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Mayor Steve Bird and Councilmen Don Hendershot, Scott Pederson, Jim Ernest, and Kevin Johnson supported Jennifer MacKinnon of Pacific Clinic with the proclamation of National Suicide Prevention Week in Dixon for September 4 - 10.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Everybody's got a story to tell, and everybody's got a wound to be healed... I can't let go, I can't move on... are words sung by the American songwriter, Plumb, in Need You Now. The words echo the sound of desperation of people dangerously close to taking their own life.

In Solano County, there were 54 suicide deaths in 2021 which represented an 8-percent increase over 2020. Nationwide, there are 130 suicides per day and an estimated 1.20 million attempts, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Dixonite Jennifer MacKinnon, a licensed Marriage and family therapist, works to lower those numbers. She ensured Dixon Mayor Steve Bird read the proclamation and announced September 4 - 10 as Suicide Prevention Week. She was one of several people who volunteered to attend their local city councils and got the proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Week 2022. MacKinnon has personally experienced people who have attempted suicide.

"I've been in mental health programs for 20 years and doing clinics for children and adults," she said. "Our agency started down the path of mobile crisis that led me into suicide

prevention. I have a heart that comes from my faith on my personal level. And my faith drives me to reach out to help people who are struggling with mental health." MacKinnon is part of two teams organized by Pacific Clinic who enacted two mobile crisis programs in Solano County. She works on the community-based one.

By calling 911, they will send a team out to meet with the person and assess them. They will meet them in person.

"If they have an acute mental health condition, we can get them the help they need," she said. "Providing resources and connecting

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Golden Pass Will Continue

By Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City's Transportation Advisory Commission unanimously agreed to continue the Golden Pass for Dixon Read-Ride, giving all passengers over 80-years-old free rides.

The Senior Golden Pass program which allows the elderly to ride Dixon Read-Ride free of charge, and which has been utilized the last two years, was on the agenda for the commissioners to approve continuation. Public Works Director Louren Kotow gave the presentation. First, she described the unique Dixon program where Dixon has direct pickup and delivery instead of a route similar to a bus. The program has been running for two years and cost recovery is at a deficit. There were 29 residents taking 1088 trips last year resulting in a cost to the City of \$67,605.

While there has been an increase in the people taking advantage of the program, staff believed incurring the cost to continue the program outweighed the benefit of providing free service to the City's eldest residents, who may have limited incomes and ability to drive, reported Kotow. The program will continue for another year.

New Commissioner Mathew Goldstein and Police Department Representative Sgt. Mick Geisser were introduced at the last Transportation Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner Goldstein joins other commissioners: Jessica Blazer, Phyllis McCalla, Kylie McElwain, Frank Romo, Brian Stephens, and School Rep Jodie Stueve. McElwain serves as Chairperson to the end of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 and Stephens serves as Vice Chair.

Also at that meeting, Deborah Barr, the City's Senior Engineer/Director of Engineering said that a large sound wall was being built on Batavia Road and the road would be closed a little longer for that construction. There is also a large water pipe going in the Southwest development and that involves 24-hour drilling so "there will be noise in Dixon," she said. Gateway Senior Living is under construction on Gateway Plaza, Import Masters is nearing completion on North First Street, and so is NorthBay's Urgent Care Clinic in the Safeway Shopping Center.

The city is waiting on PG&E before the traffic lights can be activated on Pitt School, she said, and that they have received lots of interest about land east of Walmart.

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Lambtown Festival Will Return to May Fair

By Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - All things sheep, lamb, and wool will be brought to Dixon for the 36th annual Lambtown Festival October 1 and 2 at the May Fair.

Organizers announced they will be back in person this year after reducing the last couple years to online classes due to the pandemic. Plans are well underway, and it's reported that workshops will begin on Thursday, September 29, so mark your calendars.

The mission of the Lambtown Festival aims to celebrate and promote these noble ruminants, from fleece to food, fiber to fabric, and farm to festival, while providing education and enjoyment for all so includes vendors selling beautiful, one-of-a-kind wool shawls, hats, and blankets along with a children's area. There are also live spinners, too, who are happy to explain how their machines work.

Over the past three-and-a-half decades, Lambtown Festival followed a meandering path as it grew from that first exhibit to a downtown street fair to a festival that takes over the entire Dixon May Fairgrounds.

They are offering a wide



An announcer talks to the audience about this herd of wooly sheep at a previous Lambtown event at the Dixon May Fair. Photo courtesy of Lambtown

array of eighteen workshops with eleven experienced instructors who have a combined experience of more than 200 years in a variety of subjects including dyeing, felting, fiber prep, knitting/crochet, spinning, and weaving.

These workshops will be held in-person and indoors at the fairgrounds. Covid-19 vaccination is required for students and masks may be required, depending on the situation at the time.

Workshop prices are \$80 for half-day or \$160 full day, plus materials fee ranging from \$0-70. Limited spaces are available for low-income students at a 25% discount; discount codes will be given on each workshop's registration page.

Volunteer Registration and the Sheep to Shawl competition is now open and will have both Virtual and Fairgrounds divisions. If you have any questions, please contact organizers by email

at info@lambtown.org.

Lambtown Festival began in 1985 as an exhibit at the Dixon May Fair with the goal of showcasing the proud sheep ranching heritage of Dixon and the surrounding communities. The festival draws its name from the fact that at one point, more lambs were born in Dixon than in any other city in the country, earning it the nickname of Lambtown USA. It is now the largest sheep and wool show in California. ★



Life's too SHORT

Traffic School

By Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

“Should I go out Midway?” I asked my husband after I’d been bugging him to help me get out of the house early because it was the first day of school. He told me to just go down A Street, that it would be fine.

“Okay, I’ll go down A Street and take pictures so I can show you why it won’t be fine,” I responded. If someone has to be at work at the same hour schools start in Dixon, you have to be at least a half hour early or you get caught in that gridlock downtown all the way back to Adams and sometimes Almond. I’ve tried going way around but it’s still stuck on North First Street, over the railroad tracks to C Street. I knew today, everything changes.

