicus,' which is a live feed through the City of Dixon website. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. and the agenda is also on the website: cityofdixon.us under the government tab.

### Parks Master Plan

The City of Dixon is currently in the process of updating the Parks & Recreation Master Plan (Masterplan). The goal of the Masterplan is to develop a collaborative vision for the ways Dixon will implement future recreation facilities and programs that meet the needs of the community. The City is hosting three workshops to collect input on the Masterplan.

Workshops will be held at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 South 5th Street from 6 to 8 pm on October 19, November 9 and December 8. The three workshops will build upon each other, and community members are encouraged to attend all three if possible. To register for workshops, or learn more about the Masterplan, visit: www.cityofdixon.us/ParksRecreationMasterplan. ★

## 2 Rural Crashes Each Claim Lives



An early Monday morning collision occurred at Vaughn and Robben Roads that was the second fatality of the 3-day weekend. Photo by Patti Coppes

Story by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Two men lost their lives in two separate accidents near Pedrick Road over Columbus Day weekend.

Billy Mistler, a 27-year-old Dixon High graduate from the Class of 2013 was killed in an accident Saturday night when coming home from a concert in Wheatland, according to close sources. He was heading south on Pedrick Road just north of Tremont in a Dodge truck when he attempted to pass a double trailer big rig. In front of that was a tomato harvester. He was passing at a high rate of speed and all three vehicles were involved in the collision, said Officer Jason Tyhurst, a spokesman for the Solano Office of the California Highway Patrol. The call came to the CHP at 11:26 p.m. Friday, October 8, that the truck overturned in the field on Pedrick. Mistler

was not wearing a seatbelt and died.

Mistler did trucking and custom Ag work including custom harvest. His father is Clint Mistler, a long-time Dixon-area farmer. His mother is also a long-time Dixonite, Melinda Fountain. The family is devastated.

The other accident happened on Columbus Day at 6:56 a.m. but was also in rural Dixon and took the life of Jose Jimenez Pineda, 34, of Woodland. According to CHP, the collision of a big rig and a sedan occurred at Robben Road at Vaughn. The Chevy truck was traveling westbound on Vaughn Road toward Dixon at a high rate of speed. A big rig was southbound on Robben Road. The driver of the Chevy did not stop and collided with the big rig. Pineda's truck overturned in an orchard. The driver was unrestrained and succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the big rig was not injured. ★

## Meet the School Board Candidates

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developing and implementing education interventions, including family engagement, in partnership with local school districts. In 2017, Julian was appointed as the Legislative Policy Representative at the California Department of Education by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Ian Arnold, is an Independent Insurance Agent, a former Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Field Supervisor and former library commissioner

who ran for Dixon City Council in 2012. He holds a BA in Administrative Management from University of Texas, San Antonio. He is running because he believes he has a better plan for a more effective budget.

"I would like to see the District go to zero-based budgeting. Then, as a Board we can set real priorities," he said. He has other concerns, though. "I put three kids through Dixon schools and there were issues that were going on. I'm concerned with bullying and the lack of teeth in the follow-up. For

anything short of violence, the school district should be looking at restorative justices vs. suspensions."

John Gabby, who listed himself simply as a 'parent' on his candidate statement, is a former Board Trustee who resigned in March of 2020 before the end of his second term. That is when McCabe was appointed. McCabe ran at the end of his term and was elected. Attempts to reach Gabby were unsuccessful.

To join the Zoom meeting, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4331239750>. The meeting ID is 433 123 9750. ★

## Veteran's Day Fundraiser Slated



A large selection of raffle items will be part of the annual veterans fundraising dinner. Donations happily accepted.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Tickets are now on sale for the annual Veteran's Day Dinner on Friday, November 11. The menu is barbecue Tri-tip or chicken, broccoli salad, and chili beans. Dinner tickets for a single is \$15 and can be purchased from the Veterans Memorial Hall on Friday nights anytime after 5 p.m. A table for eight is \$100 and a couple is \$25.

There will also be a large raffle with a separate drawing for a half a hog and a

50-inch LED television.

In other ALP 208 news, Wednesday through Friday the Hall will now have their bar open from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"This is new because it has not been open in a long time but we're trying to recover from COVID which affected our income severely," said Carla Schafer of the American Legion Post 208 Women's Auxiliary. They are also going to start up the ever-so-popular popcorn machine so popcorn will be offered free to patrons.

The hall is located at 1305 North First Street, across from DuPratt Ford. ★



# Free Webinars Can Help Businesses Grow

## SBDC News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Are you ready to take your business to the next level? The Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center has a variety of webinars offered during the month of October that can increase your knowledge of how to run a great business. And, what's even better is that they are free!

The Solano-Napa SBDC conducts webinars every month on subjects that include business planning, finance, marketing, human resource management, expansion and growth, and best practice programs designed to help small business owners use the best techniques possible to increase sales and profit. The webinars

are led by experienced professionals who overview their topics and answer questions from the audience. These classes are great opportunities for clients to obtain applicable, real-world information and helpful advice as they start or grow a business.

During October, these are scheduled: Oct. 18: Napa Women in Business Roundtable (NapaWISE); Oct. 19: Fairfield Entrepreneurs Roundtable; Oct. 20: Vacaville Entrepreneurs Roundtable; Oct. 20: FICO and Credit 101 - Improve Your Creditworthiness; Oct. 25: Intro to Online Advertising; Oct. 27: Solano Women in Business Roundtable (SolanoWISE.) Learn more at [solanonasbdc.org/events](http://solanonasbdc.org/events). ★

# Silveyville Pumpkin Season Arrives

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natural surroundings where they can visit and for a quarter, get feed for the many gobbling ducks. But you can also choose to meander through the farm animal pens and even visit close up with the chickens and goats for free.

Want to get all that extra energy out of those kiddos? Let them play on the tractor playground or do some pretend driving in some of the bright-colored wood go-carts.

Some folks come just strictly looking for the pumpkins but then get endeared. Seeing it on social media brought first timers Josh and Kendra Vanguardia from Fairfield.

"It's a really good family environment," said Josh as he was loading a pumpkin into their wagon. "Where can you cut the pumpkin right off the vine?" They came with friends Ricky and Angelica Adams and their 15-month-old son who was busy trying to figure out the large pumpkin. For creative spirits, there are several large bins of pumpkins and gourds you can paint when you purchase them.

Silveyville is also full of picturesque settings, so



The popular hay maze/pyramid plopped people into a blanket of corn kernels at the end of the chute.

families can take advantage of numerous photo opportunities, but you are asked to be mindful of posted signs where it's prohibited.

There is free parking and free admission.

Note they are closed on Tuesdays but on Mondays and Wednesdays through Fridays, they open noon to 6 p.m. On weekends, hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (707) 678-1823. ★

# Dixon Women to Hear League of Women Voters



League of Women Voters encourage women to get informed and participate in government including distributing campaign literature and attending forums to know issues they will be voting on this November. Photo by Debra Dingman

**Story and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - 'Empowering Women - Defending Democracy' will be a presentation by the Solano County League of Women Voters to the Dixon Women's Improvement Club with speakers Carole Paterson and Alice Fried this coming Wednesday, October 19 beginning at 1 p.m.

The League was established in 1920 to be a political advocacy group focused on civic engagement and is officially non-partisan. It neither supports or opposes candidates or parties.

