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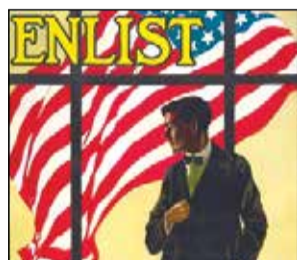
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A Thriving Community Theater



Members of the Dixon Community Theater are L-R Kelly Pideon James, Abel Comejo, Cheryl Sommers, Robert Williams, Janice Ferrero, Bridget O'Flaherty, Russell Woods, Sachi Denison-Woods, Angel Gatchel, John MacKenzie, and Brian P.B. Sizemore. Courtesy photo

**By Abel Comejo,
artistic director**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - In the heart of Dixon, the revival of community theater has sparked not only the return of seasoned performers but also the blossoming of new talents. 'Murder Mystery at the Dixon Manor,' presented by the Dixon Community Theater, serves as a poignant testament to the enduring impact of local theater on our town's cultural fabric.

Janice Ferrero, a supporter of Dixon's theatrical history, reflects on her journey from the inception of the first Dixon Community Theater in the 1970's to its triumphant return today.

"A true example of history repeating itself!" she exclaims with a twinkle in her eye. For Janice, this revival isn't just about rekindling old memories; it's about fostering new connections and nurturing Dixon's artistic soul.

Robert Williams, whose roots in Dixon theater stretch back to the first DCT, embodies the spirit of perseverance and community building.

"I was surprised by the number of people in support of our little company. I feared that only a few would show up to our initial community meeting, but attendees outnumbered the capacity of the room. New people continued to show up at each meeting

we've held," he said.

His involvement in reviving the Dixon Community Theater underscores a shared vision of enriching Dixon's cultural landscape. Through challenges and triumphs alike, Robert remains steadfast in his belief that Dixon's theater scene can thrive with the support of its residents.

Angel Gatchel, a newcomer to the stage, represents the fresh energy infusing Dixon's theatrical revival.

"I felt this was a great way to get out in my community and try new things," she said, sharing her contagious enthusiasm. As she embodies her character, Audrey Greystone, *Continued on page 2*

Much Loved Veterinarian Passes

**Story and photo
by Debra Dingman**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Much loved long-time Dixon Veterinarian Peter Timm, whose great-grandfather immigrated to this area from Denmark in the late 19th century, has died. He was 79-years-young.

Dr. Timm was born and raised here, graduating from Dixon High School in 1961 and from UC Davis Veterinary School, opening Dixon Veterinary Clinic in 1971 on Pedrick Road. The small and simple rustic clinic's walls are filled with framed art from grandchildren and numerous notes of appreciation.

He was quite involved in the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, often moderating candidate forums as chair of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee and was selected Citizen of the Year for 2005.

Dr. Timm never retired. He was a strong man, well-respected in our community, and despite his sometimes-matter-of-fact style, he was known for his sensitivity and deep compassion with our animals from small rabbits to horses.

Around 2008, a horse jumped out of a chute, accidentally landing on Dr. Timm and breaking Timm's leg, some ribs, and causing other injuries. It was reported in the Vacaville Reporter, that Dr. Timm stopped working as much with large animals but when he had a heart valve replaced, he pretty much stopped doing large animal work.

In 2016, after a night at the Dixon Game and Conservation Club annual Crab Dinner at the May Fair, Dr. Timm was struck by a vehicle but amazingly walked away with minor injuries and was back at work the following Monday.

Then a couple years later he had heart valve surgery. But the man seemed to easily recover and continued to work, travel, and enjoy downtown wine strolls. He was still known to make house calls.

Most recently, he enjoyed Crossword Puzzle challenges and pleasant evenings with longtime companion, Pothier.

He also planned a trip to New Zealand to visit a few weeks with a former exchange student that had lived out at the ranch during his high school stay. Despite suggestions that he not make the trip, in Peter Timm style, he went anyway. Upon his return, he fell more ill and chose to stay with his long-time companion, Mary Ann

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Get Your Best Buys Before the Dixon May Fair

Discounts and Deals on Carnival, Grandstand and Fair Tickets in Advance Through May 8



The Dixon May Fair has a plethora of food and fun options. Courtesy photo



The Fair will have a wide variety of rides. Courtesy photo

**KE Spencer &
CO News Release**

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Tickets for the popular Dixon May Fair grandstand shows, Fair admission, and carnival wristbands are now available for purchase for the upcoming Fair, May 9-12.

The Fair has a number of opportunities to save money and time when you buy your Fair and Grandstand event tickets early using their e-ticket system.

The convenience of

on-line ticketing is available for grandstand events, carnival ride wristbands and admission. (Online service fees apply.)

Grandstand ticket prices for Flying U Bull Riding on Friday, the Maxx Kakl Tractor & Truck Pulls on Saturday, and the Demolition Derby on Sunday, will be \$40 for all ages. Grandstand event tickets purchased in advance will include fair admission. Tickets purchased the day of the event do NOT include Fair admission. Advance

purchase is recommended, as all Grandstand events have all been sell-outs in recent years.

For parents, the All-you-can-ride wristbands are a great way to go for kids with an unlimited appetite for the spectacular rides. Butler Amusements is offering wristbands, which allow the rider unlimited rides on any one day, for \$30 in advance through May 8. The wristbands are good for any one day of the Fair. During the Fair, wristbands will be \$37.

There are additional discounts on Fair admission as well. Advance purchase adult tickets online are just \$10 and will be \$15 at the gate, a 33% savings. KUIC Radio is sponsoring Thrifty Thursday, May 5, when all admissions are just \$5. And on Friday May 6, all kids 12 and under are admitted for Free.

The "Unforgettable" Dixon May Fair, May 9-12, is located at 655 So. First St., Dixon. The website for ticket purchases is www.DixonMayFair.com ★

Life's too SHORT



Change Means Something Better is Coming

By Debra Dingman

Change is hard. I loved going into restaurants or stores over the many years I've lived here and hated when they closed or changed hands but now, I can look back and see that 'change' usually means something better is coming.

I think of how many years we had an ugly old veterans building across from the public library when Bud and Cherie Fanning were able to claim it at a foreclosure auction and then spent thousands of dollars renovating it into a stunning venue in the heart of downtown Dixon. That was more than a decade ago and it is still stunningly beautiful, very well run, and perfect for special gatherings. We're so lucky in Dixon!

The Dixon Historical Museum surprised me when they took rental space downtown after a popular coffee shop vacated it. The results were the near-perfect downtown location—complete with rustic interior for professional historical displays of Dixon's past.

Rosemary came into a very old looking space and wa-lah! She changed it to look 'urban' and her food is organic and sooo tasty so between the food and the look, she began to draw the younger generations and people were posting it on their social media to come try them.

When I thought the Community Medical Center was going to have a warped roof for another decade, in swings owner Ascher Adams gave it all a facelift, making it contemporary, clean, and well, yes, medical looking.

I was so happy to see the food brought into Frosty's by new owner (and great chef) Matt Andrews and his urban design to the exterior of the building, but I knew the dilapidated parking lot was going to be

long troublesome because the cost would be huge, and a new entrepreneur rarely has those kinds of funds. Then swoops in a new landowner who happily spends the hefty sum for the blacktop update to the whole area.