My hubby and I are very different. He has no problem waiting. I’ve joked with him that he spends half his time waiting. I can tell you honestly that I have never waited for my toast to pop up. I am

setting a table, putting dishes in the sink, wiping a counter, or slicing strawberries while the bread is down. David just stands there in front of the toaster. But he’s really good at waiting for me and I understand God blessed me with this man.

This morning I didn’t get my morning walk in because I knew my work start time had been moved up. I also didn’t get to sleep in hubby’s arms till 7--such a joy we’ve had all summer to sleep in because he’s retired. I still wake up at 5 like I always do but do my day planning in bed.

I didn’t have time for breakfast, forgot my vitamins and only got to drink half a cup of coffee. I knew that for the next school year (except for the five weeks of vacation they have,) I cannot just leisurely run errands before work. I got spoiled over the summer when I did my First Northern Bank tasks or post office tasks before I got to work.

So, the traffic was stopped at Lincoln but that was because a large truck

was unloading siding and a forklift in front of an A Street house. I couldn’t imagine what those parents were feeling as they tried to get their student to school.

I took B Street and there were other cars. You never see traffic on B Street anymore since the middle school relocated. I went all the way to Adams without a hitch but then the cars were lined up on Adams and I couldn’t get into my corner building. I waited for two lights while choosing the mini mart parking lot over parking at the Chamber and walking through the weed lot to get to my office.

I thought of David. He’s such a peaceful influence on me. I heard his words, “It won’t take that long.” The traffic was plenty thick, but it did seem to be moving a bit. I went into the mini mart and bought a newspaper, got back in my car, and waited. Very shortly, I made it to my office. I hope other people in this traffic take a breath and be patient; it won’t take that long. ★

Wine Stroll Draws Hundreds Downtown



Inside Dawson’s were Lenny Marandino, Amber Jennings, and Abigail Ayala representing Rendez-vous in the Cellar wine.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Wine and art lovers flocked downtown even in the scorching heat to enjoy a variety of wines and beautiful art.

Seventeen different merchants from the REMAX Gold office on North Jefferson

to Algood Ink on East A Street poured for participants. Most of the merchants offered a plethora of appetizers and people stayed late enjoying the original songs of Hattie Craven and her father/bandmate Joe Craven in the Pardi Plaza/Town Center.

Additional photos are posted on the Independent Voice Facebook page. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Crystal Rico of Farmers Insurance has opened her office inside Almond Tree Mortgage on the corner of Stratford Avenue and North Lincoln. She recently celebrated her first anniversary as a new agent. Photo courtesy of Amaya Rico

MPG Staff

Rico Insurance

Crystal Rico not only celebrated her first anniversary as a Farmers Insurance Agent, but she is also celebrating her new office at 1115 Stratford Avenue, Suite D, inside the Almond Tree Mortgage office building. She had been virtual and was waiting for the perfect opportunity.

“I saw Karstin’s [Stranger] ad and chatted about it and we realized it would be a great fit,” said Rico. “She’s been wonderful and her whole team has been so supportive.” Getting into Farmers is a very hard endeavor, but Rico stuck with it and created lots of new relationships and “over-communicated” with her community, she explained.

“Two things set me up for success: Marketing and networking. You have to look at all the different ways you can put yourself out there to everybody,” she said. “I overcame my fears and did it. I joined the Business Network International (BNI) and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and a lot of the business I get is from relationships from these agencies.” To talk with Crystal, call (707) 828-6709.

JKMS Back to School

Students at John Knight Middle School and their parents will have their ‘Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 31. Parents are invited to explore their student’s classes beginning at 6 p.m.

Ice Cream!

Who doesn’t enjoy ice cream during a hot summer? The Dixon High School Girls Softball Team is raising funds for their fall season at the local Baskin-Robbins, 1440 Ary Lane, on September 1. But they won’t get money if you don’t tell the counter help that’s why you’re there. All purchases from 6 to 9 pm will be credited and that can be inside or drive-thru purchases. For more info, go to Dixongirlssoftball.com/.

Veterans Dinner

Last week turned out to be the biggest Fish Fry yet and everyone seemed to have a great time. As always, the fish tasted delicious and the cole slaw was fresh. This

week’s entree is another favorite: meatloaf and is served 6 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 and funds go to help serve Veterans and keep the Veterans Memorial Hall open. It is at 1305 North First Street.

Blood Drive

The next Dixon Community Blood Drive will be September 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street across from DuPratt Ford. To schedule your blood donation appointment, call Vitalent at (877) 258-4825 and mention blood drive code SMFM014. Did you know that cancer patients use nearly 25-percent of the blood supply? If you know someone who has had cancer or has cancer now, please consider donating. It’s easy but they do ask you to drink plenty of water the day before you donate and eat a healthy meal two hours before your appointment. There is also a health questionnaire that needs to be completed on the day of your donation. For questions, please call (877) 258-4825.

DDBA to Meet

The next Downtown Dixon Business Association meeting is set for Thursday, September 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the pergola behind Dawson’s. Even in hot weather, the outdoors is refreshing and usually cool enough for the hour-long meeting. There will be water and coffee. Their non-profit is trying to rebuild its Board of Directors and President Jill Orr is inviting and encouraging all downtown business owners to get involved. The group will be reviewing the Wine and Art Stroll and looking forward to the BeerFest on Saturday, October 15.

DHS Class Reunion

Mark your calendars! Class reunions are so much fun and this one will be especially so since it is a multi-class one. The 1982 Dixon High School Class Reunion--which will include 1979 through 1985--is set for Friday, November 11. Classmates, faculty, and friends are invited www.dhsrams1982.com email dixonhighclassof82@yahoo.com or call Suzi (Haase) LaChance Reunion Committee Chairperson at (209) 418-8796. ★



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to therapy helps stabilize a person. Then we do 'Safety Planning.' If someone is feeling unsafe and is in crisis, we don't want to leave them [without help.] We want them to be safer than when we met them, so we developed a plan to help them remain safe." They leave the person with resources to connect to, coping skills, and basic ideas to remain safe in the community.

"We go throughout the whole county. Any person can call," MacKinnon said. The other team is for schools and those go through the Solano County Office of Education. That team is located there and is responsible to physically go to the school for a crisis call.

