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## No Ticket Needed



The Parks and Recreation Department Movies in the Park are now in the fall rather than summer, making it cooler and more convenient. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - It's not too late to catch a movie.

It's a free movie, at that. The Dixon Parks and Recreation Department's Movies in the Park family-friendly Universal and Pixar lineup is back.

"Last year, we saw a huge turnout at Movies in the Plaza during the summer months," said the city's public information officer Madeline Graf. "We transitioned the movies to the fall so we can have an earlier start time: 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:45 p.m. and are hosting them on Saturdays instead of Wednesdays so that it is easier for families and children to attend."

Although the first film,

"Migration," a tale about a family of mallards, was shown Sept. 21, there is still time to see the other two films.

On Sept. 28, the movie "IF" will light up Hall Park with the tale of a young girl who becomes surrounded by long-lost imaginary friends to help her through a tough time.

Showing Oct. 5, "Coco" is a Day of the Dead tale about a child musician who seeks to alter his family's ban on music in the afterlife.

Officials expect a large turnout for the hit films.

"We have moved the movie nights to Hall Park, providing a larger area for movie viewing and more parking," Graf said.

Local sponsors pick up the tab for the gratis event and, Graf said, there

would be no film series without them. This year's four sponsors are Johnson Group Remax Gold, WhiteBrenner, Rotary Club of Dixon and the Lambtown Festival.

"By sponsoring Movies in the Park, they are providing a free recreational opportunity to all residents and visitors of Dixon," Graf said.

Sponsoring Movies in the Plaza provides an opportunity to reach new customers.

Movies in the Park provides businesses with an opportunity to connect with residents, according to the public information officer. Some sponsorship options include business logo advertisements before and after the movie, airing a commercial

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## Candidates Forum Set for Sept. 30

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - We've seen strong community leaders volunteering for the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee such as Peter Timm and Maggie Kittyle move on but the legacy they created in keeping the community informed of election choices continues. Mayor and Dixon Unified School Board Trustees candidate forums are up next.

Two candidates, Steve Bird and James Ward, will make campaign presentations for the office of mayor at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 at the Council Chambers at Dixon City Hall, 600 East A St.

The Chamber of Commerce will start the Candidate's Night Forum for both men who currently serve the city. Bird has served as mayor for the past four years and as a councilman for two terms previous to that. Ward has served as city treasurer for the past four years.

Bird moved to Dixon in 1988 and worked 24 years with the Dixon Police Department, running for City Council after he retired in 2012 and was re-elected in 2016. He has been a Dixon resident for 36 years. Bird is being challenged by Ward, who has attended city meetings for nearly eight years altogether after making a bid for City Council before being elected to the treasurer's post. Ward is an Army veteran, a retired California Highway Patrol sergeant and has lived in Dixon for 25 years.

The Chamber of Commerce will then continue with candidates for the two open seats of the Dixon Unified School District Board of Trustees.

They are Regina Espinoza, who was appointed a couple of years ago when Melissa Maseda moved out of the area; Jimmy E. Thiessen; Michael Ceremello; Robert E. Sanchez Jr.; and Robin Erika Beck-Ruffin.

You can attend this forum in person at City Hall Council Chambers or via ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4331239750?omn=83871539297>

For more information, contact Shauna Manina at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce at 707-678-2650 or via email at [info@dixonchamber.org](mailto:info@dixonchamber.org). ★

## They Finished A Dixon History Book

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Mary Zuniga-Savage lost more than sleep over the past couple years dealing with the grief of losing her dear friend, Shirley Humphrey. She finally made her way through it and finished what she and Humphrey started several years ago: a book about the history of Dixon.

"We started the project together and I couldn't even think when she was gone," Zuniga-Savage said. "I had a hard time. Because she worked on it with me, it just sat for a long time...but I knew I had to finish it."

"The Railroad Advanced Dixon's Township" is not a small book. There are 28 chapters and more than 600 pages that include an index, glossary, a four-page bibliography and many photos.

"If you're a Dixonite, it's all about us," said Andrea Brown. "There are things about Dixon that I never knew and this is the story from Silveyville to Dickson and it was really fun and really sweet.



New author Mary Zuniga-Savage and her grandson, Alfonzo Martin, were at the Downtown Dixon Business Association's Train Days promoting Dixon's newest book, "The Railroad Advanced Dixon's Township."

These ladies did a great job. There are local stories about all the people you know and love. Shirley is looking down on us and she's proud. It's a quick read because you're interested in it and it's a larger print."

Zuniga-Savage dedicated the book to Humphrey, who was "very

active in the community and was an advocate as a civic leader...she will not be forgotten. She made her forever footprint."

Zuniga-Savage and Humphrey became friends many years ago through the Dixon Historical Society when Zuniga-Savage wanted to learn more about the history

of Dixon, where she had recently moved. Humphrey had lived in Dixon since the 1950s and graduated from Dixon High School in 1961.

According to her obituary, Humphrey worked for the University of California at Davis for 42 years, first as a secretary in

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# Dixon News Briefs

## Life's too SHORT



### The Village Has Become Invisible

By Debra Dingman

Last week, we went into a fast-food restaurant on East Monte Vista in Vacaville to grab a quick lunch after running a long list of errands. While we were in there, a child dressed in ragged clothes, obviously unbathed and undisciplined, went through the restaurant tipping over all of the cones designating where people should be in line.

He looked to be about 3- or 4-years-old at the most and then reached to turn on the soda fountain spickets one at a time, spilling soda on his arms.

I looked for a parent. There was an obviously strung-out one not paying attention to the child because he was talking on the phone (and I presumed it was to his drug dealer). I feel confident I can "presume" certain things because I have experienced a drug-addicted family member and sadly am aware of what this world looks like.

It was shocking and I wanted to call the police, especially when the man walked across the parking lot leaving the child in the middle of it. He didn't tell the child to stay or wait or anything. He was clearly oblivious to the child and it was dangerous! I got up to run to the parking lot when hubby said we were leaving. The child vanished. I never saw the child again, although I looked. It bothered me the rest of the morning.

We were in a grocery store the other day and I noticed some young boys being loud and making a ruckus in a couple of aisles, so I stood still and watched. There were six of them split between two aisles, knocking items off shelves and making

fun of various products.

When they had moved a couple of aisles over, I went to the end of that aisle and saw one of them spraying some kind of personal product in the air, so I said firmly, "Boys!" They were so silly that they didn't even hear me, so I approached and said louder, "Boys!" They stopped and knew they were caught.

"I know I'm not your mother but I do have four grandsons and if I had seen them misbehaving like you are, I would be ashamed of them. This is a grocery store, not a playground, and you need to behave," I said firmly but with kindness. I didn't raise my voice...and I waited.

They apologized and I left back down the aisle. I didn't hear any further ruckus. As my hubby and I walked out to the car, I told him what happened.

