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Dixon Does Halloween Safely



Two Dixon police officers, one official and one in costume, celebrate Halloween. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Angela Underwood

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Children's sole focus on costumes and candy can cause danger.

Police Chief Robert Thompson said talking to children about Halloween safety is crucial because it helps ensure their well-being while they enjoy the festivities.

"Halloween is a time when children are out in the neighborhood, often in the dark and may be less aware of their surroundings due to the excitement of trick-or-treating," Chief Thompson said.

By discussing safety, parents and guardians can prepare children to be cautious of potential hazards, including traffic.

"Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed

on Halloween than on any other day of the year," Thompson said, citing National Safety Council statistics.

Discussions about unfamiliar people and consuming uninspected treats are also critical, according to Thompson, who points out two types of Halloween safety: trick-or-treating and road; when walking for treats, plan your route.

"Stick to well-lit areas and familiar neighborhoods, Thompson explained. "Make sure someone knows where you'll be and when you'll return."

Do not walk alone.

"Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult," the chief said. "Older kids should go in groups and keep in touch with their parents."

When it comes to dressing up, costume safety is key. Thompson said

costumes should be flame-resistant and not too long to prevent tripping.

Also, "use reflective tape for visibility," the chief said.

At the end of the night, when safe at home, still take caution, according to Chief Thompson, who said, "before eating any treats, make sure to inspect them for tampering; when in doubt, throw it out."

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) agrees, reporting "throw away anything that looks suspicious."

The FDA also offers candy safety tips, including "eating a snack before heading out to avoid the temptation of nibbling on a treat before it has been inspected" and checking for "unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes or tears in wrappers."

Regarding road safety, the first rule

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You Still Have the Opportunity to Register and Vote

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., reminds Californians who missed the Oct. 21 deadline to register to vote or update their voter registration for the Nov. 5, 2024, General Election, that they can participate in "Same Day" voter registration and cast a ballot by visiting their county elections office or any vote center or polling place in their county of residence.

"If you missed the traditional voter registration deadline, you still have an opportunity to cast a ballot," Secretary of State Weber said. "You don't have to wait for Election Day! To minimize wait times, I encourage Californians who need "Same Day" voter registration to visit an early voting location or their county elections office before Election Day to ensure their voices are heard."

Eligible citizens who missed the Oct. 21 deadline have the option to participate in the "Same Day" voter registration process at their local county elections office or any in-person voting location in their county. Californians who participate in same day registration will be asked to fill out a voter registration form and be provided a ballot. These ballots will be counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process.

Voters can complete the "Same Day" voter registration process all the way through Election Day on Nov. 5, 2024. Questions about the same day voter registration process should be directed to their county elections office.

For a list of early voting locations by county where voters can complete the "Same-Day" voter registration process, visit caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

Voters who are unsure of their voter registration status can quickly check it online at: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

Active registered voters can track their ballot by signing up at: wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic text, email, or voice status alerts, including that their ballot has been received, counted, or needs to be corrected before their ballot can be counted. ★

California State Parks Partners with Solano County



The ribbon cutting event marked the opening of the Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park on Aug. 23. Photo courtesy of Solano Land Trust

California State Parks News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks, Solano County and Solano Land Trust on Oct. 9 announced the acceptance of the Golden Bear Pass at two Solano County parks, Lynch Canyon Open Space Park and the new Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park that opened Aug. 23. Benicia State

Recreation Area can also be accessed using the pass.

The Golden Bear Pass is a calendar-year free pass that provides vehicle day-use access at over 200 California State Parks-operated units to qualifying Californians who receive Supplemental Security Income, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program recipients,

or income-eligible Californians aged 62 and over.

"Increasing access to parks for everyone is essential for fostering community health and a love for the outdoors," said California State Parks Director Armando Quintero. "We are immensely thankful to Solano County and Solano County Land Trust for their partnership in making the

acceptance of the Golden Bear Pass at more parks a reality. Their efforts ensure that more people can experience the natural beauty and recreational opportunities parks have to offer."

