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Fireworks Sales Spark Nonprofit's Service



Salesmen at their best: The Veteran Riders, a nonprofit organization that raises funds for veterans, volunteer several days of their time to sell fireworks in the Safeway Store parking lot. They are (from L-R) Indigo Mike Montoya, Brian Roberts, C.J. Samuelz, Mike Samuelz, Tony Krous, (in window) Larry Mitchell and Anthony Carvalho.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - If you ever would like to make yourself sleepy as a prelude to a nap, just haul out the 16-page City of Dixon Ordinance governing the possession, sale and use of fireworks. Originally signed in 2013 by then-Mayor Jack Batchelor, it has been amended a few times with the most recent section 12.18.12 of Article II in the City Code.

Or for a better use of time, just visit one of the six locations that opened this past week around town where your purchase of Safe and Sane Fireworks will support one of the nonprofit organizations that serve our community. They were drawn as lottery winners by the Dixon Fire

Department and will all be operated by 20 to 40 volunteers.

Dixon Soccer Club, for example, will be set up in the CVS Pharmacy location at 1057 North First Street. Dixon Moose Lodge will be in the Walmart parking lot at 235 East Dorset Drive. Dixon Montessori Charter School will be at Michael's Market, 1100 Pitt School Road across from Dutch Brothers Coffee. Living Hope Church of Dixon will be at Wienerschnitzel located at 2500 West A Street.

The Dixon football supporters known as the Dixon Quarterback Club, will be at the Dixon Fruit Market just off the I-80 freeway / West A Street exit. And as tradition, the Veterans will host at the Safeway Supermarket parking lot by the Napa

Solano Veteran Riders. The address is 1235 Stratford Avenue.

The stands will be open for sales from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through the 4th of July.

At the end of the sales period and no later than November 1 of any year during which a nonprofit organization received a Fireworks Sales Permit, the nonprofit organization shall submit to the City Clerk a copy of the most recent report filed by the nonprofit organization with the State Board of Equalization. The filing of this statement shall be a condition precedent to the granting of any subsequent Fireworks Sales Permits.

The Fire Department gave a strong reminder that it would not send out reminders of any kind of this

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Celebrate Independence Day in Dixon



By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - No Fourth of July is complete without a dazzling firework show, and luckily for Dixon residents, they have the perfect opportunity to enjoy themselves on the holiday weekend.

The City of Dixon and the Rotary Club of Dixon will host a Fourth of July Fireworks Show in Dixon's Hall Park, located at 450 Hall Park Drive on July 4.

The city and Rotary Club officials say they are excited to host the event after a two-year hiatus, and plan to welcome the community back with the largest fireworks display to date.

The show will begin shortly after sunset, after 9 p.m. on July 4. This free event is open to all members of the public and is made possible through donations. Individuals and businesses who would like to make a donation can do so by mailing a check to Dixon Rotary Foundation, PO Box 181, Dixon, CA 95620.

In addition to the fireworks show, more events will take place in Hall Park on July 4.

The city will host Recreation Swim at the Pat Granucci Aquatics Center (450 East Mayes St., Dixon) from 3 to 6 p.m. The entry price is \$5.75 per adult and \$4.00 for children and seniors.

The city will partner with a local pickleball group to host open pickleball play and instruction from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; round robin pickleball play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and open pickleball play from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All pickleball events are free and open to players of all skill levels, including beginners.

A food truck court will be in the parking lot of the Pat Granucci Aquatics Center (450 East Mayes St., Dixon) from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Safe and sane fireworks will not be permitted in Hall Park. Fireworks that explode, shoot through the air, move along the ground, including sky-rockets, bottle rockets and firecrackers of all types are never permitted. A violation of the Fireworks Ordinance is punishable by the issuance of an administrative citation with an accompanying administrative fine up to \$1,000. ★

Sharing Senior Summer Fun

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Ice cream socials and morning lap swims keep seniors cool this summer.

Recreation director Austin George said all Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center activities allow seniors to socialize, especially during the summer.

"The Senior Multi-Use Center is an air-conditioned building and is open for seniors to come and cool off during normal business hours," George said. "This summer, we are hosting a series of ice cream socials for our senior community."

Along with the following two ice cream socials from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on July 12 and Aug. 9, seniors can also cool off in the pool with an adult swim from 5:30 to 7:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, as well as weekend hours at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center.

Summer exercise is also on the schedule: low-impact aerobics and chair Yoga classes. The

first free class gives residents an opportunity to see if they like it. If so, a 10-class non-expiring pass is \$95 or five classes cost \$50.

Mental exercise is also available with the center's ongoing puzzle and book library, which offers donated literature and brainteasers. Every Monday from noon until 2 p.m., Bingo is offered at the center, another great

way to keep the brain sharp.

The word multi-use in the center's title comes into play with private rentals.

"Residents can rent the center for private parties, events and classes," George said, adding the city website offers more information on invite-only gatherings.

Not only is it multi-use but, George said, the

Recreation Department is open to starting new programs.

The City of Dixon Redit-Ride service can provide seniors access to the center. Schedule a ride by calling 707- 678-5020.

"Senior residents aged 80 and over ride for free within city limits," Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf said.

George said that most of

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Busy Bee's Craft and Sewing Class celebrates Christmas in July with a Santa craft. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon



I Can Hear You!

By Debra Dingman

I didn't know our car blinker clicks twice when we signal. I had only heard one of the clicks. I didn't know we were blasting our neighbors out with our nightly television viewing. I heard the rattle of our old fan. I could hear my granddaughter on the phone—clearly. I thought she wasn't enunciating her words, but she is. I just couldn't hear it.

Going through the grocery store, I could hear the wheels on the grocery cart turn and I could hear the distinct words of chatter from the people standing in line near me. I made my husband turn off the close captioning because now, reading the words on the screen made me confused with what I was hearing. The reading took longer than hearing the words of the actors.

Losing some of my hearing had been gradual but after putting in my new hearing aids and being able to hear better instantly, I was surprised at how much I had been missing.

After a lengthy audiology exam at Costco in Vacaville, the Hearing Aid Specialist compared the results with Sutter Health's audiology department and found them the same. These aids cost me \$1,550 and with the warranty, can last eight years.

After I was fitted with one pair, he suggested I go out into the store and talk with people—especially with women and children as the higher pitch is one I have difficulty hearing. I did talk to a couple women but after I tried on the second pair, I decided to call my granddaughter. She is petite and the one I can't hear the most.

I asked her if anything exciting happened at her school that day and she excitedly told me about a school rally where they had wheelbarrow races and she got to be one of the wheelbarrows. I heard every word and suddenly got emotional.

Maricela Campos is the Senior Hearing Aid Specialist who later fit my new aids just two weeks later. She was extremely thorough telling me what I would hear when I first put them on after charging and how to adjust them from being in a room to hear everything to just wanting to hear the person in front of you.

She showed me the charger and the importance of charging them every night just like one's phone. She went into detail about putting on makeup and doing one's hair completely before putting them on as hair products will ruin them as so will water. She was so helpful and so knowledgeable and kind.