"Do children just act up when you're around?" he asked, since this is the second time in a week...

"No, you just ignore it. I don't," I told him. "It's been said it takes a village to raise a child." I explained that I felt anyone who witnesses such public behavior by a youth needs to say something; that it is our responsibility as a society. But I'm also keenly aware of the risk of a parent coming at me defending their child... If a parent had been present, obviously I would have not done a thing.

"The village is invisible," he flatly responded.

There are so many risks for stepping up that I completely understand ignoring destructive or dangerous public behavior but life is short. How much more can we turn away from? ★



There is just one week left until workshops begin on Thursday, Oct. 3 to kick off the 38th annual Lambtown Festival. Skip the line at the ticket office and order your tickets now. Gates for general admission open at 9 a.m. sharp on both Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6 and the fairgrounds have updated their security screening process to help speed everyone safely through the gate. Courtesy photo

By MPG Staff

#### Arsenic & Lace

Dixon Community Theater is thrilled to present Arsenic and Old Lace, a classic comedy that mixes dark humor with surprise. Performances will run October 12 thru 20 at the Dixon High School Theater. To purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.dixoncommunitytheater.com/tickets.html>.

#### Community Garden

If you're interested in growing your own food and learning more about local plants, or you just like being in the garden, you are invited to join Sustainable Solano on Thursday, Sept. 25, Oct. 3 and Oct. 17 at the Dixon Public Library for a discussion about starting a community garden. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. and the library is located at 230 North First Street in downtown Dixon. If you plan to attend, please reach out to [Patrick@sustainable-solano.org](mailto:Patrick@sustainable-solano.org) or call the library at (866) 572-7587.

#### Puzzles Therapy

For seniors and adults, puzzle therapy will be offered all day on Friday, Sept. 27 at the Dixon Public Library. Every Friday adults are encouraged to drop in to play with jigsaw puzzles and brain games at 230 North First Street.

#### City Council

Sneaking up on us is the next City Council Meeting that falls on the very first day of the month, Oct. 1, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 600 East A Street, at 7 p.m. The agenda and information for Zoom if you care to attend from home computer or phone is on the agenda at [cityofdixon.us](http://cityofdixon.us) under the government tab.

#### Free Food & Clothes

Grace Fellowship Church has announced its sixth annual Free Food and Clothing for the Community event on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8 to 11 a.m. at 535 West H Street. You are invited to come

and enjoy breakfast, find great clothes and talk to people who would love to meet you, they said. For more info, call (707) 678-5700 or email [dixongracefellowship@gmail.com](mailto:dixongracefellowship@gmail.com).

#### Bingo for Kittens

Mark your calendars and plan on joining the fun of a Bingo Benefit for the Solano Kitten Network, their biggest fundraiser of the year. It will be held at the American Legion Hall on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 6 p.m.

For just \$30, you get 25 games of Bingo, appetizers, pizza, and a non-alcoholic although there is a full, no-host bar available. For those who bring a bag of cat food, they will receive an extra set of cards. For more information, contact Anastasia Kalis Miner of SKN at (707) 330-4688 or Scentsy Rep Kathleen Kertianis who donates her products as raffle prizes at (707) 365-5605.

After Nov. 1, the price goes up to \$35 so get your ticket now and help this noble organization to reduce the feral cat population by means of education, sterilization, feeding, shelter, and medical care. See [solanokittennetwork.com](http://solanokittennetwork.com).

#### Meat Loaf Mania

Where do you get delicious meat-loaf and mashed potatoes smothered in gravy and green beans but the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street next to the newly reopened Napa Auto Parts store. Dinner is \$12 and the time is 5:30 p.m. with casual dress. Full bar (no-host) is open.

#### Beer Be Here

The Downtown Dixon Business Association hasn't rested from Train Days and is busy getting ready for their Saturday, Oct. 12, Brewski Fest. Tickets are \$35 and one must be at least 21 years of age. The special brews will be downtown from 4 to 8 p.m. Go to [www.downtowndixonca.com](http://www.downtowndixonca.com) or call (707) 678-8400. ★

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# Water Costs Continue

By Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - This year, the City of Dixon has had many water challenges.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone into a failed Valley Glen Well rehabilitation and there is a lawsuit against the state over Chromium water levels. This all comes before the looming water rate increase went into effect in August when residents rose in protest.

Less than two months later, city officials approved more than \$16,000 at the Sept. 17 meeting. On the Consent Agenda, Resolution 9.4 approved \$16,378: \$8,351 for a water rate consult fee and \$8,027 for water rate study legal fees.

Prior to the meeting, the Independent Voice contacted officials, speaking again with senior civil engineer Brandon Rodriguez about the seemingly never-ending water costs to residents.

“During the Water Rate Study Project, unanticipated legal costs arose due to various challenges and questions regarding Chromium 6, water rate study alternatives, regulation analysis, and additional meetings that required legal input,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez added that the legal fees are specifically for the water rate study and the fund transfer was already included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget. As for the \$25,000 fee to join the lawsuit against the state, officials said in August that if not challenged, the mandate could cost the City of Dixon more than \$2 million annually.

The Independent Voice also asked for comments on how the additional “unanticipated legal fees” pose concerns for residents.

Officials did not answer that inquiry.

However, Rodriguez did speak to how the additional costs in some way will eventually benefit the taxpayer, when asked what the city is doing now to ensure there are no more water rate increases or costs.

“Staff worked with the Water Rate Advisory Ad Hoc Committee

and City Council for over a year to complete the water rate study,” Rodriguez said of the inspection completed by IB Consulting. “The rates that were selected only fund the critical and near-term needs of the water system.”

The senior civil engineer said these rate adjustments are necessary to maintain a safe and reliable drinking water system and fund essential capital improvement projects.

Rodriguez encourages the public to follow the matter, suggesting they visit <https://www.cityofdixon.us/watercommittee> to review all Water Rate Advisory Ad Hoc Committee materials and meetings.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, Finance Director Kate Zawadzki explained the difference between the two budgets, transferring \$1,928.530 from the normal operating budget to the water capital project budget.

“When you look at the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, you can see that we didn't budget many projects; however, we did have \$1.7 million in projects for 2024 that didn't occur, so that budget was carried over,” Zawadzki said. “All revenues come into the operating fund, and if we have expenses, we transfer those into the capital project funds.”

Like Rodriguez, outside of the meeting, public information officer Madeline Graf said the Water Ad Hoc Committee “worked for over a year to review the financial and operational history of the water system and understand the system's needs.”

“The city held 12 public committee meetings to discuss potential rates, hosted two public workshops and answered 42 questions submitted by the public,” Graf said.

While city officials did not comment on the consent agenda item at the short regularly-scheduled meeting, Mayor Steve Bird said he recently attended an event that brought “good news.”

