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Home & Garden Show Returns



The annual Solano County Home & Garden Show on Sept. 21 and Sept. 22 at the Dixon Fairgrounds is designed for all ages. The show started in 2015. Photo courtesy of Shawna Arzadon

By Shawna Arzadon

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Home & Garden Show is back on Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22.

That means the Dixon Fairgrounds at 655 S First St. will be transformed for home and garden enthusiasts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and this family-friendly event will offer something for everyone.

The home and garden show has been a tradition

This year's Home and Garden Show features a special guest appearance by Ahmad Hassan, who is the original host of HGTV's "Yard Crashers." Hassan will share his expert knowledge in a

special "Landscaping 101" session. This is a rare chance to gain insights from a true industry professional who knows how to turn any

yard into an outdoor paradise. In

addition, discover the latest products and services from top home-improvement als and get hands-on

advice

to tackle vour next project. Stroll through and show with unique, handcrafted items that will add a

special touch to your home. Vendors offer a wide range of products and services on upgrades, repairs for heating and air, solar.

> kitchen and bathroom, doors and windows, screen, garage flooring, alarms, electrical and

On Sept. 21, groove to sounds of Johnny and the Be Goods Band, pro-

viding high-energy music throughout the day. Enjoy a perfect mix of tunes while you explore the show.

Bring the whole family and let the little ones enjoy the Kids Korner, where children can engage in fun activities while you gather ideas and inspiration for your home and garden

There will also be arts and crafts vendors, Bingo scavenger hunt and food trucks.

General admission is \$8 and \$5 for seniors and military. Admission is free for children 12 and under. Free parking is across the street.

The Dixon Fairgrounds is at 655 South First St.

For more information about the Home & Garden Show on Sept. 21 and Sept. 22, visit online www. solanohomeshow.com. *

Brians Way Traffic Slowing Soon

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The third time was almost a charm for chief engineer Christopher Fong when presenting three suggestions on Brian Way traffic calming.

"I am back here again," Fong said on Aug. 20 to the Dixon City Council. "It's been a long time; I know this issue started in December last year."

A staff report shows Transportation Engineering firm OKS & Associates study showed Brians Way "does not meet the criteria to install speed humps per established criteria, and they do not meet the thresholds for traffic calming measures."

However, according to the staff report, Brians Way's speed and volume data are close to the thresholds.

"After some time, if the less intensive measures proved not to work, or the speeding and traffic volume increased after further data collection, the installation of speed humps could be reconsidered," the staff report reads.

After "several meetings and discussions," Fong said he was back with various options and costs.

"In total, we are talking about a cost of \$6,000 for installation of these things that could be done by city staff," Fong said. "It can be done relatively quickly, once it is ordered."

Fong used an aerial view of Brians Way, detailing each type of marker by color. Marked in red, Bot Dots are \$80 per box, with six boxes needed. Marked in vellow, lane delineators range from \$20 to \$100, with 15 needed. Marked in green, solar speed feedback signs cost between \$2,700 and \$5,500 for two.

"They are both going to be placed on the west side of the street because that is where streetlights are located, but the way the curves are located, going in both directions," Fong said. "You will be able to see so that way we can save costs in terms of not having to buy new poles; we will just put on existing streetlights."

Councilmember Jim Ernest suggested eliminating the one in the south and spreading out further in each direction.

"That way, we get a little more coverage over by the park, and at the same time, we are getting a little more coverage going into the turn without the additional cost of the more southern one," Ernest said.

Fong said he could change locations but he did need to settle on a consensus of funding that even, which is what Vice Mayor

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Stay Safe from Rattlesnakes

By Judy Andrews

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Although wildlife sightings are typically more common near rivers, creeks and open spaces, this year's extreme heat has forced the local wildlife, including many unwelcome visitors such as venomous snakes, to seek food, water and shelter in populated areas, sometimes right into our backyards.

The California Poison Control System receives hundreds of rattlesnake exposure calls every year, especially from April to October. Although rattlesnake bites are rarely fatal, they can cause severe injury or death, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and prevention is the key to human safety.

"Snakes start roaming around when they get desperate for water," said Jake Molieri, owner of SNAKEOUT, Inc.

"They can die if they



brown blotches running down their backs. Photo courtesy of National Park Services

become overheated, so it's not unusual to find them on hot days near water sources like sprinklers, fountains, pools, pet water dishes and inside flowerpots," Molieri said.

Molieri's business provides humane snake removal services, educational resources

and canine rattlesnake

aversion clinics. He's one of a handful

of local snake removal companies specializing in removing rattlesnakes from businesses and homes. Molieri sees a growing need for public education and awareness of wildlife behavior, especially as more people from other areas move into

Sacramento County and the foothills.

"Rattlesnakes are important to our ecosystem. We don't need to live in fear of them. But we need to be vigilant and respect them for their role in the environment like we do for other wildlife," Molieri explained.

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Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes are common in this area. Photo by Judy Andrews

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Depending on the county, this region is home to between 10 and 13 different species, including the venomous Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, which is often the target of fear and misconception.

Sacramentan Michael Starkey supports snake conservation worldwide through his nonprofit Save The Snakes organization.

"We haven't solved the problem by killing and removing them," Starkey said. "Rattlesnakes are simple creatures with survival needs similar to ours. They are much more afraid of you than you are of them and won't strike unless provoked."

Starkey's organization provides training courses that teach students about venomous snake behavior and how to safely handle them.

"Empowering individuals to learn about snakes helps conserve their population in the ecosystem," he said.

Keeping your home snake-free

Rattlesnake sightings and encounters can occur at any time of year in this area but are more frequent as the snakes become active when temperatures rise above 70 degrees. Should you find one in your yard, don't panic. Follow the experts' advice to keep your property snake-free.

"Understanding their behavior and habits is the first step in safety and prevention," said Ben Nuckolls, Wildlife Capture Specialist and owner/operator of California Wildlife Encounters. With 30 years of experience, Nuckolls is trained to safely work with all types of wildlife, often including venomous

"The important thing to



Save The Snakes teaches students and wildlife professionals how to handle venomous snakes safely. The organization accepts donations to keep their work going. Photo courtesy of Save The Snakes

remember is that rodents attract snakes," Nuckolls said. "Removing a snake's food source is crucial to keeping your home snake-free."

Nuckolls frequently responds to calls from live-stock owners and residents in rural communities who find rattlesnakes in the loose straw where rodents burrow or near chicken coops where rodents eat the feed.

Homeowners can reduce snake encounters by keeping their yards, sheds and garages clutter-free. This involves cleaning up all birdseed from the ground, trimming weeds, grass and overgrown foliage—and conducting regular home perimeter inspections, including checking woodpiles and areas near water sources.

Snake experts also advise homeowners near open spaces and greenbelts

to invest in rattlesnake fencing installed by a professional to minimize snake entry points.

Should you encounter a rattlesnake in your yard, it's recommended that you call a professional to safely and humanely remove it. Don't try to remove it yourself or kill it unless you've been trained in handling venomous snakes. A scared, provoked snake will try to defend

Experts recommend having a plan in place and keeping the phone numbers of local snake removal companies or your local county Animal Control handy in case you need them at any time. Check with your nearest hospital or emergency facility to ensure they carry the antivenom. A rattlesnake bite is a medical emergency for humans and pets.

Piet News

The Pub Kats will perform Sept. 5 at Pardi Plaza. Courtesy photo

By MPG Staff

Mural Ribbon Cutting

Please join the Dixon Historical Society for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new historical mural. Artist Colleen Gnos will be there to answer questions. The mural tells the story of Dixon's history, the establishment of the railroad, the Dickson Pioneer Family, and the various cultural groups who have contributed to the land over the decades. Also present will be the new museum curator from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 at 125 West A St.

