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## Hall of Fame Extends Athletic Legacies



The Jim and Jeanine Cooper family are pictured with son Neil (holding his award) and Coach Tom Crumpacker below Neil's large sports banner.

**Story and photos by Debra Dingman**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Every wall of Madden Hall at the Dixon fairgrounds was covered with green drapes and lights substituting as stars twinkled across the ceiling. It was a grand night for Dixon High Athletics, as more sports record-breakers and a soccer team were added to the Dixon Hall of Fame.

"It's not a class reunion, it's more of a Dixon reunion," said Martha Dukes, who was there with her son, Andy (Long) Rathbone, DHS Class of '76, who already received his honorary green jacket as an inductee several years ago for wrestling.

"I had 110 wins and was never pinned in four years," he said, adding that wrestling was not as much of a sport as it was "an obsession" - he just wanted to win. He was inducted as Athlete of the 70s Decade at the 2018 ceremony and has attended every year since (less COVID).

"I come to this because, first of all, I get to see Mom, but I always see people I know and fellow classmates.

It's a great event," he said. The large annual gathering included drinks by the Lions Club, appetizers, and a steak dinner perfectly grilled by the Odd Fellows.

The Hall of Fame is hosted by a group of dedicated volunteers on a mission to raise funds for the athletic programs at Dixon High School. This year, ten high achievers, a coach, a special contributor, and an entire soccer team were added to the long list of prestigious inductees.

Susan Haase-LaChance was there with her cousin Barbara Bulkley, Dixon's Citizen of the Year. LaChance played volleyball, basketball, and softball and was on the team in 1980 - 1981 when they won the basketball championship. She talked of the strong loyalty to one's hometown of Dixon.

"When you're young, you can't wait to get out, and then you can't wait to get back," she said with a laugh. "I've known some of these people since kindergarten."

"Thousands of dollars are raised each year (from the dinner) and those funds have bought uniforms,

equipment, and signs," said organizer Linda Barrett who explained the group was formed to keep alive school traditions and to honor those persons who have excelled in one or more high school athletic programs. "We are trying to bring back the spirit of Dixon we grew up with," she added.

Brett Peterson, who has served 11 years in Dixon Unified School District and seven of those as DHS' athletic director, introduced the coaches and student athletes and said that the recognitions were not just about wins and losses but the dedication to the sport.

"We have 523 students involved in high school sports, which is half the student body," he said. "Out of those, 215 made All League and we had two section championships. Dixon is a special place because of the way citizens of Dixon support DHS athletics."

In closing he drew a laugh from the crowd after saying, "If you can walk, talk, and chew gum at the same time, you should be in sports."

(For a list of new Hall of Fame inductees, see page 4.)

## Holiday Lights, Fairytale Delights at Cal Expo

**D. Givens Media Consulting News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Come and create lasting memories and celebrate the magic of the holidays with Imaginarium "Holiday Lights, Fairytale Delights" at Cal Expo, Friday, November 17, 2023, to Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Cal Expo will come alive with the largest holiday light festival in town, with over 5 million lights! Guests can get lost in over 10 fully immersive experience zones that bring beloved fairytales to life. Explore the worlds of Hansel and Gretel, Rapunzel, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Thumbelina, and meet the beautiful princesses of your childhood. Guests can also wander through the enchanting landscape that plays home to over 25 larger-than-life interactive creatures.

New this year is a mesmerizing show featuring synchronized music and lights; three, 30-minute circus shows featuring performers from around the world showcasing unique talents including juggling, contortionism, hula hooping, and more; the Infinity Mirrors featuring unique selfie rooms to capture the magic of the holidays.

Enjoy holiday festivities for all ages, including carnival rides, ice skating, visits with Santa, and shopping for Christmas gifts, along with sweet treats like mini donuts, hot cocoa, and hand-made pretzels.

Early-bird discount tickets are on sale now at [Imaginarium360.com/sacramento](http://Imaginarium360.com/sacramento). Regular price general admission tickets range from \$21-27. Visitors are also encouraged to follow Imaginarium360 on social media for special deals. Imaginarium will be open Wednesday - Thursday: 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Friday - Sunday: 5 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Cal Expo is being transformed daily until the big reveal.

In 2014, a team of entertainment fanatics set out to create the first-ever Chinese Lantern Festival in the United States. The vision was to create an experience for the entire family where attendees could venture through a park filled with awe-inspiring, illuminated exhibits including more than 5-million lights, free entertainment, a carnival, ice-skating rink, and more. ★

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## Making Middle School Matter

**Story and photo by Debra Dingman**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Bob Bugalski, the 65-year-old who has spent 30 years in education and who has now settled into his role as principal at John Knight Middle School, is working a mission:

"We have to prepare them for high school," said the tall blonde man. "If they haven't done junior high/middle school well, they will not have a good time in high school. There are real consequences if they are not ready for high school." He would know, as he's worked the

past 11 years at Dixon High School as assistant principal under Principal Stephanie Marquez. He has seen firsthand when students are, or are not, adequately prepared.

He was asked by Superintendent Brian Dolan to fill in when Kamilah O'Connor moved on and was determined to help the middle school students till the end of the year, but now he has been made permanent in the post.

"Dolan thought I'd be a good fit, and I was very fortunate to have relationships with the students -- due to siblings -- and they were

happy to see me," Bugalski said. "I have a booming voice and they know I'm here. I greet every single student every day." He spoke of hearing often from students that middle school didn't matter, that grades didn't matter.

"My mantra is that we matter. Middle school matters. It's the little things that make big things happen," he said, speaking of students walking into class and immediately getting out their planner, taking notes, knowing how to function on their Chrome Books, and how to read and participate in discussion.

"It's not complicated," he said. "Students have to have those habits, and they have only two to three years before high school, or they'll struggle." He explained that middle school is "really hard" because students come from a nurturing environment (in elementary school), and in three years go to an academic and curriculum-driven environment.

Bugalski attributes this year of positive change to a "great" staff.

"They absolutely love the students," he said. "We have no assistant principal

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# Life's too SHORT

## Wanting Something More

By Debra Dingman

When I went to a friend's house for a birthday party, I was absolutely amazed at how gorgeous her house was decorated. Everything had been updated with colors, fixtures, and furniture. I took a breath and thought to myself, wow, I could have never foreseen by the way that the standard subdivision looked on the outside how stunningly beautiful it was on the inside.

It made me remember a drive recently in someone else's car that was a late model. She told me it even had heated seats, plus if it was a hot summer day, you could have the car's air conditioner start up before you even got near your car to get in.

Experiencing these things makes me get a case of comparing. I didn't even realize I wanted these things.

I remember asking my aging mother once why she wanted things. She had a beautiful home, healthy grown children and beautiful grandchildren, and a pantry full of Ensure. What more could she want?

She said, "The day I stop wanting, just close the lid (of a coffin)."

Maybe I shouldn't have judged my mom. Maybe I'm becoming like her.

But, there is a good side to seeing things a little more eloquent than what we have: It's getting motivation to change something -- even if it's simple, like bringing more houseplants into your house or cleaning off the bookshelves so there's a little more feeling of space.

I'm getting my car cleaned today. It may rain tomorrow, but the inside will be free from granola bar debris.

I straightened and cleaned out my books on the bookshelves, and rearranged pictures on my wall. I thought everything was looking spruced up when hubby flatly tells me, "You have too much stuff on the bookshelves."

I responded, "They are books."

"There are too many," he said. "There should be space on the shelves."

"What for? More knick-knacks or photos?" I said. "I have enough of those. I don't want more."

I told him I still refer to many of my books and don't have the heart to get rid of them. They are organized and in order from conception to dying. Obviously, I wanted to know more about what my life was about. There is always someone in our family coming up through those ranks, or people in my circle of friends needing more info on life, and I can easily refer to my books that help me understand what's going on with them.