I loved that with my hairstyle, one could not see that I was wearing them at all. But, when I went to get a trim, I forgot to tell my stylist not to take off much around my ears. Yes, now they are visible although friends tell me they just look like part of my glass frames. I really don't care anyway as now I can hear better, and I now know what I was missing.

We went out to dinner, and I could hear people talking near us. My husband told our son that I talk so softly now that he can't hear me. I actually heard my voice singing in church Sunday morning. I feel like my brain is already getting sharper again.

If you have concerns about your hearing, I highly recommend Costco, just like my Sutter audiologist did! ★

Dixon News Briefs

MPG Staff

Grillin' & Chillin'

Gather your friends and family and don your hats and sunscreen for some hot fun at one of Dixon's largest events this Saturday, June 29. Downtown Dixon is about to transform into a hub of activities and excitement to engage and benefit the community. This all-day event features something for everyone to enjoy: witness the large Car & Truck Show with automobiles of every style; watch neighbors compete and grill the best meat in the crowd-favorite Rib Cook-Off; and browse the booths of tons of small businesses offering unique gifts, crafts, and delicious food. Your little ones will also be able to run and play in the Kids' Zone in the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park or splash down water slides nearby. This special event, organized by Dixon's Action Team, supports community organizations and groups around Dixon and Solano County. Time is 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and admission is free. Downtown Dixon streets are blocked off for the fun so find good parking at the Chamber office, 220 North Jefferson and walk under the train tracks to downtown.

all the Mexican classics and then some. The staff welcomes visitors and offers delicious food and reasonable prices. Next time you're downtown stop by. You won't be sorry. It's at 183 North First Street right next to First Northern Bank. Phone is (707) 693-3115.



Just opened across from Paradi Plaza. Photo courtesy of Lisa Newkirk

'Sofia Grace' in Downtown

Let's all welcome a brand-new women's retail boutique clothing store to Downtown Dixon. This new business sells beautiful clothing, purses, jewelry and accessories. Stop by and welcome her to the neighborhood at 115 East A Street, directly across from the Pardi Plaza.

Farmer's Market Celebrates Independence

Every Thursday the Downtown Dixon Farmer's Market Continues. Come and enjoy organic fruits and veggies, fresh baked bread, nuts, homemade salsa & tamales, hummus, olive oil, hot food and more. From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through September 26 at Women's Improvement Club Park, 230 North First Street.

Dixon Rocks

Bring your family after hours to the library on the first Friday of every month where one can paint 'kindness rocks' in order to decorate your own gardens or to leave through town to spread kindness. All supplies are provided at the Dixon Library, 230 North First Street from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dixon Historical Society Seeking Curator

The Dixon History Museum Curator is tasked with managing the museum's collections and exhibits related to the history of Dixon and its surrounding areas. This is a part-time, on-site position that reports to the Board of Directors. For more information and a complete job description, please visit the website: www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Located at 125 West A Street and phone is (707) 693-3044.



Fades and Shaves in Dixon at New Level Barbershop. Photo by Scott Mullins

Great Fades and Shaves at New Level Barbershop

Welcome to the neighborhood New Level Barbershop, a traditional, family friendly barbershop. Offering precision haircuts, shaves, and custom grooming for all ages. Located at 540 North Adams Street, Suite A, and phone is (707) 693-3103.



Get your menu here. Photo by Scott Mullins

Have you tried Taqueria Fran?

This new Mexican Restaurant features



Workers hoisted the new Bank of Stockton sign this week. It is located near Grocery Outlet and the new Chipotle. Both the bank and restaurant will be opening soon on North First Street next to Tractor Supply. Photo by Debra Dingman

Bank of Stockton Coming Soon!

Workers hoisted the new Bank of Stockton sign this week. It is located near Grocery Outlet and the new Chipotle. Both the bank and restaurant will be opening soon on North First Street next to Tractor Supply. ★

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Council Reviews 2024 Goals



Mayor Steve Bird and the Dixon City Council review the 2024 goals they set for themselves at the June 18 meeting.

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Goals change.

That was the message from City Manager Jim Lindley at the Dixon City Council meeting on June 18.

“Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson asked for this item to give us a progress report of the council goals,” Lindley said.

“City Council conducts goal-setting sessions immediately after new council members are seated, normally in April or May, to give those new council members the ability to have some input,” Lindley said, adding the sessions correlate with election cycles. “I think it is a good idea that we update you on those every year in between.”

Lindley said that the council met some goals and changed others. The city manager noted that the council's four focus items for 2024 include investing in infrastructure improvements, community and economic development, effective service delivery and engagement and partnership.

The council prioritized six goals under infrastructure improvements and has made progress on each one, beginning with closing the funding gap and beginning construction on the Parkway Overpass by applying for a \$25-million grant in Consolidated Rail and Safety Improvement funds.

“We have done everything over the years, even making it shovel-ready and doing what the state and feds are asking us to do,” Lindley said. “It's ready; all we need is the money.”

City officials made progress on water issues, including a regional drainage solution for the city's east side and developing solutions for maintenance and financial sustainability.

“The council did this through conducting their water rate study and ad hoc committee that had outstanding results for a year's work,” Lindley said, adding the result is a Proposition 218 process to adopt new water rates.

Other ongoing goals are pursuing City Hall annex strategies and addressing funding gaps for the city's Lighting and Landscaping Management Districts (LLMD).

The focus on community and economic development resulted in completing a zoning update for the Northeast Quadrant Community development, supporting small businesses and exploring tourist destination opportunities.

“Through thick and thin,” Lindley said, city officials continue to help Mom and Pop shops stay alive.”

“The city bent over backward during Covid to keep those businesses open that could be open,” Lindley said.

Future gatherings continue with the council thinking big.

“A potential cultural center is under consideration,” Lindley said of the facility that would be placed in the city's southeast. “The project is now being called Harvest, which points to the community's agricultural heritage.”

The third focus on effective service delivery was successful, with the council completing the Parks Master Plan update and developing a funding strategy for Southwest Fire Station.

“The task is ongoing,” Lindley said, adding officials have retained the property. “The design is nearly complete and now we are looking for opportunities through federal and state to help us with new funding for the fire station.”

Other service delivery goals for the year include pursuing funding through a potential sales tax measure.

“The council has really stepped up to do all the studies, questionnaires and surveys necessary to see if the community will embrace it,” Lindley said.

Lastly, focus four is to develop partnerships that result in a further relationship with the Dixon Unified School District for public safety and building community engagement through cultural programs.

“There is a performing arts program we are developing in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce,” Lindley said.

Councilmember Jim Ernest said he is so “proud” of the council's progress that he had it listed on the city website. Of all the times Councilmember Thom Bogue has been on the council, “this is the closest we have come to fulfilling most of the goals, historically speaking.”

Councilmember Doug Hendershot said the council must stay on the course.

“The fire department and parkway overcrossing was one of my two biggest concerns, and we know what we now need to get those done,” Hendershot said.

Mayor Steve Bird said the council's progress is measurable.