The League encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Because the naming and wording of Propositions on the November Ballot are sometimes confusing, Fried and Paterson will help participants make informed decisions when they vote in this year's November

8 elections. The business meeting of the club will follow their presentation.

The social club welcomes new members and offers a mix of educational programs with fun activities for its members. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the social hall of the Dixon United Methodist Church at 209 North Jefferson. The next gathering will be November 16 and will be a presentation on traveling with your pet by President Carol Marshall.

They meet September through May and usually from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the exception of their Christmas and May meetings which are luncheons. Membership fee is \$35 per year and DWIC is a non-profit, charitable corporation. Dues support organizational expenses and fundraisers held are for scholarships to local high school graduates.

If one enjoys the camaraderie of good friends and is interested in joining, contact their Membership Chair Mary Kay Callaway at (916) 541-0417 or send a message through their Facebook page. ★

# Dixon Family Services Hits Half Time



Dixon Family Services is marking its 25th year in its current building. Courtesy Photo

**By Cookie Powell, Director**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Family Services was established in January 1984, and we will celebrate 40 years in 2024. But, before that, in 2023 we will celebrate another milestone. In 1998 DFS and the City of Dixon entered into a lease agreement for the building we are currently in. It's hard to believe it will soon be 25 years!

Here is the History. The non-profit, Dixon Family Services (DFS), did not always live in the city-owned building at 155 North Second Street. The building was previously occupied for many years by the Dixon Police Department, City Hall and Dixon Municipal Courtroom, not at different times, but all rolled into one big happy City of Dixon 'family.'

After building a new City Hall and a new Police Department, the building sat empty for some years until a time in the mid-90s that DFS needed a new home. So, The City let DFS move in. This happened before I started at DFS so I don't know if any rent was paid or how much. I began working at DFS in February 1995 and it was soon after that some major changes would happen.

Unfortunately, due to the age of the building and having been neglected, things started going wrong, including many leaks in the roof, AC/Heat, plumbing, lighting, cracks in floors and more. A short version of a long review done by inspectors and the Dixon Fire Department listed issues of a failing heat and air system, a very leaky roof, mold, mildew, and asbestos. All could cause serious health and safety issues for staff and clients. The report was enough to call for condemnation of the building.

After considering the costs of all work needed to restore the building to be safe to inhabit, City leadership was leaning toward

tearing down the old cinder block building and making the adjacent City parking lot that much larger.

PJ Davis, our Executive Director at the time, began searching for grants that could help in a large restoration project of 155 North Second, or to build a new home at a new location for DFS.

The California Endowment came for a site visit and agreed with PJ that the building was centrally located and accessible for the clients we serve, so they agreed to a grant amount of \$300,000. And an additional request was awarded from the Cowell Foundation for \$60,000.

An agreement was made between the grantors, the City of Dixon, and Dixon Family Services to hire a construction company to take the building down to the studs and cinder block walls, and "rebuild" it from within. When completed it was a new, safe, healthy and ADA approved office building for our organization to continue to provide human services as a Family Resource Center for all residents of Dixon and our surrounding rural 95620. A resolution was passed by all City Council members on July 15, 1998, to execute a 50-year lease agreement for tenants Dixon Family Services.

Since then, we have been providing a variety of service programs to suit the changing needs of our community. Our services are free to those who need them. We pay all utilities, insurance, plumbing, heat/AC, landscaping, and all other maintenance costs of the building. There have been no costs to the City of Dixon or taxpayers. Property taxes and other taxes have also been paid for by DFS throughout the years.

The result of this story is a win-win for Dixon. We look forward to another 25 years! For more information, call (707) 678-0442. ★

# Candidates Meet and Greet at the Farm



Several men running for office wound up pow-wowing at Ruhstaller in Dixon this past week. They are (L-R) Thom Bogue, Dixon City Council, District 2; Mike Ceremello, Dixon City Council, District 1; Richard Casavecchia, Winters City Council; Matt Brock for Congress, CD 4; Senator Ted Gaines, Board of Equalization; and Garret Wright, Woodland Unified School District. Photo by Nicolas Brown

# Farm Bureau President Responds to Signing of AB 2183

## California Farm Bureau News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson responded to Gov. Gavin Newsom's signing of Assembly Bill 2183.

"The California Farm Bureau is deeply disappointed in Gov. Newsom's decision to sign the misguided union organizing legislation, Assembly Bill 2183. Farm Bureau stands with California's agricultural employees and will continue to defend

their right to make uncoerced choices about union representation. However, the governor's unfortunate decision to sign this bill will create a mail-in balloting system that threatens the integrity of secret ballot elections and leaves farm employees

vulnerable to intimidation by union organizers with an obvious interest in the outcome. It also forces California's farmers and ranchers to choose to give up free speech and private property rights in a dubious trade to allow their employees a real

voice in a union election." The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 31,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 6 million Farm Bureau members. ★



# Defense Stymies, Offense Rolls in 55-7 Win Over Northern Colorado



The Sacramento State defense produced a dominant first half and the offense overcame a slow start to roll past Northern Colorado, 55-7, on Saturday night at Hornet Stadium. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

## Sac State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento State defense produced a dominant first half and the offense overcame a slow start to roll past Northern Colorado, 55-7, on Saturday night at Hornet Stadium.

The Hornets, which entered the game ranked fourth in the AFCA FCS coaches poll, improved to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big Sky Conference. The start to the year is the best in the school's Div. I era and the second best in school history, trailing only the 6-0 mark of the 1991 team. UNC dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in league games.

The defense did not allow a first down in the first half and limited the Bears to 27 yards in the first two quarters. The unit recorded a fourth-down stop on the opening drive of the game and then followed with five straight 3-and-outs to end the half. The defense has now posted nine scoreless halves and 34 scoreless quarters over the last two seasons.

It took the Sacramento State offense some time to get revved up, but the team eventually found its rhythm. The Hornets were stopped on fourth down tries on their own on the first two drives of the game and had to punt on its third series.

The team broke through with a 9-yard rush from Marcus Fulcher with 4:23 left in the first quarter. Asher O'Hara added a 5-yard rush up the middle of the field five seconds into the second quarter and Fulcher followed with his second touchdown on a 4-yard rush. The final points of the first half came from the leg of Kyle Sentkowski who made a 46-yard field goal as time expired.

Sacramento State wasted little time scoring in the second half, finding the end zone on a 45-yard pass from Jake Dunningway to Marshel Martin to cap a 4-play, 75-yard drive to start the third quarter.

Northern Colorado pieced together its

most successful offensive drive of the game on the ensuing series, earning its initial first down and eventually scoring on a 2-yard rush from Elijah Dotson with 6:43 left in the third quarter. The Bears attempted an onside kick which was recovered by Sacramento State and the Hornets scored four plays later with a 17-yard rush from Cameron Skattebo.

The defense recovered a fumble on the next offensive series by the Bears and the offense responded with an 11-yard strike to Parker Clayton four plays later to make it 45-7 at the end of the third quarter.

Sacramento State ended its scoring with points in the first and last minute of the fourth quarter. Sentkowski made his second field goal of the night with a successful attempt from 41 yards just 48 seconds into the period. The final score came on a 6-yard run from redshirt freshman quarterback Dorian Hale.