I thought we were going to have an empty tearoom space for years even though I knew it was the most up and coming place for a new business since Kristina Wiley renovated the old fire house to a level unbeknownst to the locals at that time. No detail was left unattended even what people could not see: the spacious kitchen and prep area in the back. That's why it was perfect for Rosa to move in and set up the new location for Rosemary's. How exciting!

Many of us are looking to see what Mickey and Tiffany Renger will do with the old Bank of America building with their plans for an upscale Whiskey Lounge/Live Music Venue.

Now, it's the old barbershop that belonged to Hung Sue Lai who operated it for 35 years. In the past three decades that I've lived here, it amazed me that the men somehow had a second sense about when he was there because they'd line up outside the door when he was—despite there were no posted hours. I've been wondering about it because I learned that he had passed.

This week there was a cleanup crew working inside. I spoke with the new man establishing a business there. It looks like it's going to be a very nice tattoo parlor.

All of these things are good for downtown Dixon to be more attractive to our residents and certainly more prosperous to merchants. I'll try not to be impatient with downtown locations anymore because in retrospect, when they do change, they usually get a whole lot better. ★

Impacts of Community Theater Shared

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Angel finds unexpected parallels between herself and the role, demonstrating the transformative power of theater to illuminate aspects of our own identities.

But the impact of community theater extends far beyond the stage. Angel's daughter, inspired by her mother's newfound passion, eagerly explores her own artistic interests. "I hope to get my child involved more as well," Angel beams, highlighting the ripple effect of artistic expression within families and the wider community.

For Janice, Robert, and Angel alike, the experience of 'Murder Mystery at the Dixon Manor' has been nothing short of transformative.

"Theater enriches lives, builds self-confidence, and puts smiles on faces," Janice reflects, her words echoing the sentiment shared by all who have found solace and joy in the embrace of the stage.

As the curtains rise on Dixon's theatrical

renaissance, one thing is clear: the spirit of community, creativity, and camaraderie burns brighter than ever before.

In the words of Angel, "Don't think about trying new things. Just get out there and do it." And in doing so, we write the next chapter of Dixon's vibrant artistic legacy.

The next auditions for the presentation, 'Dreamland' will be Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1 both from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street.

Dreamland is a modernized version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with the added fun of a Vaudevillian-style variety show. Music, dance, and comedy acts will be woven into the classic plot of star-crossed lovers and mischievous fairies. Casting will be for all ages including children. Show dates will be June 14-16 and 21-23. For more information, email dixoncommunitytheater@gmail.com. ★

Court Seeks Applicants for the Civil Grand Jury

Superior Court of California/County of Solano News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Alesia Jones, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Solano County, announces the Court is seeking volunteers to serve as jurors on the 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury. Residents who have lived in the county for one year, are a United States citizen and are 18 years of age or older, may apply for service.

The grand jury is an historic institution and serves an important role in our society. It is sometimes referred to as the "watchdog" of the community. It functions as an arm of the judicial branch of government and operates under the authority of the Solano Superior Court.

The grand jury investigates and reports

on the operations, accounts, and records of local government and has the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government. Empowered by the judicial branch, the grand jury is a fact-finding body that develops meaningful solutions to a wide range of governmental issues, thereby facilitating positive change in the community.

Although this is primarily a civic responsibility, grand jurors are paid a \$20 per diem and are paid mileage reimbursement for each authorized meeting. Persons interested in applying may contact Cheryl Clower at the Office of the Grand Jury at (707) 435-2575 or visit the Court's website at www.solano.courts.ca.gov and obtain an application online. The application deadline for submission is May 31. ★

Volunteers Make a Difference During Earth Day Cleanup



Volunteer Tracy cleaned a variety of litter and beverage containers from the Suisun Waterfront area using a kayak. Photo courtesy of SRCD

Solano Resource Conservation District News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- On a warm and sunny Saturday morning, 300 volunteers came out to sites around Solano County to clean up trash and recyclables in their communities in celebration of the 54th Annual Earth Day.

Equipped with reusable supplies such as gardening gloves, buckets, and pickup sticks, folks searched through parks, along trails, and even in the water for litter and recyclables large and small. Groups from local businesses, community organizations, and schools worked alongside families and individuals to both beautify and protect local water quality in a whopping 6 square miles over 11 cleanup sites.

With data still coming in from some of the biggest hauls, we already know that over 10,190 pounds of trash and 842 pounds of recyclable beverage containers have been removed from our shared green spaces, neighborhoods, and waterways through Saturday's efforts.

Common finds were discarded recyclable glass and aluminum beverage containers, food wrappers, cigarette butts, single-use plastics, and paper and cardboard products. Among the rarer items collected were holiday ornaments and an artificial tree, a Darth Vader teddy bear, and metal hardware from a dock.

The Earth Day Cleanup event is one of three county-wide efforts coordinated each year by Solano County agencies and cities along with Solano Resource Conservation District. Assemblymember Lori Wilson had her staff in full force at the Ledge



Youth members of the Police Activities League facilitated safety talks and weigh-ins at Vacaville's Rocky Hill, along with collecting lots of litter. Photo courtesy of SRCD

Creek site in Fairfield. The dedication and grace from the team of cleanup volunteers shined brightly Saturday morning. Each participant left with an energy bar provided by the Sierra Club and Sprouts Farmers Market, and vegetable seed starts from Assemblymember Wilson's staff. It was quite a success.

There were many different reasons volunteers came out on Saturday. Grayson, a local Vallejo high school student, was volunteering with her mom. She heard about this event through both her mother's employment at Target, and through her local school. She says that these hours count towards her required volunteer hours to graduate but would willingly participate simply for the personal feeling of accomplishment.

She has concerns for the local wildlife and would like to see less trash that can harm animals. Grayson encourages others to participate, saying that cleaning up trash is great exercise and very peaceful to be in nature.

People who missed this opportunity or who loved it and want to come back for more can join us at Lake Solano for the World Environment Day taking place on June 1st. The

family-friendly event not only focuses on cleaning up the shoreline of a major water source for our county, Lake Berryessa, but also includes fun activities for volunteers such as planting grass plugs and forbs and making seed packets to attract pollinators to their gardens. Lunch and cold drinks will be available to all registered volunteers, who will also receive a commemorative T-shirt. In addition, there will be guided kayak tours of Lake Solano and the opportunity to meet Bilgee the Bilge Pad, the protector of Lake Berryessa, who will encourage volunteers and pose for pictures.

This year's last cleanup event is Coastal Cleanup Day, held in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission and globally with Ocean Conservancy and scheduled for Saturday, September 21st, 2024. To participate in or find out more about Solano County cleanup efforts, please visit cleanup.solano.org.

For more information about Solano County cleanups, contact Marianne Butler at Solano Resource Conservation District at (707) 678-1655 x 114 or marianne.butler@solanorcd.org. ★

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Dixon Independent Voice has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant in our office in Dixon.

This position includes customer service, processing payments, following up with subscribers and advertisers, researching local activities and news for creating news releases.

Candidates must have strong communication skills, be able to type a minimum of 45 wpm, good internet skills, social media skills, strong writing skills, and be familiar with Office 365.