“Of all the times I have been up here, I think this is one of the few times we have been very, very close to achieving the things we set out to do,” Bird said. “We are not there yet; there is still much work ahead of us but we are moving in the right direction.” ★

Sharing Senior Summer Fun



Lap swimming, low-impact exercise and chair yoga, as seen here, are just a few ways to stay active at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

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the senior center programs are run by senior volunteers, which is ideal for residents who want to grow within the community. George welcomes seniors looking to get involved and asks them to contact staff at 707-678-7022

for volunteer opportunities. There is also a Dixon Senior Club membership offered for a low annual fee of \$10 monthly.

For more information on Dixon's Senior Multi-Use Center, visit www.cityofdixon.us/smc. ★

Fireworks Sales Spark Nonprofit's Service

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requirement if the documentation has not been received and emphasized it is the responsibility of the non-profit organization. To keep your organization in good standing for the future, nonprofits need to follow the requirements of the ordinance, according to the Dixon Fire Department website.

There are three important things the Dixon Fire Department and the Office of the State Fire Marshal want you to know:

1. Look for the seal of the California State Fire Marshal and the words, “Safe. . . Sane,” on each piece of fireworks, as well as on the packaging. This means that they have been listed as safe for use (in accordance with all manufacturer's

instructions) in the State of California where local laws permit their sale and use.

2. Fireworks that explode, shoot through the air, move along the ground, including skyrockets, bottle rockets, firecrackers of all types, Roman candles, etc., have always been illegal in California. Penalties for those caught storing, selling, or using these types of fireworks can include a fine of \$1,000 and/or one year in jail.

3. Many illegal fireworks have words such as “D.O.T. approved,” etc. Don't be misled by these phrases; they do NOT make such fireworks legal in California. If the seal of the State Fire Marshal and the words, “Safe. . . Sane,” do not appear on fireworks, they should not be used. ★



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MEMORIAL

JENNIFER LYNN AGUILERA 6/24/1978 - 2/15/2023

Jennifer Lynn Aguilera, 45, took her eternal flight on February 15, 2024, peacefully surrounded by her family. Jennifer had a 27-month battle with that beast known as cancer. Her courageous fight is over, and she is now at rest in the arms of God.

Jennifer was born on June 24, 1978, at Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento, California, to Johnnie and Teresa Aguilera. She lived in Dixon, California, most of her life, graduating from Dixon High School in June 1996. After graduating, Jennifer attended Solano Community College and worked for numerous animal groomers. She made the decision to chase a new calling, applying to a new airline called Virgin America for the position of a flight attendant. During her tenure in the airlines Jennifer became a Lead Flight Attendant for 20 years with Virgin America and Alaska Airlines. Jennifer was known for her competence, compassion, and ability to stay calm under pressure.

Jennifer loved being with family,



watching her children compete in their respective sports, being around nature, riding horses, and caring and growing her little farm in Texas. You could always find her riding her horses (Amber & Trista) with her "Bestest Boys" (Opie and Koa) by her side. During her time here on earth, she raised her three children Kiera, Adia, and Aiden with love and devotion in Dixon, California, and Mabank, Texas. Jennifer was also a loving partner to her best friend Tony James of 13 years.

Jennifer is survived by her children: Kiera Ann Lake, 25 (Kyle Lake); Adia Rene Mackenzie, 20; and Aiden Will Anthony James, 9; and partner Tony James. She is also survived by her parents, Johnnie and Teresa Aguilera; grandmother Margaret Aguilera; aunts and uncles Shirley and William Giles, William Flack, Mike and Cara Mendoza, Larry and Kris Aguilera, Sandra and Jack Priess, Mario and Pat Aguilera, Robert and Pam Aguilera, and numerous cousins.

Jennifer is preceded in death by her grandfather Johnnie Sanchez Aguilera and grandparents George William and Carolyn Flack, and brother Johnnie Alexander Aguilera III.

The Celebration of Life will be held at the Leber Stage Area, Dixon Mayfair Grounds, 655 South First St., Dixon, California 95620.

We are catering the Celebration of Life. If you are planning to attend, please send a text or leave a message at 707-718-4915 or 707-373-6380.



This is Way Out of Line

Dave Ramsey Says

I'm going to be blunt here, okay? Since you weren't asked about any of this ahead of time, and had no say in anything, fair would be for you and your brother who weren't consulted to pay zero. Zilch.

Planning something that expensive without consulting everyone involved well ahead of time—and expecting them to lay out \$1,000 without warning—is way out of line. And don't let your older brothers lay a guilt trip on you, either. This has nothing to do with how much you love your parents, being greedy or anything like that. It has everything to do with consideration and communication, or in this case, a lack of these on their part.

If I were you, I'd let your oldest brothers know exactly what your financial situation is like right now. Explain what you're doing and why you're doing it, then let them know in a nice, but firm, tone

you'll give them whatever you can scrape up, but you won't be chipping in anything close to \$1,000. Oh, and I'd tell them next time they hatch up a big, expensive plan like this, to check with all their brothers way ahead of time.

Best of luck, Ronald. I'm sorry you have to deal with this.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

Dear Dave,

I'm trying hard to get control of my money and get out of debt, but I had a situation come up the other day, and I really don't know what to do. I'm one of four brothers, and our parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary is early next month. My two oldest brothers got together and made plans for a party without consulting the rest of us. They want everyone to chip in \$1,000 to help pay for things. I love my mom and dad, but the only savings I have is \$1,000 in my beginner emergency fund. Will you tell me how to address this situation?

— Ronald

Dear Ronald

MEMORIAL

JOHNNIE ALEXANDER AGUILERA III • 3/4/1981 - 4/23/2023

Azusa - Johnnie Alexander Aguilera III, aged 42, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. After a courageous 20-month battle with cancer, Johnnie ascended to a place where he will no longer suffer. Born on March 4, 1981, at Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento, California, to Johnnie and Teresa Aguilera, Johnnie was a beloved brother, boyfriend, friend, bandmate, co-worker, musician, joker, and partier. Known for his rocker spirit and enormous heart, he brought joy and energy to all who knew him.

Johnnie spent most of his life in Dixon, California. He graduated from Dixon High School in June 1999. After high school, he played in the band Frenzaben with friends Chris Davis, Loren Levasseur, and Chris Parmelee and was also a member of the Dixon Community Church Praise Banet.

He shared his passion for music by teaching private drum lessons at the Live Music Center in



Vacaville for many years. In 2008, Johnnie returned to college and was accepted into Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California. He earned a B.A. degree in Commercial Music with an emphasis in Percussion Performance. At APU, Johnnie was active in the University Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Combo, Wind Ensemble, and the International Chapel Band. Johnnie worked as an Operations Manager at the Azusa Pacific

University School of Music until his passing.