The Hornets finished the night with 622 yards of total offense on 97 offensive plays – both season highs. The team rushed for 332 yards on 59 carries and scored five touchdowns. Skattebo led the way with 124 yards on 18 carries. The quarterback trio of Kaiden Bennett (59 yards), Asher O'Hara (57 yards) and Hale (41 yards) combined for 157 rushing yards.

Dunningway completed 20-of-28 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns while O'Hara and Bennett added five additional completions. In all, 10 Sacramento State receivers caught passes in the game, led by tight end Marshel Martin who had nine receptions for 103 yards.

Northern Colorado finished the game with 175 total yards and nine first downs. Both marks were season bests for the Hornet defense which has allowed less than 200 total yards of offense in two games this season.

Sacramento State will next play at Eastern Washington on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. ★

# Vote No on Measure D Tax Increase

## Commentary by David Dingman

Vote No on Measure D Tax Increase. The City of Dixon's budget for the period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 was discussed during a council meeting this past June 2022. The city's finance director Kate Zawadski did a great job of providing a good projection of the city's finances which included a 6.6% reduction in sales tax revenue due to the country's current economic condition of high inflation and with the Federal Reserve attempting to cool the economy with higher interest rates which will slow the economy. Unfortunately, this fell on the deaf ears of City Manager Jim Lindley and your city council. Under Lindley's direction a budget was prepared that has the city's projected revenue as being \$26.4 million versus expenses of \$28.5 million resulting in an overrun of \$2.1 million. The overrun was funded by dipping into the city's reserves.

Also, the finance director's budget projections call for the city to dip into the city's reserves for the next few years resulting in the reserves being depleted in 2025-2026. Yet the mayor and council approved the city's proposed budget without making any changes. An utterly ridiculous and bad decision! They should have tried to balance the budget so that expenses come close to revenue to slow down a potential train wreck in

regards to the city's finances until any potential economic slowdown reverses.

Instead of cutting costs the council placed Measure D on the ballot which increases the city's sales tax from 7.375% to 8.375% and worded it so that only 51% is required for passage instead of the traditional 2/3 (67%) for the approval of tax increases. Sneaky! In order to increase their chances of getting the measure approved, a citizen oversight committee was added to the measure. But, this committee will have no authority to prevent the council from spending the money however the council chooses. There is nothing in the measure that commits the funds raised to be used for a specific purpose. If the council wants to use the funds to give the city manager a \$100,000 raise or build a new \$5 million Taj Mahal city hall under "general government use," the committee can do nothing! The council has already added new fees and increased permit fees for home remodeling projects, new roof and water heater inspections, bathroom remodels, etc.

Dixon city council can't be trusted to use the additional tax dollars wisely. I say this because the council gave the city manager a nearly \$60,000 pay raise this year, increased the city attorney's budget to \$714,000, and spent nearly \$4 million on a small park downtown. Enough of the new fees, taxes, and expenses. Do not bail out city hall! Vote NO on Measure D. ★

# Dixon Fire Department Opens Its House



Dixon firetrucks line up for this year's Open House which will be this Saturday at the Fire Department on Ford Way. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Ford in Dixon. The event will include safety demonstrations and children's activities.

There will be opportunity for children to touch firefighting gear, handle hoses and even spray water. Medical helicopters will be on display as well as ambulances and

law enforcement vehicles.

Public safety and preparedness planning information and tools will be made available, too.

There will be refreshments for the attendees. You won't want to miss meeting Dixon's firefighters, either! ★

# Defendant Found Guilty of Felony Hit and Run

## Solano County DA News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On August 30, 2022, in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable William J. Pendergast, the jury found Defendant Nadhir Ghuzi, Guilty of Second-Degree Murder in violation of Penal Code Section 187 and Felony Hit and Run Causing Injury in

violation of Vehicle Code Section 20001(b)(1).

On October 19, 2021, Fairfield Police Officers were dispatched to the intersection of North Texas and Wisconsin Street to respond to a fatal traffic collision. City cameras showed that a dark SUV style vehicle had struck a bicyclist while traveling at a high rate of speed. The bicyclist sustained life threatening injuries and unfortunately succumbed to those

injuries at the scene. The driver of the SUV fled the scene. Officers located a hubcap belonging to the SUV. Using the hubcap, city cameras, and license plate readers, officers were able to identify the vehicle. Additional surveillance footage from a nearby gas station identified the defendant as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the collision.

Officers responded to the defendant's home and placed him under

arrest. At this time, Officers began to develop additional information that showed that the defendant was intoxicated at the time of the collision. Defendant had previously been convicted of Driving under the Influence and had been advised of the dangers of driving under the influence. As a term of probation, he had completed a 9-month course that discussed the dangers of driving under the influence.

Defendant Nadhir Ghuzi is scheduled to be sentenced on October 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court.

The case was investigated by Officer Tuss of the Fairfield Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jessica Morrell and Victim Witness Advocate Cynthia Malloy provided victim advocacy and support to the victim's family. ★

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# Riley Reviews

## GREAT AMERICAN COMMUNITY LAUNCHES NEW SHORT-FORM PLATFORM

### A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

Have you heard about Great American Community's free direct-to-consumer app, with its launch of 15 all-new original short-form series featuring well-known experts at the top of their fields? It could be news to a lot of people.

This unique programming offers fresh advice and inspirational stories from each host with topics in the field of cooking, fashion, lifestyle, gardening, pets, parenting, DIY, relationships, philanthropy, fitness, wellness and devotions, among others.

The app, which will be available in mobile app stores and on connected devices, will allow the viewing of multiple episodes of all series being available on day one and new episodes premiering on regularly scheduled days throughout the year.

From healthy cooking with Danica McKellar to organizing Christmas decorations with Cameron Mathison, each episode will focus on seasonal themes, celebrations and everyday moments, with new episodes premiering all year long – with no offseason.

In a press announcement, Bill Abbott, President and CEO of Great American Media, expressed the corporation's thrill "to be launching Great American Community with fifteen new, always-on series that are topical, relatable and hosted by our growing family of recognizable talent."

"This new platform represents an important evolution of the company's digital strategy and gives our passionate fans a fun and engaging new way to interact with our stars in a trusted, family-friendly environment, 365 days a year."

"The Modern Mom with Debbie Matenopoulos" features host Debbie Matenopoulos ("The View") sharing delicious easy-to-master recipes, fashion and beauty advice, and all the tips and tricks she has learned in her two-decade career being a television host and lifestyle expert.

Larissa Wohl, a pet adoption advocate, will bring heartwarming and uplifting segments in her series with weekly animal adoptions and shelter spotlights, featuring people doing extraordinary things in "Giving & Caring with Larissa Wohl."

In "Affordably Fabulous with Lauren Makk," interior design expert Lauren Makk ("Design Star: Next Gen") will share tricks and tips to achieve a fabulous life on a budget. We are sensing a pattern of tips and tricks on a number of these shows.

Beauty expert and daytime TV staple Kym Douglas ("The Ellen Show") offers beauty and skin care tips, fashion advice, devotionals and ways to feel your most beautiful the inside out – all presented with laughter and love in "Beauty and Blessings with Kym Douglas."

"Eden Living with Shirley Bovshow" features landscaping artist and expert gardener Shirley Bovshow ("Welcome to Great American Christmas") teaching you how to loving care for all the plants and flowers in your garden. ★

After the recent heatwave and the pleas for us to reduce watering outside, Bovshow's advice for the care and attending to plants may come a little too late for many of us.