Veterans Dinner

It is a full meatloaf dinner on the menu for Friday, Aug. 30, around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person and is all you can eat! The hall is located at 1305 North First St. and helps support veterans.



Friday Night Football

It's the Dixon High School Rams

hosting the Winters Joint High School Warrior at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at Dixon High School. Come out and support your local team. Unfortunately, the Rams lost to the Woodland Pioneers 0-35 in their first game of the season.

Pub Kats at Pardi Plaza

The Pub Kats will mix it up throughout the night with classic rock, funk grooves, country twang and even some oldies from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 5. Come and enjoy free music in Pardi Plaza. Bring folding chairs or a blanket. No alcohol per city ordinance. The fun is at the corner of South First Street and West A Street.

Take advantage of the Farmer's Market

There are only a few more weeks until the Farmer's Market closes for the season. Come get your fresh fruits and vegetables and everything else this public market has to offer before it's too late from 5 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday through Sept. 26 at the Women's Improvement Club Park, 230 North First St.

Railroad Days

Are you ready for Railroad Days on Sept. 7 and 8? Mark those calendars for food, drinks, trains and fun in downtown Dixon.

Dixon Unified School District Secures Temporary Power Solution

Dixon Unified School District News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Dixon Unified School District (DUSD) is excited to announce that Anderson Elementary students will be able to return home to Anderson Elementary this fall.

The Dixon Unified School District has secured a power panel from the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD), enabling Anderson Elementary School to receive temporary power until its new electrical panel is delivered. This critical development allows Dixon Unified School District to plan for the return of Anderson Elementary students to their campus from their temporary locations at Tremont Elementary and Gretchen Higgins Elementary.

This past spring, Dixon Unified School District ordered a new replacement power panel for Anderson Elementary, with an estimated lead time of 10 to 12 months. While this timeline remains in place, securing the temporary power panel from San Juan Unified School District is a significant win for Anderson students and families, as it accelerates the return to Anderson Elementary. Previously, the district estimated that students would not be able to return until the spring of 2025 or the beginning of the 2025/26 school year.

"After starting as Superintendent in July, my top priority was returning our displaced students, families, and staff back to their home at Anderson Elementary. We worked diligently over the summer to secure a temporary power solution to ensure that the Anderson Elementary community would not be displaced any longer than necessary," said Brett Barley, Superintendent of Dixon Unified School District. "Thanks to the support and generosity from San Juan Unified, we are hopeful that we can move students back to Anderson this fall, rather than waiting until next year. This is a tremendous achievement for our students and families."

"We want to thank the entire Anderson Elementary community for their support and perseverance these past few months while we worked to identify and resolve the electrical issues at the school," said Julian Cuevas, President of the Dixon Unified School District Board. "We also want to thank the Tremont and Gretchen Higgins Elementary School communities for welcoming Anderson students, fam-

ilies, and staff onto their school sites. These past few months have showcased for all to see the strength of the entire DUSD community."

"We are immensely proud of our teachers who, despite the challenges presented by the unforeseen electrical panel failure, demonstrated unwavering commitment to their students and families," said Wes Besseghini, President of Dixon Teachers Association. "Their adaptability and dedication ensured that our students continued to receive a quality education, even while being relocated to different school sites. Their resilience during this time truly exemplifies our collective commitment to the Dixon community."

"Our SEIU members went above and beyond to support students, staff, and families during this difficult period. From ensuring safe and seamless transitions between campuses to providing essential services that kept the school running smoothly, their hard work was instrumental in navigating this complex situation," said Andrew Rathjen, President of Service Employee International Union Local 1021. "We are grateful for their dedication and proud of the crucial role our members played in maintaining a positive and productive learning environment for our students."

Dixon Unified School District hopes to announce a more definitive timeline for the move back to Anderson Elementary soon. The district is working to finalize the necessary arrangements for a safe and timely return. Parents, students, and staff will be kept informed of any further developments.

Rotary Club Welcomes New Administrators and Teachers



Pictured are school administrators and teachers at the welcome event, including Dixon Rotary President Marlene Vega on the far right. Photo courtesy of Janice Beaman

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 2, the Dixon Rotary Club welcomed the new school administrators and teachers from the Dixon Unified School District, including Dixon Montessori Charter School and Maine Prairie School. Fifty-dollar Wal-Mart gift cards were presented to the 30-plus new teachers to start their new classrooms and approximately 10 new administrators were presented boxes of candy. About 70 people attended the luncheon at Dixon High School, hosted by Dixon Rotary, catered by Food and Familia, at 171 West A St. ★



City Water Issues Boil with Controversy

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Councilmember Tom Bogue shut down a resolution to seek bids for a new city water

On Aug. 20, city attorney Douglas White said since officials met last, the city has gone through the Proposition 218 process, and the new water rates are being implemented and put in place."

"In terms of going out and finding out what entities might be interested in operating our water system and what the value of that might be to the city in general," White said, bringing attention to the Rate for Proposal (RFP) in front of them.

According to the city attorney, the unbinding Rate for Proposal is a means to attain information from companies on "what they would do and how they would operate to begin a discussion."

But there would be no discussion, according to Councilman Thom Bogue.

"Does the city even have the authority to sell this water district without the approval of the ratepayers?" Bogue asked. Said White, explaining it can-

not go to vote unless the council approves, "No, this would just be the process of getting proposals. The vote would be the essential sale of a water system."

Bogue posed a question for con-

sideration: since the Proposition 218 process passed was a minimal challenge and rates went through, why would the city actually consider selling that water system?

"That's a real question because it is going to take time for that district to raise the money to start doing actual repairs to it," Bogue said. "Do we really want to continue going through this, draining that fund more than it is now?"

Now that the rates are in place, Bogue said officials have no business selling the system, calling it "pointless to continue spending money and time on this."

White did not see it that way, saying he sees "no reason we should not be exploring all possibilities."

White's opinion became mute when Bogue denied the resolution altogether, with council members agreeing with their peers.

With no public comment, which was the opposite of the last meeting regarding the water rates, officials shut the matter down before addressing Valley Glen. What Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson called a repeat problem is costing the city hundreds of thousands to fix again.

In May, Johnson and other officials were told the well installed in 2003 needed to meet its 80- to 100-year guarantee, costing the City of

Dixon more than a quarter of a million dollars to fix.

Since Johnson said he "doesn't feel right" about spending more money on the well in May, city officials passed a controversial water rate increase, causing a public protest at a July 16 council meeting.

At the podium again, Dixon's Water Distribution Division Operations maintenance supervisor Josh Hudson told officials the fix would cost more than \$500,000 from reserves, including the \$456,000 in Valley Glen well repairs that come with a \$12,000 inspection and a \$70,000 contingency fee.

Johnson was not present at the

Aug. 20 meeting; however, officials heard Hudson say, "I know most of you are familiar with the ongoing woes we have been having at the Valley Glen facility."

However, time is of the essence, according to Hudson, who said

emergency repair must occur.

"We must get it back online and up and running," Hudson said. "We are very vulnerable right now."

Hudson offered a brief and costly background beginning in 2022 when issues began to rise. Though planning to address the problem by repair or replacement to no avail, Hudson said as the project continued, it was realized some of the system's older parts would not comply with newer adjustments.

Bottom line: immediate repair is

Officials must act now while the other three water districts are running "hard" with the Valley Glen well pump down.

"If we were to lose another site, there is a pretty good possibility we would buy water from Cal Water," Hudson said.