"The pandemic showed us that our community wants more access to our county parks, and we are excited to pilot a program accepting the Golden Bear pass to help more people

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Life's too SHORT



Fires Not Easily Extinguished

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - As a group of local citizens gathered and started working for their candidate, I was getting flashbacks from year's past. It just amazes me that election year after election year, there are so few people who work on getting their candidate elected because I feel good and totally patriotic when I do. You'd think there'd be lots of people who would feel similar.

There is paperwork like crazy: pens and pencils everywhere, boxes of envelopes everywhere, stamps everywhere,

yard signs everywhere, those skinny metal sign stakes everywhere, and in our case, snacks everywhere.

In the last election cycle, I organized a civic organization to earn some "fast" money by volunteering a group to

work the poll at the Veteran's Hall here in Dixon. We all had to train and attend several classes in Fairfield but most were online. There was payment for each passed course and they encouraged participants to

take as many as they could. It made sense because on the day you get there (at six a.m.), there might be someone who doesn't show up; that position must be covered by someone else. We all came together and things ran like clockwork on Election Day.

I think everyone found it long but worthwhile. We made a nice chunk of money for our club. we all learned a lot

about the process and we felt proud of ourselves.

Back at the Dixon kitchen-turned-office, volunteers headed out to distribute promotional material with their clipboards in hand. When a "walker" talks to a resident, they are given a chance to say why they are for their

candidate. Residents usually like knowing an effort is made to hear from them and the candidate wants feedback.

For me, it has usually been a family effort that included our grown "politically-aware" children. I remember going

door to door in the rain for our eldest son and during heatwaves for my husband. When our youngest was at Dixon High School, he was chosen to attend the Young Americans for Liberty training in Washington, D.C. I had never been there but I certainly wasn't going to let my 13-year-old (the youngest ever chosen to attend) go without me anyway.

I wanted to know what they would be teaching him, so I sat in on all the workshops on how to make laws and get them passed, plus the different levels of government and what they do. They also talked about how to campaign.

Sightseeing at the U.S. Capital, the Lincoln Memorial, the Library of Congress and the Vietnam War Memorial

affected all the students, and me, deeply. How I wish all high school students could have gotten that experience!

That Christmas, I had a framed poster made from our youngest son's business card that said his name, then the

words "President 2044" scrawled across a picture I took of him in front of the Capital. It was on his bedroom wall until he moved out.

As I observed the fire in him, helping with this campaign, I thought of my love of writing; I know that those kinds

of fires are not easily extinguished. A tiny thought entered my mind, and I did the math... Now that he is in

his final year of law school, you just never know the future. ★

Dixon News Briefs



The cast of Dixon Community Theater's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" pose together after their final performance on Oct. 20. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Chamber of Commerce Mingle

Join The Dixon Chamber of Commerce members to find out what is going on in Dixon. The Mingle at the Pip will take place Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Pip Wine Bar and Shop, 116 N First St. Admission is free, and there will be a prize raffle, no-host bar with snacks, and is a 21 and up event. Bring your business card, network, and have a good time.

For more information, call The Pip Wine Bar and Shop at (707) 693-3069, or visit business.dixonchamber.org/community-calendar to access the community calendar and look for "MINGLE at the Pip Wine Bar and Shop."

Grateful Day of the Dead

Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is being celebrated at Ruhstaller on Oct. 26; Ruhstaller Dixon Beer Farm, at 6686 Sievers Road, hosts its fourth annual Grateful Day of the Dead festival, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. A community ofrenda, or offering, altar will be available throughout the night; all attendees are encouraged to bring offerings to celebrate loved ones who have passed. Candies, sweets, pictures, decorations, anything is allowed as long as it honors your loved ones.

Make sure to wear your dancing shoes, as a variety of musical acts will be taking the stage, from JB Barton's folksy, country-blues sound, to The Deadbeats more Grateful Dead-influenced rifts. Even Folklorico Juvenil Danzantes Unidos de Vacaville (The United Youth Folk Dancers of Vacaville), a Folklorico Dance Group from Solano County, will be showing off some traditional Folklorico ballet. For more information, visit www.ruhstaller.com, or contact them directly at (530) 601-8240.