“There may be a measure going to ballot that would assist small communities with Chromium 6,” Bird said. ★

# Cool Patch Honors First Responders



Michelle and Matt Cooley show off their sign they were honored with for their continued support of Solano Family First Responders. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Cool Patch Pumpkins is a family owned and operated you-pick pumpkin patch and home to the Guinness Book of World Records for the World's Largest Corn Maze, but this past weekend, a hundred first responders were there to be honored for their work.

“We are also honored to celebrate the life of Vacaville Police Officer and Dixon Resident, Matthew Bowen, who was tragically lost in the line of duty. We want to thank all of our officers, first responders, and their amazing families for their sacrifice to keep our communities safe,” the owners, who were selected as Dixon's Business of the Year, said on their website.

This was the fourth year that the event kicked off the opening of the long-standing Cool Patch Pumpkin Patch and was called the Solano Family First Responders Annual Field of Dreams BBQ. It was attended by various businesses, County Supervisor Mitch Mashburn, Vacaville Mayor John Carli and Dixon Mayor Steve Bird.

There was live music by ‘Luke and Kaylee’ and an amazing barbecue by Kinder's Meats and was held amidst hay bales and 50 different varieties of pumpkins and gourds.

“Our pumpkins are grown here, on site, for you to enjoy,” said Cool Patch owner Matt

Cooley. “Walk through any of our pathways and pick your own straight from the vine or choose any of the pre-picked pumpkins in the plaza. We have a lot for you to explore.”

The 63 acres features the certified Guinness World Records as the planet's biggest corn maze. But there's plenty of things to discover other than the maze.



Features of this fun place include a children's Mini Hay Maze, Pedal Cars, and a Hayride for small fees but it's free to come inside the pumpkin patch and hunt for the perfect pumpkin to buy and take home.

They also have wonderfully weird-looking gourds and squash to discover. Families are invited to experience the hay castle, hayrides, and corn baths, all with photo ops galore. Guests are able to enjoy food and drink options on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

Cooley founded Cool Patch Pumpkins in 2001 when he and his children started selling pumpkins on the side of his pumpkin field. His passion for family grew into this unique business featured across platforms, news stations, and websites. They also provide educational field trips for schools and churches.

Cool Patch Pumpkins is located at 6150 Dixon Ave West in Dixon, and they can be reached via their website [coolpatchpumpkins.com](http://coolpatchpumpkins.com) or one can call (530) 304-0163. Their season is open through Oct. 31. ★



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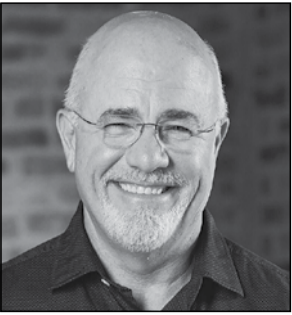
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## Dave Ramsey Says You've Already Paid for It

and your wife are having to deal with this kind of situation.

The Social Security system in this country is a mathematical failure. But that doesn't mean I'm not going to take my money when I deserve it. The government took it from me in the first place, so I don't have a problem with accepting something I've already paid into.

Now, I'll throw out a warning here. Sometimes when people start receiving unemployment benefits, it causes them to take their foot off the gas. The idea that "free" money is coming in can help them rationalize sitting at home on the couch, instead of working hard to find another job and being extra careful with their finances. I'm not hearing that kind of mentality from you, though. And it's obvious you and your wife have been pretty smart with your finances.

One more thing I'd suggest is making sure you look at your severance package as survival money only. Make a strict budget and stick to it. Cut out all excess spending. That means no eating out, vacations or anything like

that until you're working again and everything's back on solid ground. Right now, focus on covering your Four Walls. By that, I mean food, utilities, shelter and transportation. Feed your family, keep the electricity on, pay the mortgage and put enough gas in the car to get where you need to go.

Everyone hits a rough stretch of road in life from time to time, Brandt. But you two are in a position to handle it better than most. Just remember what got you to such a good place with your finances in the first place. The discipline muscle is already there, and it's strong. Just flex it, and it'll help get you through this and back on your feet again!

– 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, Ramsey Solutions. ★*

Dear Dave,

We've been following your plan for a while. We're debt-free, except for our home, and we have six months of expenses set aside in our emergency fund. Recently, I lost my job. I'm luckier than some, because received a generous severance package from my previous employer, plus my wife still has a good job. My parents always raised me to take care of things myself and not rely on others. I suppose it's because of this I feel a little guilty about filing for unemployment compensation. Do you think there's anything morally wrong with accepting unemployment benefits?

– Brandt

Dear Brandt,

I really appreciate your self-sufficient attitude. I don't know what happened at your last job, but I've got a feeling you're a hard worker and a decent guy. I'm sorry you



## Winnie-The-Pooh, The House At Pooh Corner, When We Were Very Young, Now We Are Six by A.A. Milne

Everyone's favorite little bear is back in this delightful, newly redesigned box set. The stories many knew as children are here to entertain a whole new generation. The four-part series Winnie-the-Pooh, The House at Pooh Corner, When We Were Very Young, and Now We Are Six have all been beautifully reprinted in hardback with new cover art on the dust jacket, but with the same beloved story and original illustrations on the interior.

It is time to head back into the 100-acre woods with a delightful bear named Pooh (even though he lives under the name of Sanders) and all his friends, Rabbit, Piglet, Eeyore, Owl, Kanga, Roo, and the boy he loves most of all, Christopher Robin. While Disney made this series a household name with the cartoon movies The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, the Tigger movie, Winnie the Pooh, and Christopher Robin, it all started with a beloved series written by A.A. Milne. Meet Christopher Robin and his beloved bear Winnie the Pooh and all their many adventures nestled within the 100-acre woods, starting with the series Winnie-the-Pooh.



- ◆ Publisher: Aladdin
- ◆ Intended Audience: All Readers

In the first book, Pooh gets stuck in a very precarious situation. Pooh and Piglet nearly catch a Woozle and meet a Heffalump, poor Eeyore loses his tail, and readers get to meet Kanga and Roo.

Then, it is off to The House at Pooh Corner, where all new adventures await. Tigger bounds into this story where the 100-acre Woods will never be the same, while Eeyore finally gets a home. Readers will finally meet the very busy Rabbit and see what Christopher Robin does in the mornings, and Heffalumps are again on the loose. Friendship and kindness are at the forefront of the

storytelling, while lessons about overexcitement and the consequences of not thinking before leaping are shared in delightful and exciting events. This series is not just entertaining, but also educational. And yes, of course, there are many sticky situations, especially when a honey-loving bear named Pooh is involved. Then, once again, it is time to say goodbye or just hello to new adventures.

To complete the collection are A.A. Milne's beautiful children's poems in When We Were Very Young, which capture a day at Buckingham Palace, a trip to the zoo, and many reimagined tales of famous nursery rhymes and curious afternoons. Knight in Shining armor and memorable friends' revisit in Now We Are Six, making this last book in the series even more cherished.