Some of the signs friends and family can watch for in a struggling person are: Not participating in normal activities because they are so depressed that they are isolating from society. Another thing is if people are using drugs or alcohol excessively. That's what people do when they are trying to avoid life. Maybe someone is having a psychosis and having odd behavior or hearing voices or having mood swings. That doesn't always lead to suicide but those are things you need to look at. And, certainly when someone expresses a desire to die.

"We have to take LGBTQ seriously.

COVID created an isolation that when someone is already depressed and struggling and unsure how to have good social contact – it just created a horribly perfect storm," she said.

Across the county there will be events that bring notice to suicide prevention but there are resources available right now.

When Pacific Clinic steps up to help, they are typically addressing both mental health and basic needs, including food and clothing. The biggest behavioral health needs include depression, anxiety, suicidality, substance abuse, school bullying, behavioral issues and parenting skills.

Starting 150 years ago, this organization was founded as Eastfield Home of Benevolence in San Jose. Pacific Clinics is now California's largest community-based nonprofit provider of behavioral and mental health services and supports. Its team of more than 2,000 employees speak 22 languages and are dedicated to offering hope and unlocking the full potential of individuals and families through culturally responsive, trauma-informed, research-based services for individuals and families from birth to older adults. The agency offers services in multiple California counties including Solano. Its funding sources are grants, private donors, and a lot of services are billed to Medi-Cal. ★

Neighborhood Christian School: Ready, Set, Go!



Sisters hug goodbye at the classroom door while other children and their parents arrive for school at Neighborhood Christian School.

Story and photos by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Students finished filling up Neighborhood Christian School this past Tuesday as the Preschoolers and Kindergartners arrived on campus for their first days.

Dominique and Scott Johnson's daughters hugged each other at the classroom door before their 4-year-old Paisley proudly held a sign in front of her touting the occasion.

"She had this teacher last year so she's fine," said Dominique as her daughter peered around her to see why another little girl was crying. That girl was in a tight embrace with her mommy and was having a hard time letting go.

Driving from Winters, Brianna Sullivan brought not only her own two children but two children of her friends. One little guy's backpack looked as big as his body as he balanced on the pavers on the front path while wearing new cowboy boots.

"I wanted to extend their childhood innocence," she explained when asked about why she chose Neighborhood Christian. She didn't like the way the public schools were moving in regard to that, she said. NCS had two 'first days' for their preschool classes: one for 3-year-olds and one for 4-year-olds.

The Associate Pastor of the church, Jason McNaughton, was on hand to greet families.

"I can remember when my daughter was going here," he said with a broad smile.

The private Christian school was started in 1979 to meet the educational and spiritual needs of children in Solano and Yolo Counties by Deryl Radder, an educator and man of faith, who had a heart for missions. David



A teacher waits patiently for an unhappy child to adjust to her first day at preschool.

and then Rick Vidmar ran the school for years after that. This is the second year it has been located at the church and now offers preschool through middle school classes with enrollment around 400 students.

After 30 years of being located at the Dixon May Fair, the school moved to the Dixon Community Church facilities at 955 East A Street a year and a half ago with new Principal Eden Callison. Her children attended NCS years before. Callison had also previously served on Neighborhood's staff in various capacities in teaching 6th grade, being a substitute teacher, working as a para educator, and carrying out administrative duties in the school office. She graduated from UC Davis in Science and Engineering and has been working as a Business Analyst and application engineer. She was instrumental in the relocation.

The NCS motto is "Educating students for life." For more information, call (707) 678-9336. ★

Vacancy on City Commission

City of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is currently accepting applications for the following vacancies on City Commissions:

One (1) vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to recreation and park facilities. Commissioners serve two-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms.

However, this vacancy would fill one unexpired term through June 30, 2023. The Parks and Recreations Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. City residency is required. A stipend of \$75.00 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner.

Interested Dixon residents may obtain an application at City Hall, 600 East A Street, by calling 678-7000, or by visiting the City's website at www.cityofdixon.us. The deadline for filing applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2022. ★



MARK L. FERGUSON • 11/4/1958 – 7/25/2022

Mark Leonard Ferguson, beloved son of the late Clinton and Joan Ferguson of Dixon, CA, moved on to his next great adventure on July 25, 2022, at 63 years of age. Mark was loved by many in his hometown of Dixon where he was a lifelong resident and ran his own successful business, Ferg's Electric.



of Dixon. And by his sisters and their families, Jill Orr (Greg) and Victoria Berggren (Barry), both of Dixon.

Though Mark resided in/or near Dixon his entire 63 years, his spirit was always adventurous and never fully contained.

A Celebration of Life will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, August 27th at the Dixon Moose Lodge. Brunch will be provided. Family and friends are welcome to join, bringing your best Ferg Story to share.

Mark is survived by his wife, Wendy Linka Ferguson, his pride and joy daughter, Nicole Elise Davis (Anderson) of Dixon, grandsons Gage, Nash and Krew Davis

Mark was an avid motocross rider and lover of the outdoors. Active in the Dixon Boat Club and local Moose Lodge.

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but infrastructure is needed there. Lastly, Barr reported that the Milk Farm is starting its planning phase and they are looking to establish a large EV Charging site, a truck station, and a restaurant with retail.

In past TAC news,

Commissioner McCalla raised a concern that at the new school site of Neighborhood Christian School at Dixon Community Church, the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour when school was in session was not being followed. Staff said this area was looked

at recently, however, the county does own the area up to the school--and limitations were imposed on what the City could post. Staff noted that a highway safety program grant is in process, and this might be something that could be added or high visibility crosswalks. ★

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Outman has Historic Major League Debut with Dodgers

Sac State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Just one day removed from getting the call that he was going to “The Show,” former Sacramento State outfielder James Outman made sure that his Major League Baseball debut was not only memorable, but historic.

Starting in right field and batting ninth for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the final game of a four-game series with the Colorado Rockies, Outman homered in his first career at-bat and finished a triple short of the cycle, adding three RBI in his new club's 7-3 victory on July 31.

In the process, he became the only player in Dodgers franchise history to finish his Major League debut with a home run, three hits, three RBI, and a pair of runs scored, while becoming the eighth player in franchise history – and the fourth since the club relocated to Los Angeles, joining Keibert Ruiz in 2020, Garey Ingram in 1994, and Jose Offerman in 1990 – to homer in his first career at-bat.