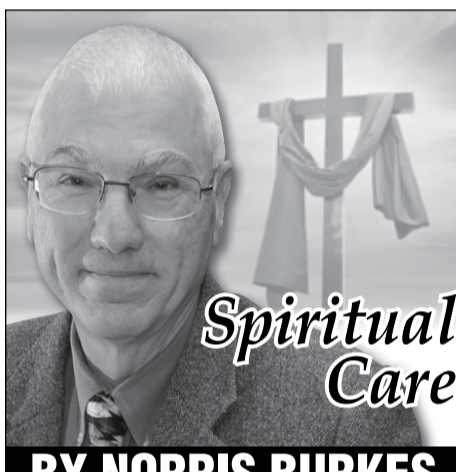
He is survived by his parents Johnnie and Teresa Aguilera; a sister Jennifer Lynn Aguilera; grandmother Margaret Aguilera; nieces Kiera Ann Lake (Kyle Lake) and Adia Rene Mackenzie; nephew Aiden James; aunts and uncles Shirley and William Giles, William Flack, Mike and Cara Mendoza, Larry and Kris Aguilera, Sandra and Jack Priess, Mario and Pat Aguilera, Robert and Pam Aguilera; and numerous cousins.

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Sharing Your Faith by Listening to Others



BY NORRIS BURKES

Christians uncomfortable.

For instance, I've taped crystals to their wrists, turned their bed eastward, read the Bible, read the Koran, spread a healing blanket on their bed and placed garlic under their bed. I've collected bones to be burned and placentas to be buried.

I did these things because those patients deserved my respect, not because I personally share their beliefs.

When I've shown proper respect for people's beliefs, I was sometimes honored with questions about my beliefs.

On one such occasion, I met a cancer patient who told me that he wasn't even sure he believed in God.

"That's fine," I joked. "I'm in customer service, not sales."

He liked that retort, and we established a common ground for our visits over the next several weeks.

One day, in the grips of his illness, he fired multiple spiritual questions, which I answered in rapid succession.

Yes, there is a God; yes, God is loving; yes, God wants an up-close relationship with you.

He then asked how he could talk to God.

"Talking to God is just like talking to me," I said. "Just say what you feel."

He wondered aloud if God would consider him a hypocrite for waiting until his dying days to pray.

It was then he asked me to do something I've never done before or since. "Say the words for me."

Like I said, I've done some fairly unorthodox things, but nobody had ever asked me to lip-sync their prayers — very unorthodox.

"OK," I agreed, "but if I pray something you don't agree with, squeeze my hand to indicate you want a do-over."

As he reached for my hand, I told God that my friend wanted to know him. I told God that the man sought forgiveness and wholeness and was asking for God to be present in his life.

It was a prayer I will never forget. It was a prayer that never would have happened if it hadn't started with respect.

Is there someone you want to share your faith with? If so, ask yourself how that sharing might look if it starts with respect. Dare to hear their story before blurting into yours.

The result will, I hope, surprise you. ★

Kings Korner
By V.G. Harris



And the winner of this year's most popular basketball player in Sacramento — Malik Monk!

Well, he's my most popular player, and from the people I'm talking to it appears to be a consensus.

Yes, a \$78-million contract represents a lot of money, but by many accounts, Malik left up to 10 million in additional free agent money on the table, to sign and stay with our very own Sacramento Kings.

I have not the adjectives to describe how critical this signing is to the Kings team, but let's take a moment to congratulate Monte McNair. This was no easy proposition for a young NBA GM, but just like the Donantas Sabonis acquisition, this is a huge signing for the Kings, and will finally allow this talented guard to start every night in the NBA.

As I have expressed, having Malik in the starting lineup, as opposed to coming off the bench, will add a minimum of five points a game to the scoring tally, and adding five points a game represents a monumental leap forward.

Fifty wins is what this signing means, and I can't wait to witness the standing ovation Malik Monk will receive when on opening night I will hear the words, "and now starting at guard from the Kentucky Wildcats, welcome Sacramento's own Malik Monk!!"

If you don't already have a ticket for opening night, start looking now, because regardless of who the Kings add in the draft on Wednesday night, the first game of the 2025 season is going to be something special.

I think back to the many years, now over 35 years for me, that I sat on the sidelines shaking my head as the Kings made mistakes that cemented their fate as a team looking in, and rarely on the court at playoff time.

True, the Bibby, Webber years brought a lot of hoopla and excitement to the Sacramento region, but I can assure every Kings fan, that the team assembled now, by adding just one more piece, can supercede the achievements of those teams.

The Kings are so close it's tantalizing,

and now that Monte McNair has proven his value in the signing of Malik, I'm on the edge of my seat to see what the #13 pick in the draft will bring to this already talented and competitive NBA team.

It's definitely a time to celebrate Kings fans! Anytime one of your own kicks the rest of the league to the curb, and signs with the hometown team, it pulls just a little at your heart strings, and it certainly brings a tremendous level of admiration for this journeyman that has finally found a home!

Today's NBA draft has changed considerably from decades ago when nearly every player chosen, certainly in the first round, came from one of America's college ranks.

Thanks in large part to the Euro league, NBA scouts are perusing the globe, in areas not even considered just a few short years ago.

It makes the draft all that more compelling, and I almost feel like I should be buying a ticket to watch this level of entertainment.

So, I'm not attempting to artificially build a false confidence, but rather remind fans of the many prior 13th picks, and beyond, that have gone on to highly successful NBA careers.

Robin Lopez would be a welcome addition to the Kings front line, and it's interesting to note that he was drafted #15 in the 2008 draft.

The reigning NBA Celtics boast a player by the name of Jrue Holliday who had a tremendous Finals and was drafted 17th in the 2009 draft.

Can anyone forget that perennial all-star and future hall-of-famer Kawhi Leonard was drafted #15 in the first round!?

Rudy Gobert is another player that would look good in a Kings uniform, and he was drafted in the 27th spot back in 2013.

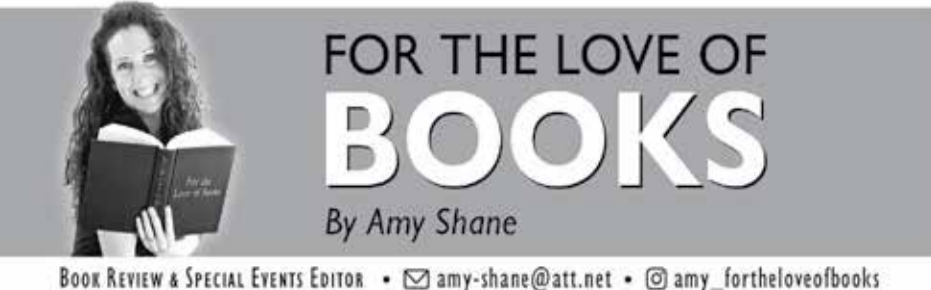
Perhaps there really is reason for anticipated celebration to make a pick at #13.

Let's all collectively cross our fingers and watch with anticipation as the Sacramento Kings add a new member to their already stellar family of players!

All the best! ★

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Riley Reviews

“THE BIKERIDERS” TAKES A WILD RIDE ON THE OUTLAW BIKER CULTURE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE BIKERIDERS” Rated R
In the early Fifties, Marlon Brando inarguably established himself as a great actor with roles like the brutish Stanley Kowalski in “A Street Car Named Desire” and longshoreman Terry Malloy in “On the Waterfront.”