Finding Common Ground

Sustainable Solano will host a screening of "Common Ground," the highly anticipated sequel to "Kiss the Ground," winner of 42 film awards including Best Documentary in the 2020 Los Angeles Film and Script Festival, and Best Interactive Documentary in the 2020 Lonely Wolf International Film Festival. In 2022, the filmmakers responsible for "Kiss the Ground," worked alongside The Regenerate America Coalition to develop policies with Congress that will support farmers and ranchers across the country. This inspired the United States Department of Agriculture to put \$20 billion toward conservation projects focused on soil health.

Partnering with Solano Local Food System Alliance, the film will be followed by a discussion on the effects of soil health on the planet. See "Common Ground" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Journey Downtown, 308 Main St., Vacaville. For more information, visit www.journey-downtownvenue.com/events, or (707) 474-9657.

Dia De Los Muertos at Silveyville Cemetery

Silveyville Cemetery District is honored to again celebrate Dia De Los Muertos

(Day of the Dead) with the community by offering a tribute to those who have passed. Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) will be hosted in the Silveyville Cemetery, 800 S. First St., from 1 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 27. Bring photos of loved ones to place on the community cemetery altar. Families are also welcome to place small altars or ofrenda on their loved one's graves anytime from Oct. 25 to Nov. 11. For more information, visit www.silveyvillecemetery.com, or call (707) 678-5578. Halloween Costume Party (21 and older)

Get ready to show off your spookiest, funniest or most creative costume at Andria and Nayeli's Halloween Costume Party at La Cocina Mexicana, 105 E Dorset Drive. Join in the fun, including music, games, a costume contest, a deejay and plenty of room to dance. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 31 and \$13 tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-costume-party-ends-at-130-am-tickets. Call La Cocina Mexicana at (707) 693-1102 for more details.

Halloween Candy Giveaway

Hang out at the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Dixon and give candy, cotton candy and popcorn away to the neighborhood kids. Treats are available for everyone, and the church is a safe place for kids to trick or treat without worry. Festivities are from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 185 W Cherry St. Bring the kids around for a fun night of trick or treating. For more information, visit www.cornerstoneindixon.com and check Events or call The Cornerstone Baptist Church of Dixon at (707) 678-5234.

Cool Patch Pumpkins

Check out Cool Patch Pumpkins at 6150 Dixon Ave. W, home of the current Guinness Book of World Records record holder for the world's largest corn maze. Experience the You Pick Pumpkin Patch, hayrides, food and more with the entire family. The Pumpkin Patch will only be around until Oct. 31 and is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. For more information, visit www.coolpatchpumpkins.com or call (530) 746-8725.

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8151, will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 20. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N First St. The Veteran's Day Dinner on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. is open to all; a turkey dinner with sides will be served for \$20 each.

It's All About the Scrapbook

Scrap Collections USA will be at It's All About the Scrapbook, 1670 N Lincoln St., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 16 to host a meet-and-greet and pop-up shop. Scrap Collections USA is a small business that primarily deals with laser scrapbooking products and scrapbooking in general. The pop-up shop will be a mini store, featuring scrapbook layouts, laser embellishments and papercraft projects. For more information, visit www.itsallaboutthescrapbook.com and check the calendar, or call It's All About the Scrapbook at (707) 676-5252. ★

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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 18 front-page story, "Napa Auto Parts Reopens," it should have said that Tyler Castro is the man pictured in the photo. We apologize for the error.

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is to slow down.

“If you’re driving, be extra cautious,” Chief Thompson said. “Children are excited and may move unpredictably.”

Staying alert is the main rule.

“Avoid using your cell phone or any other distractions that could take your focus off the road,” Thompson said.

Whether on foot or in a car, if residents experience a life-threatening emergency, they should always dial 911.

“To report other concerns, they can contact Dixon Police Department’s non-emergency line 707-678-7070,”

Thompson implored. “We are working with the community to keep everyone safe and prevent accidents.”