General work hours are between 9 and 4, Monday through Friday. Previous office experience required. This is a part-time semi-flexible hourly position.

Check out our company at www.MPG8.com.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Publisher@MPG8.com.



Readi-Ride Rates High Among Residents

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Public Works Director Louren Kotow said Dixon residents love Readi-Ride bus transit service.

Kotow gave officials the rundown of the four-decade transit service in the 2023 Readi-Ride ridership survey, touting positive feedback from staff regarding transit service at the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on April 17.

The survey was conducted electronically in March by Survey Monkey, and paper surveys were also provided on buses. Surveys in English and Spanish were also left at the Senior Communities of Heritage Commons and Second Street Apartments. A total of 22 responses were received, compared to the 2023 of 34 responses.

Several survey responses included suggestions for changes to the Readi-Ride Service, including additional weekday hours, electronic payment, less wait time, and service hours during the weekdays. While officials are working on some suggestions, the latter cannot be helped, according to

Kotow.

“As it is ridership, we cannot pay for Saturdays and weekends,” Kotow said. “We did try, and it failed, and once we resume full normalcy, we are open to trying again.”

According to Kotow, electronic payments are being evaluated using the Clipper 2.0 update. Once the prototype is available, the hand-held unit will be tested.

“We wanted to see if they would be able to utilize a smartphone platform,” Kotow said. Many of our riders are seniors, and they may not be as technologically advanced. It is important that we don’t leave them behind because they are a segment that relies on us greatly.”

For those who prefer to use something other than electronic payments, Readi-Ride program booklets are on sale at Dixon City Hall.

“You can use alternative methods of payment in that way, but to use it on the bus itself is using your pass or using cash only,” Kotow said, adding hybrid payments will remain.

As for adding longer hours, that is not possible right now, according to the public works director. Presently, the local bus service is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is closed between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. It is available on Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and is closed

between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

When it comes to finding out about Readi-Ride news, Dixon residents said they prefer to find out information on the bus before email and the website, which they consider a last option. The survey provided space for additional comments, all of which were positive. Some comments included, “My driver is always friendly and gets me to my destination on time,” and “All dispatchers are easy to get along with.” Other comments included the service being “very good” and “I love Readi-Ride.”

Other features appreciated include door-to-door service, convenience, punctuality, reliability, and

a courteous atmosphere. Kotow said that when asked where most Dixon residents begin and end their trips, the most popular answer was that they start at home and end at work, school, or medical appointments.

“Our drivers seem to be our greatest assets,” Kotow told officials. “We are such a small community; that is why we really try to focus on having drivers who are friendly.”

As far as payment is concerned, residents agree the price is fair. Kotow

pointed out that riders mostly choose three in a one-to-four rating, with four being the highest. Currently, fare rates are \$2.75 for an adult trip, \$2.25 for seniors, \$2.25 for youth, and \$1.25 for children. Ride coupon books are available for up to 20 rides.

To reserve a Readi-Ride, call (707) 678-5020 Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Calls made at other hours will be recorded, and a staff member will return your call after 7:00 a.m. the following business day. ★



Dixon Readi-Ride banner encourages residents to utilize the service. Courtesy photo

Would you be open to utilizing a mobile and/or a desktop application to schedule and pay for trips on Readi-Ride?	
2024	2023
Yes – 5	Yes – 22
No – 8	No – 3
Maybe – 8	Maybe – 9
No opinion – 1	No opinion – 0

Would the elimination of cash payments for services on Readi-Ride impact your use of their services?	
2024	2023
Yes – 7	Yes – 11
No – 10	No – 12
Maybe – 4	Maybe – 12
No opinion – 1	No opinion – 0

Survey responses for the Dixon Readi-Ride Program Survey were conducted in March. Courtesy photo

First Northern Bank Promotes HR Director to Chief HR Officer



Libby Feyh will take the helm as the Chief Human Resources Officer. Photo courtesy by First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - First Northern Bank (OTCQX: FNRN), the region’s #1 local small business lender, proudly announces the promotion of Libby Feyh to the newly created role of Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO).

Feyh has served First Northern Bank as the Senior Vice President and Human Resources Director since 2019,

demonstrating exceptional leadership, promoting a culture of excellence, and a deep understanding of the Bank’s values. In this role, she will continue to uphold the highest standards of human resources management while driving initiatives that

support our employees’ professional development, well-being, and a positive work environment.

Feyh brings more than 25 years of human resource leadership experience to First Northern Bank. She has a

proven record of success in developing and implementing human resources initiatives across retail

and financial services. Her core competencies include leadership development and executive coaching, top tier recruiting practices, talent and performance management, succession planning, change management, innovative problem solving, and employment practices and law.

“At First Northern Bank, we recognize the importance of fostering a positive workplace culture and investing in our employees. Libby’s leadership as CHRO will further strengthen our commitment to providing opportunities for our team members to thrive,” said Jeremiah Smith, President and CEO of First Northern Bank. “She will continue to play a pivotal role in guiding our workforce strategies and recruiting the best bankers in the region.”

Libby holds a B.S. in Business Administration/Marketing from San Jose State University, SHRM SCP (Society for Human Resource Management – Senior Certified Professional), SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources), and PHRca (Professional in Human Resources—California) and is a certified analyst for the HR Predictive Index system. She serves on the board for Society for the Blind. ★

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Much Loved Veterinarian Passes

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Pothier. He passed quietly on Tuesday, April 16.

Word spread throughout Dixon within hours of his passing.

“So many of us have been connected for most of our lives, if not all,” said Linda Barret Thomas. “He was great. He kept it real. It’s the end of an era.” she said quietly. She shared a touching story about an injured lamb before May Fair where Peter soothed distraught owners. Several residents shared stories.

“Peter’s father, Olin Timm, and my father both graduated in 1931. Peter and I graduated in 1961 which shows that a lot of people like to stay where their roots are,” said Bill Schroeder who shares a common great-great grandmother with Peter. The two, along with other classmates and close friends, stayed connected with annual picnics out

at the Timm Ranch, class reunions every five years, or monthly lunches.

Peter permitted the Dixon High Cross Country Team to run out at the ranch for training and Schroeder said horse riders were allowed to ride on the property as well “as long

as they closed the gate,” Schroeder said.

Peter’s grown children live in California; a daughter who is a veterinarian and a son who is an engineer.

Friends will be invited to a Celebration of Life at a later date. ★



Mary Ann Pothier and Dr. Peter Timm were champions of fun at community events. Courtesy photo

Girls on the Rise in Law Careers

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano Superior Court, Solano County Bar Association and the Solano Commission for Women and Girls is offering a special event for young women ages 15 to 25 interested in the legal field to learn more.

“Dixon women are especially encouraged as we have had little interest, but I think it’s because they are not hearing about it,” said Pat Nicodemus of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls who recently won the Soroptimist Ruby Award. That award honors non-Soroptimist women for making extraordinary efforts on behalf of other women.

“Girls on the Rise: Find Your Place in the Legal Field” will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Solano County Event Center, 601 Texas Street, in downtown Fairfield. and will be an exciting in-person event where we will delve into the dynamic world of law. It includes lunch.