Whether readers are fans of Winnie the Pooh from their own childhood or want to introduce a cherished gift to a new generation, this beloved series will continue to capture the hearts, minds, and imaginations of all who enter 100 Acre Woods. This enduring appeal makes this newly re-printed series a must-have for any collector's shelf. ★



### State Date Farmers Eye Better Year After Losses From Tropical Storm

Fresh California dates are hitting shelves again this month after some suppliers ran short following a crop disaster last year. Farms in the Coachella Valley, where most U.S.-produced dates are grown, began harvesting Medjool dates within the past couple weeks, with other varieties harvested from July through November. Last August, Tropical Storm Hilary devastated the Riverside County crop, causing some producers to deplete their supply months ago. This year, growers in the region are hoping to rebound with a strong harvest.

### Kings County Judge Blocks State Enforcement as Groundwater Lawsuit Continues

A Kings County judge has ruled that the California State Water Resources Control Board violated rulemaking laws and exceeded its authority by making unachievable demands of water managers in the Tulare Lake Subbasin when it placed the subbasin on probation in April. On Sept. 13, Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a preliminary injunction in the case, which stems from a lawsuit brought by the Kings County Farm Bureau against the water board. The ruling extends a pause on probation requirements, which were put on hold in July.

### Dairy Farmer Advances Proposal to Reform State Quota Implementation Plan

In a virtual hearing held by the California Department of Food and Agriculture last week, dairy farmers were asked to consider a proposal to modify certain aspects of the state quota implementation plan, or QIP. The controversial program has divided the industry for years, with some saying it creates frictions between the haves and the have-nots, or dairy farmers who own quota and those who don't. San Diego County dairy farmer Frank Konyn, said his proposal provides a compromise and would bring quota "back in line with how it was historically designed."

### Avian Flu Cases Increase at California Dairies

Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in five new Central Valley dairies, with two more presumptive positive cases pending, the California Department of Food and Agriculture reported last week. If the presumptive positive cases are confirmed, it moves the total tally from eight to 10 dairies that have tested positive for the disease, also referred to as HPAI. Another 15 dairies tested negative. California confirmed its first three cases of HPAI in dairy cows on Aug. 30. All the cases so far have been in the Central Valley. ★

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

### Saturday, September 14

- 1314 Welfare check in the 800 block of Merryfield Drive.
- 1539 Domestic dispute in the 1900 block of Regency Parkway.
- 1539- A domestic violence arrest report was taken at Sutter Davis of a cold report. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Kimberly Rodriguez (28) of Dixon. Rodriguez stated she and (V) had a physical altercation. It was determined that Rodriguez was the dominant aggressor, and she was arrested.
- 1831- An extortion report was taken in the 2300 block of Mariposa Dr.
- 0007- A D.U.I arrest report was taken at the intersection of South Jefferson St. at West Mayes St. (S) Carlos Nepita (36) of Dixon was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

### Friday, September 13

- 0831 Informational report taken in the 400 block of East C Street.
- 0926 Informational report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1000 Informational report taken in in 400 block of East A Street.
- 1744- A traffic collision report was taken in the 2500 block of West A St.
- 2348- An informational report was taken in the 400 block of West Chestnut St.
- 0206- A D.U.I arrest report was taken at the intersection of West A St at North Almond St. Officers contacted (S) Jaden Woodiwiss (22) who showed objective signs of intoxication. Woodiwiss failed FSTs and was arrested. Woodiwiss was submitted to a breath test and was later cited and released to a sober person.

### Thursday, September 12

- 1450 Informational report taken in the 500 block of College Way.

### Wednesday, September 11

- 1033- A criminal threat, assault, and resisting arrest report against (S) Wendy Myers (45) of Dixon was taken in the 900 block of Regina Wy.

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# Disorganization, City-County Feuds Impede California's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last five years, the state government has spent some \$24 billion to ameliorate homelessness, which, according to polls, is California's most troublesome issue.

Despite that immense financial commitment—and billions more in spending by local governments and philanthropic organizations—the number of homeless people continues to grow.

The latest federal homelessness count found 186,000 Californians living on the streets or in shelters, up 5,000 from the previous year and 36,000 since 2019, the year Gavin Newsom became governor. California has the highest homelessness rate of any state and more than a quarter of the nation's homeless population.

Despite the crisis, we have no hard data telling us how the money was spent, much less which programs, if any, have been successful. Not surprisingly, given the evident lack of results, official and private agencies that administer the programs are reluctant to disclose such information.

In fact, Calmatters.org and other groups have resorted to lawsuits to compel homelessness agencies to release information on what they have done with the funds.

Despite the shameful secrecy, it's apparent that one factor in the expanding crisis

is a lack of coordination and cooperation among the public and private agencies.

Earlier this year, State Auditor Grant Parks issued a sharply worded critique of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Newsom administration's tool for coordinating homelessness programs.

"The state lacks current information on the ongoing costs and outcomes of its homelessness programs, because (the council) has not consistently tracked and evaluated the state's efforts to prevent and end homelessness," Parks wrote.

State-level disorganization is compounded by a structural choke point at the local level. Overwhelmingly, unsightly encampments of homeless people are located within cities, but the social and medical services central to closing those camps are administered by counties, and in highly politicized urban areas, city and county officials tend to be rivals rather than partners.

While Newsom periodically issues demands that local officials do a better job of eliminating the camps—*notwithstanding disorganization in his own administration*—the lack of local cooperation and coordination is a major impediment.

A situation in Sacramento, within earshot of the state Capitol and detailed by Sacramento Bee columnists Tom Philp and Robin Epley, illustrates the conflict.

Sacramento's city and county officials have feuded for years over homelessness, not only for the usual reasons but because the American River Parkway, which runs through the city and has been a favorite camping site for homeless people, is managed

by the county.

Two years ago, faced with a business-backed ballot measure to crack down on encampments, the city fashioned a less harsh alternative that anticipated an agreement with county officials to provide services for people losing their camping sites.

However, instead of joining the city, county officials banned camps in the parkway and ordered law enforcement to clear them.

City officials complained that people removed from the parkway simply set up new camps inside the city limits. When a local legislator, Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, obtained a \$25 million state grant to the county for homeless programs, county supervisors decided how to spend it, mostly on a few dozen shelter beds or housing slots, without agreement from city officials.

City Councilwoman Karina Talamantes showed up at a meeting of county supervisors to complain about their unilateral actions.

"All the people living on the American River Parkway moved across the street into our neighborhoods north of the river," Talamantes told the board. "I've been asking about these funds for the last two years."

Supervisors fired back in a press release accusing Talamantes of shading the facts about the situation. McCarty, now a candidate for mayor, is caught in the middle of the feud.