Mayor Bird and the council unanimously passed the immediate improvements. ★



Office of Education to Host Annual Early Childhood Education Conference

Solano County Office of Education News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) will host the 2024 Quality Counts Solano Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, beginning at 7:30 a.m. This year, conference organizers invite teachers to join in an educator wellness event, including a full day of workshops from professionals skilled in early childhood education.

The Quality Counts Solano Early Childhood Education Conference has been an annual event in Solano County for over 30 years hosted at Solano College every September and welcomes the attendance of all educators supporting children from birth to age eight years.

This annual event reflects our ongoing collective commitment to furthering the growth and development of our youngest learners. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners for their dedication and support in making this conference a reality. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our children," Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson said.

Topics will be of interest for all early learning professionals ranging from: preschool, kindergarten, and transitional kindergarten teachers, infant/toddler teachers, family childcare providers, center-based directors, and supervisors, as well as anyone working with young children.

Participants will enjoy engaging topics, including supporting children with special needs, early literacy, and a variety of wellness workshops for teachers and childcare providers. A For more information on registration please visit the Solano County Office of Education website at www.solanocoe.net or contact Breana Marino at bmarino@solanocoe.net or (707) 399-4471.









MEMORIAL



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave, I was talking to some friends the other day about wills and trusts. They seemed to have a variety of opinions, so can you straighten things out for me? I don't have a will or a trust, and my financial situation is pretty simple. I just want to make sure I do the right thing.

- William

Dear William,

This is a great question. I'm sure your friends are smart folks, but I'm glad you're looking for more answers. I'm not a lawyer, so I'm just going to give you a few simple things to think about. Also, I'd strongly suggest you talk to an experienced will and trust lawyer, one with the heart of a teacher, who will give you all the facts and put your best interests first.

Basically, a will is a legal document that explains what you want to happen with your stuff when you die and puts it all in writing. There are many different types of wills, but for most people a

Dave Ramsey Says

What's Best for Me?

simple will is all you need to establish a solid estate plan that protects your family if something happens to you.

Trusts tend to be geared toward people with more assets and unique or complex estate issues. They also come in lots of different forms like, living trusts, revocable and irrevocable trusts and special needs trusts, just to name a few. In my mind, if you have less than \$1 million in assets—and your financial world is pretty simple and straightforward—a will gets the job done just fine.

One of the most important differences between wills and trusts is the ability to name a guardian for your minor children. You can name a legal guardian in your will, but you can't in a trust. So, even if you have a trust, you'll still need a will to make sure your kids are taken care of after you die.

Another important distinction between the two is that a trust lets you skip probate court—a will doesn't. Probate court cases can drag on forever. Plus, they can be expensive. If your estate gets mixed up in probate court because someone challenges the will, it could mean your family has to spend months

While we're on the subject of probate court, let's talk about another sticky subject.

There's a little bit of crazy in every family. You probably know who they are in your family, but if you don't, it might be you. Seriously, though, we all know some families that seem to have more than their fair share of crazy and drama, and wills are best for families that struggle with these issues and tension between family members. Probate court can resolve those problems. On the other hand, families who can handle healthy conflict, and who trust each other, are better off with a trust, since they don't need a probate court to babysit them.

And if you're wondering if you can have both a trust and a will, the answer is yes. In fact, most people who have a trust have a will, too.

I hope this little bit helps Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. 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,

WILLIAM FREDRICK ANDREWS • 1955 - 8/11/2024

William Fredrick Andrews, affectionately known as Bill, passed away on August 11, 2024, in Reno, Nevada, at the age of 68. He was a man of remarkable generosity, always willing to lend a hand to those in need, and he leaves behind a family who will miss him dearly.

Known for his humor and outgoing nature, Bill never met a strangereveryone he encountered quickly became a friend. A passionate sports enthusiast, he was a dedicated fan of the Raiders, cheering them on through their days in Oakland and Las Vegas.

Music was the soundtrack of Bill's life. His love for classic rock bands like U2, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Tesla, and Creedence Clearwater Revival led him to attend countless live concerts and shows. He was an avid Harley Davidson fan and an allweather barbecuer. He also found joy in outdoor adventures and caring for his beloved pets, especially his dogs.

Bill retired after a dedicated 45-year career in the grocery industry, most recently with Scolari's Grocers in Reno. He excelled in customer service, where he built lasting relationships with locals and visitors alike-many of whom he considered extended family.

Bill shared a special

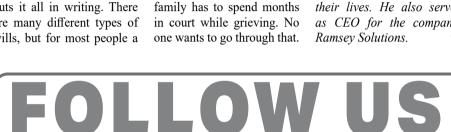
bond with his brother. Scott, with whom he moved to Reno in 1976. Together, they embarked on a life full of family, fun, and shared passions.

A 1974 graduate of Dixon High School, Bill was an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in both football and baseball.

Bill is survived by his loving partner Cheryl Kelley and her daughter Lisa; his daughter Tiffany Andrews and her partner Pat Talley, with grandchildren Tyler, Katie and Tristan; his best friend and brother Scott Andrews and his wife Norma; and his brother Cameron Andrews and his husband Jimmy Chapman. He also leaves behind his nephew Matt Andrews and wife Becky, along with great-nephews Rio and Rhys. Additionally, he is survived by stepson Roland W. Ortiz and wife Elaine with grandchildren Cadie E. Ortiz and Roland Z. Ortiz, as well as stepdaughter Carmen Ortiz and grandchild Daniel Ortiz. He will also be remembered by Paul Andrews' wife, Lorenia, and their son Kai Andrews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Andrews; mother, Shirley Andrews; nephew, Paul Andrews; and his first wife, Cynthia Lee Alvarado (later Wristen); and second wife, Merit Ortiz.

Memorial services will be held in both Reno and Dixon at a later date.



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DIXON POLICE LOG

Tuesday, Aug. 13

08:30 - Traffic Collision North First Street at East Dorset Drive.

09:50 - Stolen Vehicle report at 400 block of Ellesmere Drive.

13:45 - Court order violation at 200 block of South 8th Street.

14:00 - Lost property report at 200 block of East Dorset Drive. 15:00 - Information report at 500 block of College Way.

01:45 - Train versus pedestrian accident in the 400 block of Porter Road.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

09:02 - A fraud report was taken in the 1200 block of Baylor Way.

09:15 - A stolen vehicle recovery report was taken at the intersection of Newgate Way at Stratford Avenue. 10:32 - A traffic collision report was taken at the intersection of Newgate Way at Stratford Avenue.

18:08 - Traffic collision report in the 2200 block of North 1st Street.

19:05 - Information report in the 1600 block of West H Street.

20:35 - Traffic collision report in the 400 block of Gateway Drive.

22:05 - Confidential report in the 500 block of Morgan Lane.

Thursday, Aug. 15

09:39 - A School Resource Officer report was taken at Dixon High School.

12:14 - Provide false identification to a police officer, identity theft, possession of suspected narcotics, and drug paraphernalia arrest report was taken in the 800 block of North Adams. Officers contacted (S) Pursilla Martinez, 38, of Vacaville. Martinez was arrested and taken to the Solano County Jail. Martinez's vehicle was

18:51 - Alexis Leon, 23, from Dixon, was arrested in the 900 block of Newgate Way for criminal threats. Leon was booked into the Solano County jail.

01:39 - Vehicle tampering report in the 600 block of Industrial Way.

Friday, Aug. 16 12:02- A suspicious circumstance report was taken at the Dixon Police Department.