And then there is Brando’s starring role in 1953’s “The Wild One,” where his rebellious motorcycle gang leader Johnny Strabler and his fellow bikers wreak havoc when overrunning a small town.

“The Wild One” is a seminal film in the motorcycle subculture where nonconformists pledge fealty to a biker group that love cruising while wearing black leather jackets. The film is considered to be the original outlaw biker film.

“The Wild One” could be said to have inspired an era of rebellion, and over the years the theme of defiance of social norms has been at the root of many films, and you can count on “The Bikeriders” to be one of them.

Inspired by Danny Lyon’s photobook of the same title, “The Bikeriders” sets the stage for what feels like a quasi-documentary because Mike Faist plays the part of the photojournalist recording with his camera and microphone the activities of the fictional Chicago-based Vandals gang.

The photobook recorded Danny Lyon joining the Chicago chapter of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, a group that even Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson, who embedded with the Hells Angels for a book, warned in vain was a bad idea.

The effort by Lyon to record the exploits of the Outlaws occurred during the turbulent Sixties and while the film is loosely inspired by the real motorcycle club, much of the dialogue comes apparently from the interviews in the book.

At one point in the unfolding of the Vandals story, a scene shows Tom Hardy’s Johnny, actually a family man with a trucking job, catching “The Wild One” on television and being inspired to organize the club with a bunch of guys who love racing bikes.

The dedication of the bikers belonging to the Vandals is most vividly demonstrated early on by Austin Butler’s Benny drinking alone at a bar and being accosted by two burly men demanding that he remove his colors, namely the leather jacket emblazoned with the Vandals identification.

The handsome Benny, who looks more like James Dean than his feral, grungy, and unwashed cohorts, doesn’t take kindly to the insulting request and lets them know they would have to kill him

before he would comply.

This act of defiance in the spirit of a true rebel leads to a violent confrontation where Benny is so seriously injured that an obligatory extended period of rest jeopardizes his future as a biker.

As the film is structured in a series of vignettes, the storytelling is anything but linear, jumping a little bit erratically but not so confusing as to take anything away from showing how close friends, the laconic Johnny and brooding Benny, are the soul of the Vandals.

Other notable Vandals, if not the inner circle, include the mellow Brucie (Damon Herriman), easy-going mechanic Cal (Boyd Holbrook); bug-eater Cockroach (Emory Cohen); and wildly unstable Zipco (Michael Shannon), so mentally unfit he was rejected for military service.

The glue holding the story together really belongs to Kathy (Jodie Comer), who first becomes acquainted with the Vandals when spotting Benny lining up a shot at a billiards table and then winds up being the chronicler of the biker life in a series of conversations with Mike Faist’s Danny.

Meeting Benny that night leads Kathy to ride off with him to the dismay of a boyfriend who appears to be living with her at the time. In short order, Kathy and Benny get married, and thus starts a chapter that eventually ends up testing Benny’s loyalty to the gang.

From the initial start of the Vandals as a group just enjoying the thrill of riding with abandon, a shift occurs with the increasingly dark element of the presence of other bikers fueled by drugs and violence.

Especially after suffering severe injuries in the barroom altercation, Benny finds himself torn between loyalty to Johnny and the Vandals and Kathy’s pleading with him to give up biking and relocate to Florida for a better life.

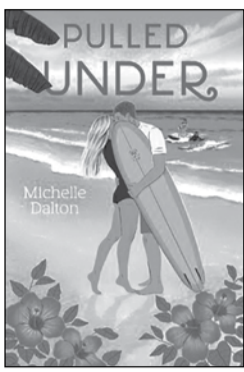
Newcomers seeking to join the Vandals bring tension to the ranks. Spelling big trouble is the Kid (Toby Wallace), who was previously turned down by Johnny for his lack of loyalty to his friends.

During a relatively short span, the Vandals transition from a social club to a band of criminals, and the blame goes to the next generation of riders, represented by the Kid and his ilk who are gratuitously violent and not respectful of the code of the original members.

“The Bikeriders,” owing to the evident passion of writer-director Jeff Nichols, elicits intense performances from his cast of iconoclastic bikers for a compelling depiction of a lawless subculture, yet with an oddly superficial insight into character motivation. ★

The Perfect Young Adult Summer Reads

Are you ready to embark on a journey of summer romance? What is summer if it's not being forced to go on that family vacation only to discover a summer crush waiting for you? These three books offer the perfect romantic escape or companion on your summer vacation, even if it's just in your own backyard.



Unexpected summer love awaits within a bookstore in **Fifteenth Summer** by Michelle Dalton. Chelsea isn't excited about spending summer at the lake, especially since her grandmother died. But her sisters are all too excited to plan which summer romance they want to jump into. The one thing she never expected was to meet Josh, the cute boy who works in the bookstore. He's everything she has ever dreamed of, and her summer quickly takes off in a blur of dates and stolen kisses. But now that the end of summer is coming closer, what will happen to them and her heart?

This darling story is filled with boat rides, picnics, bookstores, and summer love. It is perfect for any reader dreaming about their first crush while being a lightheaded, fast read that is a perfect escape for the younger young-adult reader.

Considered the very first young adult book, **Seventeenth Summer** by Maureen Daly was first published in the 40s. Now it's back with modernized text and cover. Angie thought high school romances were a silly waste of time, but then she met Jack Duluth. Now, her summer is quickly filled with romantic dates and stolen moments, all of which she never expected. But summer is quickly coming to a close, and with that, Angie and Jack will go in separate directions. Is their love one that can last past summer, or just a summer fling?

While this story might have been published decades ago, one thing remains the same: summer love. The age-old story of summer romance still remains true, and while this story might have a slower tempo, it is still a wonderful coming-of-age story written for a specific audience by a

teen writer herself.

It's time to catch some waves and summer love in **Pulled Under** by Michelle Dalton. All Izzy needs is a great sunny day and her surfboard. While everyone seems intent on breaking Izzy out of her shell, she is perfectly happy. Parties and hanging out with the tourists is not her scene, and that's ok. Then Ben Barker walks into the surf shop, and everything changes. Her days are now filled with teaching surf lessons and showing Ben around town. Then, somewhere between the pizza shack visits, surfing, and the budding friendship, there begins to be something more. Is Ben worth stepping out of her comfort zone, or will her summer end in heartbreak?

This fun beachy read is perfect for fans of Summer I *Turned Pretty* and summer romance. A great lighthearted story to get swept into and add to your summer romance shelf. ★



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In Rain, Snow and Drought, California's Fights Over Water Rights, Supplies Persist



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Legal rights to use water — particularly those obtained prior to 1914 — lie at the heart of California's perpetual wrangling over the allocation of increasingly limited water supplies.

For years state officials have been trying, with limited success, to reduce farmers' diversions, increase river flows and restore declining numbers of fish, particularly salmon, and other wildlife.

The conflict occurs even during periods when the state receives abundant rain and snow and its reservoirs are full. But it becomes more intense during the state's periodic droughts, as illustrated by what happened in 2014 when then-Gov. Jerry Brown, citing "one of the driest years in recorded state history," proclaimed a state of emergency.