*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 analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends.* ★



# Riley Reviews

CBS FALL SCHEDULE BANKS ON NEW SHOWS BASED ON FAMILIAR GROUNDS

## A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The military police procedural "NCIS," starring Mark Harmon as the special agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs for nearly two decades, has been a mainstay on the CBS schedule now for over twenty years, and it will keep going into the new season.

The "NCIS" franchise has blossomed over the year. "NCIS: Los Angeles" had a fourteen-year run. The "New Orleans" version, starring Scott Bakula, notched seven years. "NCIS: Hawai'i" tapped out after three seasons.

To fill the void of disappearing "NCIS" franchises with the name of a city or state, the fall season brings "NCIS: Origins," starring Austin Stowell as a young Leroy Jethro Gibbs and narrated by flagship "NCIS" series star Mark Harmon.

"NCIS: Origins" quite naturally, as implied by its title, brings us to the starting point of Harmon's career, with a young Gibbs a newly minted special agent at the fledgling NCIS Camp Pendleton office where he forges his place on a gritty, ragtag team led by NCIS legend Mike Franks (Kyle Schmid).

Young Leroy Gibbs will get an assist from Mariel Molino as Special Agent Lala Dominguez, Tyla Abercrombie as Field Operation Support Officer Mary Jo Sullivan, and Diany Rodriguez as Special Agent Vera Strickland.

"Matlock" is on the fall schedule, and other than being a legal drama, it seemingly bears little resemblance to Andy Griffith's folksy and yet cantankerous barrister who had a knack for exposing actual perpetrators of crime.

The new "Matlock" stars Kathy Bates as the brilliant septuagenarian Madeline "Matty" Matlock, who, after achieving success in her younger years, decides to rejoin the workforce at a prestigious law firm where she uses her unassuming demeanor and wily tactics to win cases.

In watching the first episode, you may get the sense that this is a relatively slow-moving journey for Matty to ingratiate herself with superiors. A reveal at the end of the episode holds a surprise as to her true motives.

At the firm, Matty is assigned to Olympia (Skye P. Marshall), a senior attorney and key rainmaker with a thirst for justice, while Olympia's ex-husband, Julian (Jason Ritter), the son of the head of the firm, is intrigued by Matty and her clever skills.

Matty works alongside the firm's younger associates—the charismatic Billy (David Del Rio) and the uber ambitious Sarah (Leah Lewis)—as she endeavors to establish herself in her new high-stakes world.

Based on the first two episodes, "Matlock" takes time to build the intrigue of Matty's quest to use her position to right some wrongs and root out perceived corruption. Judging by the early

going, some twists and turns inevitably lay ahead.

"Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage," the sequel to "Young Sheldon," follows Georgie (Montana Jordan) and Mandy (Emily Osment) as they raise their young family in Texas while navigating the challenges of adulthood, parenting and marriage.

This new sitcom comes with a pedigree of being created by Chuck Lorre, the "King of Sitcoms," and is the third television series in the "The Big Bang Theory" franchise. At the very least, it merits a look to see if it's worthy of its comedic lineage.

"Poppa's House," starring Damon Wayans and Damon Wayans Jr., features Wayans Senior as legendary talk radio host and happily divorced "Poppa" who has his point of view challenged at work when a new female co-host (Essence Atkins) is hired.

At home, Wayans finds himself still parenting his adult son (Damon Wayans Jr.), a brilliant dreamer who is trying to pursue his passion while being a responsible father and husband.

The "Hollywood Squares" game show, which got its start in the mid-Sixties, featured many celebrities who became regulars. Paul Lynde was frequently asked questions to which he responded with outrageous jokes (which you can probably find on YouTube).

Come January, the revival of this classic game show will star actress and talk show host Drew Barrymore taking her place as the famed "center square" answering questions for the contestants.

Two contestants will play tic-tac-toe to win money and prizes. The "board" for the game is a vertical stack of open-faced cubes, each occupied by a celebrity seated at a desk and facing the contestants.

The celebrities are asked questions and the contestants judge the legitimacy of their answers to win the game. In the old days, you could mostly count on Paul Lynde to have playfully misdirected his answers.

One new mid-season drama waiting in the wings is "Watson," which is set seven months after the death of the titular character's friend and partner Sherlock Holmes at the hands of Moriarty.

Dr. John Watson (Morris Chestnut) resumes his medical career as the head of a clinic dedicated to treating rare disorders. Watson's old life isn't done with him—Moriarty and Watson are set to write their own chapter of a story that has fascinated audiences for more than a century.

"Watson" is a medical show with a strong investigative spine, featuring a modern version of one of history's greatest detectives as he turns his attention from solving crimes to solving medical mysteries. ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



For the true basketball fan this time of year is challenging. There are only so many reruns or NBA classics you can watch, and other sports can be a sober replacement if you're anticipating the upcoming Kings season.

With the acquisition of DeMar DeRozan, many fans are already drawing comparisons of this year's team from those of the past.

The 2001/2002 Sacramento Kings will never be forgotten, and many believe it was the best overall in Sacramento Kings history.

Names like Mike Bibby, Chris Webber and Vlade Divac come to mind and were the cornerstone players from a team that won a franchise record 61 games. Great players for sure, but how do the big three from that storied team compare with those from our current roster. Let's see if the stats can shed some light.

In the post, Vlade Divac, albeit a shade past his prime at age 32, turned in 30 minutes per game, scored 11.1 points, grabbed 8.3 rebounds and added 2.9 assists.

Our current big man is none other than Domantas Sabonis, in his prime at age 28. Domantas was on the hardwood for an average of 35 minutes per game, scored 19.4 points, led the NBA in rebounding with 13.7 boards per game, and added a team high 8.2 assists. All this is in addition to leading the league in double-double and triple-doubles for the season.

No comparison here. Sabonis wins in a landslide.

Chris Webber becomes the most difficult matchup for the current Kings as he represents the missing piece that the current team has been looking for, a true power forward.

Chris' stats are largely why the 2001/2002 team garnished 61 wins.

Chris was on the court each game for just over 38 minutes, scored 24.5 points, secured 10.1 rebounds, and added 4.8 assists. Seasons like this and gaudy stats like these would go on to put Chris Webber in the NBA hall of fame.

Without a true power forward, the current team would have to pose Keegan Murray as the comparison player.

In his second season Keegan logged just under 34 minutes per game. He averaged 15.2 points per game, 5.5 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

No contest here, Chris Webber wins

going away.

So, let's examine the point guards. From the past the 2001/2002 team was led by fan favorite Mike Bibby.

Mike turned in 33 minutes per game, scored 13.7 points on average each contest, secured 2.8 rebounds, and added five assists.

The current Sacramento Kings are led by De'Aaron Fox. Last season De'Aaron led the team in scoring with 26.6 points per game, pulled down a career high 4.6 rebounds, and dished out 5.6 assists per contest.