That is why the Dixon Police Department, and the Downtown Dixon Business Association are hosting a Trick-or-Treating event from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 31.

“We will have extra officers on patrol to help keep everyone safe,” Thompson said, adding, “We wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween.”

For any questions or concerns regarding Halloween, Thompson said, “Please do not hesitate to contact the Dixon Police Department at 707-678-7070.” ★



The Dixon High School Varsity Flag Football Team celebrates another successful practice. Courtesy photo

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon High School’s Varsity Flag Football Team continued to dominate last week, with a record of 13 wins and two losses.

After their performance in the 2023/2024 season, winning the league championship undefeated, their current season followed a similar trend in the recent weeks.

These young athletes have the support of Coach Kirk Morris, who has coached flag football for two years, but has years of experience with both Dixon High School and football, having coached the boys’ football team during the 2009/2010 season.

“I lead by example,” Morris said. “Character is number one in my book.”

When asked about how he crafted such a positive team culture, Morris specified team bonding, inclusivity and creating an atmosphere of togetherness.

“We make sure everyone is one,”

Morris said.

Having had a strong start to the season at 13 straight victories, the two losses are an unfortunate turn but not an irreconcilable one as Morris said he believes in moving forward.

“We always strive to be better each day,” Morris said. “We hope to make the program the best in California.”

Outside of sports, there are plenty of challenges in everyday life, which Morris said, “You just need to hit them with everything you have.” Youth sports are important because they help craft the skills necessary for future leaders.

“It’s a confidence builder,” Morris said. “It teaches them drive, communication and leadership skills, which they’ll need in the future.”

The Dixon High School Varsity Flag Football season ends with the Oct. 23 home game against the Casa Robles Rams after press time. For more information about next year’s season, go online to dixonramsathletics.com. ★

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Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's Statewide Ballot Measure Information, Voting Recommendations

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Below are Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's (HJTA) statewide ballot measure information and voting recommendations. For more information, visit the association's website at www.hjta.org.

NO on 2

Why we're against it

Proposition 2 is \$10 billion of bonds, new state debt, to pay for school facilities. It is almost certain to result in higher property tax bills, because school districts must provide a "local match" of funds in order to receive money from the Prop. 2 state bonds. That will lead to districts issuing new local school bonds, which are paid for by adding new charges to property tax bills. Enrollment is declining in both K-12 district schools and community colleges and the declines are projected to continue. But Proposition 2 commits California to pay an estimated \$18 billion, including interest, for school buildings that may not even be necessary. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 2.

Proposition 3

HJTA takes no position on this measure

Proposition 3 removes language from the state Constitution that defines marriage as between a man and woman. It adds the language, "right to marry is a fundamental right." This measure has no effect on the current law, because the U.S. Supreme Court held that the federal Constitution protects the right to marry.

NO on 4

Why we're against it

This is the \$10 billion "climate bond" that state politicians have long planned. California already has too much bond debt, over

\$78 billion outstanding as of Jan. 1. Then \$6.38 billion was added with Proposition 1 in March. Proposition 4 would add another \$10 billion in bond debt to pay for climate "programs." It's reckless to use borrowed money, an estimated \$18 billion with interest, to pay for "programs,"

not stopped, property tax bills are likely to go up after every election, forever. Proposition 5 will raise the cost of living in California, which already has the highest poverty rate in the country when the cost of living is taken into account. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 5.

NO on 33

Why we're against it

Proposition 33 is a rent control measure that would lead to a reduction in the supply of rental housing. It repeals a sensible 1995 law, the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which put limits on rent control laws to ensure that

Proposition 35

HJTA takes no position on this measure

California currently taxes managed care organizations (MCOs) such as Anthem Blue Cross and others. The MCO tax is set to expire in 2026, and we expect the Legislature to make it permanent. Proposition 35 would also make it permanent but would require the revenue from the tax to fund Medi-Cal, the government health insurance program for low-income residents, instead of being used to close gaps in the state budget. About 14 million California residents rely on the Medi-Cal program for their health care needs.