“It was a dream come true,” Outman said in the Dodgers’ post-game interview. “It’s something that I’ve been envisioning since I was eight years old. I’m kind of still processing everything, but it’s been awesome so far.

“As soon as I took the swing (on the home run) I blacked out. I was just telling myself before the at-bat to relax because I knew I was going to have a lot of nerves, so I just wanted to relax and let what I’ve been doing for 20 years take over.”

Added manager Dave Roberts, “It was really fun to watch. You could just see his joy and a day he’s dreamt about. For it to play out like this, I can only imagine how he’s feeling, how his family is feeling.”

A seventh-round draft pick (No. 224 overall) by the Dodgers in the 2018 June Amateur Draft and the Dodgers’ No. 17 prospect, Outman became the third active Hornet in the Major Leagues, joining Philadelphia’s Rhys Hoskins



Former Sacramento State outfielder James Outman made sure that his Major League Baseball debut was not only memorable, but historic. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

and former Sacramento State teammate Sam Long, who is with San Francisco. He is the ninth Sacramento State baseball player to appear in the Major Leagues and the first since Long made his debut on June 9, 2021, against Texas.

Outman was called up by the Dodgers on July 30 after splitting time between Double-A Tulsa and Triple-A Oklahoma City to start the season. In 90 games between Double-A Tulsa and Triple-A Oklahoma City, Outman hit

.279 with a .915 OPS, slugging 21 home runs and driving in 69, while scoring 72 more on his own. In Tulsa, Outman hit .295 with 16 home runs and 45 RBI, collecting a .946 OPS before being promoted to Oklahoma City on June 29, where he has hit five more home runs and driven in 24 in 22 games with a .475 slugging and .340 on-base percentage.

Over 368 career minor league contests, Outman hit .256 with 64 doubles, 18 triples, 69 home runs, and 212 RBI, while posting an .833 OPS.

In his three seasons at Sacramento State, Outman was a two-year starter in the outfield for the Hornets as a sophomore and junior, earning Western Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team and WAC All-Academic Team honors in each of those seasons. He led the league with 11 home runs and ranked second on the team with 40 RBI as a junior in 2018, which followed a sophomore campaign that saw him slug 11 home runs and lead the team with 53 RBI, helping Sacramento State to a conference title and NCAA Regional berth.

Following Sunday’s game, Outman and the Dodgers head to San Francisco to take on the Giants – and a possible head-to-head match-up with his former Hornet teammate Long – just 30 minutes away from his hometown of Redwood City, Calif.

Hornets in the Major Leagues (* denotes active Major Leaguers): Ron Stone - Kansas City Athletics (1966), Philadelphia Phillies (1969-72); La Schelle Tarver - Boston Red Sox (1986); Keith Brown - Cincinnati Reds (1988, 1990-92); Erik Bennett - California Angels (1995), Minnesota Twins (1996); Gary Wilson - Pittsburgh Pirates (1995); Roland De La Maza - Kansas City Royals (1997); Rhys Hoskins - Philadelphia Phillies (2017-22) *; Sam Long - San Francisco Giants (2021-22) *; James Outman - Los Angeles Dodgers (2022). * ★

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Riley Reviews

'EMILY' INTENSE CRIME THRILLER; 'A LEAGUE' REBOOT TO SERIES

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"EMILY THE CRIMINAL" RATED R
It is often said that one should write about what they know, or at least a variation of that construct. For director and screenwriter John Patton Ford, he turned a personal story into a premise for "Emily the Criminal."

On the surface, "Emily the Criminal" is about a woman who becomes a criminal to pay her student loans. While Ford is neither a criminal nor a woman, he graduated from school with ninety-thousand dollars of debt.

The housing crisis was still doing damage, and Ford ended up delivering food and struggling to pay the interest each month. Not the principal, just the interest.

Wanting to become a filmmaker appeared to be a daunting task, and personal experience sparked the idea of making a movie about a millennial who hits the breaking point and decides to make her own rules.

Aubrey Plaza's Emily carries not only the burden of student debt but a record of drunk driving and felony assault. Her past indiscretions prove to be a major impediment in job interviews to advancing a career.

The only job open to her is being an independent contractor delivering food to office buildings. Not exactly a reliable position with benefits and job security.

Meanwhile, she remains pals with a fellow student from art school, who is now working at a prestigious ad agency. Emily and her friend Liz (Megalyne Echikunwoke) seem to occupy two different planets.

After doing a favor for a co-worker, Emily gets introduced to the shady underworld of "dummy shopper" where she can make \$200 in an hour buying goods with a stolen credit card and fake ID.

Desperate for income, Emily shows up at a warehouse where the seemingly empathetic middleman Youcef (Theo Rossi) plays it straight about the risks and rewards of the criminal enterprise.

Getting a taste for the quick buck, Emily volunteers for a bigger payday. Of course, the greater the reward, the even more dangerous risk, such as conning an auto dealer with a fraudulent purchase of a luxury vehicle.

As trust between Emily and Youcef grows, a natural attraction evolves into something more personal. Though Youcef comes across as a nice guy, he's working with some bad people like his cousin Khalil (Jonathan Avidori), and no good can come of it.

While Emily becomes even bolder in the fraud game, she's not quite given up on her desire to put her artistic skills to use for a white-collar job, even if her criminal past proves to be an albatross. ★

A telling scene is when she finally gets an interview at Liz's company, meeting with smug agency head Alice (Gina Gershon), who offers an unpaid six-month internship as if it were the golden ticket.

To say the least, the insult of toiling for no compensation leads to the inevitable conclusion that this is a turning point for Emily realizing she may be best suited to a life of crime.

Now that she's drawn even closer to Youcef, will Emily get more reckless? The stakes get higher, and both of them could be placed in greater jeopardy when things get sideways with Khalil and his cohorts.

"Emily the Criminal" is an intense, gripping crime thriller, and Aubrey Plaza's fearless Emily is something to behold. Her character is not admirable but the performance is ferocious and compelling.