Then, I pointed to his photo albums of his old military days and told him I could take those away, and there'd be more space. He said to leave those there. I rearranged some more, and put one photo frame underneath in the cabinet. It looked so much more spacious to me.

"There are too many," he said flatly again.

"It's a bookshelf, David." Impasse.

After a while, I said, "We could get a bigger house." ★

# Dixon News Briefs



Teacher Elizabeth Brown posts artwork inside the Dixon Memorial Veterans Hall from her 4th- and 5th-grade students that showed appreciation for Veterans. Photo by Leah Marlin

MPG Staff

### Babysitters class

The City of Dixon Recreation Department is offering a Babysitter's Training Course designed for youth ages 11-15 on Saturday, December 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Senior/Multi-Use Center. The cost is \$105 and registration is available online: [apm.activecommunities.com/cityofdixon/Home](http://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofdixon/Home).

Students will learn basic care of infants and children; basic first aid for infants and children; age-appropriate activities; emergency protocols; professionalism; and leadership. The center is located at 201 South Fifth Street behind City Hall.

### New 4-Way Stop

It may have taken four years, but it's finally here: The 4-way traffic stop on Lincoln and Regency Parkway is the result of several citizens challenging City Treasurer Jim Ward "to do something" as cars had been speeding through that intersection without a thought to mothers pushing babies in strollers, and youth and older citizens trying to cross safely. His diligence with the City shows that things may take time, but that it is worth it. This stop will be especially helpful for the new residents of the Lewis duplex development that will be so close by within a couple years.

"It is already doing what it is supposed to do: slowing traffic considerably," said Ward.

### Christmas Car Parade

The 2023 Annual Dixon Christmas Car Parade will light up the streets on Saturday, December 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. The group will be collecting toys, food, and gift cards for Dixon Family Services. The specific route is posted on the Dixon 411 Facebook page. For questions, contact Regina at (707) 678-9771.

### Pancakes with Santa

Don't forget! The Rotary Club will be hosting Pancakes with Santa on Saturday, December 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Dixon High School Multi-purpose Room at 555 College Way. Breakfast is only \$5 at the door. No pets please.

### Christmas Cookies

Come decorate some Christmas cookies at a free community event on

Thursday, December 4, at The Creative Space, 160 West A Street in downtown Dixon from 4 to 7 p.m. They will also be holding a 'Christmas Charcuterie Tree' event on Saturday, December 16, from 6-8 p.m. You can register at [www.TheCreativeSpaceDixon.com](http://www.TheCreativeSpaceDixon.com).

### Meyer Cookware

The 27th annual Meyer Cookware Outlet Sale will be November 30 through December 17 this year at two locations: Vallejo and Fairfield from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday thru Sunday. One can save up to 80% off cookware, bakeware, ceramics, pantry ware, food storage, tea kettles, tools, and cutlery. Meyer is gladly matching donations to the Humane Society of North Bay up to a total of \$15,000! Please bring your donation to the sale.

### Ram Pride!

The Dixon High School football team made Golden Empire League (GEL) Academic All League with a 3.5+ Grade Point Average! They are Ryan Baumbach, Maxwell Graef, Leonardo Iglesias, Leland de la Vega, Vinson Lam, Aidan Schouten, Damian Ponce, Jordan Sengmany, Easton Valenzuela, Andres Vidales, and Julio Wasser.

GEL 1st Team All League 2023: DHS Wide Receiver Senior Sengmany; Athlete Senior Iglesias; Offensive Line - Juniors Lam and Schouten; Linebackers Sophomores Maxwell and Kolten Graef; Congratulations guys!

Making GEL 2nd Team All League were Athlete Alijah Montgomery; Defensive Back Jesiah Suarez, Defensive Line Timoci Tikoainiusiladi; and Quarterback Easton Valenzuela. Congratulations guys!

### Christmas Concert

Living Hope Church is hosting a Christmas Concert on December 16 at 410 Gateway Drive. It will be free of charge and open to the community. The band featured is *Leaving Theodora*, a band based in Vacaville, and a duo band called *Strands*. The purpose of this event is to share with the community the Christmas spirit and have an opportunity for everyone to come together. There will be desserts and a coffee bar, pictures with Santa, and crafts for children. ★



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# Dixon Quarterly Investment Report

By Jim Ward,  
Elected City Treasurer

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Our city's financial investments bring dividends and earnings into the City without additional taxation or fees. Almost all cities do this, and for Dixon it requires an elected city treasurer to be involved in the discussion. Experts plus myself meet quarterly to discuss the investments and the revenues they bring to us to ensure we are getting the most for our dollar.

This meeting reviewed the quarter ending September 30, 2023:

The U.S. economy inflation is still high but moving slowly lower. We show economic growth, with lots of uncertainty, but a strong GDP.

GDP stands for gross domestic product. It has become widely used as a reference point for the health of national and global economies.

GDP measures the monetary value of final goods and services bought by the final user



Jim Ward. Courtesy photo

in a country in a given period of time. It counts all of the output generated within the borders of a country. When GDP is growing, it is good because people are working, more companies are being created, there are more goods and services, and the economy is expanding.

There were fewer workers in the workplace due to a number of national factors including labor strikes.

Our credit qualities have a AA+ rating. Our accrued interest returns were down (-5%) on stocks and federal bonds.

California has only had small gains from its lost jobs since the

COVID times. The statewide unemployment rate is still increasing at approximately 4.7% as of October 30, compared to 4.6% the previous month, and 4.0 as of last year. The Federal unemployment rate was at 3.5%.

The Federal Reserve stated in the beginning of 2023 that there was going to be possibly two rate hikes in the Federal Funds Rate. The Federal Funds Rate is the target interest rate that is set by the feds at which commercial banks borrow and lend to one another overnight. They have maintained the two hikes thus far.

In our city portfolio, we are diversified and have over \$26 million in high quality investments. These are in short-term and long-term investments, but don't get overjoyed about the potential dividend earnings as it is still not enough to avoid the need to increase taxes to cover any emergencies. Remember the City is growing, and therefore so is the need for services. ★

# Making Middle School Matter



John Knight Middle School Principal Bob Bugalski poses with students inside the school office where they regularly drop in and visit staff.

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here, and the office staff has been phenomenal. They have been very supportive and patient with me." They aren't the only ones who enjoy students. When Mr. Bugalski walked out of his office, several students were happily willing to pose with him.

"I'm happy he's here. He's a big presence on our school campus, and the students respond really well to him," said Office Manager Vicki Schene, who has been at the middle school for eight years

and in the Dixon District for 16. "He is bringing great leadership, and it was a very smooth transition."

Now that he knows all the middle school students and staff, Bugalski is working to build 6th grade athletics and cited that the PTO needs help with fundraising because they need uniforms, for example.

"We're trying to increase participation in cross country, volleyball, track and field, (and) basketball, and we want to add flag football," he said.

Bugalski is married and has one son. ★

# Friday is Silveyville Tree Farm's Opening Day

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Silveyville Christmas Tree Farm in Dixon is where traditions are made one memory at a time beginning with opening day Friday, November 24.

The fun experience is brought by the Seifert Family who started it in 1979, and now features thousands of trees with five different species to choose from on their 20-acre farm. There are several tree choices including Coastal Redwoods, Incense Cedar, and the most popular: the Monterey Pine.

Visitors will also be able to catch a glimpse of the new wedding venue created by Ted and Jeri Seifert that's called "Timbers at Silveyville." Their new website, atthetimbers.com, shows pictures of it nestled amongst the trees and rich in country charm. Some of the rustic decorations available are a wine barrel table, old bottle centerpieces, rustic wood arbors, various antique lanterns, and a countryman's display ladder shelf.