"A Beautiful Life with Lawrence Zarian" stars fashion maven, author and TV presenter Lawrence Zarian ("The Kelly Clarkson Show"), who will uplift and inspire women of every shape and size through fashion and sharing stories from his podcast.

Lifestyle expert Lizzy Mathis, founder of The Cool Mom Company, is a powerhouse who reminds mamas to put themselves first, reignite personal passions, and keep bringing that cool to motherhood in "All Things Cool with Lizzy Mathis."

"The Sweet Life with Emily Hutchinson" features celebrity baking sensation Emily Hutchinson ("Christmas Cookie Matchup") letting you know that everything you ever would want to bake is within reach as she shows you how to bake the most delicious and eye-catching creations.

Southern connoisseur, chef, author and podcast host Jamie Tarence ("Family Savvy") shares all things Southern living from cooking and baking to fashion and beauty in her series "Southern Savvy with Jamie Tarence."

Actress and author Mahalia McKellar ("Christmas at Grand Valley") will share her knowledge as a certified meditation teacher and bring positivity and mindfulness to stress-filled days in "The Mindful Life with Mahalia McKellar."

"The Good Life with Cameron Mathison" features TV star, host and presenter Cameron Mathison ("General Hospital") bringing his passion for learning more about creating a healthier life and that knowledge to this series dedicated to a healthier you from the inside out.

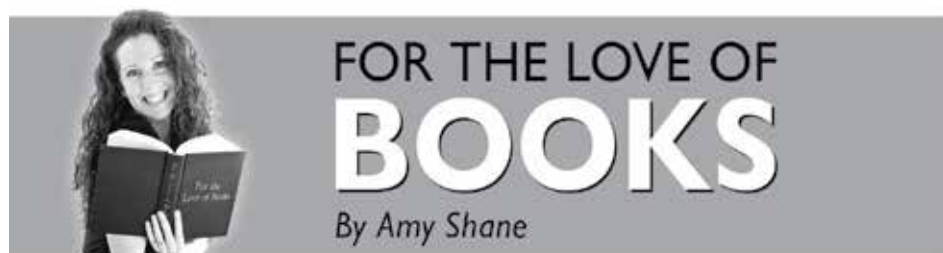
One of television's most beloved actresses, Danica McKellar ("The Wonder Years"), who loves being positive and helping others, will be sharing Bible Bits, Healthy Bits and Math Bits in "Bits of Joy with Danica McKellar."

Actress and presenter Jill Wagner ("A Merry Christmas Wish") gives a beautiful glimpse into her life living on a farm in Nashville, including tours of her property, working out, family life, and Soulful Sundays in "Farm and Family with Jill Wagner."

Celebrity baker and chef Maria Provenzano ("From Scratch with Maria") will teach you how to bake, cook delicious recipes, and craft for the everyday celebrations in your life in "Everyday Celebrations with Maria Provenzano."

Everyday Adventures with Trevor Donovan" features one of television's most recognizable faces, Trevor Donovan ("90210" and "Jingle Bell Princess") sharing his love of acting, his dogs and the everyday adventures that bring him joy.

Great American Community is part of Great American Media, which owns the cable networks Great American Family and Great American Living. ★



## Not-So-Spooky Halloween Books

### Halloween Is a Treat by Sabrina Moyle, Eunice Moyle

A not-so-spooky celebration of all the things that make Halloween fun. From costumes to spooky sweets, Halloween can be a delightful adventure.

With a sturdy board book design, delightful illustrations, and short narration, this book is perfect gift for any young reader.



### Goodnight Train Halloween

by June Sobel, Laura Huliska-Beith

Choo Choo Boo, the Halloween train is ready to go, taking trick-or-treaters past dancing ghosts and flying witches, and into a storm of candy corn. Then it's time to stop for sweets and delightful treats as they head to dreamland and say goodnight.

The Goodnight Train is the perfect Halloween nighttime story. With peek-through holes that keep little readers engaged and eagerly anticipating the next page.

### A Spoonful of Frogs

by Casey Lyall, Vera Brosgol

There is nothing better than frog soup! It's a witch's favorite and easy to make! Just add potatoes, carrots, fly extract, a pinch of salt, and of course a spoonful of frogs. But the frogs have something else in mind.

When a witch tries to share her favorite recipe with her viewers, everything is perfect

until it's time to add the frogs. Follow one adorable witch as she tries everything in her power to add frogs to her cauldron of soup. *A Spoonful of Frogs* is a laugh-out-loud story for the whole family.

### So Not Ghoul

by Karen Yin, Bonnie Lui

It's Mimi's first day of haunting, and all her ancestors have their own advice. Mimi wants to be ghoulish, yet her ancestors tell her to stay rooted in her Chinese traditions. Then Mimi gets an idea, but will her idea backfire?

In this ghoulish but charming haunt, readers will get a ghoulish surprise. With an underlined message of staying true to who you are, one little ghost discovers the importance of being you while also making new friends along the way. So, grab your all your ghoulfriends for a ghostly good time.

### Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales: of Underwear

by Aaron Reynolds

On an outing to get new

underwear, Jasper convinces his mother to buy one pair of creepy underwear instead of the boring white pair. They were glorious and a sign that he was a big rabbit, until they started glowing, which was a little too creepy. Jasper couldn't get rid of them fast enough, but they always reappeared no matter what he did. From throwing them away, burying them, and even mailing them to China, his creepy underwear always returned.

With a title like this and a hilarious cover illustration, readers can't help but be instantly drawn to this book. Bound to be a classic and not just for Halloween, *Creepy Pair of Underwear* is destined to be read over and over again. Giggles and peals of laughter will ensue from the very first page. Funny to the bone, this book still teaches a valuable lesson in its own unique way. ★



### New sensor technology helps tree-crop growers make improved irrigation decisions

New technology, which allows farmers to detect how thirsty their trees are, can help them make better irrigation decisions and get greater yields. Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have been testing sensors in different commercial orchards as part of a four-year study funded by the Almond Board of California. The sensors measure a tree's stem water potential, which refers to the amount of energy a plant needs to draw water from the soil. Two sensors tested by the research team have made market debuts in recent years.

### State officials approve hike in water program fees

The State Water Resources Control Board is raising fees for water-quality and water-rights programs. The state's Waste Discharge Permit Fund fee is going up 0.84% and fees for the Water Rights Fund are going up 7.2%. The increases are intended to meet budget shortfalls for programs that require participation by farmers and ranchers. With farmers already facing soaring costs for fertilizer and fuel, California Farm Bureau is advocating using state general fund dollars to offset the fee increases.

### Newsom signs farm labor legislation opposed by California Farm Bureau

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed legislation that will allow unions to collect signed ballots or authorization cards to organize farm employees in lieu of holding secret-ballot elections for union certification. Agricultural groups say the governor's signing of Assembly Bill 2183 represents a dramatic departure from rules protecting farm employees from coercion in union votes. The California Farm Bureau and other agricultural groups strongly opposed the legislation.