This event offers a unique opportunity for young women to connect with influential women leaders, gain valuable insights into the legal field, experience a courtroom

tour, and engage in thought-provoking discussions. Whether a high school student, recent graduate, or simply interested in exploring various career paths in the legal field, this forum is tailored to meet one’s various needs. Don’t miss out on this chance to be inspired and uncover the limitless possibilities that await you in the legal profession.

Key Highlights are:

-Meet Women Leaders: Interact with accomplished women leaders in the legal field who will share their experiences and provide guidance on navigating a successful career path.

-Acquire valuable insights into the legal profession through engaging in discussions and learn about the diverse opportunities available within the field.

-Explore the legal world by getting an exclusive opportunity to tour a courtroom and gain a firsthand understanding of the legal system, enhancing your knowledge and perspective.

Register through Eventbrite or visit the Solano Commission for Women and Girls home page: solanocommissionwomensgirls.com, or email scba@solanobar.org. ★

Garamendi Releases Statement on Passage of National Security Bills



U.S. Representative John Garamendi. MPG file photo

Office of Rep. Garamendi News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On April 20, U.S. Representative John Garamendi (D-CA08) released the following statement on the passage of national security bills for Ukraine, Israel, and Pacific allies:

“After months of inaction by House Republicans,

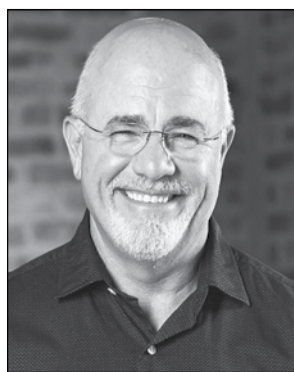
House Democrats proved that the United States will not abandon its allies by passing funding for Ukraine. As Putin wages his illegal war, it is more vital than ever that the U.S. stand by the brave people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom and democracy. I am thrilled that the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives has finally heeded the President’s call to stand by our Ukrainian allies.

“Today, I voted no on sending more money for offensive weapons to Israel. While I will always support the people of Israel, we cannot continue to provide unconditional U.S. funding for Prime Minister Netanyahu’s unconscionable bombing campaign in Gaza. Time and again, Netanyahu has acted against President Biden’s warnings and

failed to recommit to the international consensus on a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. After more than 34,000 deaths, half of which are children, and a continued blockade of food and medical supplies, the U.S. can no longer turn a blind eye to the suffering of the people of Gaza.

“I am also pleased to have voted to support our partners in the Indo-Pacific. The \$8.12 billion funding will help Taiwan, the Philippines, Japan, and other Pacific allies counter the People’s Republic of China’s unprovoked aggression and promote peace and stability in the region.

“Continued U.S. support for our allies and partners, through the bills passed today, helps rebuild domestic manufacturing for our national security.” ★



A Safety Net, Not a Hammock

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are in a bad situation, and we’re thinking about taking my parents up on their offer to move in with them. We both work two jobs. I’m a medical transcriptionist with a small business on the side, and he’s a warehouse clerk who is also trying to get a business off the ground. Combined, we bring home about \$70,000 a year, plus we have \$80,000 in debt between credit cards and a car loan. On top of all this, our rent went up 18% at the first of the year, and we can’t afford the increase. Should we move in with my folks?

– Melissa

Dear Melissa,

I’m not opposed to families jumping into a situation together to solve a problem. That includes

Dave Ramsey Says

grown children moving back home for a short period of time. Sometimes, when the right people are involved (and proper boundary expectations are established and agreed upon), it can work out well for everyone. I just want you to be very careful that you’re not using a move like this to mask the real problem.

I’m going to shoot straight with you. The real problem isn’t an 18% jump in rent. The real problem is what that rent increase revealed about you both—the fact that you have weak careers. You guys are like two hamsters in a wheel right now. Neither one of you is afraid of work. That much is obvious. And you’re working four jobs between the two of you, so there’s no lack of effort. But you’re not gaining any traction. You’re not making a lot of money, and the debt hanging over your heads isn’t helping either.

Your parents are obviously good-hearted people, Melissa. If you do this, I want you, your husband and your folks

to go into it with this mindset—your stay with them is a brief stopover on your way to prosperity. Don’t go into this—any of you—with an attitude of the world is mean, rent went up, and we can’t make it out there. This is a safety net, not a hammock. Use this time to begin addressing your financial issues, and take a long, hard look at your career and income situation. If you use this opportunity wisely, you can emerge in a better place with your money and with getting ahead in your careers.

God bless you all!!

– Dave

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Chasing Joy

with Jeff Myers



What’s YOUR Good News?

Commentary by Jeff Myers

Don’t you love getting good news? Good news can change the atmosphere of your whole day. Really good news can be a game-changer for your whole life! Maybe it’s an unexpected infusion of cash, a promotion at work, a disease that has healed or a new addition to your family...when good news hits, we can’t help but smile, text a friend, pump our fists or do a happy dance. Good news is the best!

Christians have a special word for good news — gospel. We borrowed it from the Romans about 2,000 years ago. In Roman culture, a gospel message was a royal good news proclamation. “Good news! We have a new emperor!” “Good news! We were victorious in battle!” “Good news! The gods have given the emperor a son!” The Roman heralds would stand in town squares and often proclaim these gospel messages. Sometimes the news was truly good. Sometimes it was merely Roman propaganda, but the ancient world was no stranger to gospel messages.

When Jesus of Nazareth started his ministry, he redeemed that word and began proclaiming a different kind of gospel. The idea was basically, “I know you’ve heard these so-called gospel messages before, but I have an actual ‘good news’ message!” The word stuck and his followers have been spreading the gospel ever since. It’s still good news and it’s still a royal proclamation.

The world has a new king, and his

name is Jesus! Recently I was reading through the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans and a phrase jumped off the page. In Romans 16:25 (NIV), Paul begins closing his letter with this:

“Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ...” Paul doesn’t say “THE gospel”; he says “MY gospel”. Most every Christian knows THE gospel, but maybe you and I haven’t given enough thought to OUR gospel. I have a good news story to tell about the unique ways I’ve been delivered and blessed by King Jesus. You also have a gospel story about how God has been transforming you and leading you to greater things!

I love this about God. There is no cookie-cutter plan for Christ-followers. No two stories are the same. I can share my gospel story and it will connect with a few people and encourage them. You can share your gospel story and it will connect with a totally different group of people. We each share OUR gospel story and the result is THE gospel story going out in a beautiful, grass-roots kind of way all over the world!

So what’s your good news? What’s your gospel? Each of us has a story to tell and God weaves all those stories together into the beautiful tapestry of his story. His gospel. The world has a new king. His name is Jesus. He set me free and gave me a new purpose and he’ll do the same for you!