13:21 - A public nuisance arrest report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Drive. Officers contacted (S) Myron

Sandefur, 47, of Richmond. Sandefur was arrested and brought to the Dixon Police Department where he was cited and released. **16:05** - A vandalism report was taken at Hall Park.

18:00 - Theft report in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

20:35 - Anthony Rubio, 30, of Vacaville was contacted in the 1400 block of Ary Lane and found to have an

outstanding arrest warrant. Rubio was transported without incident to the Solano County Jail for booking. 02:19 - Anderson Clinton, 46, from Vacaville, was arrested in the 600 block of Evans Road for false

imprisonment and booked at the Solano Couty Jail. Saturday, Aug. 17

07:27 - An informational report was taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

09:35 - Informational report taken in the 100 block of Morning Glory Lane.

01:52 - Battery report in the 1200 block of North Adams Street.

Sunday, Aug. 18

10:20 - John Bahel, 37, of Santa Rosa was contacted in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive and later arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia. 18:16 - Suspicious person report in the 500 block of Songbird Court resulted in the arrest of Cristian Bojorquez

Gastelum, 31, of Dixon for a misdemeanor warrant. He was taken to county jail. 20:15 - Hit and Run traffic accident in the 2200 block of North 1st Street.

00:51 - Battery report taken in the area of Evans Road and Rehrmann Drive.

01:40 - Information report for a car fire in the 7800 block of Batavia Road.

Monday, Aug. 19

09:00 - Confidential Report. Tuesday, Aug. 20

22:14 - Domestic violence report taken in the 400 block of West Chestnut Street.



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Apprentice To The Villain

by Hannah Nicole Maehrer

When Evie Sage landed a job with the Kingdom's most notorious Villain, she knew her life would be different but never expected it to change so drastically. Besides heads strung across the ceiling, screams coming from the dungeon, and a crown-wearing frog who expresses his unwanted comments through signs, this was just a typical assistant job. Unless, of course, you count that impossible, temperamental, and slightly sexy boss.

But as with all great jobs, there were some setbacks, and somehow, Evie always found her life or the Villains hanging in the balance. After the last catastrophe, they definitely need to get their act together—or maybe just they should get together. One thing is for certain: Evie has definitely saved the Villains' lives a few times, and he However, there's more

can't forget. at play than Evie and the Villain's secret desire for each other. Rennedawn's magic is in jeopardy, leaving them vulnerable to attack. But Evie never anticipated the true source of the problem, or how personally she

would be involved. The

only certainty is the hid-

den feelings and desires



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that could erupt at any moment between Evie and the Villain. Evie may have started

as an assistant, but now it's her time to step into the light and take charge. With her quick wit, training, and a touch of evil, it's time for Evie to transition from Assistant to Apprentice. After all, she's always wanted to wield a dagger. Readers beware: the

smoldering evil Villain is back; this time, he's looking for an Apprentice. Do you have what it takes?

With quick wit and cantor around every corner, readers will instantly fall for this fairytale turned on its head as they get an

inside look at just how

hard it is to be a notorious

Villain and the one who

assists him. A Unique, refreshing series full of wicked intent and picking up right at the cliffhanger ending of Assistant to the Villain.

This binge-worthy

series is taking the reading world by storm and leading readers straight into a villainous trap—a sexy villainous trap. Told in dual perspectives and a few additions, readers will have a chance to delve straight into Evie and the Villain's minds, allowing a glimpse of their subtle feelings and the slow burn of unknowing desire. The continued slow build of feelings only adds the adventure and storyline but will only make readers yearn for one of them to slip up and finally throw themselves at one other, but who will be the first to break? Readers will be screaming for Evie and the Villain but secretly enjoying the villainous way the author keeps them apart. In true villainess fashion, Hannah Nicole Maehrer steals her readers' hearts with this wonderfully villainous tale. Apprentice to The Villain is a fun, satisfying read for fans of twisted fairytales and even a little forbidden office romance

with side characters you

can't help but love and a

cute price frog that steals

the show.

California Sued Twice After Enacting a Corporate Tax Law with Billions at Stake



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

During Jerry Brown's first stint as governor of California, he became enmeshed in a very complicated dispute over how the state should tax the incomes of multinational corporations.

More than four decades later, the issue has resurfaced in a corporate tax case involving Microsoft, one of the nation's largest corporations, a legislative bill that was semi-secretly attached to the state budget in June, and two subsequent lawsuits.

The outcome could reopen tax returns from past years and potentially force companies to pay billions of dollars in retroactive taxes, or alternatively could eliminate a windfall of corporate taxes that Gov. Gavin Newsom is counting on to help close the state's budget deficit.

The issue that Brown faced in the 1970s was whether corporations should report their global incomes to California and have a calculated percentage subjected to state taxes, or could confine their taxable income reports to actual activities within the state.

At the time, the first methodology, called "unitary taxation," was used by the Franchise Tax Board, which is California's version of the Internal Revenue Service. However. foreign corporations, particularly those based in Japan and Great Britain, were adamantly opposed and sought the alternative, dubbed "water's edge."

Brown initially supported the tax board but after visiting Japan did a 180-degree flip, while accusing the board's executive officer, Martin Huff, of giving him "flaky data." Huff responded by essentially accusing Brown of lying, which led to Brown and legislative leaders quickly changing a unique state law that had protected the tax board's executive from political interference.

Huff had also alienated legislators by publicly suggesting that their "per diem" expense payments be subject to income taxes. After the law was changed to make it easier for Huff to be fired, he resigned.

The infighting over corporate taxation continued. At one point it even became an issue in a tax treaty that the U.S. government was negotiating with the British government. Eventually, in the 1980s, corporations were given the option of using either the unitary or water's edge method. Microsoft adopted the latter for its 2017-18 tax return, but found itself in a dispute with the tax board over how dividends from foreign subsidiaries should be treated.

The dispute jelled when Microsoft sought a \$90.9 million refund, the tax board rejected the claim and the company appealed to the Office of Tax Appeals, which is essentially a tax court. Last year, after extensive trial-like hearings, a three-member appellate panel unanimously ruled in favor of Microsoft.

It could have forced the state to refund \$1.3 billion immediately and perhaps more as the decision trickled through the state's corporate tax process. But the tax board did not concede defeat and instead turned to Newsom and the Legislature for a rescue.

It came in the form of Senate Bill 167, one of the dozens of "trailer bills" attached to the state budget. It declares that the Franchise Tax Board's position on the dividend issue is state law, regardless of how the appellate panel ruled.

This month, two lawsuits were filed to challenge the constitutional validity of SB 167, one by the California Taxpayers Association in Fresno, the other by the National Taxpayers Union in Sacramento.

"This legislation imposes a retroactive tax hike that would reach back several decades, allowing California's tax collectors to go after companies that already paid every cent of the taxes owed under the laws that were in place at the time," CalTax president Robert Gutierrez said. "This egregious violation of taxpayers' rights cannot go unchallenged."

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analvsis 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.



JOY AND DUBIOUS HOPE RUN THE SHOW AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

A Special Article by Tim Riley

Chicago has hosted many national political conventions for both parties, with the most recent being 1996 when Bill Clinton was renominated on his way to a second term in

Entering the 2024 Democratic National Convention in the Windy City, there was much speculation that tens of thousands of pro-Hamas, pro-Palestine protesters descending on the city would be shades of the riots and turmoil by anti-Vietnam War protesters in 1968.

To be sure, protesters of that ilk, advocating for an end to U.S. to Israel and an unconditional ceasefire in Gaza, marched through streets near the United Center's site of the convention.