"This year's visitors will be able to see the improvements in the walkways, landscaping, park area, as well as the landscaping around the Cottage," said Ted Seifert. "We have areas that are fenced, but they will walk by the new wedding venue site as they see and feed the ducks."

There are also other activities including an area to visit with small farm animals, crafts, refreshments, and a very popular little store packed with a wide variety of Christmas gifts for anyone young or young at heart.

"You can see almost all of Silveyville if you take the sleigh rides led by wooden reindeer, but since Santa will be in the North Pole, he gave us permission to drive the two custom Silveyville sleighs," Jeri Seifert said.

The farm offers free parking and admission. It is open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 6248 Silveyville Rd. in Dixon. Learn more at SilveyvilleTreeFarm.com or call (707) 365-4223. ★

# Need Money? Jobs Galore Available

MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - If you are looking to have more money in your pocket, there are plenty of jobs available that can be found through Alkar Human Resources, a local staffing company that services the Solano and Napa County areas. They work with companies in the area in placing candidates in temporary T-Hire or direct hire opportunities. Please help spread the news about these jobs so the best-qualified candidates in Solano County will be put to work!

• Hiring experienced Catering Cooks for hourly rates of \$20-\$25 an hour. Tasks will include preparing food, following recipes, and knowing food safety guidelines. Also, must be able to handle grills, knives, fryers, ovens, and broilers.

They will work with servers and staff on food presentations, appetizers, passed trays and have a varying schedule.

• Forklift Drivers are needed and will start at \$19 per hour. Clerical openings also need to be filled such as Administrative Assistant, Receptionist, Data Entry, Customer Service and Accounting. Pay rate ranges between \$17 and \$30 per hour.

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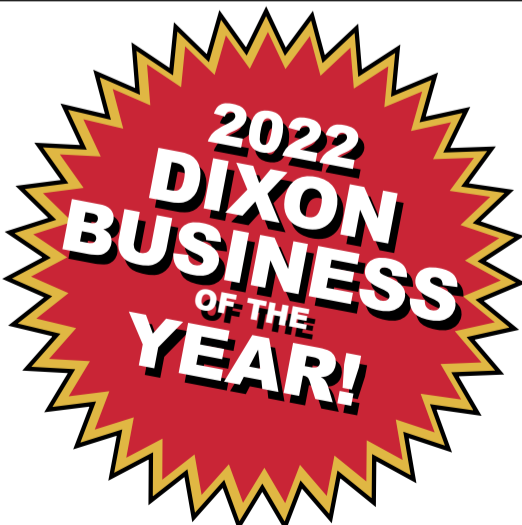
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# Adding to the Dixon Hall of Fame Athletics Legacy



This year there were a dozen inductions to the Dixon Hall of Fame, composed of athletes, coaches, special contributors, and a soccer team. Receiving jackets in Dixon High School's color of green is part of the tradition.

**Ed Seifert, Class of 1939**, was a 4-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. In his senior year, he was named the Most Valuable Player of the Class A team. In football, Ed was known as the "powerhouse full-back" considered by teammates to be one of the best blockers and ball carriers. He also played tennis for three years, winning the league in doubles his junior and senior year with Russell Rohwer. He was also active in Student Council including class president, vice president, and athletic manager for the student body. He supported Dixon sports his entire life, and his award was accepted by his son, Ted Seifert.

**Warren Belden, Class of 1948**, was also a 4-sport athlete with football, basketball, track, and baseball. He was born and raised here and served on student council all four years and as president his senior year. During his sophomore year, Warren helped lead the Class B basketball team to become the Northern Section Champs, and the Class A basketball champs his senior year, the first Class A championship since 1923. Incredibly, during his senior year he was also part of the Class A Championship track and football teams – becoming one of the first Dixon High classes to win three Class A Championships in the same year.

**Wayne Stark, Class of 1952**, was another three-sport athlete: basketball, football, and track all four years. In his senior year, Wayne led the team to a league championship title along with Hall of Famers Farrell Funston and Alan Schmeiser. He also excelled in track in both high and low hurdles. When he competed at the Davis Picnic Invitational, one of the largest track meets in Northern California, he beat out top-ranked athletes in the state. He earned a Navy ROTC scholarship to Cal Berkeley and finished his Navy career as a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He lives in Washington.

**Dennis Finney, Class of 1968**, was an accomplished four-sport athlete and was the son of a college champion athlete and Hall of Fame Coach, Ira Finney. He started on 16 different teams, receiving 16 letters and playing in nine championships with seven of those led by his father. He was unanimously voted top punter in the league his junior and senior year, weekly Lion's Club Award recipient, and was listed in the Examiner's Top 50 scorers in Northern California in 1967. He played all four years in each of these sports and went on to graduate from UC Berkeley with a degree in English and teaching credential from CSU Hayward, and he received his Masters at Cornell University.

**Les Cufaude, Class of 1971**, grew up in Dixon with his parents Vesta (Schmeiser), who is in our Hall of fame as an athlete, and Dale Cufaude. He grew up playing baseball. In high school, he was a three-year varsity starter on the baseball team, serving as team captain and receiving All-League selection his junior and senior years. He was also selected for the Solano County All-Star Game his senior year. After high school, Les attended California State Fresno to play baseball along with Dixon High graduate Doug Elf. He became a real estate developer and builder in Colorado. Les also worked in the oil industry in consulting, exploration, and production in the United States and 14 foreign countries. He is the 3rd generation to be inducted into the Dixon Hall of Fame



**Andy (Long) Rothbone** is a past inductee for DHS Athlete of the 70s Decade in wrestling who travels from Oregon every year to the annual Hall of Fame, and doubles the pleasure visit with his mom, **Martha Dukes** of Dixon.

along with grandfather Vernon Schmeiser (2016) and uncle Alan Schmeiser (2019)

**Daniel Williams, Class of 1982**, was a two-sport athlete at Dixon High School, participating in football and wrestling. Daniel exemplified what it means to be a student athlete. He was not only a top student, graduating 6th in his class with a 3.8 GPA and winner of Outstanding Math and History student awards, he was a champion athlete. Through hard work and dedication, Daniel received 6 varsity letters – two in football and four in wrestling. He wrestled varsity and went undefeated in SCAL competition all four years. He not only won the SCAL wrestling tournament four times, but he also won the Delta League tournament twice, giving him six individual conference tournament titles which was a school record. He went to Colorado State University, lives in Dallas and has coached youth sports for over 10 years.

**Neil Cooper, Class of 1997**, was a track & field and cross-country star at Dixon High School. He started his high school track journey in the hopes of being a pole vaulter, but quickly found that he excelled at running. Cooper was a standout runner in cross-country, leading the team to win league all four years, ranking at Sub-Sections, first at Sections and making it to the California State Meet both his junior

and senior year. He placed 8th at State his senior year, being the first Dixon High runner ever to finish in the top 10. He continued his success in track & field running varsity for three years, made it to the Meet of Champions his junior and senior year, breaking many school and meet records during his career. Most notably, Cooper set a school record in 800m running a 1:54 which he held until 2019, and the 1600m at 4:18, which he set at the Meet of Champions and still holds to date.

**Kayla Riede, Class of 2009**, was a star golfer at Dixon High School. She was a four-year starter and captain of the Dixon High golf team. She and teammate Michelle Bello led the Lady Rams to three CVC Championships. Kayla was voted MVP of Dixon High golf team all four years and CVC Conference Player of the Year three times. In her senior year, Kayla went on to place 1st at California Divisional Championships, 3rd in Sections and qualified for Nor Cals. After high school, she went to University of Tulsa on a golf scholarship, then in 2010, she qualified for the Women's Amateur Public Links at the California Women's State Tournament. After Tulsa, she went to the University of El Paso for graduate school where she received an MBA and was graduate assistant golf coach for the women's golf team for two years.