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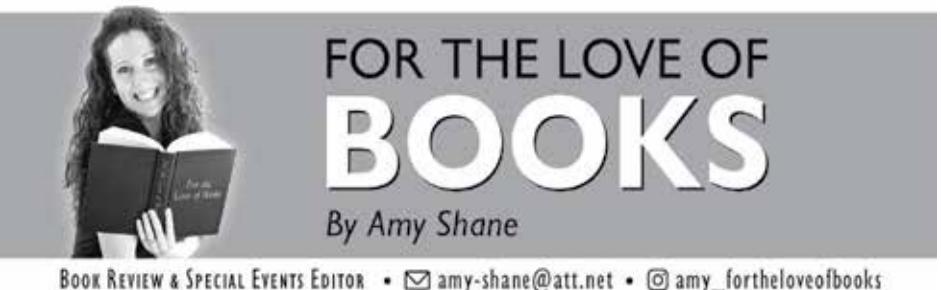
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Riley Reviews

SUCCESS COMES ONCE AGAIN FOR THE TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The theme for this year's concluded TCM Classic Film Festival was "Most Wanted: Crime and Justice in the Movies," but with the wide range of films on offer, the festival once again delivered a number of gems neither widely seen nor fitting the theme.

A most enjoyable discovery outside of the crime genre was "International House," a chaotic musical comedy featuring a wonderful array of clowns, including W.C. Fields, George Burns, Gracie Allen, and Franklin Pangborn, and musical cameos with Cab Calloway and Rudy Vallee.

The action takes place at a Chinese hotel where an inventor seeks bids for his super-television, but the setting is nothing more than an excuse for strange musical numbers and inspired gags, particularly naughty bits from W.C. Fields as well as goofy turns by the delightfully giddy Gracie Allen.

Just as entertaining as this hilarious film was special guest Bruce Goldstein, the founder of classic film distributor Rialto Pictures, delivering insights into the weird censorship tactics of the Hays Office, which developed the Production Code for what was morally acceptable at the cinema.

"International House," released in 1933 was a "pre-Code" film, but nevertheless the Hays Office labeled this highly amusing lark both "vulgar" and "offensive," and by today's standards you'd think nothing of it.

Top billing in the film went to Peggy Hopkins Joyce, an actress and socialite known for a flamboyant lifestyle, playing herself. Goldstein summed up her notoriety with the moniker "Jazz Age Kardashian."

As for a crime film, it doesn't get much better than James Cagney in 1949's "White Heat," where his character Cody Jarrett was a psychopath who trusted nobody except his criminal mother (Margaret Wycherly). His Oedipus complex left little room for loving his faithless wife (Virginia Mayo).

Eddie Muller, the host of "Noir Alley" on Turner Classic Movies, observed that Cagney thought the script for "White Heat" was horrible, and that he supposedly enlisted Humphrey Bogart, among others, for a rewrite of what he deemed "pedestrian" material.

Interestingly, Muller claimed "White Heat" was not a gangster film, but rather an "outlaw film," and went so far to call it "one of the greatest crime films ever made." It may seem only fitting that this is the movie in which Cagney yelled that he was on "top of the world."

Mentioned in a previous update, the comic caper "Gambit" starring Shirley MacLaine and Michael Caine proved to be as entertaining as could be hoped. The

film fits neatly in a genre with other 60's films like "Charade," "Arabesque," and "Topkapi."

Film historian Sloan De Forest pegged "Gambit" as a "stylish romantic comedy crime film," and noted that MacLaine used her clout to get Caine for the role of a con artist because she liked his style in "The Ipcress File," which by the way is a terrific Cold War spy thriller.

A festival devoted to classic films would seem lacking if it didn't include Alfred Hitchcock, arguably a good pick for best director of all time. And what could be better than "Rear Window" and "North by Northwest?" Well, you could easily choose "Psycho," "Vertigo" or "To Catch a Thief," among others.

Watching "North by Northwest" on the big screen in the iconic Chinese Theatre IMAX is the way to go. The scene at Mount Rushmore carries a stunning full impact when it actually looks larger than life.

Writer, director and producer Nancy Meyers introduced the film as the "Hitchcock picture to end all Hitchcock pictures," which was what screenwriter Ernest Lehman set out to accomplish with a compilation of tropes that defined the Master of Suspense.

The chemistry between Cary Grant, the innocent man on the run, and Eva Marie Saint's cool blonde mystery woman, was something to behold. Meyers noted her favorite line was when Grant said "How does a girl like you get to be a girl like you?"

Less than three years shy of being a centenarian, Mel Brooks has not lost his touch for making people laugh. This year's festival marks his seventh appearance to introduce one of his films, this time "Spaceballs." If memory serves, his last attendance was for "The Producers" in 2018.

While his parody of science-fiction and "Star Wars" in particular was highlighted in "Spaceballs," Brooks regaled a packed house with backstories on several of his most popular comedies.

The screening of "Blazing Saddles" for executives at Warner Brothers resulted in studio head Ted Ashley telling Brooks to take note of the cuts that needed to be made.

"A ten-minute movie" is what Brooks said would be the outcome of censorious editing, and then later, when the Western spoof was a big hit, "Ashley took credit for it," proving Brooks' claim that "questionable taste is good."

"The Producers" was based on a real story, as Brooks noted he worked for a guy who took old plays on the road, and Brooks said he felt like the character Leo Bloom, enthralled to be a part of show business. In turn, the audience was enthralled with the comedy legend. ★

Local Author Spotlight

Local Dixon author delivers a new children's book filled with mystery, cats, mischief, and mayhem.

Recently, I had the opportunity to interview Marcy Savala about her author journey, story, and the inspiration behind her new book *The Mysterious Kitty Card Caper*. Marcy Savala lives in Dixon with her eight furry kitty capers, which are full of their own mischief and fun.

FTLOB: Hi Marcy, Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to readers about your new book, *The Mysterious Kitty Card Caper*. Please tell readers a little about your book.

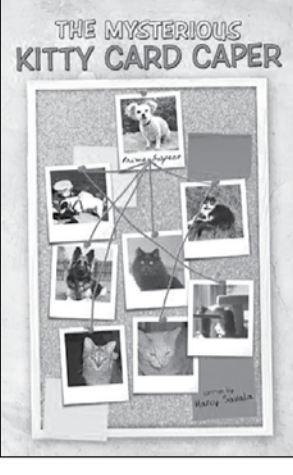
MS: The Mysterious Kitty Card Caper is about a person recovering from surgery. What follows is a group of "get well" cards sent by the kitties, but were they really? The mystery is finding out who is sending all the cards and the trouble they get into.

FTLOB: Oh, Wow, how darling! This sounds like a fun and intriguing mystery. What age group is your story geared towards?

MS: The story is for ages nine and above.

FTLOB: Your story has a very interesting premise: cats sending get-well cards. What inspired you to write this story?

MS: During my recovery



from an injury, I had the time and space to fulfill my dream of writing this book.

FTLOB: Your story emphasizes on many different points; which lesson do you want the readers to walk away with most?

MS: The lesson of love, companionship, and helping each other.

FTLOB: Since your story is based around kitties and the unique way they touch someone's life, Do you have a special Kitty moment in your life?

MS: The rescue of my special Kitty, Sweetpea. She was three weeks old when I rescued her, bottle-fed her & carried her around everywhere I went. She slept

under the covers next to me for all of her 26 years, and I miss her deeply.

FTLOB: Since writing and publishing your first book, what has been the best part of your writing journey?

MS: Developing the characters, the inspiration of the story line and utilizing all my furry friends.

FTLOB: Since this story is based on an intriguing mystery, do you have a favorite mystery book?

MS: Murder on the Orient Express.

FTLOB: I love that you have found a way to combine your love of cats with your dream of becoming an author. Where is this book available, and do you have a website where readers can learn more about you and your kitty capers?