"A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN" ON AMAZON PRIME

Some familiar with the beloved 1992 film "A League of Their Own" may be taken aback by the modern approach to a story of women in baseball substituting for the men who have gone off to fight during World War II.

One of the most jarring aspects of Amazon Prime's eight-episode series (which this reviewer has not devoured in its entirety) is contemporary jargon that is not in tune with the era.

This serialized "A League of Their Own" is also less invested in baseball than in the drama that seems driven by an agenda revealing the challenges of women competing in what was then an exclusively male sport.

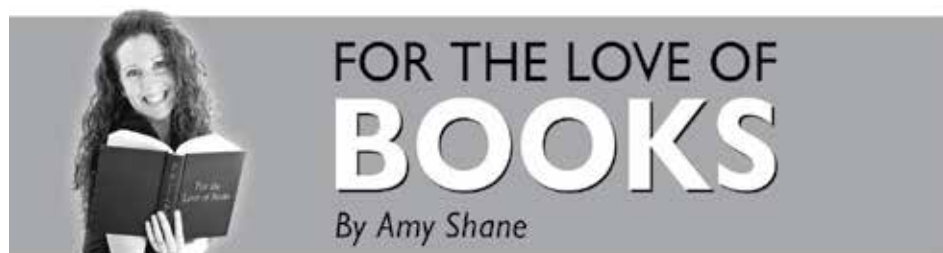
Loosely based on the Geena Davis character, Abbi Jacobson's married Carson Shaw, whose husband is in the Army, leaves her Idaho small town to the big city of Chicago for a tryout with the Rockford Peaches.

As catcher and eventually the interim coach, Carson deals with guilt as she finds herself attracted to another star player, wisecracking Greta Gill (D'Arcy Carden).

A parallel story develops with Maxine Chapman (Chante Adams), a talented Black pitcher, who is unable to overcome the overt racism that keeps her from joining the Peaches, a team with a Mexican pitcher (Roberta Colindrez) passed off as the Spanish Striker.

Carson is not the only person wrestling with guilt and same-sex attraction. Maxine's closeted desire would surely cause a rift in her tightknit circle of family and friends.

The most compelling drama, or at least as it appears half-way through the series, is with Maxine's family, where strong-willed matriarch Toni (Saidah Arrika Ekulona) is in a league of her own. ★



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Beguiled

by Cyla Panin



◆ Publisher: Amulet Books
◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
◆ Rating: ★★★★★
◆ Release Date: August 25, 2022

Ella dreams of the day she can open a shop where customers will be able to flow in from off the streets just to run their hands through her beautiful silks. But for now, merely surviving is all she can focus on while she weaves fabric for her only client. As Ella's debts for her supplies begin to mount, she knows she will never be free from the merchant's hold, but when her loom breaks, she becomes desperate.

Feeling like she is drowning in uncertainty, regret, and fear, Ella runs to the river's edge, praying that the old tale of the wish-granting spirit Bean-Nighe is true. So, when the old washerwoman spirit hears her plea and rises on the water's edge, Ella is quick to make a bargain.

Instantly, Ella is able to weave the most enchanting pieces of fabric on her fixed loom, and only for the cost of a simple drop of blood. Her bolts of fabric are so alluring that her new client snatches them up, but not without a hefty price. This time Ella is in control of her future, and the only way to do it is through the front door of the elite, and she knows this will be her

only way in. Now, cast into the sparkling light of the elite, Ella's fabrics mesmerize the dashing young man at the helm, Callum. Like a dizzying spin on the ballroom floor, Ella discovers herself quickly caught within Callum's inner circle. Ella's new life is as dazzling, alluring, and breathtaking as she had dreamt, as she weaves magical fabrics for only a single drop of blood. Ella's silks seem to cast a magic of their own, beguiling those who cast their eyes upon the wearer. Yet, with magic, there is always a price, and Ella is about to learn the cost might be more

than she is willing to pay. Now, Ella must learn the truth and break Bean-Nighe's hold before she is trapped forever. In a story where Scottish folklore shines, the beautiful magic of Beguiled will enchant its readers from the very first line, giving readers a whole new approach to Bean-Nighe. A carefully crafted story all woven within lush atmospheric settings is as much of a cautionary tale as it is one of strength and independence.

Cyla Panin once again brings a retelling to life, where trust is as illusive as a gossamer veil, and the fight for power is at the helm. Fall for the enchanting parties, but stay for the main character's struggle to not allow anyone to control or harness her power. While this story might be one of sacrifice and allowing your heart to go too early, it also highlights the power that comes from never giving up. Each line feels as carefully placed as a weaver's thread, where questions wash upon the readers like a river's edge, leaving them to wonder what price they would pay for their heart's desire. ★

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Scouts Selling Popcorn

Story and photo by Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - When you hear that knock on your door, it's most likely coming from a Dixon Scout as their annual popcorn sales are underway.

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Dixon Scout Matthew Guerro pulls a wagon full of popcorn around the Southwest development neighborhood for the annual Popcorn Fundraiser which helps fund Scout programs for the year.

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Scouts BSA is for boys and girls who are 11 or are at least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade or have earned the

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To buy popcorn or get more information, you can email to fundraising@troop-152dixon.com or call (707) 676-6152 and leave a message. They normally meet weekly at the Dixon United Methodist Church. ★

Ranadivé Set to Buy River Cats

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In 2013, Vivek Ranadivé purchased the Sacramento Kings. Now nearly a decade later, he is nearing a deal to acquire another Sacramento-based professional sports franchise.

It was first reported by The Sacramento Bee on July 26, that Ranadivé and a group of investors have been negotiating a deal with the Savage family dating back to last year, in the ballpark of \$100 million. However, it was reported by Sportico on August 18 that the actual sale price may be closer to \$90 million.

Even at a lesser price than what was initially reported, the cost for Ranadivé and his group would be a record for the selling price of a Minor League Baseball (MiLB) team and its corresponding stadium. According to Ballpark Digest,

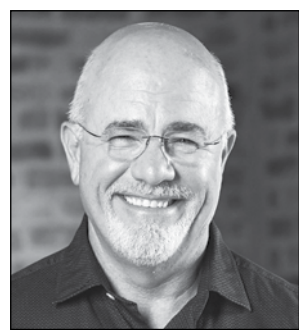
most MiLB teams have an estimated value of around \$40-50 million.

