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## Barbara Bulkley Celebrates 90

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Not to discount any 100th birthday but being born and raised here and living here for 90 years is a very big deal. There may be a dozen or less Dixonites who are still here that were born in the then-small town of about 1,000, no stoplights, and dirt roads.

Past Citizen of the Year and long-time Soroptimist, Barbara Bulkley, celebrated her 90th Birthday at the Olde Vet's Hall across from the Public Library on Saturday, July 20. The hall was filled with many friends and lots of loving family thanks to Barbara's first cousin, Stephanie Haase-Cavolt.

"Barbara and I are really close and we just love her so much. My father was her uncle. Turning 90 is a big deal and she needed to be honored," Cavolt, who has been an event coordinator, said about why she wanted to coordinate the event for Barbara. "Our family has been here over 100 years. Barbara is so kind and generous to everybody and she had a really good time. I couldn't have been happier to do this."

Cavolt is one of three Haase cousins that includes brother Steve Haase and sister Suzi Haase who were present along with other relatives including Barbara's daughter Katharine Collins. Kaleb Collins is Kathy's son married to Michelle and their two children, Paige and Bruce, are Barbara's great grandchildren. Others were Lindy Obelleiro and her husband Aaron and their grown children Maddie



Barbara Bulkley didn't just win Dixon's Citizen of the Year in 2021, she has won the heart of many families and friends who helped her celebrate her 90th birthday. Here she is pictured with event organizer Stephanie Cavolt whose father is Barbara's uncle. Courtesy photo

Critelli and Jill Obelleiro. Mike and Rick Croly who are Barbara's cousins as well. Stephanie's husband, Dennis Jackson, also attended.

Special guests included Barbara's long time best friend, Kathy Holdener who came from Montana, and Ron Paul.

There were two large picture boards of Barbara's life on display that included childhood pictures, teen years, and many years as an adult. There were also separate poster boards telling of their family experience, her childhood experiences in Dixon, years as a wife, and the couple's travels.

Barbara Foth, an only child, grew up on B Street

at a time when Dixon's population was about 1,000 and in a home she still owns and attended Dixon schools. She met a boy, Bob Bulkley, at her 8th grade graduation dance who became her best friend and after graduating in 1952, he became her husband.

The couple bought their first home on West D Street for \$14,500 and Barbara started as a homemaker but later took on secretarial jobs while Bob tended the farm. Although they travelled around the world, Dixon has always been their home and where they raised their only child, Katharine born 1956. Bob passed away in 2021. They

had been married 68 years. Long-time friend "Pat" Brady travelled from Santa Rosa with his wife to make the event and told several stories.

"She was always a woman who set her own course," he said.

Guests were invited to write a memory that was later read aloud to the audience after a delicious chicken or beef kabob lunch catered by Bud's Pub & Grill. It was fun to hear stories about the couple from friends who came from far and wide to celebrate with Barbara who sat in the front due to a broken ankle. People took turns visiting and reminiscing with her. ★

## Local Candidates Filing Now



A mini U.S. Constitution is set next to Voter Registration Forms inside the Dixon Public Library.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon's municipal elections have officially started.

The morning of July 15 District 3 Council Representative Kevin Johnson met with Dixon's Administrative City Clerk Lupe Ruiz to pull nomination papers for his re-election.

Johnson, who is a Remax Gold Realtor and is a past Dixon Citizen of the Year, had no reservations for seeking a second term.

"I love what I do. I wake up every morning and still love Dixon. I think we have a great council. And I have no higher aspirations," Johnson said.

On July 16, 30-year Dixon resident and retired California Highway Patrol Officer Jim Ward, who as Dixon's current city treasurer has rarely missed a City Council meeting during his term, pulled papers to run for mayor

"After thinking long and hard, I cannot sit by and not run for the seat of mayor because of two words: ethics matter. That sums it up," Ward said.

On July 17, Mayor Steve Bird pulled for re-election, and on July 18, District 4 Council Rep Don Hendershot also pulled for re-election. Both Bird and Hendershot are in law enforcement and both Johnson and Hendershot served on the Planning Commission prior to serving on City Council.

To see the district boundaries, go to the city's website at [www.cityofdixon.us](http://www.cityofdixon.us) and look under the Government tab and click on Elections.

The four open seats are city mayor, city treasurer, District 3 council representative and District 4 council representative. The mayor's position as well as the city treasurer's position will be voted on by all local registered voters regardless of where they live; however, the District 3 and District 4 representatives will be elected only by that district's registered voters.

If one is interested in civic duty, the nomination period for these offices will close at 5 p.m.

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## Police Incentive Program in Effect

By Angela Underwood

CITY OF DIXON, CA (MPG) - The national narrative on policing keeps recruitment low.

Dixon Police Chief Robert Thompson sent that message to city officials, who approved a Staffing Impacts Incentive Program at the July 16 meeting.

The national narrative exacerbates Bay Area police department competition, offering increasingly high salaries.

"This has led to something of a salary 'arms race' where police departments are forced to compete against each other for experienced lateral candidates," Thompson said. "In Southern California, one police department offers a \$100,000 hiring incentive."

While there have been cycles of staffing



Police officers are becoming overworked due to a shortage of law enforcement, which is why the city implemented a staffing incentive program to fill the gaps. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

challenges over the years, Thompson said the department entered a new labor market with diminishing entry-level recruits and highly sought-after experienced officers.

"The disparity in pay between the Dixon Police Department and surrounding agencies can be significant," Thompson said, noting Southern California

police departments offer a \$100,000 bonus for lateral candidates and Bay Area departments offer \$75,000. "Coupled with pay and benefit increases throughout

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## Where are Dixon's Class Reunions?

By Debra Dingman

Someone posted a photo of a hallway lined with assorted walkers with the caption: "Parking will be a nightmare at my next class reunion!" It was shared on the Dixon High School's 70s Decade Reunion on Facebook and it gave me a good laugh.

Thanks to Zoom, I have joined our Tracy High School's 50th Class Reunion Committee and am in charge of creating a theme. Instantly, the words "The Last Rodeo" came to mind. Western wear is always easy and can be fancy or simple yet is usually comfortable. Who can't come up with boots and a bandana? But then I realized that since we are all over 65 and have lost 100 classmates, the theme suddenly wasn't appropriate...although it would have been a good theme for Tracy. Like Dixon, it was a big agricultural community and the FFA sweetheart was as famous as our Homecoming Queen.

Every summer, there are announcements about class reunions that come over on social media and the newspaper and I want to shout out to those who help organize them. I've served on about four of our committees over my lifetime and I always enjoy getting to reconnect with the classmates I grew up with. But they are work.

There are usually numerous classmates involved and the turnout has been pretty successful for all except the last one. When I saw the Missing Person's list, I knew why. They could not have possibly tried very hard to find people and when

I studied all these sites on how to have a great class reunion, that is the number one task to do: Find your classmates.

I'm not a sleuth queen or anything but heck, two of those classmates were right here in Dixon with me. (Cindy Thiessen and Kathy Jurado.) Not like we traveled far from our hometown or anything. Plus, with Facebook, LinkedIn and the internet, one can find almost anyone.