### Farmers request help with H-2A visa costs, as government solicits input on labor shortages

The federal government is seeking input on a grant program intended to help address labor shortages and legal migration pathways and improve the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain. Farm employers from different states have urged that the grant program include incentives to help agricultural employers curb their travel costs for employees with H-2A visas. They're also requesting a streamlined process to extend program contracts beyond 10 months. ★

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# CLG NEWS UPDATES

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## Canadian Woman Dies Seven Minutes After Getting COVID Booster

9 Oct 2022 | A sixty-nine-year-old woman died on Sept. 14, 2022, in Saskatoon (Saskatchewan), Canada, seven minutes after getting a booster dose of a COVID shot at a Shoppers Drug Mart. Carol Diane Pierce, who was reportedly healthy, received the booster and was waiting during the required 15-minute period of observation before leaving the drugstore when she suddenly collapsed on the floor. "My mom text me right after she got the shot to let me know she was waiting the 15 minute and I text her back," said Pierce's daughter Stephanie Foster. "She text me at 12:31 pm and said she was waiting her 15 minutes. At 12:38 pm she was unconscious in [the drug store]. It was right after then that they say 'she dropped dead before she hit the floor' in Shoppers Drug Mart. That is what the docs have told us."

## 'Dilbert' creator says 77 newspapers canceled comic strip as it tackles woke culture

21 Sept 2022 | The creator of *Dilbert*, Scott Adams, announced Tuesday that his comic has been canceled by nearly 77 newspapers, which he says are owned by one media company. Dilbert follows the titular character as he navigates American office culture. Recently, as "woke" culture has permeated workplaces, it has been addressed in Adams's comics. "All of the wokeness and anything that permeated from ESG [environmental, social, and governance] ...so that stuff made its way into the business world, and then, it became proper content for Dilbert," he told Fox News. Coincidentally, Adams announced on Twitter that his comic is being stripped from 77 newspapers, which is coming as a "substantial" financial blow to the creator.

## Twitter Censors Florida's Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo for Recommending Young Males Refrain from Receiving COVID Vaccine

9 Oct 2022 | Florida Surgeon General released a shocking report on Friday. According to Dr. Joseph Ladapo, there was an 84% increase in the incidence of cardiac-related death among males 18-39 years old within 28 days following mRNA vaccination. Dr. Ladapo recommended that young males from 18 to 39 refrain from taking the COVID Vaccine. Denmark and Sweden recently halted vaccines for healthy children. The social media giant decided they knew more about medicine than Dr. Ladapo and took his tweet down...Twitter later allowed the tweet after the uproar.

## Feds Cooked Up Detailed Propaganda Plan to Push COVID Shots, Documents Reveal

7 Oct 2022 | Judicial Watch announced this week that it received 249 pages of records from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) detailing the extensive media plans for a propaganda campaign to push the COVID-19 vaccine. The records were received in response to an August 2021 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed after HHS failed to respond to an April 19, 2021, request for records related to the Biden HHS "COVID-19 Community Corps" program (Judicial Watch v. HHS No. 1:22-cv-02315). Judicial Watch is asking for all records regarding the application process; all organizations asking to be chosen to participate; all grants and all communications of representatives of the HHS regarding the program. The newly released records include a document titled "PEC [Public Education Campaign] Plan April 19 -- May 31 [2021]," which includes (pages 30-34) the following media plans and action items: **Major [public education] projects in April:** Vaccine engagement package to all entertainment talent and management agencies. --Vaccine engagement package to all media companies and show producers. --Outreach to major culture event producers.

## Assange supporters surround UK Parliament

Activists spoke out against the WikiLeaks co-founder's imminent extradition to the U.S. | 9 Oct 2022 | Supporters of WikiLeaks co-founder Julian Assange gathered outside the UK Parliament in London on Saturday to protest his impending extradition to the US, where he faces espionage charges that carry a prison sentence of up to 175 years. Videos posted on social media show hundreds of people, including former UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, having formed a human chain that spanned the parliament's perimeter and wound around the nearby Westminster Bridge to the other side of the Thames River. The protesters held signs reading "Free Assange, No Extradition," "Journalism is not a crime" and "Prosecute war crimes, not Assange." [Yes, maybe AOC and the "leftists" in the Squad will help...\*not.\* The useless eaters of the Squad are foot soldiers of the oligarchy and emissaries of the WEF. --LRP

## Florida Surgeon General Reports an 84% Increase in Cardiac-Related Deaths Among Males 18-39 Within 28 Days After mRNA Vaccination

– Florida Surgeon General now recommends against the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines for males ages 18-39 years old.

7 Oct 2022 | Guidance for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines, October 7, 2022: Florida Surgeon General Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, Ph.D., has reported on an increased cardiac risk of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. On Friday, he tweeted: "Today, we released an analysis on COVID-19 mRNA vaccines the public needs to be aware of. This analysis showed an increased risk of cardiac-related death among men 18-39. FL will not be silent on the truth." Quoting from the report: "The Florida Department of Health (Department) conducted an analysis through a self-controlled case series, which is a technique originally developed to evaluate vaccine safety. This studied mortality risk following mRNA COVID-19 vaccination. This analysis found there is an 84% increase in the relative incidence of cardiac-related death among males 18-39 years old within 28 days following mRNA vaccination. Individuals with preexisting cardiac conditions, such as myocarditis and pericarditis, should take particular caution when considering vaccination and discuss with their health care provider...As such, the Florida Department of Health has issued the following guidance: Based on currently available data, patients should be informed of the possible cardiac complications that can arise after receiving a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. With a high level of global immunity to COVID-19, the benefit of vaccination is likely outweighed by this abnormally high risk of cardiac-related death among men in this age group." ★

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**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-006, amending Section 9.01.020, Nuisance and Nuisance Conditions Defined, of Chapter 9.01, Public Nuisances, and Adding Chapter 9.05, Noise Control, to Title 9, Health and Safety, of the Dixon Municipal Code to Control Disruptive, Excessive and Offensive Noise in the City of Dixon.

The ordinance limits disruptive, excessive and offensive noise in residential zones and mixed-use zones within the City ("Ordinance"). Under the Ordinance, noise that is audible from the nearest public street or walkway in residential and mixed-use zones is declared a nuisance. The Ordinance's provisions offer several enforcement mechanisms, including an administrative warning and citation structure to address the noise. The City will also be able to seek recovery of its costs in specific circumstances where there are repeated violations of the proposed Ordinance.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 20th day of September 2022, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 4th day of October 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ernest, Hendershot, Johnson, Pederson, Bird  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

A copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance is available for public review at City Hall, 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620 or at [www.cityofdixon.us](http://www.cityofdixon.us).

Kristin M. Janisch  
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## Solano Community College Governing Board Seeks Applicants for Trustee Area 7

The Solano Community College District is soliciting applications to serve as an appointed member of the Board of Trustees for Trustee Area 7 until the next regularly scheduled election for governing board members, which is November 5, 2024.

The Board is responsible for Solano Community College and its centers and serves 8,500 students and provides vital educational services to Solano County and the City of Winters.

The board is seeking candidates who meet the eligibility requirements as specified in CA Education Code § 35107 (2017)

- (a) Any person, regardless of sex, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a school district without further qualifications.