The Savage family has owned the River Cats and its ballpark since the franchises' inception in 2000.

Ranadivé made the following statement back in 2015 when he invested in Sacramento Republic FC, a USL Championship team, a league that is one tier below Major League Soccer.

"This is another major step in revitalizing downtown and making the entire Sacramento region an even better place to work, live and play," Ranadivé said. "We're committed to our vision of making Sacramento the world class city its citizens deserve."

With the purchase of the River Cats and potential looming purchase of Sacramento Republic FC, Ranadivé may be positioning himself to stand alongside other sports owners of multiple teams like Stan Kroenke, Joel Glazer and Shahid Khan. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

complicated about your situation. In cases like this, you can even set one up online that's perfectly legal in just a few minutes.

If you're older, your kids are grown and your estate is worth \$1 million or more, a trust is the way to go. By doing this, you can avoid probate in a way that wills don't allow. Now, if you have a large estate and dependents, having both a will and a trust is a good idea. And you don't have to worry about the two bumping into each other. They're separate legal instruments, and there's generally no conflict between them. If there is a legitimate, legal conflict between them, the trust usually overrides the will.

Simply put, everyone needs a will. But not everyone needs a trust. Trusts can be more than you need, but they can also be a great tool

if you have a larger estate. So, if you're in the vast majority of folks who don't need a trust, just get yourself a will. You'll spend a lot less money and feel so much better knowing your stuff will go to the right people—and that your family will be taken care of!

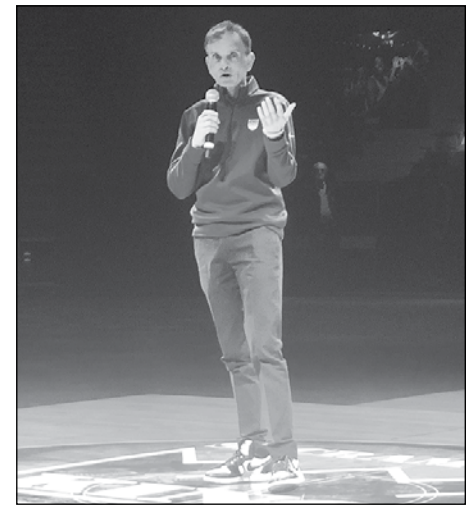
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River Cats first baseman Yermín Mercedes stands in the box and waits for a pitch during a 13-5 win against El Paso at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. Photo by Shaun Holkko



Sacramento Kings owner Vivek Ranadivé speaks at the "Farewell to ARCO Arena" event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas. Photo by Shaun Holkko



Newsom Says Action is Needed to Stave Off a bleak Water Future for California

Gov. Gavin Newsom is sounding the alarm over enduring California water shortages, saying the state will lose another 10% in water supplies by 2040 due to climate change. Newsom announced a strategy to invest in infrastructure to capture and store more water. California farmers are following land due to water shortages in a third consecutive year of drought. State water officials are now considering regulations for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, which could make irrigation supplies even more scarce.

Organic Tomato Production Steadily Increases, but Challenges Affect 2022 Crop

California's organic tomato growers are producing an increasing share of the processing tomato crop. In 2013, organic tomatoes represented just 2.4% of the market. In 2021, that percentage, while still small, climbed to 6.2%. In all, California farmers grew nearly 669,000 tons of organic processing tomatoes last year, up from 526,085 tons in 2020. Some farmers say production may be off 10% to 15% this season due to water shortages and a crop disease, curly top virus.

Farm Bureau president: 'Keep our farmers and ranchers in California'

California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson is calling on lawmakers to support farmers and ranchers facing water shortages, burdensome regulations and rising costs. Addressing the Assembly Agriculture Committee Aug. 10, Johansson said he doesn't want food producers having to contemplate relocating to other states. He said, "We want to keep our farmers and ranchers in California, and we want to continue to be the leading producers of foods, fresh fruits and vegetables in America."

Produce Marketers Target Healthy Foods for Younger Consumers

Produce marketers are working to increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables among younger consumers. At a recent Foodservice Conference in Monterey, California growers and shippers worked to convince school cafeteria representatives to purchase more healthy food options. Cathy Burns, CEO of the International Fresh Produce Association, said the goal is to "change the trajectory of children's eating habits" and put "fruits and vegetables in the center of the plate." ★

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Lawsuits Coming for Entities That Don't Change COVID Mandates After CDC Update: Lawyer

ZACHARY STIEBER

Entities with COVID-19 vaccine mandates that don't pay heed to the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance will face lawsuits, a civil liberties lawyer says.

"We don't have a new lawsuit in the works yet. But if we see that colleges and universities and public employers are not responding to the new CDC guidance the way that they should be, then we would certainly tee up a new lawsuit," Mark Chenoweth, president and general counsel at the New Civil Liberties Alliance, told The Epoch Times.

The response to the updated guidance should be, at a minimum, a lifting of mandates for people who have recovered from COVID-19, he added.

Such people have a high level of protection against severe illness and death, according to a number of studies. Many studies indicate the protection is higher than that of the COVID-19 vaccines—including one study funded by the CDC.

The CDC issued updated guidance on Aug. 11, stating in part that risk for illness from COVID-19 "is considerably reduced by immunity derived from vaccination, previous infection, or both" and that "persons who have had COVID-19 but are not vaccinated have some degree of protection against severe illness from their previous infection."

The public health agency rolled back quarantine recommendations for people, regardless of vaccination status, citing the high amount of immunity in the U.S. population from vaccination, prior infection, or both.

Since virtually all entities that have imposed mandates have cited CDC guidance, the entities won't be able to argue they aren't aware of the updated guidance, according to



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CDC headquarters in Atlanta on April 23, 2020.

I think it's remarkable that it's taken the CDC this long to come around to admitting the science on this topic.

Mark Chenoweth, president and general counsel, New Civil Liberties Alliance

Chenoweth.

That means any institution that doesn't alter or rescind its mandate in light of the update "is ripe for a lawsuit," he said.