I thought it was great that one of the Dixon High School reunion groups (70s) incorporated classes before and after and that is an especially great idea as students age — like ours. At best estimates, we might have 150 show up out of a class of 400.

But I'm really writing to encourage past classmates of Dixon High School (and Maine Prairie!) to organize these kinds of events. It is so helpful to stay in touch with people you grew up with and went to school with because it is enjoyable. (No surprise that my husband feels the opposite.) The way I see it, there should be at least one class reunion every summer from Dixon High and there are lots of sources for classmates to get started.

Upon further searching, I found a Facebook page for the Dixon High Classes of 1968 and 1969's 50th Reunion the Dixon High School Class of 1986. Where are all the other years? The Class of 1999 should have had their 25th this year and the Class of 2014 should have had their 10th.

Here's my advice: Don't wait for someone to start the ball rolling. They may be waiting for someone else. ★

# Dixon News Briefs

MPG Staff

## New Dixon Railroad Days Dates announced

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Update your calendars. Railroad Days will now be held Sept. 7 and 8. Please mark your calendars. Since this will be a whole weekend event geared towards family and kids, it was decided a little later in the year would provide an opportunity for cooler weather so everyone can enjoy full days of fun. This year will continue to bring education and fun to the community and all who attend.

## Your Dixon Farmer's Market Awaits

Every Thursday, the Downtown Dixon Farmer's Market takes place. You can indulge in organic fruits and vegetables, fresh baked bread, nuts, homemade salsa, tamales, hummus, olive oil, sweets, and more. The market runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. until Sept. 26 at Women's Improvement Club Park, 230 North First Street.

## Veterans Dinner

Oven-roasted chicken with corn and more will be featured on the menu for Friday, July 26 around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. The hall is located at 1305 North First Street and helps support veterans.

## Feria Artisanal

An Arts & Craft Fair will be held Sunday, July 28, at the St. Peter's Catholic Church parking area at 105 South Second Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop from over 20 vendors. Please come visit this unique shopping experience.

## Soroptimist International (SI) of Dixon



Dixon Destroyers receive generous donation from Soroptimist International. Pictured left to right: Kathy Archer, Members of the Dixon Destroyers, and President Barbara Rigdon. Courtesy photo

Dixon's Soroptimist International, represented by Kathy Archer and Barbara Rigdon, President, proudly donated to

the 14U Select Softball team, the Dixon Destroyers. The team is headed to the National Championship in Lynnwood, Washington, held from July 22 to 29. This is a fantastic accomplishment for these young athletes. Go Destroyers, Go!

## See "Now and Then" in Concert at Pardi Plaza



Come see "Now and Then" at Pardi Plaza on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. Courtesy photo

Now and Then plays today's hits, and the best from "back in the day" on Thursday, Aug. 1. With a focus on great singing and harmonies, and an "unplugged" vibe, Now and Then provides a perfect balance of energy and precision to stages throughout Northern California. Bring your picnic blanket or folding chairs to Pardi Plaza. You may bring a picnic dinner or order takeout from one of our many fine downtown restaurants. Please note — no alcohol, per city ordinance. Corner of South 1st Street and West A Street.

## National Night Out is Tuesday, Aug. 6

Have you registered your Block Party for National Night Out? This annual community event that promotes police-community partnerships takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 6. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information, please visit <https://natw.org/>.

## Grocery Outlet promotes Independence from Hunger in July

During the month of July, Grocery Outlet's Independence from Hunger campaign collects food and cash donations in-store along with online donations that go directly between Dixon Family Services and Cornerstone Food Pantry. Stop by their store in Dixon to donate, or donate online at [www.groceryoutlet.com/donate](http://www.groceryoutlet.com/donate) 2400 N. First Street. ★

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# Local Candidates Filing Now

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Aug. 9. Eligible candidates must be 18 years old or older, reside and be registered to vote within the City of Dixon. Candidates running for City Council representatives must also reside within the district for which they are running.

The candidates are required to have 20 "qualified" signatures of friends, family and supporters on the "Affidavit of nominee and oath or affirmation of allegiance" form and are encouraged to get 30 signatures because those individuals must be registered voters and their information has to match the voter role.

Signatures are often kicked out because, for example, a woman marries and signs her married name but did not change her voter registration. Also, when individuals change their registration through the Department of Motor

Vehicles, that process only changes their mailing address, not their voter registration address.

The voter registration deadline is 15 days before an election. You can register to vote online at the California Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov). Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

In addition to campaign expenses that could include signs, advertisements and other promotional expenses, just pulling papers carries a price tag. The candidate's filing fee, orientation fee and binder fee total \$167. If the candidate chooses to be listed in the Voter Information Guide issued to all registered voters in Solano County by the County Registrar of Voters, the cost can be in the hundreds, depending on how many translations are chosen. ★

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# Ramtown Karate Students Win Big at Nationals



Anna Anderson made Nationals while in Louisiana with Ramtown Karate last week. Photo by Kathy Ernest

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - USA Karate is the National Governing body for the sport of karate, recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. Under that authority, they created a Senior Team USA and a Junior Team USA for the sport of karate. Out of the six regions in the U.S., our region, which is region 1 (California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington,) made more Junior Team Members than any other region. In fact, six of the Junior Team USA members, including Dixon's own Anna Anderson, will be training together at Ramtown Karate in Dixon at 10 a.m. July 27. Interested folks

are encouraged to come out and show these students local support. Last week, seven Ramtown Karate students traveled to Lafayette, LA, to compete at the US Karate National Team Trials. Senpai Anna Anderson students at Ramtown competed in kata (forms) and won the bronze medal. She then fought in the USA 16 – 17-year-old Elite Kumite division and earned a silver medal. As a result, she earned a spot on the USA Junior Team and will compete at the Pan American Games hosted in Brazil in late August. Angela Vega also won a gold medal in the 14-year-old women's advanced kumite division. Along

with three other young ladies, she won a silver medal in the advanced team kumite division. Sensei Jim Ernest was selected to coach Northern California during this exciting event. During team kumite, fighters from both sides compete in one-on-one bouts during the 6-minute event. In an effort to throw the other team off balance and score points during the bouts, each team's fighters will fight all of the members of the opposing team as coaches send in different team members at random intervals. Additionally, Ronan Vega won gold and Brayden Jasper won bronze in their respective divisions. Although they fought well during their matches, Lazer Ingram, Christopher Vega and Benny Jasper were unable to place, due to the large numbers of competitors in their respective divisions. Sensei Jim, Sensei Kathy Ernest and Senpai John Ingram also traveled to Lafayette with the team. Sensei Jim and Sensei Kathy helped coach Ramtown's competitors while Senpai John helped referee the event, earning a National Referee certification. This enormous event drew thousands of competitors from all over the USA from July 11 to July 14. For more information, contact Ramtown Karate at 707-678-4899 or go to [ramtownkarate.com](http://ramtownkarate.com). ★

# Police Incentive Program in Effect



City of Dixon Police Department officers must train a year before being able to join the force. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