Candidates must have the ability and time to fulfill the responsibilities of being a member of the board, which include:

- Participate fully in the work of the board, which includes attending all board meetings and key college events, studying and discussing policy issues, and participating in trustee education programs.
- Knowledge of the communities served by the college and willing to act on behalf and for the benefit of those communities.
- Commitment to community colleges and their missions; understand educational, social, and economic policy issues.
- Engaging in balancing the needs of many diverse groups; be able to contribute to and build consensus.
- Participate in effective board functioning and support the authority of the board as a whole.

The Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, except for January and July when the Board meets only on the third Wednesday. Regularly scheduled Board meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Applications for appointment are due no later than **Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:00pm**. The board will interview candidates at a special Board meeting to be held on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 beginning at 6:30pm** and make the provisional appointment and administer the oath of office at the November 9th Board meeting.

For more information, application materials, or to indicate your interest or to suggest a possible candidate, please contact Dr. Celia Esposito-Noy, Superintendent-President by email at [celia.esposito-noy@solano.edu](mailto:celia.esposito-noy@solano.edu). Information and application materials are available from the Superintendent-President's Office at 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Bldg. 600, Fairfield, CA 94534 or can be sent by email.

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# Experts Warn Homebuyers of Red Flags Beyond Climbing Interest Rates

MARY PRENON

Over the past two years, houses nationwide were going like hotcakes, with sellers often receiving tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars over the asking price. Buyers often waived inspections and picked up some of the sellers' costs in dire hopes of securing that coveted single-family home.

While the landscape has now changed because of higher interest rates, many parts of the country are still seeing bidding wars, and home prices aren't yet experiencing a sharp decline. With inventory still lower than normal, many buyers remain hungry for a piece of the American Dream.

However, some experts are cautioning would-be homeowners about quickly jumping into the home-buying pool without doing their homework first.

"Listing prices are still high, and combined with the higher mortgage interest rates, people are going to be overpaying for their homes," Andre Stewart, CEO of InvestFar, a real estate marketplace and database firm, told *The Epoch Times*. "It's important for them to review their budget and make sure they're not getting in over their heads."

In the present market, the average homebuyer can expect to pay up to 25 percent more than a year ago.

"It's one thing if you're buying a home to live in it for a very long time, but most people live there for 5 to 10 years, and then resell it," Stewart said. "You want to make sure you're going to make money on that sale."

Stewart, author of "The Real Estate Investing Diet," advises potential buyers about other often-ignored "red flags" of home purchasing.

"During the pandemic, a lot of people were buying properties sight unseen, and they were skipping inspections," he said. "Getting a home inspection is extremely important—even with brand-new housing developments."

Because new construction costs have skyrocketed, Stewart warns that some new developments may not be completed



▲ A "For Sale" sign in front of a home in Miami on June 21, 2022.

as expected.

"There have been situations where people have purchased a home thinking the garage door would be arriving after they moved in, but it was never finished," he said. "It's worth the money to get the inspection so homeowners can have a full punch list of items to be completed before they close on the property."

Even luxury homes can harbor hidden problems, he added, such as mold.

Mark Aakjar, the owner of Mark's Inspections, has been servicing the New York metropolitan area for the past 14 years.

"Mold is now what asbestos was 15 years ago," he told *The Epoch Times*. "Mold can be anywhere—it's just a matter of what type and how much. Some people may not have any reaction to it, while others may suffer from allergies or severe respiratory issues."

Aakjar noted that, sometimes, the mold isn't visible.

"If I'm doing an inspection on a Manhattan apartment at the top of a 30-story building, I may not actually see evidence of mold, but an air test will indicate that mold is present. Then we have to start looking for it," he said.

Concerning new construction, he cited other common problems, such as undersized boilers or air-conditioning units, im-

proper insulation, poor-quality windows, and foundation cracks.

As a real estate finance expert, Michael Gifford cautions potential homeowners to complete their due diligence before making what will likely be the largest purchase of their lifetime. He's the CEO and co-founder of Splitero, which offers options to access home equity without incurring debt or additional monthly payments; the San Diego-based company offers cash to homeowners in exchange for a share of the home.

"I know there's still an urgency for people to want to jump into the market, but they need to make sure they're putting themselves in a proper position for the future," he told *The Epoch Times*. "And if they do decide to proceed, they always want to have a home inspection so they can understand exactly what they're buying."

Gifford noted that potential homeowners—especially first-time homebuyers—should educate themselves about the home's electrical, plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning systems, as well as things such as the age of the roof, condition of the basement, wells, septic tank, and the home's foundation.

While roofing and mold remediation can be costly, Aakjar noted that windows are often

overlooked big-ticket items.

"Sometimes, builders will install rubber gaskets instead of metal ones, which after time can cause windows to constantly look foggy," he said. "Windows are a cosmetic, but if you have 25 windows that need to be replaced, you're looking at a major expense."

Potential homeowners also should be aware of any curling, damaged, or missing shingles on the roof, as well as the growth of mold or moss. Gutters, trees, oil tanks, and the placement of electrical outlets can be potential hazards, and basements often conceal hidden issues.

"The hardest thing is to predict how often or if a basement gets water," he said. "Telltale signs can be a washer or dryer a few feet off the floor. Just about every basement in the Northeast gets damp, so many homes will need a dehumidifier."

Aakjar highly recommends that homebuyers attend the inspection.

"Buying a home is a huge purchase, and they'll understand so much more when they're walking through and asking questions," he said.

Based on current red flags within the global economy, Stewart believes the housing market could be in for a dismal January and February 2023. Gifford predicts that things could swing back to a buyer's market early next year.

"The fourth quarters are historically lower due to the holiday season, so it's difficult to predict what's going to happen in the coming year," he noted.

Regarding home prices and interest rates, Gifford indicated it may be more difficult for sellers to get into a better home or something just as good for about the same amount of money. On the other hand, he said, buyers may be losing motivation because of rising costs associated with the increased mortgage rates.

"It always goes back to supply and demand," he said. "It's just a really tough situation predicting what turn things will take in the new year and where that will leave buyers and sellers."

## Beijing Arrested 1.43 Million People in 100-Day 'Public Security' Campaign Ahead of National Meeting

MARY HONG

The regime in Beijing has detained 1.43 million people during a three-month campaign dubbed a "public security crackdown" ahead of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) national meeting. However, not all those arrested are criminals.

As with other key Party events, the regime has tightened security in the capital in the lead-up to this month's all-important meeting known as the 20th National Congress, when Chinese leader Xi Jinping is expected to secure an unprecedented third term.

The regime's Ministry of Public Security, which set up the "100-day operation" that began on June 25, touted the campaign's success during a Sept. 27 press conference: More than 1.43 million people were arrested and 640,000 criminal cases were resolved.

However, many of the so-called suspects are simply ordinary Chinese citizens, including dissidents, activists, petitioners, Christians, and Falun Gong adherents.

### Enemies of the People

The regime claims the operation was the "hard fists" needed to protect vulnerable groups, such as women, minors, the elderly, and the disabled.

The Chinese language edition of *The Epoch Times* learned that police targeted many non-criminals, including people who dared to speak up in defense of citizens in need.

Lawyer Chen Jiahong has been missing since Sept. 24, when the police visited his home in Guangxi Province in southern China. Chen was previously imprisoned on a charge of "inciting subversion of state power" for his vocal support of victims of the "709 Crackdown," a 2015 mass arrest of civil rights lawyers and rights activists.