With these far left-wing protesters, there was the obligatory (on their part) burning of the American flag. And yet, the ranks of those marching in the streets were far from the numbers hyped-up in the media.

During the 1968 Democratic convention, Mayor Richard Daley wasn't in the mood for the police department to hold back on repelling the activists, which ended up in a lot of violence and chaos that proved a detriment to Hubert Humphrey's campaign to replace President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The political climate in Chicago is no longer the Tammany Hall- type days of the Daley era. Mayor Brandon Johnson, who has turned out to be even worse than former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, considers himself an activist.

The mayor, who appeared on the convention podium the opening night, finds himself, as the result of the ongoing crime wave and violence in his city, to be about as popular as skunks and fire ants at a picnic.

Apart from pushing "joy" as a pervasive talking point, the speakers seemed to focus on abortion-on-demand and allusions to class warfare. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, better known as "AOC," was there to take on corporate greed, apparently forgetting so many billionaires are in her party's donor

The obsession of advocating for abortion right up to the point of conception, or even beyond, is a far cry from the Bill Clinton-era mantra of "safe, legal and rare."

Planned Parenthood was on hand outside the convention perimeter with a mobile unit offering free abortions and vasectomies. One humor website had a brilliant fake story about a man thinking he was in line for a food truck accidentally getting a vasectomy instead of a burrito.

The abortion topic was not confined to just about every speaker. A twenty-foot inflatable IUD was near the convention site. Protesters were found dressed as abortion pills as MIFO and MISO, shorthand for the medical names that end a pregnancy.

On the first night President Ice Riden showed up for his farewell speech to pass the torch to Vice President Kamala Harris. He didn't talk about how he was pushed aside from running for re-election, a process which can rightfully be called a "coup."

The President talked about his administration's so-called "accomplishments," ignoring the disaster of the Afghanistan withdrawal, the crisis of illegal aliens pouring into the country, the crushing jump in the inflation rate that has burdened the working and middle class, just to name a few.

For every speaker, Donald Trump was always a target, with President Biden turning divisive in claiming that the former president called white supremacists "very fine people" at the 2017 Charlottesville, Virginia rally, something that has been debunked many times, even by liberal media sources.

Oddly enough, in his convention speech, Biden went off-script momentarily when, in reference to the pro-Palestine protests, he claimed that "these protestors out in the street, they have a point." What exactly is the point if you chant "From the river to the sea?" It's the destruction of Israel.

Aside from abortion, just about everyone loved to talk about Trump being a "threat to democracy," while ignoring that former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, abetted by the elite donor class, stuck it to Biden like a prison yard shanking.

Due to a schedule conflict, this columnist was unable to attend the final day of the convention, at which time the coronation of Kamala Harris was complete with her acceptance speech. Something that seemed to fail to be noticed

is that the presidential nominee of a major political party was nominated and approved by the assembled delegates without having won a single primary or even just one delegate. Memory is short in politics, but this just

seems to be a unique outcome. Remember as well that Kamala Harris's presidential candidacy in 2020 also ended without garnering a single delegate vote.

Alas, I wish that I could claim be the one to have referred to this gathering in Chicago as the "Seinfeld" convention. But all the talk of "joy" and "hope and change" amounts to little more than being something about nothing.

What's next in the remaining two months before Election Day that should be watched is whether Kamala Harris finally sits down for an unscripted interview and what will the debate(s) reveal for the policy positions of both candidates.

Usually, the debate between the vice-presidential candidates carries less importance, but this year could be different.

Senator Vance is most likely to go on the offensive with Governor Walz for a myriad of issues. And the issues ripe for the Senator to exploit involve the stolen valor allegations, the strict COVID lockdowns (made worse by the Governor having set up a Soviet-style snitch line so people could rat on their neighbors) and the slow response to dealing with the BLM riots in Minneapolis.

Another interesting phenomenon at the convention was the idea

that Harris is running as an outsider, as if for the past almost four years she had no role to play in what was always billed as the "Biden-Harris Administration."

At what point, will it become clear that she was really tasked by Biden to be the Border Czar, a failed assignment resulting in millions of illegal immigrants, largely unknown and unvetted, roaming unchecked through the land and reaping benefits?

Has everyone forgotten that Harris, in her role as President of the Senate, cast the tie-breaking vote to adopt the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act (a misnomer if there ever was one), which led to trillions added to debt and a high rate of inflation not seen in decades?

Brace yourself for an interesting presidential general election campaign season that may hold surprises. What twists and turns may happen in the Israeli-Hamas War? How will that affect the vote in places like Michigan and Wisconsin with the pro- Palestine crowd?

Even though we were not there to cover the final night, Harris is quoted as saying "I will always stand up for Israel's right to exist and I will always ensure Israel has the ability to defend itself."

Threading the needle, Harris went on to say "President Biden and I are working to end this war – such that Israel is secure, the hostages are released, the suffering in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can realize their right to dignity, security, freedom, and self-determination."

party? Can someone tell me why there was a group called "Queers for Palestine" protesting? Are they unaware of what fate befalls gay people in that part of the world?

Does this satisfy the extreme left of her





Monday morning as I was writing this column, I tuned into a local sports talk radio station that will go nameless, and listened to the two hosts as they discussed the top 40 Sacramento Kings players of

What was most interesting, as I listened to their personal choices, was who they put in the top 10 since the Kings came to Sacramento.

Conspicuously missing from that list from both hosts were the names Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox. Neither could make their top 10 list.

Bench players Doug Christie and Brad Miller made the list, but not the rebounding champ for the past two seasons, or the fastest man in the NBA in our own De'Aaron Fox.

Call me a homer, and I'll be proud to wear the title, but I will tell you without a shadow of a doubt, Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox have already acquitted themselves honorably to make the top ten list of all time for the Sacramento Kings.

Argue where you place Chris Webber, Vlade Divac, or even Demarcus Cousins, but please show some small modicum of basketball acumen and place Mr. Sabonis and Mr. Fox on the list of the top 10!

Did I get a little fired up? You bet I did. I enjoy talking about the stalwarts of

the past as much as the next Kings fan, but I am all about the team as repre-Let's spend our time on whether

Keegan Murray can elevate to the next level, and garner talk as an all-star candidate someday. Or perhaps whether the Kings will have multiple players with a 20-plus scoring average this season.

Maybe we should discuss how many former Kings have ever led the NBA in rebounding. Names like Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Charles Barkley, Elvin Hayes, and yes, Sacramento's own Chris Webber have worn that title, but surprisingly none of the aforementioned ever did it two years

Oh, did I mention a candidate for the triple-double title? Perhaps because it never happened before Domantas Sabonis did it last season, along with the double-double title as well.

OK, I got that off my chest, but I hope you are coming away with the impression that I am high as a kite on the existing squad as represented today. I'll go into the 2024-25 season and stare at a team that will challenge 50 wins and then some.

Newcomer DeMar DeRozan was recently quoted as saying, "I want to be one of the guys that hits the beam."

Domantas Sabonis said, "DeRozan makes us much harder to guard."

I could not agree more, and I will tell you without a doubt that if you get an invite to a Kings game this season, take it, and take it quick. Seats at Golden 1 are going to be scarcer than hen's teeth, and if it's pure entertainment you're looking for, just hang with the Kings this season.

One of the compelling things about the Kings that continues to bring me back again and again is the obvious delight they have playing together.

When a King hits the hardwood on their back, it's a mad scramble to see who will get there first to help the player to his feet.

I hear no acrimony from the bench as it relates to playing time, which is somewhat uncommon.