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the region, we are forced to compete in this market." This is why the Staffing Impacts Incentive Program exists. According to the chief, it was developed internally within the Dixon Police Department as a proactive measure to address ongoing staffing challenges. "It is a tailored solution based on our department's unique needs and circumstances, influenced by best practices in human resources and crisis management observed in other law enforcement agencies and sectors facing similar issues," Thompson said. Those issues are a matter of life and death. Service shortages affect emergency response time and community policing numbers. "Due to fewer officers on patrol, response times to emergency calls have increased, potentially delaying critical assistance in life-threatening situations," said Thompson, adding, "Fewer officers mean less proactive community engagement and crime prevention activities, which can lead to higher crime rates and reduced public trust." In addition, the increased workload on remaining officers, leading to burnout and decreased job performance, further comprises public safety and officer well-being, according to the chief. "This plan is meant as a stabilizer to demonstrate the city's commitment to staff to work through negative staffing impacts to prevent these things from happening," Thompson said. "Ancillary services like dedicated traffic enforcement or specially directed patrols are reduced before we see impacts on the core function of the police department, which is the patrol function." Three trigger points within the program determine needed action, including staffing levels, service delivery metrics and operational strain. "This program is meant to trigger when we might reasonably anticipate separations may

cause significant disruption to staffing levels," Thompson said, adding time of day and year affect staffing. "We are frequently adjusting staffing to align staff with demand for service, which is necessary when working in a smaller city with limited resources." According to the chief, the program continues as long as needed. "This is a very fluid situation with several layers of complexity," Thompson said. "For example, if departures coincided with impending academy graduation, the duration would be shorter than if those departures happened with no recruits in the academy." Additionally, recruits and experienced police officers must apply to specific mandates. A police recruit goes to a six-month police academy before graduating to field training for at least another four months. "They have to go through multiple interviews, a polygraph examination, a thorough background check, a psychological exam and a full physical examination," Thompson said. "This can take months to complete, so filling vacancies and predicting when applicants become employees can be challenging to determine." The chief said the Dixon Police Department has continued to innovate new programs and ideas to meet the constant challenges of recruitment and retention. "The labor market for law enforcement is as challenging now as any time in my 30-year career," he said. "There are simply fewer people who want to be police officers, which makes them a commodity that departments are pilfering from each other." The chief said the staffing program attempts to make Dixon more attractive as a place to stay and does not increase the burden on taxpayers, primarily funded with salary savings. "This is another example of our efforts to work smarter in addressing these challenges and live within our means," Thompson said. ★

# Traffic Calming Study Slows Up

Story and photos by Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Engineer Chris Fong had one month to return to officials with an update on the Brians Way Traffic Calming Study. After presenting his initial findings on June 4, which included 40 pages of documented speeds, resident Anna Reily sharing her dog died on the road due to speeding; Fong approached officials July 17 with a final option other than raised crosswalks or diagonal diverters. "Unfortunately, it took some time for us to get back to council now," Fong said at the July 16 City Council meeting. "Our recommendation is still to do the solar-powered feedback signs."



Dixon Engineer Chris Fong recommends slowing high speeds on Brians Way with solar-paneled feedback signs at the July 16 meeting.



Resident Ourania Riddle speaks during public comment, suggesting city officials consider placing Pedestrian Crossing signs on Brians Way to slow traffic.



Resident Richard Ropiak, who has lived on Brians Way since 2000, says the road is dangerous and urged officials to take action at the July 16 council meeting.

According to research, Fong said other measures, including transverse rumble strips, were considered only to slow traffic down by a couple of miles. "Also, our concern is that they are very loud," Fong said, noting rumble strips result in noise complaints. "We get complaints when cars go over manholes and this will be worse." Councilmember Thom Bogue wanted to know if delineator posts, which are hard plastic retroreflective, would work. "Like on Regency highway, they will be up for a while, but there is a cost and maintenance cost when they get knocked down," Fong said. Calling the road "dangerous," resident Richard Ropiak has lived on Brians Way since 2000 and said he spends "a lot of his time" in the front yard. "I have seen people driving in excess of 45 miles per hour around those curbs," Ropiak said, adding he has also seen a parked trailer hit in the middle of the night on the road. "I hear cars at the

stop signs doing cheerios and donuts waking people up." While he is thankful to the Dixon Police Department that enforces noise ordinances due to loud music from cars, "the danger of a child or a pedestrian being hit by these people driving is increasing every year." "It is a real threat and I am here on public record telling from my own experience," Ropiak said. "It is not just one dog being killed by speeders who drive off but there are other pets too." Resident Ourania Riddle

took the podium to recommend that the council consider placing Pedestrian Crossing signs along Brian Way to encourage drivers to slow down. "You don't need a lot," she said of the signs, adding the best place for them would be around the curb and one by the park. "Because that is where there is an open space and where people speed up." Councilmember Bogue wanted to know the price of Botts Dots, non-reflective raised pavement markers and a row of delineators. "Something to get their attention and slow down since they don't know what will be ahead of them from there," Bogue said, adding that in the "big scheme," delineators are inexpensive to maintain. "I would like to see the cost of both," Bogue said. "Even with the Bott Dots, we don't have to cover the entire street with them." As for rumble strips, they wear down after time, according to Bogue. "I would like to see options and cost before adoption," Bogue said. eeing with Fong, Councilmember Don Hendershot said rumble strips "are going to make a noise, especially at night when the windows are open." "I really want to get this taken care of in August," Hendershot said of the matter brought forth in February by Councilmember Kevin Johnson. Bogue also brought up the dog's death. "We have a pretty good idea of the issue out there," Bogue said, adding he wants to see cost measures. "So we can make our decision in the August meeting." Councilmember Johnson also wants driver feedback signs, which Fong said could be ordered and delivered by August. ★

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## MEMORIAL

## WILLIAM WENTWORTH • 10/18/1949 - 07/11/2024

Also known as Bill, BilyJim, Papa Bill & Grandpa passed away Thursday, July 11, 2024, after a short but hard-fought battle with cancer. Born to Lewie and Josephine, he spent his entire life in Dixon, except for a few years away at college. Many of the townspeople knew him as the "prankster", but he did have a serious side. Bill was a Dixon Volunteer Fireman and in 1972 he was named the Dixon Auxiliary Fireman of the Year. Bill played baseball, basketball and football. He was a member of the undefeated 1966 Dixon High School Basketball Team and in 2012 the Team

was inducted into the Dixon Hall of Fame. In 1970, he met his wife Deidre at Chico State, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. They were married on August 25, 1973, and raised their family in Dixon. Bill spent many years in the construction industry and in retirement followed his father's footsteps as the handyman around town. An avid fisherman (past Commodore of the Dixon Boat Club) and hunter, he would find any opportunity to be on the water or on a back country road with his many friends. Family was the most important thing to him; spending

time at the cabin in Truckee, snow skiing, hunting, fishing, or in the stands and on the sidelines of the many sports functions with his children and grandchildren. Bill is survived by his wife Deidre of 50 years, brother Allen (Michelle), daughter Stephanie (Tony), son Clif (Teddi), grandchildren Kyle, Anthony, Camryn, Tatum and Sarina, his Uncle, Bill Fairfield and Aunt, Florence Scollan, as well as numerous cousins. Funeral Service will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Dixon, CA, Friday, August 9, 2024, at 10:00 am. Reception immediately following at the Dixon Boat Club.