The state Water Resources Control Board began notifying agricultural water agencies that they must curtail diversions from the Sacramento and San Joaquin river watersheds — essentially the entire Central Valley — having "determined that the existing water supply ... is insufficient to meet the needs of all water rights holders."

The state clearly had the authority to curtail diversions by agencies, with rights granted after the state assumed managerial control of California water in 1914 — ironically exactly one century

earlier. However, those with pre-1914 rights balked, contending that under state law the board could not order them to decrease diversions.

Political and legal squabbling ensued and the issue wound up in the courts, and in 2022 an appellate court ruled that the water board did not have legal authority to order pre-1914 rights holders to reduce diversions.

Although the case centered on the board's drought-induced curtailment orders, everyone involved knew that the outcome could affect the larger issue of water rights and the overall allocation of water supplies.

Environmental groups that had been pressing the board to become more assertive on water rights were disappointed.

"A recent decision by California's Sixth District Court of Appeal highlights everything that's wrong with California water law," two officials of CalTrout, one of the environmental groups, wrote in a guest commentary for CalMatters two years ago, adding, "the decision shields a class of property owners whose rights were enshrined in law at a time when the rights of citizenship, land ownership and common decency were only afforded to a privileged few."

Farm interests were, of course, pleased with the decision as they sparred with the water board over the larger issue of how much water must remain in rivers to support wildlife.

Environmental groups have urged the board to issue new water quality standards for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would indirectly reduce agricultural diversions. Jerry Brown and his successor, Gavin Newsom, have urged

the adoption of "voluntary agreements" on diversions without a legal showdown over water rights, but that effort has not yet succeeded.

Last year, legislation was introduced to bolster the water board's curtailment authority, implementing a report by UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy and the Environment, underwritten by the water board, recommending that "the state needs to implement curtailments on a regular basis, not only in times of extreme crisis."

The most important, Assembly Bill 1337, would have given the water board direct authority to order curtailments of pre-1914 rights holders. However, it sat in limbo for more than a year until its author, Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat, finally dropped it this month.

The only survivor is AB 460, by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a San Ramon Democrat, which would increase fines for illegal water diversions and is blessed by a multi-party agreement.

The drought orders, the appellate court decision and the non-action by the Legislature this year indicate that California's water rights remain a major bone of legal and political contention as the larger struggle over water allocation continues.

Dan Walters is one of most widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. He has been at CalMatters since 2017. ★

Social Security Matters

Why is there a Social Security Earnings Limit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand, and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years, and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

Signed: Working American

Dear Working American: This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS full retirement age (FRA). In AMAC's view, it discourages

people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn't need Social Security to sustain them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule, after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year's earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is attained).

Historical accounts suggest that the reasoning behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that "No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless . . . he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation" - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn't need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA) would have a portion of

their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test but has not advanced in the legislative process since introduced in August 2023.

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you'll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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Still Need Your Landline? Regulators Just Stopped AT&T From Pulling The Plug

By Khari Johnson
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California's Public Utilities Commission on June 20 rejected AT&T's application to stop providing landlines and other services in areas where there is no other option.

Its 4-0 vote came after a judge determined the application by AT&T California was "fatally flawed."

AT&T is the "carrier of last resort" for California, an official designation that means it covers most major cities, rural communities, and the land of more than 100 tribal governments. The commission first labeled AT&T a carrier of last resort nearly three decades ago.

More than a dozen speakers during the public comment period at the June 20 meeting supported keeping AT&T's carrier-of-last resort designation and landlines. Previously, more than 5,000 public comments were written in response to AT&T's application and nearly 6,000 people attended eight public forums held earlier this year.

Numerous commenters said that, due to inconsistent cell coverage in their area, their landline is their primary means of communication with family, medical providers, and the outside world in the event of an emergency.



Its 4-0 vote came after a judge determined the application by AT&T California was "fatally flawed." Photo by Tahar Djemmad from Pixabay

Those concerns are particularly important for senior citizens, people with disabilities, and people who say they are sensitive to electromagnetic activity.

AT&T has argued that the people its landlines are now serving in the areas in question can turn to voice over internet service offered by cable providers or to mobile phone service offered by wireless providers like Verizon.

Steve Hogle lives in rural Sonoma County and told the commission on June 20 that spotty cell phone coverage was

a danger to his family during the 2019 Kincadee wildfire.

"If we didn't have a copper landline we would've not known about the evacuation and the extremely serious fire that went through here and most of our property," he said. "I don't want (voice over internet service) because if there's no power, there's no internet, and all these things are of extreme importance to the safety of this community."

The company has attempted to end carrier-of-last-resort designation obligations in roughly

half of U.S. states, but those efforts don't always stay within the confines of the law, according to federal prosecutors. In 2022, AT&T Illinois agreed to pay a \$23 million fine to resolve charges it attempted to influence former Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan.

The commission's decision does not bring an end to the carrier-of-last-resort debates in California. AT&T and roughly a dozen members of the California Legislature have publicly expressed support for Assembly Bill 2797, which

would effectively bring an end to some carrier-of-last-resort obligations. The California State Association of Counties, Rural County Representatives of California, and Urban Counties of California said two weeks ago that they oppose the bill, adding in a letter to the bill's author that it would "leave large swaths of the most vulnerable Californians without reliable and affordable access to basic telephone service."

The Public Utilities Commission also voted on June 20 to begin proceedings to change rules for companies that are designated a carrier of last resort. It's time to modernize those rules, said commission president Alice Reynolds, because a lot has changed in the past 30 years, including a shift toward cell phones and away from landlines, and it's now part of the commission's mandate to make high-speed internet access universally available.

"I'm hopeful that through this new rulemaking, we can really modernize these programs and move toward the future to meet our broadband for all objectives," she said ahead of the vote. ★

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tion or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JACK KLOSEK – SBN 297914 KLOSEK LAW OFFICES 820 ALHAMBRA BLVD. SACRAMENTO CA 95816 Telephone (916) 290-7560 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/24 CNS-3821426# DIXON INDEPENDENT VOICE 6-28-24

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thority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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: 07/12/24 at 9:00AM in Dept. 10 located at 600 Union Ave., 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 decedent, 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

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How to Beat the Dixon Heat



Mia Rodriguez, a Dixon High School Senior and server at The Good Scoop in Dixon, prepares an ice cream treat. Photo by Debra Dingman



A lifeguard keeps a watchful eye on swimmers from the children's pool area at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Scott Mullins

DIXON, CA (MPG) - When the temperatures rise in Dixon, there are numerous ways to keep cool and enjoy what this town has to offer. Here are several ways to beat the heat this summer.

Visit the Dixon Historical Society's Museum

Learn about local history by exploring the Dixon History Museum in downtown Dixon. Here you will find exhibits, photographs, and artifacts that tell the story of Dixon's rich agricultural and cultural heritage. Open: Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 125 West A Street. Phone is (707) 693-3044 and their website is www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org.