MB: The book is available through Amazon or the publisher. My website is still in development.

FTLOB: Thank you so much, Marcy, for taking the time to speak to our readers. For readers who would like to uncover the mystery of the kitty cat capers, this book is also available online at Barnes and Noble and www.westbowpress.com. ★



Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Sacramento Kings are officially out of the playoffs, and the 2023/2024 season is over.

The question that everyone should be asking is, is there reason for optimism? I say unequivocally, yes!

Kings center, and indefatigable big man Domantas Sabonis, has now completed two consecutive seasons as the NBA's number one rebounder, outproducing every other player in the entire league. Add to that herculean feat the fact that he led the league for the first time in his career in triple doubles with 26, and you have the picture of an indispensable player.

If there was an iron man award given in the NBA, no doubt Domantas would receive this award as well. Playing in all 82 games, the Kings center led by example all season, undoubtedly playing through numerous nagging injuries, just as he did last year when he played the bulk of the season with a broken thumb.

So, with the fastest point guard in the NBA in De'Aaron Fox, and a center like Domantas Sabonis leading the way, why are the Sacramento Kings sitting on the sidelines, watching the playoffs from afar once again?

Because no one player, or even two, can do it alone.

Whether a healthy Malik Monk would have been enough to give the Kings the extra fuel they needed to finally defeat the New Orleans Pelicans after suffering through five straight defeats in the regular season is anyone's guess.

Make no doubt about it, Malik Monk is magic to this team, and if Monte McNair does nothing else, he must sign Malik to a long-term deal.

Domantas needs someone with girth next to him, and if either coach Brown can figure out how to effectively use Alex Len, or it becomes necessary to draft or acquire a free agent, by next season Domantas can't be the only player capable of averaging a double-double.

By all rights this team should be meeting the Oklahoma City Thunder, and were it not for our own implosion caused by missing free throws, or games taken away by way of atrocious officiating, the Kings would

undoubtedly be in the first round for the second straight year.

That is not the case, and we all must shake away the cobwebs and buckle down to reason with a remedy that is realistic.

First acknowledge there is no first-round pick, so focus on the second round and scour the NCAA, Europe, and beyond to find the Kings a legitimate player capable of not just making the team, but able to make a significant contribution.

I like overall what I see in the growth of Keon Ellis, but there will need to be an expansion of his playing skills if he is to be a starter on this team.

Trey Lyles' time has come, and he needs to replace Harrison Barnes in the starting lineup.

If that is a knock on Harrison, it should not be taken as such. Trey is 28 and provides more girth and rebounding potential than Barnes. Lyles has a three-point shot that is good, and with more playing time I'm convinced he can surpass the 40% mark on a consistent basis.

Coach Brown, after tinkering with his bench substitutions for the entire season, finally tightened down for the final two games, and played a total of four off the bench in the win over the Golden State Warriors. This needs to continue and should not be an aberration.

As I recede into the offseason, and turn my attention to baseball, it's the win over the Golden State Warriors that I will focus on. Yes, the win that sends a message to a team that says, "the torch has been passed," and we have not forgotten last season's humbling loss that took away our chances to advance to the second round.

As the sun sets on this roller coaster we call the NBA, let's be sure to applaud De'Aaron Fox who finished 8th in the NBA in scoring with a 26.6 ppg scoring average. De'Aaron, like his teammate Domantas Sabonis, is the epitome of bringing his lunch to work, and not a game goes by that De'Aaron doesn't leave it all on the hardwood.

Congratulations to this mighty team, to their effort, and to their commitment. We will all be back next year to root you on to even greater heights!

All the best! ★

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Meals on Wheels – Homebound seniors can receive meals delivered to their homes by calling 707-425-0638. Lunch also served at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South 5th St. at 11:30 a.m. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7-8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First Street. For information call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary – Dixon Post 208 meets at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First Street. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C Street. Email anderson-roadrunnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11-18 years old. Contact John at 707-678-9693 or email Scoutmaster152@gmail.com for more information. Check us out on the web: <http://www.troop152dixon.com>.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20-6:50 p.m. (4-12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7:00-7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50-8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 & over, Juniors under 16, & those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

City Of Dixon: The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept.

City Council – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@solanocounty.com or 707-784-1526.

Dixon Boat Club – Meets 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622.

Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information.

Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the 3rd Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., the 4th Thursday of each month 5:30-7:30 p.m., and the 4th Sunday of each month 2:30-5:30 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children's lives meets on the 4th Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954 the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Website: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca>. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

Dixon Rotary Club – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. Street, Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Marianne MacDonald, 2023-2024 Rotary President, at 707-696-3384.

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association – Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit www.scotsindixon.org.

Dixon Senior Club – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve on your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Call 707-678-9198 for more information.

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings – The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson streets.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at Jack & Linda's Country Cafe, 2390 N. Texas, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000489

The following persons are doing business as: Mi Favorita Wholesales, 1601 Enterprise Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533. Alejandro Hurtado, 303 Hoyt Court, Suisun City, CA 94585. Date filed in Solano County: March 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 16, 2008

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration March 21, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
FAVORITA 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-00045

The following persons are doing business as: Valdovino's Sales LLC, 1015 Skyline Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591. Valdovino's Sales LLC, 1015 Skyline Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591. Date filed in Solano County: April 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before

the expiration April 1, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024
VALDOVINOS 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000179
The following persons are doing business as: Lucky Hair and Nail Salon, 1450 Ary Lane Suite C, Dixon, CA 95620. Lucky Hair and Nail Salon LLC, 1450 Ary Lane Suite C, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration January 30, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024
LUCKY 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000494
The following persons are doing business as: Preferred Vending, 545 E. Creekside Circle, Dixon, CA 95620. Southview Advisors, LLC, 545 E. Creekside Circle, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: March 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk,

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PREFERRED 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000594
The following persons are doing business as: Creative Solutions Education, 1735 West H Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Tara Weiland, 1735 West H Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: April 10, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration April 9, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
CREATIVE 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000644
The following persons are doing business as: Magic Mortgage, California Mortgage Lending, Mavin Mortgage, 1115 Stratford Avenue, Suite D, Dixon, CA 95620. Best Equity Property Services, Inc. and Magic Mortgage, 1115 Stratford Avenue, Suite D, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: April 18, 2024. The Registrant com-

menced to transact business under the above business name on: June 3, 2019.