## Dave Ramsey Says You Haven't Done Anything Wrong

Did you love your grandmother? It sounds to me like you did. A lot! It takes a special person to step in and help the way you did. I think it's pretty obvious she loved you, too.

When a person dies, they can give their belongings to anyone they choose. It was your grandmother's stuff, so it was her decision. Period. She could've spread it around among you and the rest of your family, but she didn't do that. She had her reasons, and her final wishes were just that—her final wishes. No one in your family, even you, deserved anything from her.

I know this is a hard position for you to be in, Jeffrey. This has probably crossed your mind, so I'll go ahead and say it. Generally speaking, it's possible to transfer part of your inheritance to someone else even if it's not specified in the will or trust. Keep in mind, you might need to seek court approval for such a transfer, depending on the jurisdiction and specific family circumstances.

Or, you can let anyone who has a problem with your grandmother's decision contest the will. Of course, one possible outcome of that is you might have to spend the money she left fighting them

in court. The lady left what she left. There's no more. It was her house, her property and her money. The others aren't entitled to what she had just because they're relatives or they want it.

If you go to church, I'd advise you spend some time talking to your pastor about the situation. You've got a lot of folks mad at you right now, and I think you might benefit from a few kind words and an objective point of view. I'd also recommend sitting down with a good financial planner—someone with the heart of a teacher—and talk about to best handle your newfound inheritance. Regardless of your decision, it's always best to have a plan and be prepared.

In the meantime, don't beat yourself up over this, son. You haven't done anything wrong.

God bless you.

— 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.* ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 32 and debt-free, except for my house. My grandmother passed away a couple of months ago, and her will has caused problems for my family. I was her only relative living in the same town as she got older, so I looked in on her and helped take care of her, because she didn't want to go into a care facility. In her will, she left everything—her house and property, along with about \$300,000—to me. Some of my relatives said they deserve something. Two have even accused me of wanting everything she had and turning my grandmother against them. I don't like what's happening, but I'm not sure what to do. I never asked her for anything.

— Jeffrey

Dear Jeffrey

I hate it when things get ugly between family members, especially at a time when everyone should be pulling together and supporting each other. I'm sorry you're going through all this.

Let me ask you a question.

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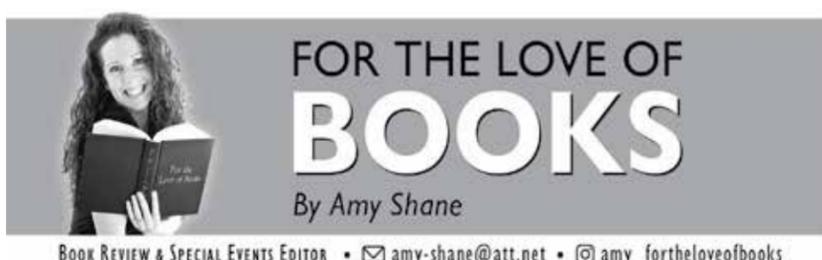
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## Chilling Summer Reads

It might be hot outside, but these thrilling new reads will chill you to the bone. Just when you thought October was the month for spooky books, this month's titles will leave you wondering if Halloween has moved to July.



**Melvina Whitmore (More of Less A Horror Story)** by Faith Capalia; Harper – All ages

Melvina is scared of everything, from the ticking of clocks, mud on the carpet, her shadow, and, of course, spiders. So, Melvina bought a new home, a place that would finally be safe from her fears. Until...

Poor Melvina. All she wants is a safe and quiet house, but she is about to have anything but. Young readers will delight in this story while learning that, sometimes, the things we fear are made up in our imagination.

**Mind Over Monsters** by Betsy Uhrig; McElderry Books

— Middle Grade

What happens when an app materializes your greatest fears? A group of middle graders are about to find out. Lena and a group of anxiety-prone classmates are asked to test out a new calming app, only to discover their greatest fears are coming all too real. The monsters are taking over, and it will be up to Lena and her new

## FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

By Amy Shane



group of friends to learn how to conquer their fears and save the school.

Mind Over Monsters is a fun and creative adventure for any middle grader eager to conquer their own worry monsters.

**Under the Surface** by Diana Urban; Putnam – Young Adult

A senior trip to Paris seems like a dream come true, but when Ruby's best friend sneaks out to meet a mysterious French boy, she knows she needs to go after her. But Ruby and her friends fall for temptation – an after-party in the Paris Catacombs. This is everything Ruby has wanted: an uninterrupted, unguided tour of the catacombs. Everything is new and exciting, and it is even a little scary. As their new Parisian friends guide them through the twists and turns, everything is about to become a nightmare. Every horrible thing that could happen begins to happen, between injuries, no communication with those above ground, resources becoming scarce, and worse yet, being surrounded by six million corpses.



While, on the surface, Sean, Ruby's boyfriend, becomes an integral part of the search that has now caught global attention.

Readers will be caught off guard by the truly terrifying twists and turns that Diana Urban is known for. Dark, lost, ungrounded, and surrounded by six million skeletons in the catacombs, is there anything else scarier? Maybe what others are capable of. This wild ride will have you fearing the dark but also not able to put this story down.

**Do What Godmother Says** by L.S. Stratton; Union Square- Adult

Shanice cannot help but be drawn to a painting in her grandmother's house. Then, she uncovers the story behind the artist, a Harlem Renaissance Painter taken in by a wealthy patron named "the Godmother." But they vanished.

As she digs deeper into the story, her fear begins to grow. Everything seems to be connected to the painting, but the truth could be scarier and deadly than she could imagine. ★

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

### Monday, July 8

11:50 - Fraud report in the 100 block of North Fourth Street.

14:58 - Missing persons report.

18:50 - Domestic violence in the 1500 block of Rehrmann Drive resulted in the arrest of Jamil Kraudy (34) of Dixon for misdemeanor domestic violence. An EPO was issued against him, and he was taken to jail.

20:56 - Theft report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

05:26 - Attempted vehicle theft reported in the 1100 block of North Lincoln Street.

### Tuesday, July 9

11:21 - Threats reported in the 600 block of Ferguson Court.

00:50 - Norma Cuyun (49) of Dixon was contacted in the area of North First Street and Auction Lane and later arrested for a no-bail misdemeanor warrant.

### Wednesday, July 10

09:42 - Vehicle Theft in the area of West A Street and Batavia Road.

12:30 - Agency Assist 1100 block Purdue Court.

12:30 - Threats report 500 block West Creekside Circle.

13:20 - Shoplifting report 1000 block North First Street.

14:51 - Traffic Stop 800 block North Adams Street. Alberto Cordero (46) of Woodland was placed under arrest for an outstanding warrant. He was cited and released. His green 2009 Honda Accord was towed to All About Towing.