Go to the Dixon Public Library

The library is always a wonderful place to escape from the heat. It's not only the perfect environment for reading and studying, the library also hosts various community events and programs for all ages. Open Monday thru Saturday. They are open Monday thru Saturday at 9 a.m. but have various closing times. See <https://solanolibrary.com/hours-and-locations/dixon-library/> or call (866) 572-7587. They are located at 230 North First Street in the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park.

Take a dip at the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center

This is the place for lap swimming at its best and open swim on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. through August 4. Children aged 2 and under are free with a paying adult, children aged 3 to 17 are \$4.25 and 18+ is \$6 or you can purchase a summer pass for \$84. Call with questions to (707) 678-7441 or go to dixonrecreation@cityofdixon.us. The pool is at 450 E. Mayes St.

Enjoy a leisurely meal at any of Dixon's restaurants.

Farm-to-fork, Mexican, American, Thai, Japanese, Indian...these are just a few of the options you will have in one of Dixon's many restaurants that provide cool, indoor seating. By taking advantage of these activities, you can maintain your cool and stay entertained in Dixon, even in the sweltering heat.

Find a cool treat to enjoy:

The Good Scoop - This is where their ice cream is made in small batches, just 1.5 gallons at a time, using freshest ingredients. Ice creams are handcrafted, all natural, and made in Dixon. They also have sorbets available daily and you are welcome to sit inside where it is air-conditioned or enjoy a seat just outside the shop. Open every day 3 to 9 p.m. at 1160 Pitt School Rd., Suite A. Phone is (707) 210-4145.

Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream

Every day of the week, Baskin-Robbins is open from noon to 10 p.m. and is especially helpful if you don't want to get out of your air-conditioned car and know exactly what you want. You can use the drive-thru at 1440 Ary Lane. You can see their menu at

order.baskinrobbins.com.

Frosty's - For slushies, soft serve ice cream, floats and freezes, milkshakes, sundaes and banana splits, Frosty's is there to help you cool down quickly. Open Tuesday-Saturday, weather permitting 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 171 West A Street in downtown Dixon next to the jellyfish-designed phone booth.

Solano Baking Company - This family bakery has been in Dixon since 1981. Their homemade doughnuts, fresh baked cookies, muffins, panini sandwiches on their house made focaccia are their specialties. They are open Monday thru Saturday 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1160 Pitt School Rd., Suite B. Phone is (707) 678-0950. ★

Expanding Access to Naloxone

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA, (MPG) - On June 21, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, 4 mg, will be available for free to eligible organizations through the Naloxone Distribution Project.

This follows the state's contract with Amneal Pharmaceuticals to purchase an over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray product through CalRx's Naloxone Access Initiative at a significantly lower price.

"The CalRx brand is more than a logo; it's a way to show that the state cares. CalRx is proof positive of California's innovation, business acumen, and most importantly, our heart. California is spending smarter by making life-saving drugs more affordable so that we stretch our dollars further - and make that same low price accessible to more people," Newsom said.

Eligible entities can obtain CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for free through the California Department of Health Care Services Naloxone Distribution Project. CalRx is also working on an option for individuals to buy CalRx over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray directly. Additional details will be shared on the Naloxone Distribution Project website as they become available.

Qualifying California business entities and organizations seeking to purchase CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for \$24 per twin-pack can do so by visiting CalRx's Get Naloxone website at <https://calrx.ca.gov/get-naloxone>.

In May alone, the state purchased approximately 24,000 units, leading to \$415,000 in savings. Since the Naloxone Distribution Project was created, more than 4,433,700

units have been distributed, and more than 277,000 lives have been saved.

"By making naloxone widely available and affordable, we are empowering communities and saving lives," said California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. "This is a crucial step in our ongoing efforts to tackle the opioid crisis head-on."

The overdose epidemic claims thousands of lives each year throughout the nation - and California is combatting this through an all-hands-on-deck approach. A critical component of that is through harm reduction services and methods like naloxone, which can reverse opioid overdoses swiftly and effectively.

By making CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray readily accessible, and maximizing the state dollars used to purchase it, California is taking a significant step toward reducing the number of opioid-related deaths and ensuring that over-the-counter naloxone is available when and where it is needed most.

Governor Newsom released the Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis to support overdose prevention efforts like the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative. Recently, Governor Newsom launched Opioids.CA.GOV, a one-stop-shop for Californians seeking resources around prevention and treatment.

The CalRx Biosimilar Insulin Initiative continues to move forward to bring this life-saving and life-sustaining drug to market as soon as possible. Following recent meetings with the US FDA, CalRx's partner Civica has a clear path forward. California is using its market power as the 5th largest economy in the world to save lives and make health care and medication more affordable. More information about CalRx can be found at <https://calrx.ca.gov> ★

SCOE Earns Four National Communication Awards

Solano County Office of Education News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education has received four accolades from the National School Public Relations Association through the organization's esteemed award programs, recognizing outstanding communication efforts in education.

Solano County Office of Education's four submissions to National School Public Relations Association's Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards and Golden Achievement Award programs have been met with high praise. Competing against more than 2,200 entries in the 2024 National School Communication Awards programs, Solano County Office of Education achieved significant recognition for its work.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson commented, "We are thrilled to be recognized for our community engagement and digital communication efforts. Our educators continuously aim to enhance student outcomes by growing a supportive network that extends beyond the classroom, and we know when communities are actively involved, students benefit from enriched learning experiences and increased access to resources and opportunities."

National School Public Relations Association's Golden Achievement Awards celebrate outstanding, strategic work in all

aspects of school public relations, communication, marketing, and community engagement. SCOE received national recognition for its vibrant "Dreams, Gratitude & Wishes" community art showcase that traveled to various events and locations promoting connections between community members and a collective sense of belonging.

Solano County Office of Education also received three awards in the National School Public Relations Association's Publications and Digital Media Excellence program. The top award in each category is the Award of Excellence, followed by Awards of Merit and Honorable Mentions. SCOE earned an Award of Excellence in the Magazine category for the latest edition of the Solano County Office of Education Spotlight magazine. An Award of Excellence was earned in the Photo category for "Fostering Connection: A Tribute to Paraeducators", and an Award of Merit was received for the photo submission, "Making Magic Happen."