**Kristen Berryhill, Class of 2010**, was a standout three-sport scholar athlete at Dixon High School. She played basketball, volleyball, and soccer for 3 years while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Berryhill was voted captain for all three teams, competing as a libero in volleyball, point guard in basketball, and midfielder in soccer. She was named All-Conference in all three sports and helped lead the basketball and volleyball teams to win conference championships. During her senior year, Kristen was named All-League in soccer, volleyball and basketball. She was also named All-League Honorable Mention in volleyball her sophomore year.

**Coach Tony Rico** received a huge round of applause when called up. He coached soccer at Dixon High for 10 seasons, winning 16 League Titles and six Section Championships. He was a standout coach and athlete at DHS. His foundation came from playing the sport throughout his life and especially in high school. He played four seasons of soccer and was an All-League performer for three years at Hall back. He was named league Most Valuable Player his senior season. There were many seasons that his teams went undefeated and in fact, by many competitors, Dixon was known as the "Undefeatable Champions." In the 1994 season, the undefeated team won the last three games of the season with only eight players on the field.

**Del Luttges, Special Contributor**, is the father of 2011 Hall of Famer Chris Luttges and the brother of 2013 Hall of Famer Jim Luttges. Del graduated from Dixon High School in 1956. While a student at DHS, Del was active in football, basketball, track, band, and served as student body president. He coached several Dixon youth sport teams over the years.

**1981 Boys Soccer Team Co-Coaches Ed Eusebio and Bruce Jones and players Frank Alcocer, Rick Berger, Louis Castillo, Bill Corpening, Steve Corpening, Jim Kerr, Gustavo Lemus, Rob Lynde, Francisco Melgoza, Martin Rios, Nick Rotteveel, Nacho Villasenor, and Dennis White.**

Dixon High Soccer in the 1980s, which was jump-started by the 1979 Hall of Fame Championship Team, was unparalleled. The 1980, 1981 and 1982 teams continued the rich winning tradition. At that time Dixon High soccer was known to be a powerhouse, winning league titles and making deep playoff runs year after year. And most notably, these teams were playing and succeeding as Division 1 teams!

In the finals, Dixon beat Bella Vista 3 to 1 to win the Championship. The team MVP Forward was Steve Corpening, the MVP Defender was Rick Berger and the MVP Midfield Player was Frank Alcocer. Alcocer, Berger, Corpening, and Martin Rios were also Delta League All Stars with Berger being named the Delta League Player of the Year. The 1981 team was the epitome of a true championship team – they were dedicated, hardworking and had a selfless "team first" attitude.

After the honorees received their awards, Linda Barrett thanked the many Hall of Fame supporters along with her sister, Dr. Sheila Barrett-McCabe, who presided over the evening. For more information, go to [www.DixonHighHallofFame.com](http://www.DixonHighHallofFame.com). ★



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# The Holiday Season is Rapidly Approaching

We will soon be taking applications for our big Dixon Family Services Holiday Food for Families Program. The annual distribution of food, grocery gift cards and toys for the children happens the week of December 18. This, and the Adopt a Family Program, are annual seasonal programs we facilitate, and are great ways to provide additional help to the families we have been working with throughout the year. It does keep us busy, along with the usual work we do all year long, but lending a hand in the care and delivery of the community's generosity brings us much joy and warmth, and also keeps us motivated and energized.

If you know of a family in need of some extra help this holiday season, please ask them to call us at 707-678-0442 or email [info@dixonfamilyservices.org](mailto:info@dixonfamilyservices.org). Thank you.

Those who ever worried about how they would pay the bills, and also provide a happy Christmas for their children, understand the anxiety that the holiday season can bring.

Each year there are several food drives by businesses, schools, churches, and others with DFS Food Pantry as the beneficiary. There will be businesses, individuals and service organizations that will present checks to DFS in this season of giving. You can always catch up with all the action on our Facebook page.

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Group staff for managing our Facebook and Instagram pages in addition to being long-time partners in support of our mission to improve lives.

As blessed as we are with community support, we are always in need of additional support. Parents are calling for our help daily.

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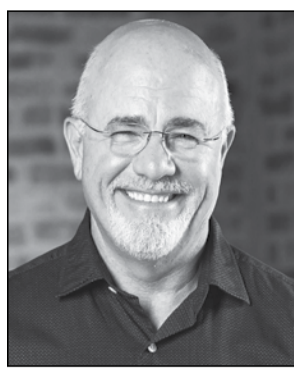
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Together, we can reduce hardships for those struggling daily. With your help, we will continue to do as much as we can, for as long as we can, and for as many as we can, to help stabilize households, keeping families housed.

Easily make credit card donations to DFS by going to [www.dixonfamilyservices.org](http://www.dixonfamilyservices.org), click on DONATE on any page. We also welcome your checks in the mail to Dixon Family Services, 155 N. 2nd Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Cookie Powell, DFS Director



### Don't Panic, You Have Plenty of Time

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have just \$12,000 to pay off before we're debt-free. We've paid off almost \$70,000 in debt in the last two years, and we both just turned 50. We would like to buy a house soon, but we know we need an emergency fund. It would take us over a year to build up an emergency fund, so since we're getting older, should we make adjustments to the Baby Steps?

-Debbie

## Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Debbie,

You've been making great progress, and you obviously have a good income to be able to pay off debt that quickly. But it shouldn't take you two a year to build up an emergency fund, considering the rate at which you've been paying off debt.

Yes, you need a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside before you start saving a down payment for a home. Maybe in your case, you could lean a little more toward the three-month side with your emergency fund. Then, after you're all moved in, you could revisit the emergency fund and beef it up to six months.

Fifty isn't old, Debbie. Just stay on course and stick with the plan. You two have plenty of time to get your finances in order and find a great home!

- Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.* ★



### Floodwaters on Farms Help Boost Aquifers

The historically wet winter early this year motivated greater adoption of a water management strategy known as flood-managed aquifer recharge, or flood-MAR, in which excess flood flows are diverted onto farmland to boost depleted groundwater aquifers. "We knew from the previous year, even in intense drought years, we have opportunities with these big storm events and need to do everything we can," said California Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth, addressing water managers, farmers, government officials and others, as part of the Flood-MAR Forum in Sacramento last week. "Our ability to respond to those kinds of intense rain events is becoming increasingly important."

### Hartwig Named President of Leading Fruit Industry Group

Fresno County farmer Daniel Hartwig has been selected to serve as the new president of the California Fresh Fruit Association. Hartwig will succeed Ian LeMay, who has

served as the association's president since 2019. "I could not be more thrilled to join the great team at CFFA," Hartwig said. "I have always had a deep admiration for the work done by the association's staff and the leadership of the board. I also look forward to working with our partners in the industry to continue to protect agriculture from the many threats before us."

### "Sites Reservoir on Fast Track for Final Legal Green Light

After decades of discussions and delays, a major new reservoir in Northern California is close to becoming reality. Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom certified the Sites Reservoir project to be fast-tracked for construction, exercising for the first time his power under a new state law to streamline the process to break ground on infrastructure projects. The reservoir, estimated to cost \$4.5 billion and hold 1.5 million acre-feet of water, would be the first major reservoir built in California in almost half a century. It would be located about 80 miles northwest of Sacramento on ranchlands in Colusa and Glenn counties. ★

# Bill Reintroduced to Save Delta's Heritage

## Office of Congressman Mike Thompson News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Reps. Mike Thompson (CA-04) and John Garamendi (CA-08) introduced legislation to expand the boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area to include approximately 62 acres of publicly owned land in Solano County.