### Thursday, July 11

No Activity

### Friday, July 12

14:42 - Traffic Collision at Pitt School Road and Stratford Avenue.

00:01 - A D.U.I. arrest report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue. Officers contacted (S) Dennis Story (57) of Vacaville. Story was arrested and transported to the Dixon Police Department. Story was cited and released to a sober adult.

### Saturday, July 13

06:00 - Commercial Burglary to a business in the 100 block of East Dorset Drive.

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09:30 - Death Investigation in the 200 block of East D Street.

10:30 - Information Report.

11:00 - Vandalism report to a business in the 2500 block of Plaza Drive.

14:00 - Lost property report taken in the PD lobby.

16:00 - Information Report.

17:35 - A theft arrest report was taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Officers contacted (S) Cristina DelonHays of Woodland. A citizen's arrest was signed, and she was arrested and cited and released.

21:09 - An informational report was taken in the 200 block of Dorset Drive.

22:54 - A suspicious circumstance report was taken in the 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

### Sunday, July 14

14:30 - Traffic Stop at South First and Valley Glen led to the arrest of Christopher Wilcox (38) of Dixon for DUI and driving on a suspended license.

20:30 - Suspicious person reported in the 100 block of Dorset Drive resulted in the arrest of Ryan Dobrinen (32) of Orangevale for two misdemeanor warrants. He was taken to jail.

23:48 - Burglary reported in the 100 block of Dorset Court.

00:30 - Arson reported in the 1100 block of North 1st Street, 2 U-hauls were set on fire.

03:50 - Burglary reported in the 1100 block of Afton Way.

### Monday, July 15

08:30 - Stolen vehicle recovery in the 2800 block of West A Street.

10:00 - Vehicle accident investigation in the 600 block of North First Street.

13:00 - Stolen vehicle recovery in the 2800 block of West A Street.

14:40 - Missing person located in the 1400 block of West F Street.

18:00 - Battery reported in the 1100 block of Tuskegee Court.

21:05 - Vandalism report taken in the 200 block of East D Street.

# Republican National Convention Most Energized in Decades



Tim Riley

**A special article by Tim Riley**

Once again, Messenger Publishing Group was on the scene of another national political convention, this time in heavily guarded Milwaukee in an atmosphere fraught with uncertainty as the result of the assassination attempt on the Republican party's nominee.

Unlike the unfolding drama of the incumbent pulling the plug on his campaign, the nomination of Donald J. Trump was never in doubt, with the only surprise to come on the first day being the nomination of Ohio Senator JD Vance for the vice presidency.

Political conventions draw the party activists and volunteers, elected officials, and newcomers to the convention scene, while old guard party hacks seemed to be scarce. Most delegates and alternates across several states appeared to be first-time participants.

Forget the 2020 election season where the party conventions were listless, preordained virtual affairs about as exciting as watching paint dry or waiting for a load of clothes at a laundromat. This Republican convention was the most energized in decades, and the feeling was palpable inside the hall.

It may be easy to overlook the underlying tension of the 2016 convention which nominated Trump for the first time.

Remember that Texas Senator Ted Cruz, having run in the primaries, could not bring himself to endorse Trump in his convention speech back then.

On Tuesday night, Cruz took to the podium and the first thing he said was "God Bless Donald J. Trump," and then thanked God Almighty for protecting Trump during the assassination attempt. This sentiment would be expressed by many speakers.

As the senator representing the largest state bordering Mexico, Cruz delivered a blistering attack on the Biden administration for allowing "a literal invasion" of 11.5 million people illegally crossing the border, which he noted is larger than the population of all but eight states.

Not surprisingly, the immigration crisis proved to be a pivotal issue. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin addressed a breakfast gathering of the California delegation, and in regards to the immigration issue he said that it was "too bad" Texas Governor Greg Abbott was not the governor of the Golden State.

Youngkin pointed out that "every state is a border state," and aside from the invasion of illegals, the flow of fentanyl is unprecedented. As for people crossing the border, the most daunting problem is that these are people "we know nothing about."

With "American sovereignty and the crisis at the border as the top concerns," Youngkin observed that the "top solution is leadership," because just passing a bill in Congress is "naïve" if the rule of law is not restored.

Echoing a theme that is more apparent at this convention as opposed to the old establishment way of business, Youngkin noted that "we have a giant tent, let's fill it." He pushed the idea of townhalls that connect with people outside the corridors of power.

Trump's former Ambassador

to the United Nations Nikki Haley, a fierce opponent in the primaries, offered her "strong endorsement" of the former president, noting that "you don't have to agree with Trump 100 percent of the time to vote for him."

Long ago, an axiom of politics was that "half a loaf was better than no bread," so Haley's sensible approach is taking the view that what's important is that "we agree more than we disagree."

Perhaps being prescient, Haley observed that "a vote for Joe Biden is a vote for President Kamala Harris. After the debate, everyone knows it is true," a point to which Haley added "for the sake of the nation we have to go with Donald Trump."

With her background in foreign policy, Haley made astute observations that under Obama, Putin invaded Crimea, and under Biden, Putin invaded all of Ukraine. Most importantly, Putin "did nothing" under Trump. There was no invasion and no wars, because Putin "knew Donald Trump was tough."

Ronald Reagan's maxim was "Peace Through Strength." Arguably, the corollary to that was Haley claiming "a strong president doesn't start wars. A strong president prevents wars."

Rounding out the field of serious contenders from the primaries, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis offered a few witticisms, as he claimed we cannot "afford four more years of the Weekend at Bernie's presidency."

Following up on revelations of Biden's workload, DeSantis pointed to national security concerns when observing that "our enemies do not confine their designs to between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m."

Aside from delivering a stirring upbeat speech in the convention hall, Vivek Ramaswamy spoke to the California delegation's "Wheels to Victory"

luncheon at the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Vivek offered two tasks for the party. One is to revive our national identity by turning to the ideals of our founding fathers. The second is to shut down the shadow government of the administrative state, by "dismantling the nanny state" to save the Republic.

"We may not have a country left if don't get it right in November," said Vivek, noting that "it's not morning in America right now," as once Ronald Reagan was able to proclaim. "The American Dream is hanging on by life support."

The political speeches stirred the delegates to enthusiastic responses. But the best may have emanated from a variety of everyday Americans. A standing ovation came for Madeline Brame who lost her son to violent criminals as she attacked soft-on-crime prosecutors.

Who could not get teary-eyed when the Gold Star families expressed their feelings of being let down when the Biden-Harris administration could not even mention the names of their soldiers who died during the withdrawal from Afghanistan?

Another hero was 98-year-old World War II veteran William Pekrol who said, "America is still worth fighting for," and that if Trump were commander-in-chief, also said "I would re-enlist today" if asked by President Trump.

During an acceptance speech unlike any other, Donald Trump most notably came across as more somber and subdued than usual in large part, of course, for having survived an assassin's bullet only days earlier.

In a moment that's never happened before, speaking about the attempt on his life, Trump recounted details about the shooting, saying "I will tell you exactly what happened, and you'll never hear it from me a

second time because it's actually too painful to tell."