I'm particularly proud of the way Malik Monk has conducted himself coming off the bench for the past two seasons, when this talented player could easily be starting for any other team. Regardless of whether Malik remains the Kings' sixth man, or breaks into the starting lineup, he has my never-ending support. Truly, this team has so much talent

up and down the lineup, I could poll 10 season ticket holders, and get five to 10 different names as to who is their favorite. Acquisition discussions have been

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quiet, but it's always quiet before the storm. Know that Monte McNair is showing up to work each day, and much is happening behind the scenes.

I hope you're looking forward to the upcoming season as much as I am, and especially opening night! Your thoughts are always welcome at at (916) 773-1111.



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Climate Concerns are Inspiring Innovation in California Wine Regions

Winegrape growers are embracing innovations to monitor vineyard conditions amid California's hotter, drier climate. In Napa Valley, growers are testing sensor technology designed by Agrology, a company that promotes regenerative farming and data tools to help farmers reduce their carbon footprint. Growers are also partnering with researchers working on developing new rootstocks and scions for warmer conditions. And the Sonoma County Winegrowers group is deploying a greenhouse emissions and carbon-sequestration accounting system.

Farmers Evaluate Demands, Benefits of Organic Certification

With assumptions about high fees and onerous paperwork and inspections, some farmers have eschewed becoming certified organic even though they may already be farming organically or want to transition to earn higher prices. But those who have gone through the process suggest such perceptions may be overblown, with some saying the benefits of certification are worth the extra cost and work. Vasken Hauri of Country Nerd Farm in Mariposa County, said being able to label his specialty mushrooms with the certified organic logo is "a huge trust builder."

Rare Tomato Disease Detected in Sacramento Valley Fields

Spurred by moisture and warm soil temperatures, the fungal disease southern blight is typically a perennial problem of processing tomatoes in the southern San Joaquin Valley. But for the past two years, growers and pest control advisors have seen it in scattered Sacramento Valley fields where it's been rare historically. Kurt Richter, who grows processing tomatoes, rice and other row crops in Colusa County, is among those who found southern blight in tomato fields for the first time this season. "It's been tough this year," he said.

Research on Wild Carrots Seeks to Improve Stress Tolerance in Commercial Varieties

Researchers at University of California, Davis, have received \$1 million in funding to study the genetic diversity of wild carrots in hopes of breeding resistance in commercial carrots to a fungal disease, Alternaria, and enhance farmers' ability to grow carrots in water-deficient conditions. The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research awarded a \$500,000 grant for the research, and the FFAR's Crops of the Future Collaborative partners, Bayer, Bejo Zaden, Enza Zaden, Rijk Zwaan, Takii Seed, and Vilmorin Mikado, are providing \$500,000 in matching funds.

Silveyville Past Masters of Lodge No. 201

By MPG Staff

DIXON. CA (MPG) - Who remembers when? A fun question for longtime Dixon residents...

Recently found in the Barrett-Leber Realty basement was the 125th Annual Installation of Officers of Silveyville

1871	W.H. Wells	1924	C.E. Schmeiser
1872-1874	J.H. Ellis	1925	Filmore B. Grieve
1875	A. Hockheimer	1926	Max Cowden
1876-1879	John Sweaney	1927	E.C. Watson
1880-1881	H.A. Ross	1928	C.A. Jacobs
1882	H. Eppinger	1929	Hans Rohwer
1883	B.F. Kelly	1930	Claude Rohwer
1884-1885	John Sweaney	1931	Paul Doyle
1886-1887	J.W. McFadyen	1932	R.J. Merritt
1888-1890	J.H. McCune	1933	V. Schmeiser
1891	W.H. Garnett	1934	E.D. Duke
1892	John Rice	1935	John L. Sievers
1893	W.H. Garnett	1936	Walter Anderson
1894-1895	John Rice	1937	Ralph W. Castner
1896-1898	J.D. Grady	1938	A.D. Mace
1899-1901	R.J. Currey	1939	Otto Eggert
1902-1903	Chas. M. Kirby	1940	Chester Menzies
1904-1905	Oscar C. Schulze	1941	J.W. Jones
1906-1907	Harry McFayden	1942	Irvin Bulkley
1908-1909	Dr. L.P. Hall	1943	Homer Sisson
1910	R.E.L. Stephens	1944	George Pardi
1911	Rowland Moss	1945	J.N. Fulmor
1912	F.F. Marshall	1946	V. Van Sant
1913	A.A. Collier	1947	Willard Bulkley
1914	John Nagel	1948	Linford Anderson
1915	A.C. Madden	1949	J.W. Tutt
1916	Stuart Grady	1950	O.C. Dunn
1917	E.D. Dudley	1951	Herbert Pearson
1918	W.R. Madden	1952	Ralph Moss
1919	C.E. Phillips	1953	Denton C. Barker
1920	Eggert Rohwer	1954	C.C. Wheatley
1921	I.F. Beckley	1955	Chester O. Cagle
1922	Elmer Foster	1956	James E. Morris

Lodge No. 201 program from a meeting at the Masonic Temple in Dixon on Dec. 18,

Here are the Past Masters of Silveyville Lodge No. 201 from 1871-1993. How many can you remember? Are you related to any of them?

C.E. Schmeiser	1958 Lyman P. Phillips
Filmore B. Grieve	1959 Wesley M. O'Neill
Max Cowden	1960 Robert G. Brown
E.C. Watson	1961 Claude J. Warren
C.A. Jacobs	1962 Jay W. Lewis
Hans Rohwer	1963 J.R. Phillips
Claude Rohwer	1964 Dwight K. Parks
Paul Doyle	1965 Ralph W. Castner
R.J. Merritt	1966 Robert E. Sachs
V. Schmeiser	1967 Frederick T. Stevens
E.D. Duke	1968 Dennis A. Tama
John L. Sievers	1969 Robert R. Johnson
Walter Anderson	1970 Clarence A. Nettles
Ralph W. Castner	1971 Eggert Rohwer
A.D. Mace	1972-1973 Charles D. Ary
Otto Eggert	1974 William M. Lynch
Chester Menzies J.W. Jones	1975 Grover C. Crow
J.vv. Jones Irvin Bulkley	1976 Perry R. Looney
Homer Sisson	1977 Richard W.
George Pardi	Williamson
J.N. Fulmor	1978 Paul R. Gibbs
V. Van Sant	1979 Joseph F. Anderson
Willard Bulkley	1980 Grover C. Crow
Linford Anderson	1981 Donald L. Bounds
J.W. Tutt	1982 Ronald L. Beers
O.C. Dunn	1983 Joseph F. Anderson
Herbert Pearson	1984-1986 Norman C. Cryer
Ralph Moss	1987-1988 E. Clifford Still
Denton C. Barker	1989-1990 Raymond C
C.C. Wheatley	Smith
Chester O. Cagle	1991 Dean H. Goodfellow
James E. Morris	1992 Daniel W. Stowers
Patrick T. McCarthy	1993 Richard S. Whitemore

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU24-04676

Michel Tal Tondowsky filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Michel Tal Tondowsky aka Michael Tal Toondovsky Sonka to Michael Tal Toondovski

THE COURT ORDERS that all

persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. September 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2. Superior Court of California. County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer Dated: July 8, 2024 Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the following project:

PROJECT:

1150 North 1st Street, Suites B & C (Dixon Wellness) - Request for an amendment (PA24-20/UP24-05) to a previously approved Conditional Use Permit (PA17-32/UP17-09) which was approved by the Planning Commission on November 27, 2017, The amendment requests to modify Condition No 31.b of the Conditions of Approval related to security glass.; APN: 0115-130-480; Zoning District: Corridor Mixed Use (CMX); Diane Schroeder, owner, Haley Andrew, applicant; File No: PA24-20, UP24-05

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Section 15301, [Class 1, Existing facilities]. If the Planning Commission determines that this project is in an environmentally sensitive area, further study may be required.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at http://www.zoom.us or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE **INFORMATION:**

Contact Scott Greeley, Associate Planner at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or sgreeley@ cityofdixon.us. You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at https://www. cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos.