"The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is an integral part of our community, and this bill will help to ensure that Rio Vista can benefit from federal grants for the redevelopment of the decommissioned Rio Vista Army base," said Thompson. "I am proud to introduce a bill with Rep. Garamendi to expand the Delta National Heritage Area to include publicly owned land in Rio Vista and ensure that our communities are able to receive the federal dollars necessary to help repair and preserve the land for generations to come."

"After more than eight years of effort, the late Senator Feinstein's and my bill designating the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as California's first National Heritage Area was finally enacted into law in 2019. This federal law makes up to \$10 million in federal grant funding available for local projects like the proposed redevelopment of the decommissioned Rio Vista Army base. After representing Rio Vista for a decade in Congress, I am pleased to hand over my bill expanding

the Delta National Heritage Area to make this adjacent publicly-owned land eligible for federal grant funding to the city's new Congressman Mike Thompson. I will continue working with Congressman Thompson to clean up the decommissioned Rio Vista Army base and conserve the Delta, which my family has been fortunate to call home for over 40 years," said Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA08).

In March 2019, Congress enacted bicameral legislation into law designating the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as California's first National Heritage Area to provide \$10 million for community-based efforts to conserve the Delta's cultural heritage, historic landmarks, and natural beauty.

Thompson and Garamendi introduced this legislation at the request of the City of Rio Vista to expand the National Heritage Area's boundary to include approximately 62 acres of adjacent publicly-owned land encompassing: the decommissioned United States Army Reserve Center (Rio Vista), U.S. Coast Guard Station Rio Vista, Beach Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant (City of Rio Vista), and Sandy Beach County Park (Solano County).

Two of these parcels—the decommissioned United States Army Reserve Center and Beach Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant—are owned by the City of Rio Vista. ★



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**Ta-Nehisi Coates is a Moral Idiot**

The celebrated author Ta-Nehisi Coates is not reliable regarding things he's spent considerable time thinking about here in the U.S., so it's presumably a mistake to put much stock in his newly formed opinions about matters he barely knows anything about.

He proved as much in an interview about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict the other day on Democracy Now!

At the outset, Coates announced his opposition to "complexity" and "complication," and left little doubt about his sincerity in that regard with a preposterous depiction of Israel as a direct descendant of the Jim Crow South.

If Coates weren't simply retailing the familiar left-wing critiques of Israel, his belief that there's nothing to learn on the ground in the Middle East that he doesn't already know from reading about the failure of Reconstruction might qualify as a high-handed form of "Orientalism."

Coates makes much of a checkpoint that he encountered on a trip to Israel and the West Bank a few months ago in the West Bank city of Hebron. He says his Palestinian guide couldn't proceed down a certain street, but Coates was allowed to pass after an Israeli guard ascertained that his grandparents were Christian.

It's hard to say much about this incident without knowing more. It is certainly true, though, that Hebron has more checkpoints than other West Bank cities.

Why? Well, Coates doesn't mention that Hebron is one of the four holy cities of Judaism. Or, that there was a pogrom there in 1929 that led to the evacuation of the Jewish population. Or, that a small community of Jews has returned to the city.

Without the Israeli security, the community or likely wouldn't survive. Is that what Coates wants?

Oh, sorry -- complications. We've been told that they're unnecessary.

Coates is dismissive of Israel's worries about terror attacks. The West Bank is not Gaza, but terrorism, including in Hebron, is still an ongoing concern.

Coates gives no sign of realizing that Israelis themselves are forbidden from traveling to so-called Area A territory in the West Bank. If the various designations of territory with different rules seem arbitrary, they were hashed out in the Oslo Accords between the PLO and Israel in the 1990s.

In a laughable argument, Coates said he was shocked during his trip "when it suddenly dawned on me that I was in a region of the world where some people could vote and some people could not."

It is true that Palestinians can't vote, but this isn't the doing of the Israeli government. There hasn't been an election in the Palestinian territories since 2006. The people who currently run

the West Bank fear they would lose -- for good reason. Hamas won the legislative elections last time around, and then waged a brief factional war to eliminate their Fatah rivals in Gaza.

In Israel proper, there are about 2 million Arab citizens who have the right to vote and the other rights of Israel citizens.

But I know, complexity only gets in the way.

Coates directed the balance of his outrage at the Israeli military operation, without mentioning Hamas, October 7 or that fact that terror group uses civilians as human shields.

Finally, he says that the U.S. has "exported" Jim Crow to Israel. Really? Did we eliminate it here, but conclude that it would be the right system for Israel? And bipartisan administrations pursued this policy while hiding it from the American public?

As a high priest of woke progressivism, Coates was always going to be a fierce critic of Israel. He is a particularly instructive instance, though, of trying to take the Left's racial categories here at home and apply them to a conflict with its own fraught dynamics established long ago.

"It's actually not that hard to understand," Coates maintained of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. "It's actually quite familiar to those of us with a familiarity [with] African-American history."

If Coates has accomplished anything, it is demonstrating that this is wholly untrue.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# Riley Reviews

“SLY” IMPROBABLE INSPIRATIONAL STORY; “GENIE” HOLIDAY SPIRIT

**A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley**

**“SLY” RATED R**

Baring his soul to a certain extent on the Netflix film “Sly,” the titular character burst onto the scene of public awareness in a film that has come to be a symbol of willingness to go the distance even if the outcome does not turn in the protagonist’s favor.

The film, of course, is Sylvester Stallone’s “Rocky,” the genesis of which has the makings of a fantasy story that seems to be rooted in fiction. By all accounts, Stallone forged his own path by writing the script which he insisted would not be sold unless he starred in the film.

Up to that point in his career, Stallone mostly had bit parts, usually being cast as a thug. A brief film clip from “Bananas” shows him mugging an old lady on a subway train as Woody Allen’s terrified passenger nervously sits nearby.

At the beginning of the documentary “Sly,” the actor’s opening line is “It’s really easy to become complacent.” Maybe that’s on his mind because the film’s beginning shows him packing up his Los Angeles mansion for a move to the East Coast.

By any measure, Stallone is anything but complacent, as others like director John Herzfeld and his former rival and friend Arnold Schwarzenegger attest. The Terminator himself recognizes Stallone’s astute creation of three franchises, namely “Rocky,” “Rambo” and “The Expendables.”

As for the move east, it seems to be more like a return to Stallone’s roots, as the actor was born in the summer of 1946 and lived in the tough neighborhood of New York City’s Hell’s Kitchen, a place that once lived up to its name but now has become gentrified.

Stallone’s hardscrabble childhood found him often truant and involved in fights. He attended more than a dozen schools. But a Harvard professor who was in the audience for a school play told Stallone he should think of acting as a career, and that moment became an epiphany for his life’s trajectory.

Escaping a dismal home life, Stallone spent a lot of time sneaking into movie theaters, from which he became self-taught on writing scripts. He also saw Steve Reeves in “Hercules” as the perfect male role model.

For a documentary on his life, Stallone talks not that much about his childhood or family life, even though it is apparent that he came from a broken home and let it be known that his father was physically abusive to him and his brother Frank.

While married three times with five children, there is not much said about

his immediate family ties, though clips with his son Sage, who played his offspring in “Rocky V,” are illuminating. Sadly, Sage died at the age of 36 from a coronary disease.

Turning down an offer of \$265,000 for his original “Rocky” script, which was a fortune for a struggling actor at the time, was the best gamble ever made.

If you wonder about the success of his franchise films, Stallone makes the interesting point that he believes in sequels because “quite often the story can’t be told in two hours.” Well, “Sly” is less than two hours but it tells a lot.

**“GENIE” ON PEACOCK**

As one holiday seemingly bleeds into another, the spirit of Christmas always arrives even before the turkey is carved on Thanksgiving Day. Right now, holiday cheer is needed more than ever.