If there's an iconic image that resonates with the crowd in the hall, it has to be the photo that captures Trump with a raised fist and the American flag fluttering above. The shout of "Fight! Fight! Fight!" punctuated speeches many times.

While the national convention operated smoothly and efficient in all facets, the media coordination for the California delegation was lacking, as we made a request to interview attendees from Solano County and even adjacent counties.

What we ended up with was a conversation with Jason Clark, the Bay Area Regional Vice Chair, based in San Francisco. Clark focused on party registration numbers that don't favor Republicans in California.

According to Clark, the focus will be on trying to pick up two or three seats if this proves to be a good year, while acknowledging that there will be a challenge to hold seats won by slim margins by Congressmen Ken Calvert and John Duarte.

Picking Senator Vance was a smart move, as Clark observed his working-class background and pulling himself up from being dirt poor, and then joining the Marines, going to an elite law school and being editor of the Law Review were admirable achievements.

With only two years in the Senate, Vance is not unlike other politicians who ascended to high office. Keep in mind that Barack Obama, once an obscure state legislator, only served four years in the Senate, while Richard Nixon had two years in the Senate before his election as Vice President.

Next up is the Democratic National Convention on Aug. 19, and we'll soon see whether Kamala Harris is coronated or the convention devolves into a contentious repeat of 1968. ★

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Volunteers pose with their handiwork at Dixon Family Services. Photos courtesy of Cookie Powell

### Progress At Dixon Family Services

Dixon Family Services conveys many thanks to the businesses and volunteers that have helped us in the first phase of progress on our Fence Building Project.

To date, a special shout out to Vacaville Home Depot, Dixon Sunbelt Rentals, Dixon Tractor Supply, Higby's Country Feed and Pop Pops Handyman Services. We hope you will patronize and support these local businesses who obviously care about their community.

A big shout out to our fearless coordinators Tim Williams of the Church of Saint Martin in Davis and Roy Powell, Building Improvements Committee Chair of the DFS Board of Directors. These two have been such a pleasure to work with and their dedication to the project is very commendable.

Shout outs to volunteers who worked hard in the July heatwave in our first two



days of the project: Hector, Derek, Carol, Tim, Roy, Molly, Logan, and Marisol. We managed to get bushes and ivy trimmed, mulch moved, holes dug, posts cut and set in cement, and now we are ready to install rails, then boards.

We are all looking forward to getting back at it this Friday with the Dixon Lions Club crew.

It is not too late to get involved. We still need volunteers on Saturday, July 20, Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. We need more donations of checks or credit cards for additional materials and food businesses can donate snacks and lunches for our hardworking volunteers.

For more information, please contact Cookie Powell at [Cookie@DixonFamilyServices.org](mailto:Cookie@DixonFamilyServices.org) or Tim Williams at [Tygmos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tygmos@sbcglobal.net)

- Cookie Powell

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# Caltrans Awards \$51.4 Million for Sustainable Transportation Projects

## Caltrans News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - With a majority of funding coming from Governor Gavin Newsom's clean transportation infrastructure package and the California Climate Commitment, on July 9, Caltrans awarded \$51.4 million in planning grants for 89 sustainable, climate-resilient transportation projects throughout California to help communities better withstand the impacts of extreme weather events fueled by climate change.

The selected projects will help reduce planet-warming pollution, improve resiliency of the state highway system, enhance access to safe walkways and bike paths, and expand natural disaster preparedness. Nearly \$29 million comes from one-time state and federal sources made possible by Governor Newsom's historic \$15 billion clean transportation package in the 2022-23 state budget to further the state's ambitious climate goals. Another \$12.4 million comes from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The awards will fund project planning and conceptual design efforts, helping move the projects closer to construction.

"California is at the forefront of planning transportation projects build to help underserved communities withstand the effects of climate change," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "By working closely with local partners, we can maintain a sustainable, adaptable and resilient transportation system that will serve all Californians far into the future."

In total, Caltrans will fund:

\$28.8 million in Climate Adaptation Planning Grants – all from Governor Newsom's clean transportation infrastructure package – to 30 local, regional and transit agencies to identify transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to address climate impacts to

transportation infrastructure. Ninety-seven percent of these projects will benefit disadvantaged communities.

\$19.2 million in Sustainable Communities Competitive and Technical Grants to 50 local, regional and transit agencies for transportation and land use planning, as well as planning for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This includes more than \$6 million to fund planning for 16 projects that improve safety and access for people who walk and bike. Ninety-two percent of these projects will benefit disadvantaged communities.

\$3.4 million in federally funded Strategic Partnerships Grants to nine projects that will plan for managed lanes, training and certification for local elected officials, comprehensive multimodal corridors, transit network and comprehensive operational analyses, improve interregional ADA paratransit coordination, develop airport passenger transportation recommendations, develop a zero-emissions bus fleet, coordinate multimodal transportation and land use compatibility.

Caltrans awards transportation planning grants each year through a competitive process to encourage local and regional projects. Applications are evaluated on how projects advance state transportation and climate goals by identifying and addressing statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the highway system. The grant program began in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Since then, Caltrans has awarded 685 planning grants totaling \$266 million, and more than 60 percent of those projects have been completed.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared between state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1.

Find more projects that are building California's climate-friendly future at build.ca.gov and RebuildingCA.ca.gov. ★



# Durheim Joins California Farm Bureau as First Chief Operating Officer



**Dan Durheim**  
**California Farm Bureau News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Farm Bureau is pleased to announce Dan Durheim as its new chief operating officer. This is a newly created leadership role for the 105-year-old nonprofit organization.

Most recently, Durheim served as associate vice president of sponsor relations for Nationwide Insurance, building strong relationships with state Farm Bureaus, including the California Farm Bureau. He served a nearly 18-year tenure with the

American Farm Bureau Federation in varying roles, including executive director of industry affairs, foundation executive director and director of program development. His experience also includes working in leadership positions within the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The Board of Directors for the California Farm Bureau selected Durheim for the role of COO from over 1,100 candidates following a comprehensive executive search led by Morrison, a top-tier business consulting firm.

"Dan has been a long-time champion for agriculture and for Farm Bureau, strongly believing in the work of this organization on behalf of farmers and ranchers on the county, state and national level," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. "Dan's deep experience with Farm Bureau, established relationships within the industry, selfless leadership style and focus

on strategic service of our members makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this historic position for our organization."

"I am delighted to join an organization that has such a renowned reputation serving and advocating for the most diversified agriculture industry in the nation," Durheim said. "California Farm Bureau has a talented team and highly engaged board, all dedicated to advocacy and service of its members. California Farm Bureau's efforts are instrumental in protecting the farmers and ranchers who make California the No. 1 agriculture state in the nation, and it is an honor to know I can share my experience and talents to continue to advance these incredible contributions."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

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# Prepare for Boating Hazards

## U.S. National Weather Service News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Before you go out on the water, check the forecast at your local National Weather Service coastal office. You should also check for the latest National Weather Service buoy observations from the National Data Buoy Center.

You should also make sure your boat has essential, and in cases, required, safety equipment and communications tools.