YES on 36

Why we're for it

Proposition 36 is the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act," backed by law enforcement groups and retailers. It makes thoughtful changes to Proposition 47 (2014), which reduced some theft and drug felonies to misdemeanors. Proposition 36 would get tougher on third offenses and also offer drug and mental health treatment as an alternative to incarceration. It would allow judges to sentence some individuals to state prison instead of county jail. The surge of retail theft, vehicle break-ins and open drug use on California's streets has increased the burden on first responders, and on taxpayers, as well as raising insurance costs throughout the state. VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 36.

Local Measures

In Folsom

No on Measure G

A sales tax increase of 1%, sponsored by "citizens."

In Yuba City

No on Measure D

A 1% sales tax increase. ★



Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

established in 1978

including salaries for all the groups that receive the money. Bond financing only makes sense for necessary projects that will last more than the 30 years it takes to repay the debt. The governor has already declared a budget emergency because the state spends more than it takes in. Spending even more "on the credit card" is a bad idea. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 4.

NO on 5

Why we're against it

Proposition 5 is ACA 1, a direct attack on Proposition 13. It makes it easier to raise taxes by eliminating the longstanding two-thirds vote of the electorate required to pass local bonds (borrowed money that must be repaid with interest). All new bond measures for "infrastructure" (nearly everything is "infrastructure") and for public housing projects would pass with just 55% approval instead of the current 66.7%. Local bonds are paid for with extra charges on property tax bills, adding to the tax burden on homeowners and businesses, leading to higher rents for tenants and higher consumer prices for everyone. If Proposition 5 is

NO on 6

Why we're against it

Proposition 6 bans mandatory work requirements for state prison inmates. It doesn't seem fair to further increase the burden on taxpayers by creating the conditions to negotiate higher wages for inmates who are paying off their debt to society by serving their sentences in state prison. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 6.

NO on 32

Why we're against it

Proposition 32 would raise California's hourly minimum wage from \$16 to \$18 and then adjust it annually for inflation. Unfortunately, raising the hourly minimum wage has sometimes reduced weekly wages as businesses cut hours and lay off workers. The best way to raise incomes in California is to stop driving job-creating businesses out of the state or into the ground. Raising the minimum wage is counter-productive. It also increases the state's expenses by raising government labor costs. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 32.

housing providers could make a fair return on their investment and stay in business. Repealing Costa-Hawkins would mean cities could enact radical rent control, even on single-family homes and condos, and prevent property owners from resetting the rent to the market rate after a tenant voluntarily moves out. Proposition 33 would lead to a sharp reduction in new apartment construction as lenders evaluate financial risk due to potential rent control laws. That will worsen the housing shortage in California. Voters have already rejected this proposal twice before, in 2018 and 2020. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 33.

YES on 34

Why we're for it

Some nonprofit healthcare organizations that receive federal funds to provide health care services have abused the system to spend large amounts of money on political causes. Proposition 34 would end this practice and require that healthcare providers spend most of the money they receive from a federal prescription drug discount program on direct patient care. VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 34.

Stop Criminals, Drugs, Theft

By John McGinness

California voters will have several very important decisions to make as they complete their November 2024 ballots. One that has the potential to reverse a decade of deterioration of the state's criminal justice system is Proposition 36.

To adequately analyze the merits of Proposition 36, a quick review of history is in order. Ten years ago, voters approved Proposition 47 based upon assurance that it would improve public safety. The voters were deceived – Proposition 47 eliminated compounding consequences for several theft and possession and use of dangerous drugs. Many crimes were reduced from felonies to misdemeanors, eliminating the deterrent value of discipline.

The results have been devastating for the state of California. Urban, suburban, and even rural areas once used for recreation have been taken over by critically addicted people living like walking zombies. Retail businesses have become so frequently victimized by "smash and grab" thieves that merchants have been forced to lock up much of their merchandise out of reach, inconveniencing legitimate customers and staff. Fentanyl poisoning has become the leading cause of death for Americans 18-45-years-of-age. On average, over 200 deaths by fentanyl poisoning occur in the United States every day. Consider the tolerance

society would have in an environment in which 200 people were killed in a commercial airline crash every day – public outcry would be extreme and warranted; change would be mandated by an outraged public. Yet persons in positions of leadership seem oblivious or apathetic to the plight of our youth.