Christmas programs are already on the air. Hallmark Channel, as usual, jump starts the season with its “Countdown to Christmas” slew of movies that launched back in late October.

Christmas also comes early on Peacock with the November 22nd streaming launch of holiday fairytale comedy “Genie,” from Oscar-nominated screenwriter Richard Curtis, who has the “Love Actually,” “Four Weddings and a Funeral,” and “Notting Hill” films to his credit.

Melissa McCarthy stars as Flora, a genie trapped for more than 2,000 years inside an antique jewelry box because of one teeny-tiny little misunderstanding with a sorcerer back in 77 B.C.

After millennia of being summoned to grant wishes of gold doubloons and hot babes for greedy men, Flora is accidentally called to service by Bernard Bottle (Paapa Kwayke Essiedu), whose life is unraveling around him.

Bernard’s been so busy working that he has lost sight of his marriage to his wife Julie (Denee Benton) and the childhood of his young daughter Eve (Jordyn McIntosh). When Bernard misses Eve’s birthday 12 days before Christmas because of work, Julie decides it’s time for a trial separation.

Even worse, Bernard gets fired by his tyrannical boss (Alan Cumming). Alone in his New York apartment, a despondent Bernard dusts off a jewelry box in their home and unintentionally releases the one entity who just might be able to help him get his family back.

Is this a longshot for Bernard, as Christmas approaches? Maybe. Possibly. But in the process, Flora and Bernard will discover that love, and an unexpected friendship, can unleash a special holiday magic all its own. Does “Genie” end up back in the box? ★

## Wish For The Wicked

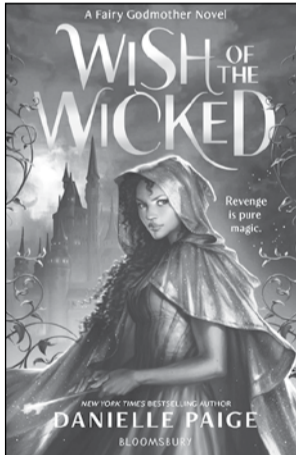
by Danielle Paige

Cinderella’s fairy godmother is a legend, but where did the legend begin?

The Entente have been magical advisors to the Queen for centuries, keeping the Queendoms in peace with their guidance. As an Entente, Farrow was excited for the life she had awaiting her, full of magic and honor. Until the day a new Queen took power, abolishing magic and killing anyone who possessed an ounce of magic.

While Farrow survived, she did so stripped of her magic and hidden amongst the humans, with dreams of revenge fueling her survival. Then, at twelve, Farrow finally saw a glimmer of hope. The crown sought a suitable shadow for the royal couterie, a royal companion for the prince, and Farrow’s way into the castle. While the duties of the couterie’s shadow were morning to night, Farrow didn’t care; she spent the time learning and plotting to enact fate’s revenge.

The way to the Queen would surely be through her son, the prince. But fate had its own plan and when Farrow finally met the prince, he, against all expectations, captured her heart. And then of course there is



◆ Publisher: Bloomsbury  
 ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult  
 ◆ Release Date: Nov. 14, 2023  
 ◆ Rating: ★★★★★

Cinderella, the woman who changes it all when the past, present, and future collide into one fateful night.

In a night of rediscovered magic and granting wishes, Farrow will finally discover fate’s path and that all magic does not disappear at the stroke of midnight.

Wish of the Wicked is the Cinderella story readers didn’t know they wanted. Carefully crafted with all the magic of a classic fairytale turned on its head and sprinkled with revenge. Danielle Paige once again takes readers into a magical and twisted tale, answering the questions left on readers’ minds. Who was Cinderella’s fairy

godmother, and why did she bestow her magic just upon Cinderella? This story delves deep within the familiar aspects of the fairytale but blows it wide open, taking readers into the fairy godmother’s past then leads them straight into that fateful night, and leaving readers wanting to know what happens next.

While this storyline takes time to reach Cinderella, the events of the past is well worth the timeline to the present. Farrow’s character builds and crafts a truly spectacular story that leads up to the night of the ball and that infamous lost glass slipper. Danielle Paige shows the power of fate and destiny through her storytelling and beautiful character quotes, allow readers to see that no one’s future is set in stone, and no amount of carefully crafted barriers can protect fate’s plan.

Wish of the Wicked is laced with deep roots of magic, fear, and the feeling of power, in every form, being stripped away. Yet, the hope of change lies within those who have the ability to restore magic and through Farrow, there finally is a chasm of hope. Not for how it once was but how it can become. ★





# Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

## How Do You Treat Waiters?



The way you treat others offers a window into the type of person you are. Your interaction with people, whose job it is to serve you, reflects on your character and offers a glimpse into the way they will react to you.

When you behave in a condescending manner, you are sure to elicit a negative reaction. Immediately, the person you are talking down to will be put off, even if they don't show it. You will squelch any inclination for the other person to go out of their way to help you. At most, they will do no more than the bare minimum necessary to keep you mollified.

Corporate CEOs like to observe how job candidates treat waiters. These corporate captains have found that how a prospective employee treats a waiter offers a clear picture of the type of person he or she is. Someone who is polite to you but discourteous to a waiter does not have desirable interpersonal skills. They tend to be abrasive, causing friction among coworkers and subordinates.

Your treatment of waiters isn't just significant in business settings. A survey by a dating service discovered that being rude to waiters tops the list as the worst dining etiquette. It is a real turn-off to be in the company of someone who is mean spirited.

Anyone can treat a waiter well when there are no mishaps or mess-ups. The real indication of a person's true nature is how they react when there are problems. What do they do when a waiter makes a mistake or their meal is not what they had hoped for? Do they get indignant, make a scene, and jump down the waiter's throat? Or are they gracious and magnanimous?

No one likes to be berated when they make a mistake. Some waiters are better than others. Some are more conscientious. You can't manage their behavior, but you do control yours. If you can't handle a problem when you are eating out, how can you be depended on to handle life's

real predicaments?

People, who are rude to waiters, erroneously believe they are displaying power and authority. They mistakenly think their behavior will impress others. Anyone who attempts to elevate their status by stepping on others will ultimately fall flat on their face.

People with integrity and character treat everyone with courtesy and respect, regardless of their occupation, financial, or social status. They don't view themselves as being above or below anyone else.

The way you treat people determines to a large part how they treat you. Not everyone will respond to kindness and consideration. But everyone will react negatively to berating. Your best bet for bringing out the best in people is to treat them with respect.

If you expect the worst from people, your attitude will project this and your low expectations will usually be met. If you anticipate the best, people tend to try to live up to those expectations so as not to disappoint you.

People crave approval and recognition. If you start out rejecting someone, they will feel there is no chance to please you and won't even try. However, when you say please, thank you, and can you help me, others will make an extra effort to accommodate you.

Treat waiters, and everyone you encounter, with dignity. In so doing, your relationships with people, even strangers, will improve. You will still find some individuals you just can't deal with. But they will be much more of an exception. You can never go wrong by treating another person well.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**SUBJECT: Dixon City Council Meeting Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Expansion Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

To whom it may concern:

The City Council of the City of Dixon has received a request to consider the adoption of the 2023 WWTF Expansion Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) ("Project").

On November 03, 2023, a 30-day public review period was established for the Project. A public hearing is set for December 05, 2023, for City Officials to review and adopt. The Notice of Intent and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at City Hall and online at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>.

Copies of the agenda and staff report for the meeting will be available for review at least 72 hours before the meeting, at City Hall as well as the City of Dixon website. The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Tuesday, December 05, 2023  
 Time: 7:00 P.M.  
 Location: City Council Chambers  
 600 East A Street  
 Dixon, CA 95620

We welcome and appreciate your participation. If you should have any questions or comments, please contact me at (707) 678-7030 ext. 5303 or by email at [brodriguez@cityofdixon.us](mailto:brodriguez@cityofdixon.us).