WHAT WILL **HAPPEN**:

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press *9.

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.21.120).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

forth in the statement pursuant

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon City Council adopted Ordinance No. 24-004, an ordinance terminating a Development Agreement between the City of Dixon and DHIR Capital, LLC in connection with a portion of APN 0111-080-290, a property of approximately 32 acres near the corner of Vaughn Road and North First Street. A notice of termination for the Development Agreement will be recorded on the property. The Development Agreement was originally approved in 2008 with a prior owner of the property, and the project described therein was never developed. The property is currently undeveloped, and the Development Agreement will no longer apply to the property

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 16th day of July 2024, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Dixon City Council held on the 20th day of August 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BOGUE, ERNEST, HENDERSHOT, BIRD NOES: NONE

ABSENT: **JOHNSON** 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.

Elected City Clerk

Kristin M. Janisch

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Brians Way Traffic Slowing Soon

Continued from page 1 Kevin Johnson, who originally raised the Brians Way traffic concern, wanted to do too.

Councilmember Don Hendershot said, "At the last meeting we had, I asked to finish this tonight."

Hendershot proposed accomplishing that during the

current meeting.

"We have some costs and we have some ideas; I think we can put this to bed today," Hendershot said. "School started and I would like to see it as soon as possible."

Fond would have to return one last time to make a budget adjustment for the three types of speed markers, making Mayor Steve Bird encourage an immediate decision.

"I think we should hear from the public, too," Bird said, adding that delineators have not stood new and straight for as long as he has seen in Solano County. "They are already starting to get knocked down but I don't know if that is the case here because of the lower

Council members quickly discussed passing the resolution to budget the markers but wanted them moved. The council decided to move the Bot Dots next to solar-paneled signs, which Hendershot suggested.

"So you have a noise and visual together," Hendershot said of the idea, which was approved immediately by the

As noted by Hendershot, with school starting, he wants to see markers up as soon as possible, so Brians Way residents should see improvements soon.

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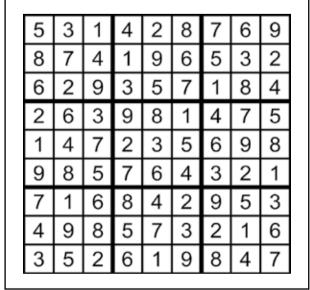
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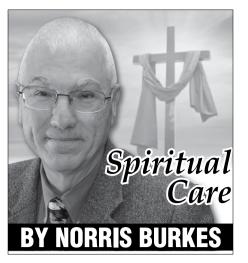
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Characters Real and Imaginary



Back when flip phones were on the cutting edge, I was a police reporter, photographer and religion-page editor for The Cañon City Daily Record newspaper in Colorado. Life was never boring.

But I wanted to be a novelist.

Writing feature stories assuaged my longing to push a more creative pen, and my newspaper's Back in Time section often had me mining treasures at the local history museum for all sorts of fascinating facts.

Like the account of Utes in the 1860s who made off with a settler's child. Mom quickly retrieved her son, trading him for a pan of freshly baked biscuits. Another settler camping along the Arkansas River dropped his sidearm on a rock in his firepit and shot himself to death.

Who needs fiction?

Evidently, I did, because all those stories from the 1800s primed the pump of my author's heart. I began incubating the historical-fiction series, The Cañon City Chronicles.

Gold was never found in Cañon City, but the fertile fields and orchards fed miners at Cripple Creek, Leadville and elsewhere. And the gold that mattered most trickled down mountain ravines in yellow aspen and shone in the character of hearty souls who peopled the town.

Such background details made it into my first book in the series, "Loving the Horseman." So did the bit about the guy who shot himself.

Over time, the fictional Hutton family

developed against the backdrop of actual local events like the Royal Gorge Wars and the Bone Wars. One book mentions Old Mose, a famous rogue grizzly, and focuses on moving pictures, or flickers, filmed in the area in the early 1900s.

Most of the characters in these books are people I've cooked up on my own. But others sneak up on me when I'm not looking, leaving me with the sense that I've met them before and just can't remember when or where.

One such character fits the latter category—a little cowboy named Kip.

He's the voungest of three brothers, the tag-along. The one who gets left out more often than not. Recently, I realized where I'd met Kip,

though that wasn't his real name. He was a student from my other life as a sixthgrade teacher—my Dandelion Cowboy. Each morning he'd line up in front of

my classroom with the rest of the first-period students. Except he wasn't much like the rest of the students. In his Wranglers and scuffed cowboy

boots, he didn't dress like the others.

A towhead among dark-haired children, he quietly stuck out in spite of how much he tried not to. But in the spring when the dandelions

sprouted, he was often at the front of the line with a short-stemmed bouquet and a shy smile. The little cowboy was a loner. A throw-

back, perhaps, from a long line of those who prefer the company of their horse and a good view of the herd. I didn't realize he was Kip until after the fact. After he'd become a favorite

secondary character in books 4, 5 and 6 of my series. Today when I see a patch of what most people call weeds, I wonder about my

Dandelion Cowboy, if he stuck to his

ways in spite of the crowd. I like to think he embodies a verse from the New Testament that says, "Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of peo-

ple, but of God" (Galatians 1:10 NLT). And maybe there's a little bit of me in Grace Hutton, the main character from Book 6, when she says of her favorite nephew Kip, "That boy could smile the sun right out of the sky."



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Leave Your Comfort Zone

Everyone enjoys being comfortable. Being safe, secure, and happy is a basic human desire. For the most part, we prefer the known to the unknown, the predictable to the unpredictable, and the risk-free to the risky.

However, bringing goals to reality requires us to leave our comfort zone. This requirement is in direct conflict with our innate desire to remain safe. So, in order to realize your dreams, you must act in a manner contrary to normal preferences.

A major deterrent to leaving your comfort zone is the fear of the unknown combined with the fear of failure. Failure has many negative connotations. Subsequently, most people seek to avoid failure at all costs. In so doing, they also avoid achieving their goals.

Don't be afraid to leave your comfort zone. It's a necessity if you are going to get the most out of your life. Rather than fearing failure, welcome the opportunity to expand your horizons. Every successful person has moved outside their comfort zone.

Leaving your comfort zone doesn't imply reckless behavior. Rather, it is done only after careful thought, preparation, and planning. Nothing in life is guaranteed. Staying in your comfort zone has only an illusion of safety. Leaving feels as if it's fraught with peril because you enter an area that is completely different to you.

What's the worst case scenario? You attempt something new and it doesn't work out as you had planned? So what? You pick yourself up, brush off the dirt, and keep going. You identify what went wrong, make the necessary adjustments, and keep persisting.

Just as an athlete goes through physical conditioning in preparation for an event, you can train yourself to leave your comfort zone. The key is to start with small challenges and then gradually work your way up to bigger aspirations.

Consider leaving your comfort zone as an exercise that will reward you with

new knowledge and experiences. Have fun with the process. Even if something doesn't work out as planned, you will be OK.

Your initial forays outside the comfort zone can begin with innocuous activities that enable you to get comfortable with change. Take a different route to or from work. Go out to eat at a restaurant you haven't been to before. Pick a completely different destination for your vacation. Strike up a conversation with a stranger.