### Life Jackets

Before you and your family get out on the water this year, grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" Nearly 85 percent of those who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket is one of the most effective and



As fun as boating can be, it is also very important to practice it safely. Photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board for every passenger on their vessel.

Today's life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. They are comfortable, lightweight, and perfect for any

boating activity. The most important thing is this: remember to grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" To learn more, visit the National Safe Boating Council online at [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org).

### Fire Extinguishers

U. S. Coast Guard approved, marine-type fire extinguishers are required on boats where a fire

hazard could be expected from the engines or fuel system. When required, boats less than 26 feet must carry at least one B-I, Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. Boats 26-40 feet must carry two B-I or one B-II Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher(s). Boats 40-65 feet must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I Coast Guard approved extinguishers.

Fire extinguishers are classified by a letter and a number symbol. The letter indicates the type of fire the unit is designed to extinguish, and the number indicates the size of the extinguisher. A type B extinguisher for example is intended to extinguish burning liquids such as gasoline, oil or grease, all of which are common on a boat.

You shouldn't have to travel more than half the length of their

boat to get to the fire extinguisher. Check your fire extinguishers at least once a year to ensure they are properly charged, stored and are undamaged. Start your boating season with this vital safety check.

### Communications: Cell Phones, Weather Radios and Other Options

If you have a smart phone, get weather news at [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards will sound an alert when the National Weather Service issues a weather advisory. Weather radio is a vital tool for a mariner.

There are many other communications options available to mariners on the U.S. National Weather Service marine site. ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000985  
The following persons are doing business as: Powered Collaborations, 320 Barn Owl Lane, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Laurie Power, P.O. Box 983, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Date filed in Solano County: June 20, 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 June 19, 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: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
POWERED 7-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-001053  
The following persons are doing business as: Guacho's Moving Service, 870 E. Travis Boulevard

Suite 1, Fairfield, CA 94533.  
Joaquin Hernandez Castillo, 870 E. Travis Boulevard Suite 1, Fairfield, CA 94533.  
Date filed in Solano County: July 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024  
GUACHOS 8-2-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-001101  
The following persons are doing business as: Northstar Painting, 506 Cottonwood Court, Fairfield,

CA 94533.  
Jose Manuel Espinosa Narvaez, 506 Cottonwood Court, Fairfield, CA 94533.  
Date filed in Solano County: July 12, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 12, 2024

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 July 11, 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: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024  
NORTHSTAR 8-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000993  
The following persons are doing business as: Backroad Sales,

6955 Cypress Trail, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Reliance Investments LLC, 6955 Cypress Trail, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Date filed in Solano County: June 20, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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BACKROAD 8-16-24

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 24-003, amending Chapter 12.04 (Rules for Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Dixon Municipal Code to add Section 12.04.110 (Overnight Parking Prohibited).

The ordinance prohibits parking by vehicles of any type in parking lots owned by the City of Dixon between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., with limited exceptions.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 2nd day of July 2024, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 16th day of July 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BOGUE, HENDERSHOT, JOHNSON, BIRD  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: ERNEST  
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Kristin M. Janisch  
Elected City Clerk



# Garamendi Applauds Solano County Board of Supervisors

**Office of Congressman John Garamendi News Release**

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG)** - On July 22, U.S. Representative John Garamendi (D-CA-08) issued the following statement commending Mitch Mashburn, Chair of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, for his recent announcement regarding the California Forever development project. Garamendi serves as the

federal representative for much of the service area, and the project raises concerns about the security of Travis Air Force Base, protection of the National Delta Heritage Area, and a full National Environmental Protection Act Review:

"I applaud California Forever's decision to change course and begin the standard County process for a General Plan and Zoning Amendment. This approach, which includes a full

Environmental Impact Report and a negotiated Development Agreement, is a crucial step toward ensuring that any development in our community is sustainable, transparent, and beneficial for all residents.

"From the beginning, I have maintained that the proposed project was only a pipe dream, not a true plan. Rushing the process without thorough environmental and community review would have been disastrous for

the existing residents of Solano County. Thanks to a required report by the County, we now know the scope of these costs. According to the report, the development would have created a nearly \$200 million annual deficit for the County.

"Today's decision to follow the normal County planning process provides the opportunity to address critical issues such as governing structures for the area, strengthening Travis Air Force

Base, providing adequate water resources, solving transportation challenges, and ensuring financial viability for the entire County.

"I thank the Solano County Board of Supervisors for prioritizing the needs and voices of our community. I am committed to supporting the County's efforts and will continue to work with all parties involved to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for Solano County." ★

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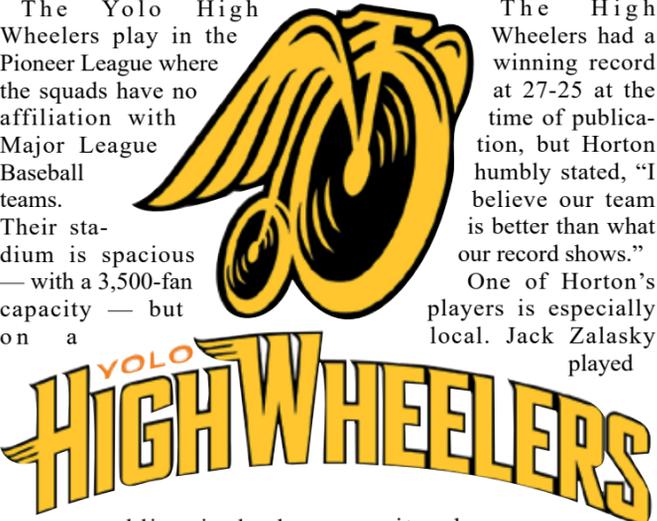
Phil Swimley Field at James M. & Ann Dobbins Baseball Stadium has room for 3,500 spectators. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers

By Mitch Barber

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - It takes little effort to find baseball in its purest form, somewhere multi-million dollar salaries don't lure players into a money game. One has only to look at a Little League diamond, a high school ballpark, or a college's personal-sized stadium; these places are where athletes participate for the love of the game.

In the city of Davis, on the University of California, Davis campus, such an environment exists on a competitive level: elite-level players throw baseballs and swing bats for little more than spare change.

The Yolo High Wheelers play in the Pioneer League where the squads have no affiliation with Major League Baseball teams. Their stadium is spacious — with a 3,500-fan capacity — but on a



blisteringly hot Wednesday this summer only 18 fans occupied the seats in the first inning for a game against the equally wet-behind-the-ears Oakland Ballers, the other first-year professional organization in a league considered just a rung below Single-A ball.

Doug Greenwald, son of the famed San Francisco Giants commentator Hank Greenwald, met Messenger Publishing Group at Phil Swimley Field at James M. & Ann Dobbins Baseball Stadium — the official name of where the UC Davis baseball team plays its home games — for a daytime contest on July 11. Doug is the High Wheelers' livestreaming broadcaster, and someone who always has a quick joke.

His enthusiasm toward the Yolo High Wheelers isn't a surprise; Doug indicated that the team has some 16 former Division I college baseball players who weren't drafted, yet still have major-league aspirations.