Sincerely,

Brandon Rodriguez  
 Senior Civil Engineer

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Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.



## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Wednesday, November 15

- 0947 - Fraud report taken in the PD lobby.
- 1041 - Report of a drunk driver in the 800 block of North Adams Street resulted in the arrest of Devon Trujillo (28) of Dixon for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was taken to county jail.
- 1147 - SRO report taken at Dixon High School.
- 1355 - Non injury traffic accident in the 500 block of North 1st Street.
- 1825 Hours - Battery report in the 1600 block of Winfield Street.
- 1830 Hours - Incident report in the 200 block of East C Street

### Tuesday, November 14

- 1030 - Lost property report taken at the PD.

### Monday, November 13

- 0958 - Agency Assist at Dixon PD.
- 1019 - Lost property report taken at the PD.
- 1222 - Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 500 block of Cypress Street.
- 1700 - Vandalism report 500 block West B Street
- 1829 Hours - Delfino Reyes (69) of Dixon was contacted in the 800 block of Woodvale Drive and later arrested for DUI and child endangerment.
- 1911 Hours - Theft investigation from a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 2330 Hours - Vandalism investigation in the 500 block of Cypress Street.
- 0400 Hours - Welfare check in the 300 block of South Jefferson S

### Sunday, November 12

- 1715 - Restraining order violation report at Dixon PD.
- 1815 - Restraining order violation report at 1400 Ary Lane.
- 1830 Hours - Violation of a court order report in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
- 1945 - Hours - Javier Campos (37) of Dixon was contacted during a traffic stop in the area of North First Street and Regency Parkway. Campos was arrested for DUI, driving on a suspended license, and violation of probation.

### Saturday, November 11

- 0855 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 2000 block of Regency Parkway.
- 1138 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 600 block of Fountain Way.
- 1214 - Stolen vehicle recovered in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Carl Madison (38), of Santa Fe Springs, was arrested for Possession of Stolen Vehicle, Shoplifting, Theft with Priors, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Misappropriation of Lost Property, Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription, Theft of an Access Card, and Driving on a Suspended License. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 0209 Hours - Julian Oregel-Garcia (18) of Dunnigan was contacted in the 500 block of Park Drive and later arrested for possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a controlled substance. Larry Ross (18) of Woodland was also contacted and arrested for an outstanding felony warrant, possession of drug paraphernalia and providing a peace officer with a false name.

### Friday, November 10

- 0958 - Traffic enforcement stop in the area of North Lincoln Street and Regency Parkway. A 15- year-old juvenile was cited for Evading X2, driving without a License, Stop Sign Violation, No Helmet. He was cited and released to a parent/guardian. 1619 Informational report taken in the 900 block of Walton Court.
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- 1941 - Theft report was taken in the 6000 block of North 1st St.
- 2158 - Admin cite issued for a loud party in the 500 block of North Almond St.
- 2344 - Late Domestic Violence report was taken in the 1000 block of Mason Ct.
- 0012 - Battery report and probation violation arrest report were taken in the 800 block of North Adams St. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Daniel Guerrero of Dixon. Guerrero was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

### Thursday, November 9

- 0929 - Informational report taken in the 300 block of Pheasant Run Drive.
- 1459 - Traffic enforcement stop in the area of Morse Court and Regency Parkway.
- 2137 - Vandalism report was taken in the 500 block of College Wy.
- 0125 - Domestic violence arrest report was taken in the 200 block of Sanborn Ln. officers contacted (S) Brianna Mignon (21) of Woodland It was determined that Mignon was the dominant aggressor. Mignon was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

### Wednesday, November 8

- 0812 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
- 0905 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.
- 1052 - Warrant arrest in the area of Mistler Street and Woodard Way. Austin Hughes (18) of Vacaville, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for 664/187 - Attempt Murder, 11351 H&S - Possesses/Purchase for Sale Narcotics/Controlled Substance, 11364(A) PC - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 3056 PC - Parole Violation. He is being held on \$1,250,000 bond. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

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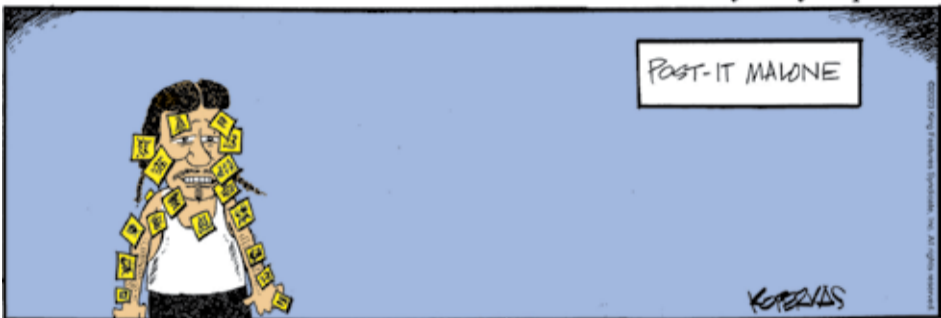
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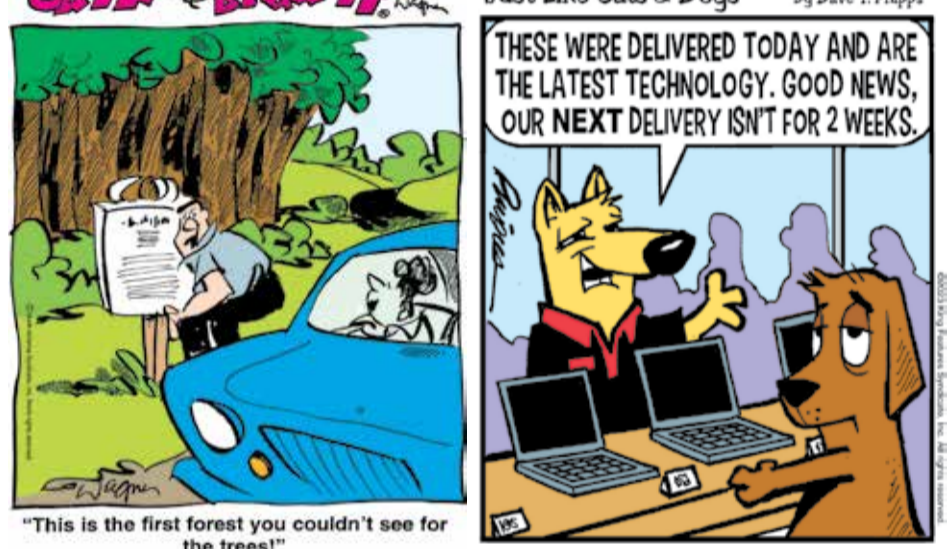
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# Local Museums Encourage Shopping with a Purpose

**T-Rock Communications  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- Complete with a variety of holiday specials and plenty of in-stock inventory on-hand, a number of Sacramento area museums are proud to participate in the 7th Annual Museum Store Sunday on November 26, 2023. In partnership with the Museum Store Association (MSA), more than 2,100 museum stores representing all fifty states, 25 countries and five continents will offer relaxing, inspired shopping inside favorite museum stores and cultural institutions. Museum Store Sunday offers an opportunity for the community to shop with a purpose while supporting the missions and programs of each participating museum and cultural institution.