Xiang Jinfeng, an outspoken rights activist from Fujian Province on China's southeastern coast, was detained by local police in Longyan City on Sept. 1 on an unknown charge. His family was told only that the detention would last a month, Xiang's brother told *The Ep-*

*och Times*.

### CCP's Societal Risk Factor: Petitioners

Petitioning the government in Beijing has become routine for many Chinese who believe their voices need to be heard by the authorities. However, they too have become targets of the latest operation.

Hu Jianguo, a Shanghai activist, once said, "By defending our rights, we are fighting for democracy and freedom, which is our greatest hope in life."

For two weeks, police have been stationed in his garage, watching him day and night, just to prevent him from going to Beijing to petition the government, he told *The Epoch Times* on Sept. 28.

Hu said that some other Shanghai petitioners such as Yang Yonglan, Gu Guoping, and Peng Miaolin and her daughter Peng Jun also are under 24-hour police surveillance.

"I told those communists that they are all embezzlers and thieves who keep money abroad and bully the people," he said. "For that, they sent a few more people [to my home],

even a van was parked right outside watching us."

Since 2005, the annual number of petitions in China has remained as high as 10 million, according to a 2013 book titled, "Petitions, Democracy, and the Rule of Law: China Topics," by City University of HK Press.

In fact, the total number of complaints about the regime's governance reached 10.24 million nationally in 2000, according to a 2005 research paper by Xiong Yihan, a political science researcher at Fudan University.

### Zero-COVID Versus Zero-Petitioners

In 2021 alone, there were more than 3.8 million complaints specifically addressed to the state anti-corruption offices: the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and the National Supervision Commission.

The regime claimed that corrupt officials at the grassroots level are the major cause of mass incidents.

To crack down on corruption, local officials initiated a "zero-petitioners" campaign. Shanxi Province adopted the

zero-petitioners initiative in 2020 as one of the main tasks of the provincial standing committee of the CCP. This year, the Education Bureau of Jiyuan, in Henan Province, also promoted the zero-petition initiative to ensure proper implementation of the zero-COVID policy.

Wu Shaoping, a human rights lawyer in the United States, said the CCP's harsh controls have created a state of tension and anxiety among the entire society. The pandemic is only an excuse to control people.

He believes the CCP is fully aware that "people's madness [anger] and protests may lead to the collapse of the regime."

In a 2009 interview with the Voice of America, human rights lawyer Jiang Tianyong said that many petitioners were finally "enlightened" through decades of petitioning.

"They realized it's not just the grass-roots officials who are corrupt, but the further they went on with their petitionings, the darker it would get."

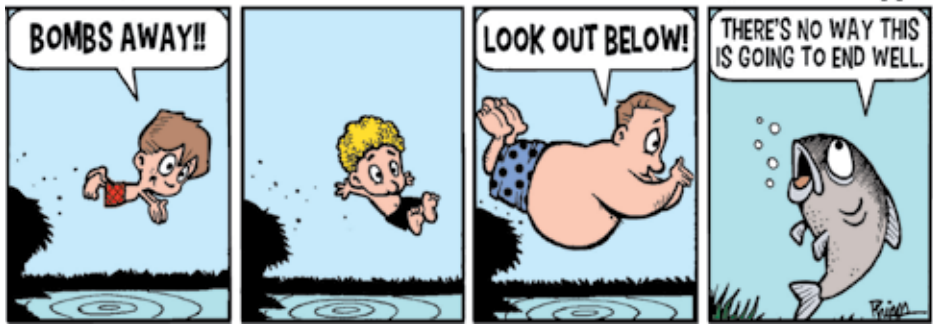
Jiang, who also was arrested in the 709 Crackdown, has been under house arrest and 24-hour police watch since his release in 2019 after two years of imprisonment.

*Haizhong Ning and Chang Chun contributed to this report.*



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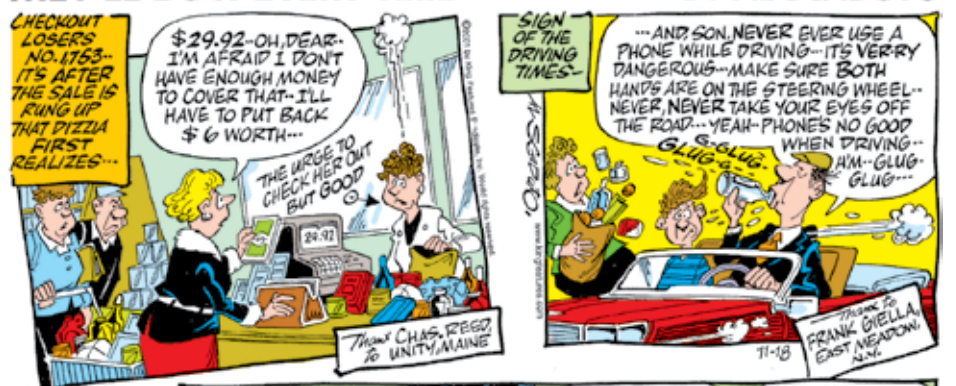
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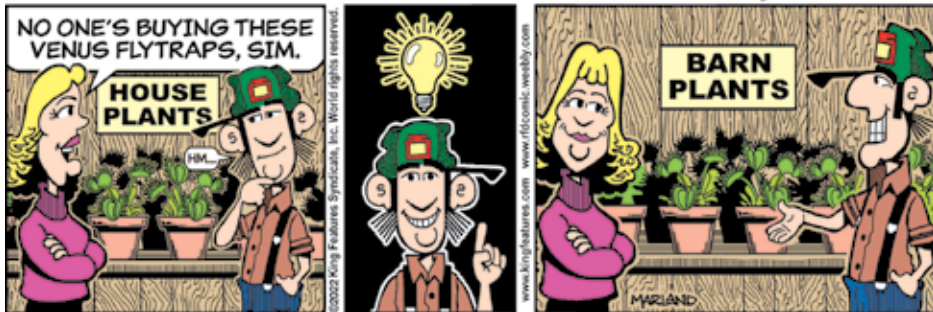
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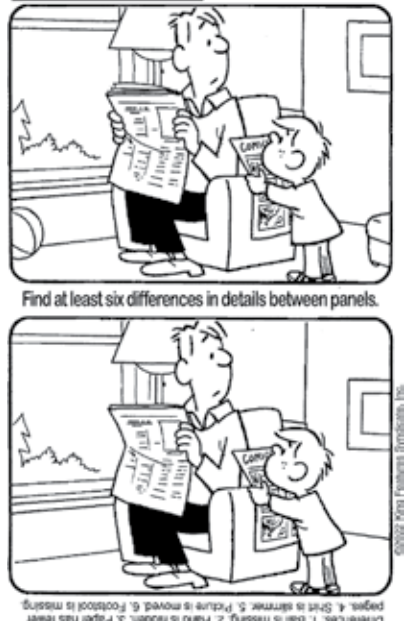


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# Dixon Avenges Loss to Woodland



Dixon junior running back Ryan Baumbach runs into a crowd of defenders including Rio Linda senior defensive end Jadon Cox (right) and senior defensive lineman Shane Wendland during a 47-6 win against the Knights on September 30 in Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Even on a short week, the Dixon varsity football team was able to avenge their only league loss from last season, defeating Woodland on the road Thursday night, October 6.