Doug arranged an interview with High Wheelers manager Billy Horton, who was about a five-minute power-cart ride from the stadium, stationed in the team's clubhouse.

The driver of the cart was Horton's son, Connor, an outgoing young man with an eye for

safety. He was visiting Davis from Arizona to be with his dad, while his high school is on summer break.

The older Horton was a tall, imposing presence in what could be described as the team's locker room (what looked like former classrooms); he was clothing his chiseled body, complete with six-pack abdominal muscles, when this reporter arrived at the clubhouse in the cart.

Horton's favorite position as a player was third base, but he had more success as a catcher. He said, "I only started catching because I didn't hit with enough power."

The High Wheelers had a winning record at 27-25 at the time of publication, but Horton humbly stated, "I believe our team is better than what our record shows."

One of Horton's players is especially local. Jack Zalasky played

varsity baseball for Elk Grove High School, and later Sacramento State University. He was happy to be met in the clubhouse hallway on that Wednesday afternoon.

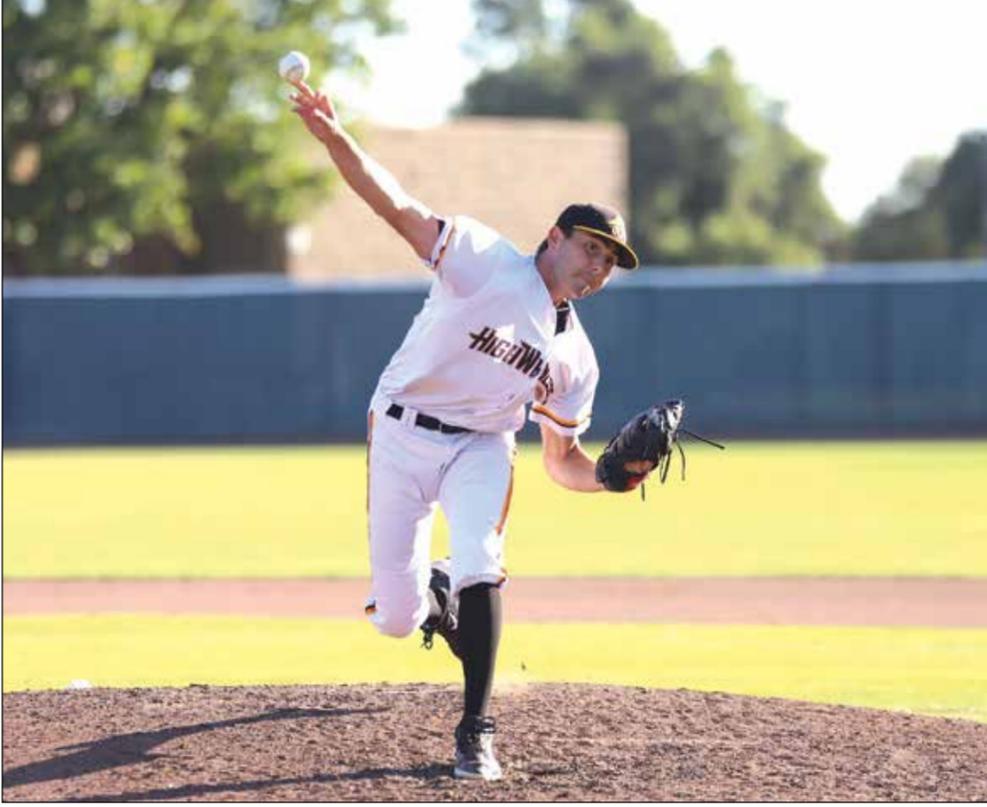
Zalasky is tall and lanky, with a dark-brown head of hair that was somewhat disorganized, and he was full of competitive energy. When asked where he saw himself in a couple years, Zalasky said, "I don't know. I'm just kind of going day by day."

Zalasky has a tie to catching like his manager; he has a pug/chihuahua named Posey, after legendary San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey.

But there was a game to be played that summer Wednesday.

The bottom of the first inning included a homerun by Yolo High Wheeler Braedon Blackford.

During that same inning, a song by Common and Kanye West played over the public address system. (West is a man who made the term "YOLO" famous.) Divine intervention? Or something planned by the PA announcer, Shiloh Roiss-Hume, who has a voice that brings to mind Samuel L. Jackson's radio broadcasting in "Do the Right Thing?" ★



Jack Zalasky delivers from the mound on July 16 versus the Oakland Ballers at Dobbins Baseball Stadium. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers



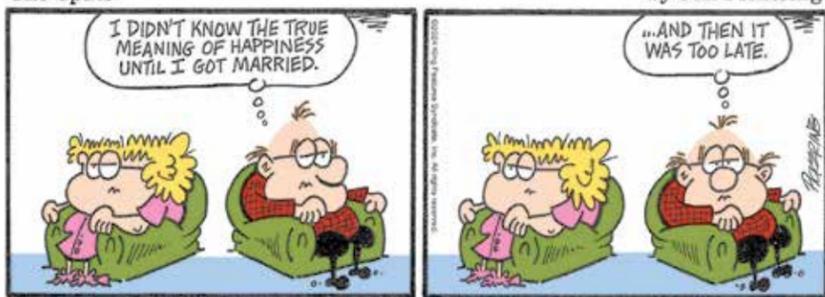
Jack Zalasky kicks his leg high in a game on July 16 versus the Oakland Ballers at Dobbins Baseball Stadium. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers



Billy Horton's son, Bryce, is also in town for Yolo High Wheelers games. Here, father and son smile in the clubhouse. Photo by Mitch Barber

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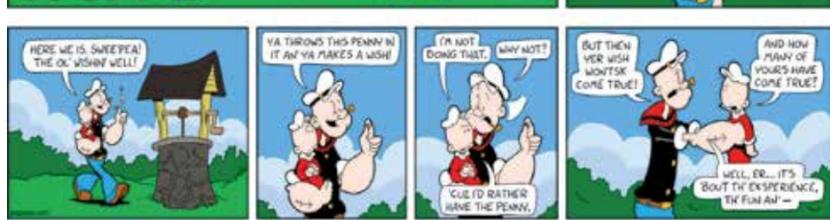
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6/6/24	500 McMath Ct	4 bedrooms/3 bathrooms	\$770,000
6/10/24	1230 Cunningham Drive	3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms	\$538,000
6/11/24	2425 Duncan St	6 bedrooms/3 bathrooms	\$825,000
6/14/24	1075 Tulane Ct	4 bedrooms/3 bathrooms	\$640,000
6/17/24	1125 Justin Way	3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms	\$375,000
6/18/24	195 Arbor Grove	5 bedrooms/3 bathrooms	\$699,000
6/20/24	1725 Frese Ct	4 bedrooms/3 bathrooms	\$762,000
6/20/24	1715 Frese Ct	4 bedrooms/3 bathrooms	\$868,000
6/24/24	170 Arbor Grove	?Bedrooms/?Bathrooms	\$644,000
6/25/24	420 Vanderbilt Drive	3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms	\$710,000
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