A sampling of the unique products and specials available on Museum Store Sunday at local Sacramento area museum stores include the following:

**Aerospace Museum of California** – Perfect for those searching for the ideal holiday gift to delight aviation and space enthusiasts, the Aerospace Museum’s expanded gift shop offers a captivating array of treasures, including apparel, books, vintage model kits, space-themed toys, and more. Plus, holiday shoppers support a great local cause, as every dollar spent in the shop directly supports the museum’s mission. The museum store is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday, and visitors can enjoy an exclusive 25 percent discount on all purchases. For more, please call 916-643-3192.

**The California Museum** – Shoppers are encouraged to get a jump start on holiday shopping with the Museum Store’s wide range of unique items, including books, games & puzzles, children’s products, jewelry, exhibit items, California-themed items and more. On Museum Store Sunday, the Museum will offer 10 percent off store purchases for non-members and 20 percent off for Museum members, excluding food & beverage and clearance items. The store is open from noon to 5 p.m. and free California Museum totes will be available for the first 20 people with purchase of \$50+. More information is available at [www.californiamuseum.org/visit/events-public-programs/museum-store-sunday/](http://www.californiamuseum.org/visit/events-public-programs/museum-store-sunday/).

**California State Railroad**



The MOSAC gift store is a perfect place to shop for young scientists, engineers or loved ones with a natural curiosity. Photo courtesy of SMUD Museum of Science & Curiosity

**Museum** – The Museum Store is a shopping destination for train gifts for every age, offering books and videos on railroad history, as well as tees for adults and youth, exclusive railroad dinnerware reproductions, and Northern California’s best selection of wooden trains from fan favorite brands such as BRIO and Thomas the Tank Engine. The Museum Store is celebrating Museum Store Sunday all weekend long, from Friday to Sunday, with two limited-time specials: exclusive California State Parks cotton totes at 50 percent off, and 20 percent off exclusive “California Poppy” reproduction china – produced specifically for the Railroad Museum Store – showcasing a beautiful pattern once used on Santa Fe Railway dining cars. For more, please visit [www.californiarailroadmuseum.com/store](http://www.californiarailroadmuseum.com/store).

**Crocker Art Museum** – Holiday shoppers focused on artful giving have plenty of options from which to choose at the Crocker’s Museum Store. Shoppers will discover beautiful pieces inspired by art on view and thoughtfully curated gifts that invite individuals of all ages

to explore their creativity. The Museum Store showcases products crafted by local artists and makers, many created just for the Crocker. Plus, shoppers are encouraged to peruse a curated offering of catalogues and books related to exhibition and collection. Purchases in the Museum Store support arts access in the community and help the Crocker continue to provide outstanding exhibitions and engaging programs for all. On Museum Store Sunday, shoppers can enjoy 10 percent off storewide (excluding some artist consignment merchandise). For more, visit [www.crockerart.org](http://www.crockerart.org).

**Sacramento Children’s Museum** – Filled with merchandise geared for playtime for the little ones, Museum Store visitors will enjoy 10 percent off for all shoppers and 25 percent off for members, plus a free surprise gift with purchase. Want to give a gift to enjoy all year long? Museum memberships are \$10 off. The Museum Store is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday. For more information, please visit [www.sackids.org](http://www.sackids.org).

**Sacramento History Museum** – Holiday shoppers will find a

variety of books that showcase the fascinating history of the local region, classic games and toys, holiday ornaments, beautiful minerals and rocks, and much more in the Museum Store. On Museum Store Sunday, the store is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will offer 10 percent off all toys. Plus, the first 20 customers will receive a special print pressed in the Print Shop and signed by Howard and Jared, the team that made the History Museum a social media sensation on TikTok. For more, please call 916-808-7059 or visit [www.sachistorymuseum.org](http://www.sachistorymuseum.org).

**SMUD Museum of Science & Curiosity** – For holiday shoppers hoping to find the perfect gift for young scientists, engineers or loved ones with a natural curiosity are encouraged to stop by the MOSAC gift store. Offering an inspired selection of items ranging from clothing to books, puzzles, games, plush and fun toys, shoppers who visit on Museum Store Sunday can take advantage of 10 percent off in the store. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those wanting to encourage future minds with activities and toys that spur wonder and curiosity about the world around us. For more,

please visit [www.visitmosac.org](http://www.visitmosac.org).

**Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park** – Friends of Sutter’s Fort invites the community to celebrate Museum Store Sunday and the grand reopening of the on-site Museum Store. Shoppers will enjoy free admission to Sutter’s Fort for self-guided tours. And, from 10 a.m. to noon, Friends of Sutter’s Fort will be treating customers to complimentary donuts and coffee (while supplies last). Shoppers will find unique stocking stuffers, gifts for teachers and history buffs on sale, up to 20 percent off plus browse the carefully curated selection of books (including many local authors, cookbooks and wide selection of books for elementary school aged children). For more, please visit [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org).

For more information about the 7th Annual Museum Store Sunday happening on November 26, please visit [www.museumstore-sunday.org](http://www.museumstore-sunday.org). For more information about Sacramento area museums, “like” them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SacMuseums](http://www.facebook.com/SacMuseums), follow them on Instagram and X @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at [www.SacMuseums.org](http://www.SacMuseums.org) ★

# Women Business Owners are Optimistic and Confident

**From StatePoint**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- Women and men who own small and mid-sized businesses are typically more aligned than they are different in their viewpoints about the economy. Now – more than ever – this is especially true as it relates to their optimism about running their businesses, according to PNC’s latest Economic Outlook Survey.

Survey results show that 69% of women and 73% of men are highly optimistic about their business prospects. But women appear to have the edge when it comes to confidence – 69% say they are confident about running their businesses compared to 57% of men. This trend is consistent with last year’s survey responses. In 2022, 8 in 10 women business owners reported feeling very confident in their business success and nearly half credited their confidence to their own hard work and drive.

“It stands to reason that those sentiments, together with a few key resources – professional networks, improved access to credit and the agility to navigate the economic landscape – all contribute to a level of confidence that is driving continued optimism this year,” says Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women’s Business Development.

**ENGAGING IN NETWORKS**

According to the survey, women-owned businesses are more



A businesswoman leads a meeting. Photo courtesy of iStock via Getty Images Plus

likely to be engaged with the Small Business Administration, chambers of commerce and other professional groups. In fact, 83% of women business owners participate in business development organizations compared to 64% of men.

“Women often credit the benefits of a strong network to winning new business and finding new and better ways of doing business, and we’re supporting that network-building through our

relationships with organizations such as global nonprofit Coralus and the Women Presidents Organization,” says Marcello.

**DECISIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE**

The optimism of women business owners comes through in the survey in specific areas of their enterprises, as 64% expect to see an increase in demand, 65% anticipate an increase in sales, and 56% predict an increase in profits in the next six

months. While 57% also have plans to moderately increase prices.

“These are just a few indicators of how women are thinking as they make business decisions heading into 2024,” Marcello says. “While some of their optimism may be tested by continued high inflation and a potential recession, there is strong evidence that they are prepared.”

**SEEKING CREDIT**

When PNC began surveying

women business owners in 2014, men were more likely to seek credit in the near term. The 2022 survey showed for the first time, women overtaking men when considering a new loan or line of credit to support business growth. This trend continued in 2023, with 26% of women saying they are likely to seek a near-term business loan or line of credit compared to 23% of men.

“While this data could simply reflect changes in the way women are conducting business, it’s evidence that fewer women are intimidated by the traditional process of gaining access to credit for their businesses,” Marcello says. “This is really encouraging.”

Dedicated efforts to make more resources available to women entrepreneurs are paying off, says Marcello. At PNC, for example, women can lean on the expertise of 5,000 PNC-Certified Women’s Business Advocates who have a passion for working with women financial decision makers. Through Coralus, entrepreneurs have access to a global support network and a no-interest loan program.

“Providing support to entrepreneurs and making access to credit more attainable are important steps toward their ongoing success as well as economic growth overall,” says Marcello. ★