Not even close, and as much as I loved Mike Bibby, De'Aaron wins this comparison hands down.

It can be argued that the 2001/2002 team had one of the most potent benches of all-time, and few would argue that Bobby Jackson, Doug Christie and Scot Pollard represented a bench any coach would be proud of.

Their combined bench stats were 29.5 point per game, 14.8 rebounds, and 6.9 assists.

The current team would counter with Malik Monk, Trey Lyles, and Davion Mitchell.

The 2023/2024 team produced 27.9 points per game, 8.6 rebounds, and 8.2 assists per contest.

The edge goes to the 2001/2002 Kings team, but the stats were closer than I expected.

Last season Kevin Huerter was a starter, but with the addition of De'Mar De'Rozan, it is likely that Kevin will be relegated to the bench where I expect to see him add some scoring power that will undoubtedly strengthen the bench overall.

I hope you enjoyed this walk down memory lane and comparing stats.

As much as I thoroughly enjoyed the team from yesteryear, I am excited beyond measure for what the Kings are about to present this season. Just a few short weeks from pre-season games and then the real fun begins.

As with every season, health will be a key component, but as you consider what the 2001/2002 team did in winning 61 games, we should all be imagining what the win total will look like this year!

All the best Kings fans!  
Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

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# Assembly Republicans Announce Legislation to Bring Down Gas Prices



James Gallagher

## Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As Californians continue to struggle with the highest gas prices in the nation and Gov. Newsom jams Legislative Democrats with a dangerous scheme that will drive costs even higher, Assembly Republicans have introduced a series of bills aimed at providing immediate and long-term relief for drivers across the state.

This package, which includes measures to suspend the gas tax without impacting transportation projects, increase transparency on price-setting, and curb overregulation, stands

in stark contrast to Governor Gavin Newsom's politically motivated and incomplete proposals.

"Through six years in office, Gavin Newsom has completely failed to bring down the cost of gas and California drivers have paid the price. This special session is just one more attempt by Newsom to distract from his role in driving up gas prices," said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City). "While Democrats fall in line behind a scheme that Newsom's own administration says could increase gas prices, Assembly Republicans have a common-sense plan to give drivers relief."

The Republican bill package includes:

Exempt Gas from Cap-and-Trade (ABX2-3 - James Gallagher): California's Cap-and-Trade program adds roughly 30 cents to the cost of a gallon of gas. This bill would exempt gas from the program, allow out-of-state gas imports, and permit an earlier switch to winter-blend fuel to help reduce

seasonal price spikes.

Suspend the Gas Tax (ABX2-2 - Lackey): Despite having some of the worst roads in the country, Californians pay the highest gas tax. This bill would suspend the gas tax for one year, lowering gas prices by over 60 cents per gallon. It provides immediate relief for working families, with no transportation projects being cut or delayed—all will continue to be funded by existing state revenue.

Increase Transparency on Gasoline Prices (ABX2-7 - Dixon): While Gov. Newsom blames "price gouging" for high gas prices without evidence, this bill requires the California Energy Commission to regularly update a public dashboard. The dashboard will compare California's gas prices to national averages and show the impact of state taxes and regulations. This measure gives Californians the transparency they need to understand what's really driving up fuel costs.

Stop Newsom's Stealth Gas Tax Increase (ABX2-4

- Joe Patterson): California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard is already adding 11 cents per gallon to our gas prices, and a planned update by an unelected board could add another 52 cents. This bill would block this increase and protect family budgets from skyrocketing fuel costs.

\$100 Rebate for Drivers to Offset Rising Fuel Costs (ABX2-5 - Lackey): California's Cap-and-Trade program raises costs, with much of the revenue diverted to wasteful projects like High-Speed Rail. This bill would return a portion of those funds to drivers through a \$100 rebate to help offset rising fuel costs.

Boost Energy Independence and Lower Fuel Costs for Californians (Lackey): Gavin Newsom's war on California energy production is adding tens of millions of dollars to our fuel prices. This bill would fast-track drilling approvals, boosting California's energy independence and reducing reliance on oil from countries with poor environmental and human

rights practices.

Cut Red Tape to Expand California's Storage Projects (ABX2-6 - Lackey): While Newsom is pushing refiners to store more gasoline, his scheme does nothing to actually increase California's fuel storage capacity. This bill would remove obstacles and reduce the costs associated with building new gas storage projects needed to accommodate Newsom's proposed mandate.

During Gov. Newsom's six years in office, gas prices have risen nearly \$1.50 per gallon, have repeatedly broken records and are substantially higher than in neighboring states. A bipartisan coalition throughout the Western U.S. is opposed to Newsom's fuel storage mandate, with the Governors of Arizona and Nevada urging Newsom to reconsider his plan.

An analysis of Newsom's proposal by the California Energy Commission found it has the potential to "artificially create shortages in downstream markets" and "increase average prices." ★

# Dixon History Book

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the Department of Entomology, then as a University of California Agriculture and Natural Resource Small Farm Program representative and later as a regional administrative analyst. Humphrey enjoyed her work and excelled at writing agricultural publications, reports and guides. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in applied behavioral sciences from UC Davis in her 40s while working full time and raising her family. Humphrey retired in 2004.

Once retired, Humphrey changed her focus to "community activist" and "journalist." She and Zuniga-Savage served together on many tasks, including the opening of the Dixon Historical Society.

It was a shock to many when Humphrey suddenly died in fall 2021. She was still writing political commentaries and history features for the Dixon Independent Voice at the time.

Zuniga-Savage and Humphrey started the book a couple years before that beginning research with the Native community, then Spaniards, then Mexico, then the Gold Rush.

"Then immigrants start coming, then farmers, then it goes into when the train comes and it ends with a lot of the stories from Dixonites who tell their stories," Zuniga-Savage said.

The chapters also have stories about the

potential racetrack and the possible movie studio.

"I tried to keep it short but couldn't and there will be more books but this is the big one," Zuniga-Savage said. "I didn't have a schedule and I was getting tired but when I sent it to Amazon, we edited it together."

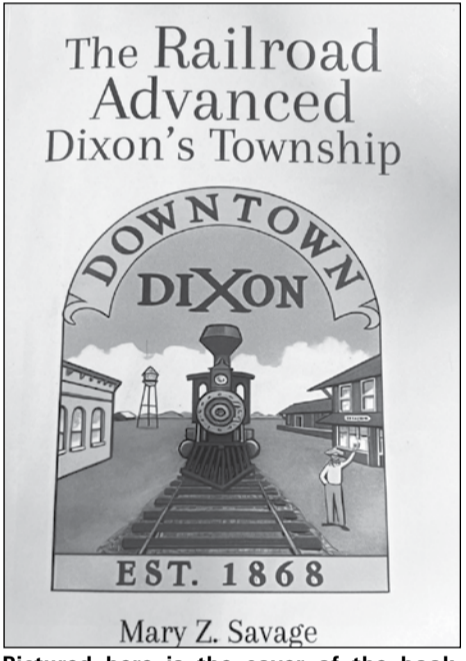
Zuniga-Savage was happy that she went through Amazon as she said they "greatly assisted" her in the process.