"Because the thing that the judges have said so far is that it was rational for these employers to follow CDC guidance, but now the CDC guidance is different. And if they're now going forward with these mandates for example, against people who have natural immunity in the teeth of the CDC guidance on that question, then I think it's going to be much harder for them to win even a rational basis challenge to their policies."

Suits

The New Civil Liberties Alliance has brought lawsuits against Michigan State University (MSU), the U.S. government, Fairfax County Public Schools, George Mason University, and Rhode Island officials over mandates that the legal group says are illegal.

They have focused on how entities aren't granting exemptions to people with proof that they've

recovered from COVID-19.

While one of the cases won the plaintiff an exemption from the mandate, judges have ruled against many others, often tracing the mandates to CDC guidance.

"Plaintiffs have the burden of negating every rational basis that supports the MSU vaccine mandate, and the Court finds that they have failed to do so," U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney, a George W. Bush appointee, wrote in February as he dismissed the suit.

"CDC guidance is clear: '[V]accination remains the safest and primary strategy to prevent SARS-CoV2 infections,'" he added. "In achieving MSU's stated legitimate goal of protecting its students and staff from COVID-19, it was plainly rational, in July 2021 when MSU established the policy, for MSU to rely on CDC guidance and require its students and staff to receive the COVID vaccination."

The CDC has long maintained that vaccination is superior to natural immunity, and urged people with natural immunity to get vaccinated, even though

many studies show that natural immunity provides better protection than vaccination and some suggest that people who recovered from COVID-19 are at higher risk of side effects if they do get a vaccine.

Moreover, some experts say getting vaccinated after recovery doesn't make sense because the increase in protection is negligible, though others say the increase is worth the risk.

Could Have Changed in 2021

Chenoweth said the CDC should have updated its guidance in 2021.

"I think it's remarkable that it's taken the CDC this long to come around to admitting the science on this topic. The science was there at least a year ago when we started litigating the issue of whether or not folks with natural immunity should be subjected to vaccine mandates," he said.

A CDC spokeswoman told The Epoch Times in an email that the update was based on having more tools such as treatments than were available in 2020 and "the reality that nearly the entire U.S. adult population now has some level of immunity, either due to vaccination, past infection, or both."

"We also have a better understanding of who is at higher risk for getting very sick with COVID-19 and ways we can help protect them from severe disease. With more tools to protect ourselves and our communities from severe illness from COVID-19—like vaccination, boosters, and treatments—we have increased protection and flexibility for the future. CDC's commitment to addressing COVID-19 is strong and as a nation, we continue to respond to evolving challenges and identify best practices related to COVID-19," she added.

The spokesperson didn't respond when asked why the guidance wasn't updated in 2021.

Supercharged IRS Will Collect \$20 Billion More From Americans Making Less Than \$400,000 Under Inflation Reduction Act: Report

TOM OZIMEK

Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee say they have received information from the non-partisan scorekeeper at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) challenging the Biden administration's narrative that Americans making less than \$400,000 a year won't see higher IRS audit rates.

The remarks came in an Aug. 12 statement that was published as the Democrat-controlled House passed the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes nearly \$46 billion in additional funding for IRS enforcement of the \$80 billion or so total funding boost to the tax agency.

Committee Republicans said the CBO statement they were provided with confirms that, under the new legislation, lower- and middle-income Americans will be squeezed harder by the tax man to the tune of at least \$20 billion.

'Supercharged IRS' Coming for Middle-Income Americans

This figure was arrived at by calculating how much less tax revenue would flow into

government coffers if legislators had accepted amendment No. 5404 proposed by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) that explicitly called for none of the funds appropriated under the Inflation Reduction Act to be used to audit taxpayers earning less than \$400,000 a year.

"The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) confirms that had this amendment passed and lower- and middle-income taxpayers been protected, revenue in Democrats' bill would have been reduced by at least \$20 billion," Committee Republicans said.

This confirms that "at least \$20 billion of the \$124 billion in new revenue expected by a supercharged IRS will be coming from higher audits on low- and middle-income Americans" and that this would be "in addition to existing audits on these income levels."

The CBO didn't respond by press time to a request by The Epoch Times for confirmation of the scorekeeper's assessment and comment.

'Absolutely Not' Increasing Audit Scrutiny?

Republicans said the CBO statement proves that members of the Biden administra-

tion are misleading the public by claiming that lower- and middle-income Americans won't face additional tax audits.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has insisted Republican claims that tax auditors will target lower- and middle-income Americans at higher rates are false and politically motivated.

"I direct that any additional resources—including any new personnel or auditors that are hired—shall not be used to increase the share of small business or households below the \$400,000 threshold that are audited relative to historical levels," Yellen said in an Aug. 10 letter to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig.

"This means that, contrary to the misinformation from opponents of this legislation, small business or households earning \$400,000 per year or less will not see an increase in the chances that they are audited."

Rettig, too, has insisted that the tax agency would "absolutely not" be increasing audit scrutiny on small businesses or middle-income Americans "relative to recent years," according to the IRS chief's letter to members of the Senate on Aug. 4.

More Audits 'Almost Certain'

A previous CBO analysis indicated that, under basically the same funding plan as is featured in the Inflation Reduction Act, audit rates would be restored to levels around 10 years ago, and that audit rates would rise "for all taxpayers," though ones with higher incomes would face the biggest increase.

IRS audit rates have fallen sharply over the past decade, with the Government Accountability Office stating in a report that rates in 2019 were about one-third of those in 2010 for all income groups, dropping to 0.25 percent from 0.9 percent.

A CBO estimate shows that the additional \$80 billion in funding will bring in around \$204 billion in new revenue, including from enforcement.

Despite Yellen's and Rettig's insistence that audit rates wouldn't jump for those making less than \$400,000, Rachel Greszler, senior research fellow at the Grover M. Hermann Center, wrote in an op-ed for The Heritage Foundation that this likely isn't the case.

"Despite the Biden administration's claims, it's almost certain that households making less than \$400,000 a year

would face increased audits under Democrats' bill," Greszler wrote.

"And despite estimates from official congressional scorekeepers that the Schumer-Manchin-Biden tax increase indeed would raise taxes on those Americans, the administration has doubled down on the claim."