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration April 14, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.) Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
MAGIC 5-17-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EMANUEL CAMILLERI CASE NO. PR24-00207

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Emanuel Camilleri.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Esther DeBono and Saviour Camilleri, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Saviour Camilleri be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the

petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10, Room 305; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Deborah A. Biggane, 5065 Misty Ridge Drive, Roseville, CA 95747; 619-432-5399
Publish: April 19, 26, May 3, 2024
CAMILLERI 5-3-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LORRAINE M. SARAGOSA, AKA LORRAINE MARIE SARAGOSA CASE NO. PR24-00073

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lorraine M. Saragosa, aka Lorraine Marie Saragosa.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lori Saragosa, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Lori Saragosa be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority

to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m. in Dept 10; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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SARAGOSA 5-3-24

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Solano County Genealogical Society to Host Guest Speaker

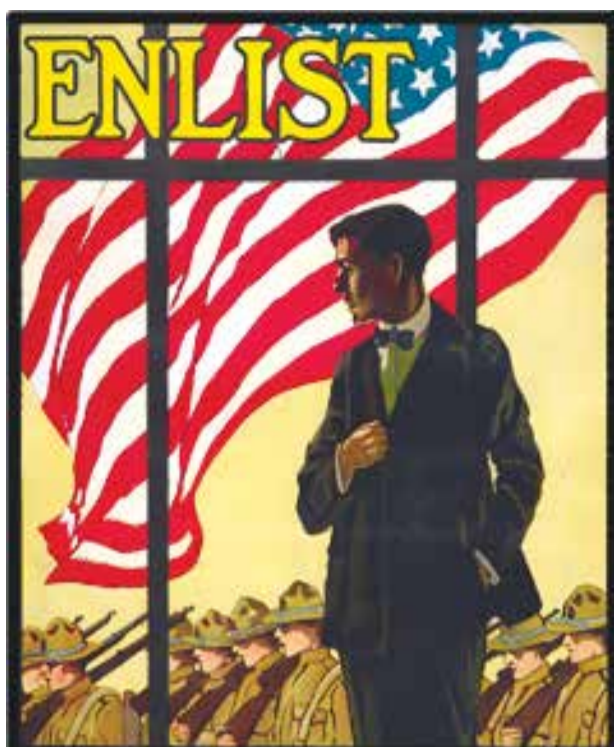
Solano County Genealogical Society News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Genealogical Society will host a virtual Speaker Series presentation on Saturday, May 4.

Our speaker, K.B. Barcomb, will present "W.W.I. Records, Resources, and Research Methods" at 11:00 a.m.

Discover the wartime and post-war experiences of your WWI ancestors. This program provides a comprehensive overview of the WWI records and resources currently available, especially those found online. Learn what they are and where they are. More importantly, learn strategies and methods that can help you effectively manage and analyze the wide variety of service-related information you are likely to find. This presentation includes case study examples and is designed to benefit all levels of research experience.

Guests are welcome to attend this free event. If interested, send an email to the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4



Pictured here is a classic WWI cartoon, encouraging young men to enlist. Photo courtesy of KB Barcomb

p.m., May 3rd to request an invitation. More information on our events can be found on the society's website at www.scgsca.org and the Facebook page.

KB Barcomb specializes in WWI and WW2 records, resources, and research methodology. Her focus is on understanding the context of military records, so as to better interpret and analyze their content. She

teaches for the Applied Genealogy Institute and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. KB is a retired Army officer with over 20 years of active military service. She is a member of the Society for Military History and the Association of Professional Genealogists. ★



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DIXON POLICE LOG

Sunday, April 7
1824 - An informational report was taken at the intersection of South 1st St at East Mayes St.
1440 - Burglary reported in the 2500 block of North Lincoln Street. The business owner was watching the suspect on video surveillance, going through drawers and cabinets in the closed lobby. The suspect, Saige Laquinca (29) a transient was contacted walking away from the business with armloads of merchandise. She was arrested for burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia. Saige was then taken to county jail.

Saturday, April 6
1958 - Bike Stop Regency Parkway at Schooner Ridge Court. Jose Solorio (37) of Dixon was arrested for an outstanding warrant and booked into the Solano County Jail.
2301 - Welfare check 1500 block Valley Glen Drive. Augustine Alvarez-Ruiz (24) of Dixon was arrested for 273.5(a) PC and was booked into the Solano County Jail.
0149 - Hit and Run Collision West A St at Pitt School Road.

Friday, April 5
0152 - Traffic stop in the 1000 block of North 1st Street resulted in the arrest of Emanuel Medel Gonzalez (33) of Dixon for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was later issued a citation and released to a sober individual.
1244 - Towed vehicle and possession of illegal fireworks in the 100 block of W Walnut St.
1340 - Harassment calls report in the 200 block of W A St.
1424 - Rodolfo Lavalle (43) was arrested in the 200 block of W A St for violation of his condition as a sex offender registrant, and possession of an unregistered, unserialized firearm.
1514 - Auto burglary report in the 1000 block of Rose Way.

Tuesday, April 4
0851 - Confidential report in the 1000 block of Fielder Ct.
0926 - Stolen vehicle report in the 300 block of West Walnut St.
1255 - Agency assist report in the 600 block of S Almond St.
1639 - Fraud report in the 1400 block of Ary Ln.

Wednesday, April 3
0859 - Report of a stolen bike in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1015 - Confidential report taken in the 300 block of Pheasant Run Drive.
1133 - Report of found property in the 800 block of South 1st Street. The RP turned in a found ATM card.
1205 - Report of theft in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.
1324 - Report of found property in the 200 block of West A Street. The RP turned in a set of keys.

Tuesday, April 2
2308 - Theft report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.
0055 - Domestic Violence report was taken in the 1300 block of Commercial Wy.
0924 - School resource report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
1100 - Traffic stop in the 2800 block of West A Street resulted in the arrest of Albert Muscat (33) of Fairfield for possession of a stolen vehicle. The rental car he was driving was overdue. Albert went to county jail.
1329 - Report of a found gun in the 1100 block of Pitt School Road. The gun was booked as safekeeping.
1417 - Battery report taken in the 1700 block of Gold Street.

Monday, April 1
1742 - Sexual assault and domestic violence report was taken at the intersection of Ary Ln. at Pitt School Rd.
1852 - Theft from a vehicle report was taken in the 1300 block of Hillview Dr.
2130 - Missing Person Recovery report was taken at the intersection of South 4th St at East Broadway St.
0647 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 1300 block of West F Street.
1140 - Non injury traffic accident reported in the 2100 block of West A Street.
1210 - Report of a suspicious person in the 8500 block of Pedrick Road resulted in the arrest of Chad Woolfolk (35) of Atascadero for public intoxication. He was taken to county jail.
1300 - Vandalism report taken in the 200 block of North Jefferson Street.

Sunday, March 31
1120 - Report of a vehicle burglary in the 1300 block of Cornell Drive. Misc items taken from inside the truck.
1204 - Report of a vehicle burglary in the 2000 block of Folsom Fair Circle.
1233 - Report of burglary in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