"My main goal was for people to come and learn about Dixon. People were shy (about writing) and didn't want to write but Shirley was very good at that and (her husband) Jim Humphrey wrote too," Zuniga-Savage said. "There are several other writers, including the late Maggie Kittyle, who wrote about the Bracero period."

Finally, the book arrived. Zuniga-Savage and her grandson sat at a table during the Downtown Dixon Business Association's Train Days and sold them.

"I felt elated because it was done and because it took so long. It was a learning thing. I had to do a lot of research and write a bibliography," Zuniga-Savage said. "My children are very proud of me and I'm proud of the people who gave their time and gave their interviews. I thought they were very special people."

The book, "The Railroad Advanced Dixon's Township," is currently available in paperback for \$55 on Amazon. ★



Pictured here is the cover of the book, "The Railroad Advanced Dixon's Township."

# No Ticket Needed

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and setting up a booth on-site for more information on local commerce.

"This can boost the local economy and support small businesses," Graf said.

All business aside, Movies in the Park creates a sense of community by bringing residents together, according to the public information officer.

"Families, friends, and neighbors gather in a shared space, fostering connections and strengthening community bonds," Graf said. "By offering a free event, everyone can enjoy a night out."

Graf added that inclusivity ensures

that entertainment is accessible to all community members.

"Movies in the park offer a unique and enjoyable opportunity for local community members to come together and get to know each other," Graf said.

The series is such a success, Graf said, that officials are already considering the 2025 lineup. She encourages any interested sponsor to contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

"By participating in events like Movies in the Park, local community members can help to foster a more connected, supportive and vibrant community," Graf said. ★

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**American Legion Dinners** – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Occasional live music.

**Bingo** – Is played every Monday & Wednesday at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. 5th St., beginning at 12 p.m. Call 707-678-7022 for more information.

**Friendship Services of Solano County** – Do you spend a lot of time alone? Would you like a telephone companion? Call Friendship Service at 707-644-9062 x242 or 707-644-8909 and ask Cyndi about becoming a client. It's free. A program of Catholic Social Services. A provider of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging. Email: friendship@csssolano.org.

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

## Regular Meetings:

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

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

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

**Anderson PTO** – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C Street. Email [andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com](mailto:andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com) for dates.

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

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

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

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

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

**City Council** – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission** – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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

**Transportation Advisory Commission** – Meets the third Wednesday of every even month at 7 p.m.

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

**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 meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto [www.downtowndixonca.com](http://www.downtowndixonca.com), email [DDROAC@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Mays. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

**Dixon Historical Society** – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of February, April, August, and October 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 4th 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](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org). Email [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

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

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

**Dixon Rotary Club** – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. Street, Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. Dixon Rotary information available at [www.DixonRotary.org](http://www.DixonRotary.org).

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

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

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

**Dixon Women's Improvement Club** – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the 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.

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

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

**Dry Dock** – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 meetings 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](http://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](mailto:pres.nsdc@gmail.com).

com. Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/](http://www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/).

**NSDC Democrats in Action** – Monthly 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 contacts.

**Promises AA Group** – Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson Street.

**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 Fair)

**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](mailto: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](http://m.facebook.com/DixonVFW).

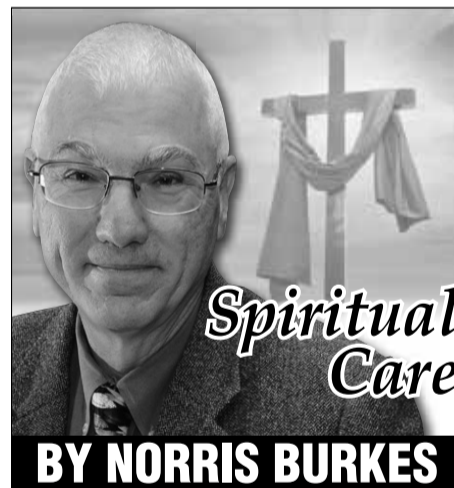
**Young Ladies Institute of Dixon** – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★



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## Don't Try This Verse at Home



During the two years I was stationed in Izmir, Turkey, I made several visits to the nearby ancient ruins in the seaport of Ephesus. In the Christian world, this city is famous for the letter the Apostle Paul wrote to the fledgling church.

However, in all the years I've preached from this letter, I can tell you that there are no ruins more disastrous than when husbands misuse the words Paul wrote in the fifth chapter of that letter we call the book of Ephesians.

In fact, I suspect that there is no verse in the entire Bible that has given marriages more trouble than Ephesians 5:22. Spoken by a seemingly clueless bachelor, Paul urged, "Wives submit yourselves to your husbands."

(Warning Husbands: DO NOT try this verse at home without chaplain supervision.) My first run-in with the mandate came in the home of a deacon who'd invited his 26-year-old pastor and wife for dinner after church.

Our deacon, Dan, was a 40ish-year-old family man with three daughters who hung on his every word. But a few hours into our meal, it was his wife, Joanne, who was making the biggest impression on us.

Joanne was an incredibly personable woman who exuded confidence in everything she did. Nevertheless, with Dan she seemed almost subservient. She waited on him hand-and-foot, bringing him what he needed before he'd ask.

As Joanne served dessert, Becky dared a nervous laugh at how Joanne fawned over Dan. The deacon's wife responded to Becky's ribbing with the submission verse, telling us it was her Christian duty to serve Dan. With lips pursed, we nodded in feigned agreement, even though our first impressions told us that the arrangement seemed more like servile compliance than a

Christian marriage.

On our drive home to the parsonage, my young bride made a few declarations. "I hope you're not expecting our marriage to be like that. I'll be your wife, but I won't be your maid or your waitress."

Of course, this was no major development. On our wedding day, Becky veered away from traditional roles by refusing to be "given away" by her father. Instead, both our parents began the ceremony by announcing their affirmation of our marriage. After our wedding, Becky spent the next four years supporting us through my seminary education.

Now that she was ready to start her teaching career and plan our family, she wanted to be sure I knew that I was expected to do an equal share of home upkeep, diaper duty and cooking included.

Of course I wanted to keep this girl, so I always nodded in perfect agreement.

We remained with that church for 4½ years, just long enough to realize that Joanne wasn't the mousy subservient wife we first mistook her for. Their marriage wasn't so easily judged.

Actually, I was privileged to witness how they'd built a marriage of great love and mutual respect. I saw many moments in which Dan also submitted to Joanne's wishes and lavished her with every bit of love he could muster.