The Rams (6-1, 2-0 Golden Empire League) defeated the Wolves (2-5, 0-2 GEL) by a score of 28-20. However, Woodland scored on the last play of the game to make the final tally separated by one score rather than two.

Dixon won the GEL last season with its only blemish in league play being a 34-28 home loss to the Wolves. If not for that loss, the Rams would've had an eight-game winning streak after losing their first two contests.

Woodland hasn't had a very strong showing in 2022, winning only two games so far this season. Nevertheless, the Wolves remain the Rams rivals. Seniors, Jett Harris, Braden Baumbach and Luis Torres, were all on last year's Dixon team that was beaten by Woodland.

363 days later, the trio were able to exact their revenge, and revenge is oh so sweet.

Harris had a strong showing with both his arm and legs. The senior quarterback completed 18-of-30 pass attempts for 255 yards and three touchdowns. On the ground, he had five carries for 34 yards and a score.

Baumbach, the starting running back,

recorded a team-high 77 rushing yards on 18 carries. Torres, the Swiss army knife, caught two of Harris' TD throws as he racked up a game-high eight receptions for 124 yards.

Junior wide receiver Leo Iglesias caught Harris' longest pass of the night, a 31-yard TD strike, Iglesias' only catch of the evening. Senior wideout Brent Green followed closely behind Torres with six receptions for 89 yards.

On defense, the Rams were led by two seniors, defensive tackle Seyyid Smith and middle linebacker Matthew Whitaker. Smith had a team-high eight tackles and two and a half sacks. Whitaker racked up seven tackles of his own with one being for a loss of yards. Green and Baumbach each added one interception defensively.

With three regular season games remaining, there is a three-team race for the GEL crown. Dixon, Casa Roble and Pioneer of Woodland are all 6-1 overall and 2-0 in league play. All three teams play each other in the coming weeks.

Pioneer travels to Dixon this Thursday, October 13 for the Rams' Senior Night at 7:30 p.m. The following week, as Dixon plays at Mesa Verde (5-2, 0-2 GEL) on October 20, Casa will play at Pioneer the following night.

Then on October 28 in the final week of the regular season, Casa will host Dixon in a Battle of the Rams which could ultimately be for the league title. ★

# Lady Rams Prepares for Home Stretch of Regular Season



The Dixon girls varsity volleyball team celebrated nine seniors on Senior Night before playing its last regular season home game on Monday, October 10 in Dixon. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School Athletics

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Dixon girls varsity volleyball team has had a very strong season thus far with three regular season games remaining before the postseason begins on October 25.

The Lady Rams (19-5, 8-2 Golden Empire League) completed their home schedule on Monday, October 10, with a three-set sweep of Mesa Verde (2-17, 1-7 GEL). Dixon earned the bounce-back win after being swept at Pioneer of Woodland on October 5.

9 seniors were honored Monday night in their final regular season home match. The following players were honored on Senior Night: setter Casey Vaughn, libero (L) Kayla Canady, middle hitter (MH) Gracie Gabby, right side (RS) Angel Apiado, L Katelynn Shipley, outside hitter (OH) Brynne Dominquez, MH Isabelle Valine, OH Clarissa Herrera and RS Isabella Pagano.

The Lady Rams had an impressive start to the 2022 season under head coach Nikki Garcia, going 11-3 in non-league competition. Dixon began the season with back-to-back three set sweeps against Woodland Christian and Wood of Vacaville on August 25 and 26.

The next day on August 27, the Lady Rams played five matches over eight hours in a tournament against teams from across Northern California. Dixon went 3-2 with wins over Westlake Charter of Sacramento (2-0), River Valley of Yuba City (2-1) and Las Plumas of Oroville (2-0). Both losses were two-set sweeps to Orland and Fall River of McArthur, respectively.

The Lady Rams went on a five-match

winning streak beginning with a three sets to one victory at Winters on August 30. Then on September 3, Dixon participated in another five-match tournament, winning its first four against Middletown (2-0), Wheatland (2-1), Gridley (2-1) and Pioneer of Woodland (2-1). The Lady Rams were swept in two sets in the final match against Rodriguez of Fairfield.

On September 6, Dixon began GEL play with a three-set sweep at Casa Roble. The following night, the Lady Rams returned home and swept Mira Loma in three sets. The next week, Dixon kept rolling with wins against Pioneer (3-1) on September 12 and at Mesa Verde (3-0) two days later.

The Lady Rams lost their first league match on September 19 at home against Woodland in five sets. Dixon then won four matches in a row over the next two weeks, with three-set sweeps of Rio Linda, Casa Roble and Mira Loma. The Lady Rams battled to a five-set victory against Vacaville Christian on September 26.

Last week, Dixon was swept in three sets on the road at Pioneer. However, the Lady Rams bounced back Monday night with the three-set sweep of Mesa Verde.

Dixon will play two more GEL matches and one non-league game. The Lady Rams played at Woodland (12-3, 5-1 GEL) on Wednesday night. The outcome of the match was unavailable as of press time. Dixon plays their final GEL match next Monday at Rio Linda (4-15, 1-6 GEL) at 6:30 p.m.

Two days later on Wednesday, October 19, the Lady Rams conclude the regular season with a matchup on the road at Fairfield. The first round of the 2022 CIF Sac-Joaquin Girls Volleyball Playoffs begins on October 25. ★

## MEMORIAL

LORAN LEE HOFFMANN • 8/17/1947 – 10/11/2022



Loran Hoffmann, 75, entered eternal rest on October 11, 2022.

Loran was born on August 17, 1947, in Sterling, Colorado at Good Samaritan Hospital to Bert and Lenna Landess. Bert worked for Pacific Telephone and the family moved frequently during Loran's childhood. Loran graduated from Natrona High School in Casper, Wyoming in 1965.

After graduating high school, Loran attended the University of Wyoming for a year and a half before moving to San Francisco, California where she worked as a switch board operator. While living in San Francisco, Loran met the love of her life, Stephen Hoffmann, in January 1969. After dating for nine months, the two were married on September 7, 1969. Steve and Loran were married for 45 years.

Loran moved to Vallejo, California in 1969 where she worked as a mail clerk at Mare Island until 1971. In 1971, she gave birth to her oldest son Scott and gave up working to raise her children. Steve and Loran moved to Dixon, California in 1976.

In 1982, Loran went to work for the University of California, Davis eventually retiring in 2005.

Loran was very active in retirement and loved the community of Dixon, continually finding ways to improve it, whether it was running for office, speaking at City Council meetings, or volunteering. She was a member of several local organizations including, Women's Improvement Club and the Dixon Historical Society, and was very proud to have helped establish the Dixon Historical Museum.

Loran also enjoyed traveling. She traveled to China, Russia, Europe and Australia just to name a few. When Loran was not championing the city of Dixon, traveling or volunteering, she was with her grandkids. She loved spending time with her grandkids and often commented on how special each was in their own way.

Loran was preceded in death by her father Bert Landess, mother Lenna Landess, brother James Landess and her husband Steve Hoffmann. She is survived by her two sons Scott (and Misty) Hoffmann, Aaron (and Sarah) Hoffmann and her four grandchildren, Haylee, Hannah, David and Trevor.

Please join the family for a celebration of life on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. located at 1015 Hillview Drive Dixon, CA 95620. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Dixon Historical Museum or Dixon Women's Improvement Club.

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