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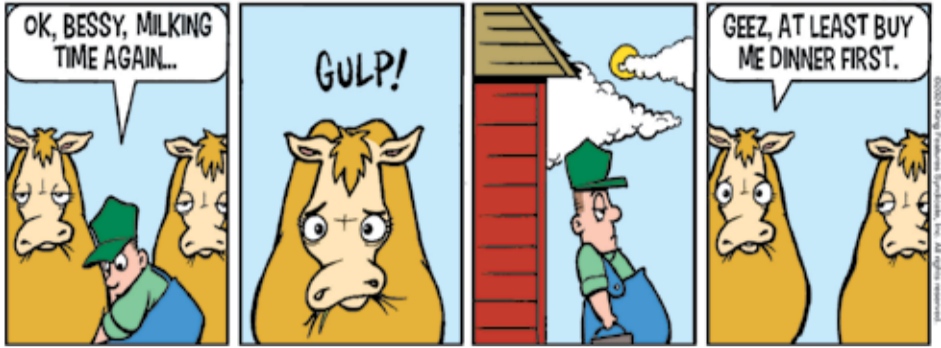
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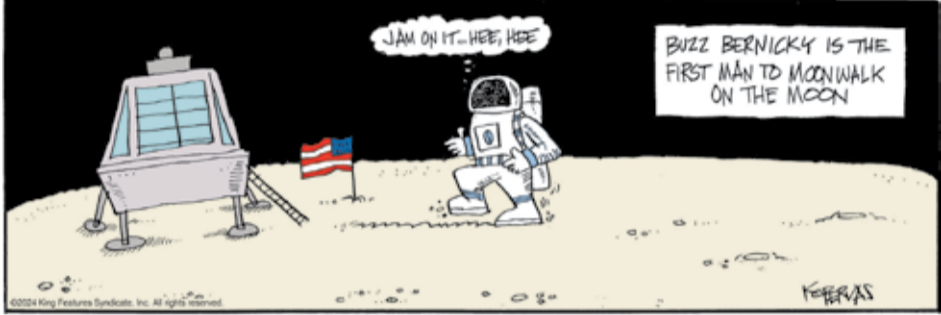
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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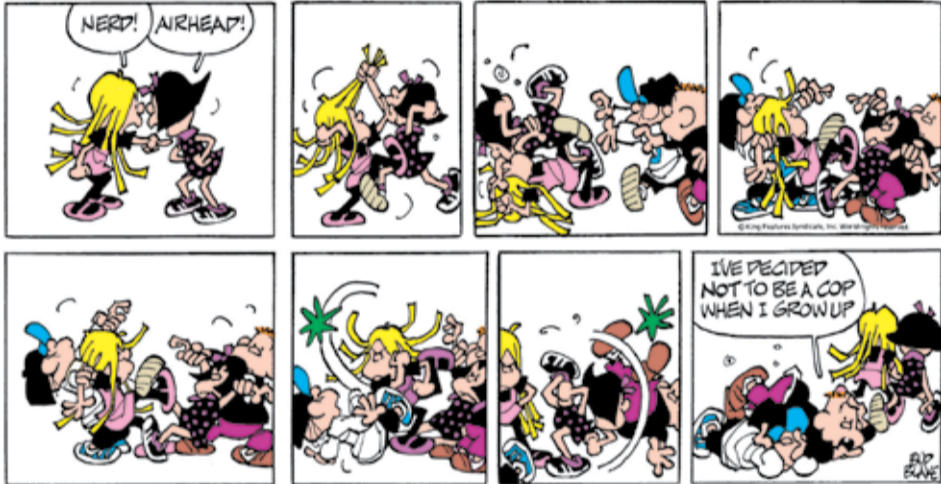
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by Gary Kopervas

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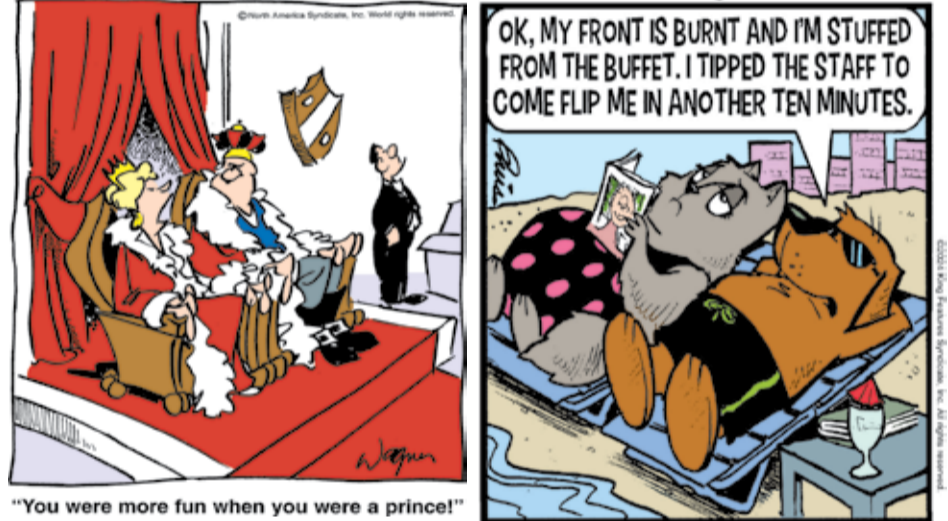


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What Am I?



Facebook user Samantha Spaulding answers weekly riddle with a picture of a butterfly. Courtesy photo

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - I creep and crawl with no eyes, legs, or ears, and in one acre of land, you may find a million of me and my peers, and to top it all off, you can eat me.

What am I?
Click on Dixon's Facebook page to find the answer to the Parks and Recreation Department Bugs & Critters Scavenger Hunt. According to Public Information Officer Madeline Graf, the idea to hold the April event is all "the recreation team."

"Our recreation team had the idea to start social media contests to engage with the public," Graf said. "Our Recreation Supervisor, Kyla Scnitter, started last year with a St. Patrick's Day leprechaun scavenger

hunt, and after seeing how successful it was, we continued."

Every Monday in April, the recreation department posts a riddle to be answered by Saturday of the same week. You are entered into the raffle if you answer the riddle correctly with an email or photo. The more correct answers, the more chances you have to win a Dixon Tire Pros gift card.

Answers are shared on Sundays, and fun facts about the critter that answers the riddle are available. Take, for example, Butterfly, week one's answer. Participants learned butterflies have two compound eyes containing thousands of lenses or ommatidia, and their brain collects information from each ommatidium and

make one big image they see.

Schnitter said that while brainstorming low-cost ways to engage with the public, Public Works Director Louren Kotow suggested using social media contests to connect with the community.

"After some initial research and "RE-creation" from other cities who have been successful, we decided to bring this to Dixon," Schnitter said. "Dixon residents have a lot of pride in the community, and we hope this will provide them with an opportunity to share their knowledge of the city with other residents."

The recreation supervisor said the scavenger hunt peaks into the park system.

"During this competition, we're able to highlight the city's

beautiful, well-maintained parks and the amenities that each one offers," Schnitter said.

Dixon features six parks including Hall, Northwest, Patwin, Conejo, Veterans, and Women's Improvement Club, which offers picnic tables and park benches and is available for special events.

Hall Park on Mayes & South Fifth is Dixon's largest park, touting tennis and basketball courts, group picnic areas, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, softball fields, a skate park, an outside amphitheater, and the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center and Jim B. Stevens Arena.

According to Schnitter

and Graf, hunting down the answers to the riddles is a great way for families to spend time outside and enjoy the parks.

"Residents and families can participate in this competition free of charge while enjoying the outdoors, connecting with each other, and learning a few fun facts along the

way," Graf said, thanking the contest sponsor. "We are extremely grateful to our sponsor, Dixon Tire Pros, and our past sponsors for making this competition possible."

For residents who may not partake in the cancer, earthworm is the answer to week one's riddle that started this report. ★

Dixon's Parks and Recreation Departments Bugs & Critters Scavenger Hunt offers a Tire Pro's gift card for winners. Courtesy photo

Answer a weekly Dixon Parks and Recreation Department riddle and enter to win a Tire Pro's gift card in the contest that runs through April. Courtesy photo

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