Bottom line was that their marriage worked for them and I had no call to judge that.

I met up with Dan and Joanne a few years back and I can tell you that Dan achieved a wonderful life — not by misusing the verse to domineer Joanne, but by cherishing her. Joanne achieved a wonderful marriage, not by losing who she was in Dan's shadow, but by honoring the man God made Dan to be.

Together, they found the secret that precedes the noisy verse about wives submitting. Ephesians 5:21 makes it clear that both the husband and wife must "submit to one another."

That simply means that couples must work it out. Usually, a good marriage involves the couple taking turns in leading in their relationship. Typically, healthy couples lead together.

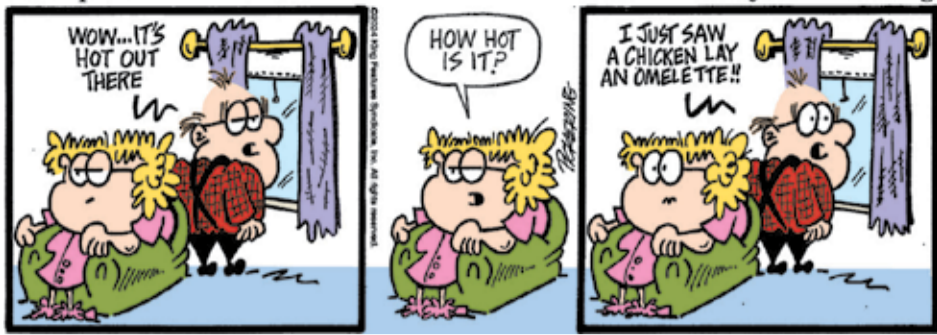
Izmir was a very short tour of duty, just a temporary home. Fortunately, my assignment with Becky has been a permanent one.

I don't think she'll tell you that our marriage has always been equal because I know it hasn't. But I also know that, as we near the 45-year mark, submitting to one another continues to work for us. ★



# COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats



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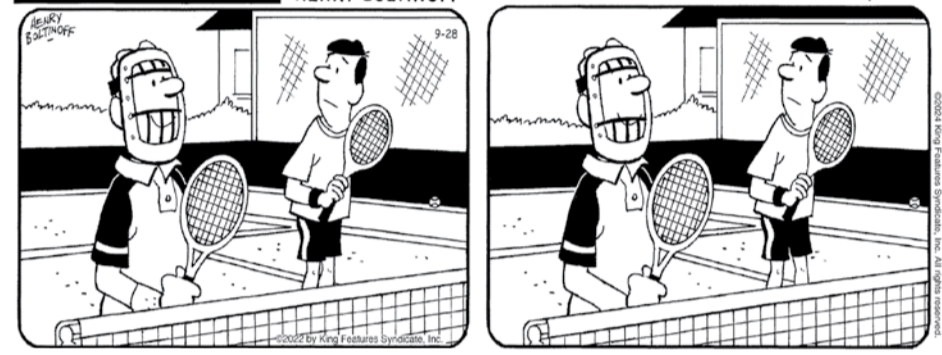


Out on a Limb



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# Yolo High Wheelers Win 2024 Pioneer League Championship



High Wheelers celebrate their Pioneer League Championship. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers



High Wheelers pose for a well-deserved Championship team photo. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers

## From Yolo High Wheelers Website

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Bobby Lada delivered a legendary moment for Yolo, sending the High Wheelers to their first-ever Pioneer League Championship with an 8-7 victory over the Glacier Range Riders on Sept. 21 at Dobbins Stadium.

Trailing 5-0 after five innings,

Yolo's comeback began in the sixth when Lada launched a solo home run to left-center. Yolo right fielder Tanner Smith followed with a clutch grand slam to tie the game at 5-5. Glacier struck back with a two-run home run by Ben Fitzgerald in the seventh, giving the Range Riders a 7-5 lead. But the High Wheelers refused to go quietly.

In the bottom of the ninth, Edwin De La Cruz singled to

bring the tying run to the plate, and with two outs, Braylin Marine extended the game with a single down the third base line. With the championship on the line, Lada crushed the first pitch he saw, a towering three-run homer off the left-field foul pole, securing the title and sparking a jubilant celebration at home plate.

"I was just thinking of crushing that ball, and that's what I

did," Lada said. "Ben Fitzgerald and I were college teammates, and when he hit two homers, I had to keep up."

Manager Billy Horton couldn't contain his excitement: "You n't script this. I dreamed of moments like this all season. I was jumping up and down, screaming 'Bobby Lada!' like a little kid."

Brandon McPherson earned the win with a scoreless ninth

inning, while Jonah Jenkins kept Yolo within reach with two scoreless frames in the fifth and sixth.

The High Wheelers finished their inaugural season with a 58-44 record, capping it off with their first championship in dramatic fashion.

For more information on the Yolo High Wheelers visit the team website at [www.highwheelers.com](http://www.highwheelers.com). ★

# Classic Thriller Comedy Presented

## Dixon Community Theater News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Community Theater presents "Arsenic and Old Lace," a classic comedy that mixes dark humor with heartwarming characters from Oct. 12 through 20 at the Dixon High School Theater.

Originally written by Joseph Kesselring in 1939 and made famous by the 1944 film adaptation starring Cary Grant, "Arsenic and Old Lace" has delighted audiences for decades. The play revolves around the Brewster family, focusing on Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic who discovers his two sweet elderly aunts have been harboring a shocking family secret. Chaos ensues when Mortimer's criminal brother, Jonathan, returns home, leading to a night full of mayhem, humor and a few dead bodies.

With its witty dialogue, eccentric characters and madcap plot twists, "Arsenic and Old Lace" remains one of America's most beloved comedies. Fun fact: when it first opened on Broadway in 1941,

the show ran for more than 1,400 performances, an impressive feat for any production.

This production's cast includes Janice Ferrero, Angel Gatchel, Barrett Shepherd, Emily-Jo Shepherd, Neil Henderson, Dave Muerle, Robert Williams, Dave Cripe, Dave Atkinson, Chris Tan, Loren Ferrero and Tanea Ingram.

The show is directed by Cheryl Sommers, with Kelly Pidgeon James as assistant director. Their vision brings out both the humor and the heart of the play, making it a must-see event this fall.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

Showtimes are Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. The Dixon High School Theater is at 555 College Way, Dixon.

Tickets are available at the door and can be purchased online at [www.dixoncommunitytheater.com](http://www.dixoncommunitytheater.com).

For more information, call the box office at 707-903-8387 or email [dixoncommunitytheater@gmail.com](mailto:dixoncommunitytheater@gmail.com). ★



From left are Dr. Einstein (Dave Cripe), Mortimer Brewster (Barrett Shepherd) and Jonathan Brewster (Neil Henderson). Mortimer is in a fix when a macabre secret is revealed. Courtesy photo