Rep. Kevin Brady (R-Texas) said on the House floor that the way Democrats can manage to raise \$200 billion in new tax revenues is "with thousands of new agents targeting what [he] would call Walmart shoppers."

"They're real, hard-working American families. They are my constituents, they are my neighbors in my district. They're living paycheck to paycheck, struggling with inflation and high gas prices," Brady said.

"They will be hit with over 700,000 new audits thanks to a skyrocketing surge in IRS agents."

"Higher taxes, harassing IRS audits on our Walmart shoppers, no relief from inflation—all as America battles a recession," he added.

The Inflation Reduction Act passed in a strictly party-line vote on Aug. 12, with the bill next heading to President Joe Biden's desk for final approval.

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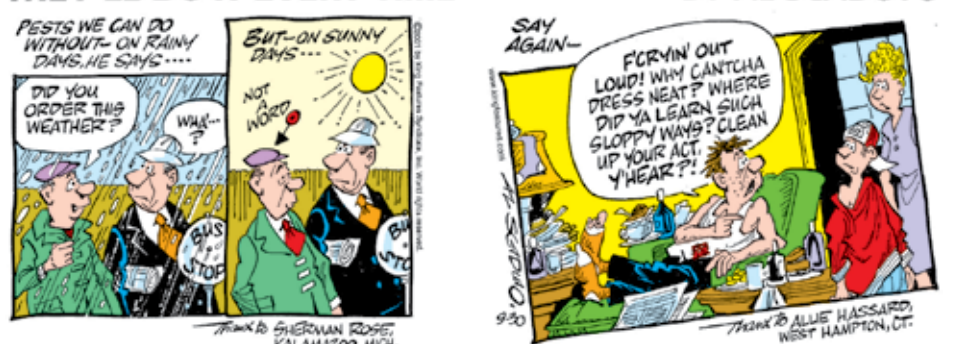
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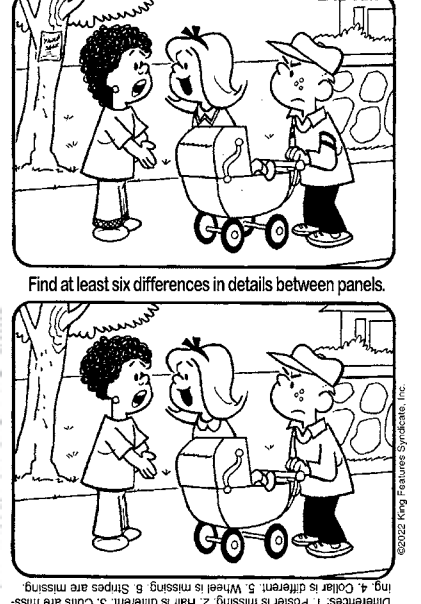
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Varsity Rams Earn Big Win While JV Suffers Tough Loss



Practice makes perfect for the Dixon High School varsity football team who baked in the summer heat for practice. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman, Dixon editor

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon High School varsity football team won on the road 28-21 at Union Mine in El Dorado on Friday, scoring a touchdown in each quarter.

Wes Besseghini is now in his 12th season as Dixon's head coach. The DHS grad and former football player first coached high school football for Azusa High in 2006. Next, he started co-coaching girls softball with his wife, Jessi, at Dixon High. Then in 2007, he became the Rams' junior varsity head coach. In 2009, he

became the varsity defensive coordinator which led to him becoming head coach in 2011.

According to the seasoned coach, he "leaned into it."

Back to present day, JV didn't do as well Friday night, losing 0-38. However, JV head coach Rick Tully knows his players fought earnestly, nonetheless.

"They played hard against Union Mine," Tully said. "They learned a lot in their first game and are looking forward to playing Winters on Friday."

Tully enjoyed football in high school in Eureka and started coaching girls softball when he got to Dixon, but soon was

asked to help coach the football team. Now, it's been nearly 10 years, and he is as dedicated to the job as anyone can be. He is out there - even in the heat - two and a half hours a day for football practice Monday through Thursday and then whatever it takes for the Friday game.

"I appreciate getting the opportunity to get these boys to become young men. It's not just football, they learn the basics of growing up like how to be respectful and be a good person in the community," he said.

Tully works just as hard as the Vice President of the Tully Consulting Group, an engineering service company based in

Dixon that was founded by his wife, Robin. The couple has two grown children.

This week, the team doesn't have to go anywhere except out to Finney Field at DHS. Hopefully, the field is cleared of a gopher infestation that ran rampant over summer break.

"They're ready for it. The whole team is working hard, and they are a strong team," Tully said. "A couple stand outs are Russell Crane who has been working hard in the weight room and is a strong team leader. Colton Shipley is great, and Max Graef, who just transferred here from out of the area, is a very hardworking player.

He never gives up. We had a pushup contest, and he did 66 pushups in a row."

Games start with JV at 5 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m. All tickets for home sporting events are now digital and must be purchased on GoFan. There is an app, or you can use the website. Please purchase your game tickets in advance.

Visit the snack bar when you come to a game as it supports the "Quarterback Club." The "QB Club" pays for most of the football team's needs, and the snack bar is how they generate revenue. Pizza, hotdogs, chips and sodas are offered on the usual menu. ★

Growing up is Fun with *Dear Edwina* at The Historic Woodland Opera House



The cast of the Theatre for Families Series Production of *Dear Edwina* by Jennifer Goldman, D.D.S. & Amy Thu Tran, D.D.S. Photo courtesy of Woodland Opera House

Woodland Opera House

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The heartwarming musical about the joys of growing up, from the creators of *Junie B. Jones the Musical*. Thirteen-year-old Edwina would do anything to be a part of the Kalamazoo Advice-a-Palooza Festival. While her siblings both have proof of their accomplishments, poor Edwina has nothing. When a talent scout visits her hometown of Paw Paw, Michigan, she trots out her musical advice, giving shows live from the family garage in hopes of finding her place in the spotlight.

Reserved seats are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 62+, and \$10 for children 17 and under. Balcony tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Flex Pass specials and group rates are available. Tickets on sale online at www.woodlandoperahouse.org and in the box office at 340 Second Street/(530) 666-9617. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday from

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased two hours prior to each performance.

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