In the National School Public Relations Association's recognition program, experienced, award-winning professionals serve as judges, evaluating entries for overall excellence and quality. Solano County Office of Education is honored to receive these accolades from colleagues in the field and looks forward to furthering communication and engagement within the Solano community. ★

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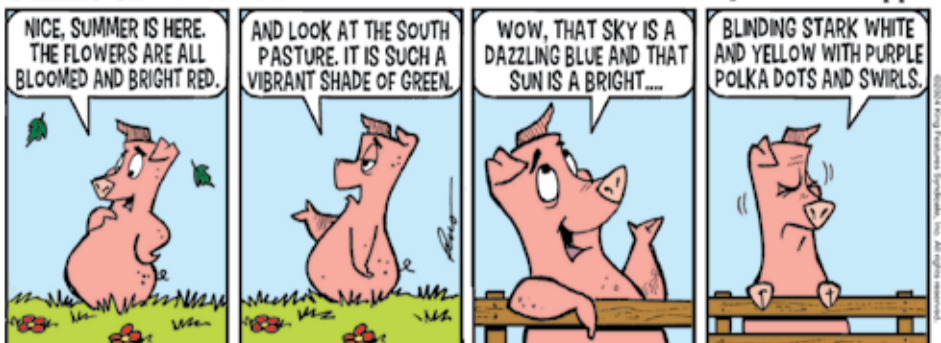
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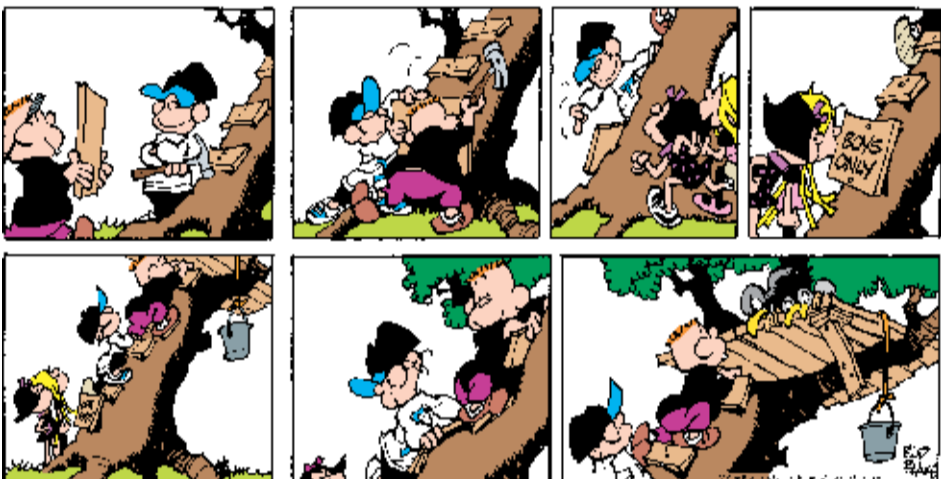
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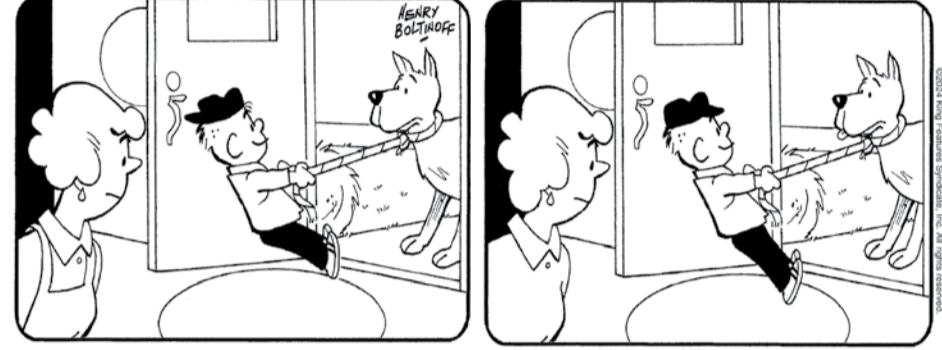
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First Northern Bank Promotes New Leader for Real Estate Industries Team



Lorraine Sue is now First Northern Bank's Senior Vice President and Real Estate Industries Team Manager. Photo courtesy of 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 Lorraine Sue as its Senior Vice President and Real Estate Industries Team Manager.

Sue has served First Northern Bank as a Vice

President and Commercial Loan Officer since 2013, demonstrating excellent underwriting and portfolio management for small and mid-sized commercial businesses located in the East Bay area.

With more than 34 years of commercial lending experience in the banking industry, Sue brings a vast background and expertise in business acquisitions, capital expenditures and compliance. As the leader of the Real Estate Industries Team, she will oversee a team of skilled lending professionals, and have the responsibility for deepening current client relationships and continued expansion of the commercial loan portfolio at the Bank.

"Lorraine's exceptional strategic vision and a deep understanding of the commercial lending landscape makes her an optimal leader for this team," said

Jeff Adamski, Executive Vice President and Senior Commercial Loan Officer of First Northern Bank. "Her leadership will be invaluable as the Bank continues its growth throughout the region and surrounding communities we proudly serve."

Sue holds a B.S. in Business Administration with a double major in Finance and Managerial Economics from California State University, Hayward, and is soon to graduate from the Pacific Coast Banking School in August. She is a former board member of Financial Women of San Francisco and is a founder of the Financial Women's Association's Endowment Fund. She is also a committee member of the Northern California Small Business Financial Development Corporation, and a former member of the Commercial Real Estate Women Network. ★

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

Tuesday, June 11

06:52 - Informational report taken in the 200 block of West A Street.
08:42 - Verbal altercation in the 2500 block of Plaza Court. Matthew Cromer (44), of Fresno, was arrested for Resisting Arrest, A PRCS and Theft warrant out of Fresno County, a Grand Theft warrant out of Ventura County, and an Embellished Vehicle warrant out of Santa Barbara County. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.
13:35 - Court order violation in the 400 block of West Chestnut Street. Dorothy Riley (51), of Dixon, was arrested for Violation of a Court Order. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.
15:46 - Vandalism of a vehicle in the 800 block of Sunset Drive.

Wednesday, June 12

07:42 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision in the area of Stratford Avenue and Commercial Way.
10:51 - Hit-and-Run reported in the area of West H Street and Pitt School Road.
11:09 - Theft reported in the 900 block of North Adams Street.
18:30 - Theft from a business in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave.
19:00 - Confidential Report.
22:00 - Tony Cannon (54) of Vacaville was arrested for public intoxication in the 900 block of North Lincoln Street.

Thursday, June 13

00:00 - Hours - Information report in the 1300 block of Weyand Way.
11:00 - A traffic collision report was taken in the rear parking lot of DPD.
12:07 - An abandoned vehicle was towed from the 900 block of Weyand Wy.
14:46 - A lost or stolen credit card report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Av.
16:00 - A vandalism report was taken in the 800 block of Hillview Dr.
18:34 - Information report in the 300 block of West Chestnut St.
18:45 - Robert Reed (55) was arrested in the 1300 block of Weyand Wy for making criminal threats. Reed was booked into the Solano County Jail.
19:02 - Jose Solorio (38) was contacted in the 1200 block of Stratford Way and placed under arrest for a confirmed PRCS want. Solorio was booked into Solano County Jail without incident.

Friday, June 14

13:01 - A traffic collision report was taken in the 1300 block of North 1st St.
17:01 - A confidential report was taken in the 900 block of West F St.

Saturday, June 15

09:39 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of North Adams at West A St.
14:34 - Found property report was taken in the 100 block of North 1st St.
14:50 - Assist Outside Agency report was taken by telephone.
02:00 - Domestic Violence report in the 1300 block of N Lincoln.

Sunday, June 16

08:41 - Welfare check in the area of Prairie Way and Barn Owl Lane resulted in the arrest of Ravyn Lenn (23), of San Francisco, for False ID to a Peace Officer, Misappropriation of Lost Property, and an outstanding warrant out of Oakland. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

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