Although these activities may seem insignificant, they get you used to doing things you haven't done before. This is great practice for venturing further outside of your comfort zone. As with other things in life, this takes practice. With each small success, your confidence level will grow.

With time, you will become so acclimated to leaving your comfort zone that you won't want to go back. As you reach this point, you will be able devote all of your energy to reaching new levels of accomplishment rather than struggling to leave your comfort

The key to leaving your comfort zone is overcoming your fear of the unknown. To accomplish this, do what you are afraid to do and go where you're afraid to go. Additionally, remember that in the vast majority of cases, the worst that could happen really isn't that bad.

The bottom line is that in order to realize your dreams, you have to leave your comfort zone. Even though you may be scared, you have to do it. At first you will feel uneasy, but continue anyway. The rewards are well worth the effort.

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Community Calendar

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Dixon Boat Club - Meets first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622. **Dixon Downtown Business Association** Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meet-

ings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information. Dixon Game & Conservation Club -

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

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

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

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

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

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Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SateQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

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

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

 $Friends\ of\ the\ Dixon\ Public\ Library-$ Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization – We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud's. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865. Lambtown Committee - Meets

third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at johnknightpto@gmail.com **Living With Cancer** – Support Group

for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free. Narcotics Anonymous - Open meet-

ings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org. Northern Solano Democratic Club

(NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/

northernsolanodems/. **NSDC Democrats in Action** – Monthly

Domestic Violence Support Group – lunch meeting is every fourth Thursday at noon at Fuso Italian Restaurant at 535 Main St., Vacaville. Meet to discuss actions that can be taken towards local, state, and national political issues. See above for

> Promises AA Group - Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church,

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Sexual Assault Support Group -Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire Street., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Solano County Mental Health Education – Monthly presentations on various topics will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2101 Courage Dr., Fairfield. Call Rachel Ford at 707-784-8362 for more information and monthly topic.

Sons of the American Legion - Meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dixon American Legion Post 208 Hall. For information, call Wayne Holland at 707-301-0941.

Soroptimist International of Dixon - Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Brenda Walker at 707-688-1367. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

36th District Agricultural Assn. - Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. in the board room located at 655 S. First Street. (Dixon May

Tremont Teachers and Parents **Association** – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533. Toastmasters - Meets every other

Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) -

Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First Street. For information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook.com/DixonVFW. Young Ladies Institute of Dixon -

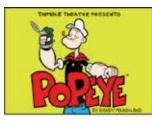
Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145.

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Out on a Limb

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by Gary Kopervas

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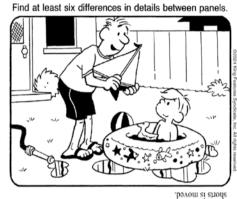












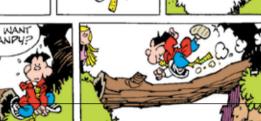
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Tuleyome Tale - Safe Summer Hiking



Light colors and loose-fitting clothes help keep hikers cool even in areas with little shade. Photo by Nate Lillge

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WOODLAND, CA (MPG) -Technology and fast-paced living are part of our everyday world, but spending time in nature can help neutralize the tension and flurry that has become commonplace for us. Heading outdoors, even during the heat of summer, is not only possible but with a little prepa-

ration it can be safe, enjoyable, and fulfilling. Although the summer i s ending, temperatures can still be high. Here are some tips to stay safe while hiking in high temperatures.

Keep an eye on the weather.

We are all painfully aware that our region gets HOT during the summer months and although the forecast doesn't really change all that much, in certain areas it

can fluctuate more than at your house so keeping an eye on the weather where you're headed is important.

Head out early to take full advantage of the cooler morning hours. Being at the trailhead at sunrise not only avoids some of the heat of the day, but it will likely also avoid crowded parking situations and traffic jams on the trail.

Some areas in our region may experience more wind than others and when the wind is from the north it is typically hot and dry which can rapidly increase the risk of dehydration while hiking. Along with the gusty north winds come "fire weather" which is often indicated by a Red Flag Warning, meaning that there is an increased risk for fire danger because of high tem-

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peratures, low humidity and strong winds. If you smell smoke while you're hiking, it's always hest to immediately evacuate the area. Failing to leave not only puts you at risk, but it also puts emergency personnel that may have to come to your aid at risk as well.

Stay hydrated and fuel up

Carry and drink plenty of water during your hike, in fact, bring more than you

think you'll need. A good rule of thumb is to drink a half to a full liter of water every hour depending on the temperature and your level of exertion. Be sure to drink often, sipping water helps you maintain hydration much better than chugging a bunch of water once or twice during your hike. You'll feel a lot better too. If you get distracted by the scenery and forget to sip, set a timer to remind you to take a drink about every 20 minutes. If it's really hot or you'll be working really hard, pre-hydrate. Drink about 16 ounces of water two hours before you hit the trail.

Remember to bring some snacks even if you're not planning on being out on the trail all

extra sodium and potassium can also help keep you happy and feeling well. A quick way to replenish electrolytes is to drink a sports or recovery drink.

Know your limits

Pay attention to your body and any aches and pains you may be experiencing. Consider fatigue,

like poison oak and ticks and keep in mind that snakes may also be out enjoying the day. If you encounter one, please just allow it to pass, it doesn't want to engage with you either. Wear sunglasses and a wide brimmed hat or get a backpack umbrella to attach to your pack to ensure



Wide brimmed hats can help prevent sunburn – wear sunscreen. Photo by Nate Lillge

day. Finding the perfect spot to sit and journal or sketch for a while, unexpected difficult terrain or even possibly an injury or getting lost can keep you out on the trail longer than expected and having extra food with you not only keeps your energy up but also your morale. Perspiring causes your body to lose not only water but also electrolytes so packing snacks with a little

strained muscles, a cranky ankle or even blisters and how those will make you feel if you continue hiking. The trek out may be downhill, but it'll be hotter than when you started. Turn back or head out before your water supply is half gone and don't hike beyond your ability.

Hiking is more fun with company. Having others with you to share the joy and experiences of the day is fabulous but having friends with you also lets you check on one another and, if necessary, help with important decisions should there be an injury or a need to call for help. Tuleyome, the Sierra Club and other "meet up" groups often offer group hikes where you can learn the terrain and meet fellow hikers.

Make a Plan and Be Prepared Check the weather forecast and trail conditions before you go and bring appropriate clothing. Be sure to let someone know where you are heading and about how long you expect to be gone, especially if you are hiking alone. There's a good possibility that your cell phone may not have service on the trail so attaching a whistle to your pack should you need to call

for help is a smart idea. Stay

on the trail to help avoid things

that you'll always have shade. Sunscreen is an absolute must and should be reapplied often, especially after swimming or

excessive sweating. Getting a sunburn is not only miserable and risky, but it can also add to the risk of dehydration. Some essential items to pack include a headlamp or flashlight, a knife or multipurpose tool, and a first aid kit that includes duct tape and super glue. Bonus points for taking a first aid course before hiking season, especially if you like to hike alone. If you're hiking with your canine pal, please be sure to take notice of their physical ability and demeanor. Dogs heat up and cool down differently than people and outdoor activity during the heat of the day can be extremely uncomfortable or even dangerous for them. Heatstroke can be life threatening to a dog and breaks with extra water and shade are essential for them; don't base their health level on how you're feeling.

Hiking can be done safely in our region any time of year. Some forethought and precautions can help avoid unnecessary calls to our first responders and help you enjoy the outdoors.

And as always - if you pack it



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