Proposition 36 will restore the ability of the criminal justice system to impose compounding consequences on chronic habitual offenders for the sake of discouraging unacceptable behavior. Specifically,

offenders convicted not once, but twice of possession of hard and dangerous drugs will be eligible for felony prosecution or completion of a court-supervised treatment for addiction. This course of action was common before the passage of Proposition 47, when drug court was a viable option for those first charged with felony drug possession. The impetus for treatment is now gone by virtue of chronic drug offenders suffering through addiction and only being cited for misdemeanor violations of law. That means no time in custody in California, and no incentive to participate

in court supervised treatment. Those cited typically ignore their citations, fail to appear in court and continue to live their destructive lifestyle, wreaking havoc on the streets, parks and public facilities throughout the state. Proposition

consequences be brought against those who habitually violate the law for the sake of discouraging habitual lawlessness.

Critics have asserted that Proposition 36 represents a reversion to days of mass incarceration. It does not!

Proposition 36 is a bipartisan concept created by elected attorneys of diverse political and philosophical affiliation, supported by big city mayors from California's diverse communities, to provide incentive for treatment for those chronically addicted to dangerous

drugs, as well as common sense solutions to those who habitually break the law and diminish the quality of life for law abiding Californians.

If concern for law abiding citizens and those seeking to safely pursue their dreams in this state is insufficient to motivate voters to support this thoughtful proposition, consider the wellbeing of the people directly adversely impacted by the results of the horrific current state of law. Since 2014, when Proposition 47 passed, the number of chronically addicted people living on the streets of California has exploded. Failing to recognize the wellbeing of those

lost to drugs on the streets represents an apathetic disregard for our fellow human beings. Swift, lawful action taken to put these lost souls on the path to a vastly better existence is the compassionate and appropriate action to be taken by the electorate of this state.

Ten years ago, the political leadership of the state of California misled the voters, assuring them that Proposition 47 would enhance public safety, that eliminating thoughtful punitive consequences for lawlessness would somehow make the schools and neighborhoods safer. Many of those same people are again describing Proposition as something vastly different than what it is. Proposition 36 is a plan to reduce homelessness, drug addiction, and theft in California. Law-abiding taxpayers deserve better, future generations of Californians deserve better and those in the grip of addiction need our help. Please do not be fooled by the same people who misled the voters to pass Proposition 47.

Please help save California. Vote "Yes" on Prop.36.

John McGinness, MS, is the retired sheriff of Sacramento County, an adjunct professor of criminal justice and host of the John McGinness Show on KFBK. He can be reached at 916-924-3901

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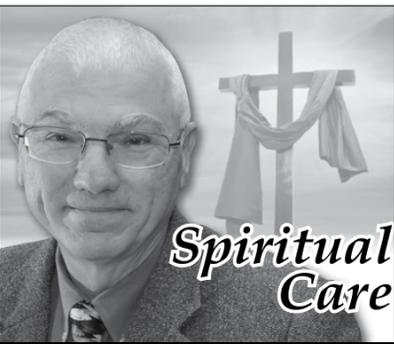
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36 will give incentive to those who badly need treatment. Those who complete the treatment and graduate from the program will have the opportunity to have their record expunged and avoid incarceration, liberating them to live rich full lives.

Proposition 36 will also reclassify fentanyl as a hard drug, and provide enhanced penalties on those who possess fentanyl while armed with a firearm.

As or thieves, Proposition 36 will impose the potential for felony consequences for persons twice convicted of petty theft and charged with a subsequent theft case. It simply demands that

The Chaplain's Day Off



BY NORRIS BURKES

Long before the 1986 movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, I too imagined a day off work of fun and frivolity.

After all, who hasn't feigned illness to take a day off from work?

This was my self-justifying question as I called the Baylor University Bookstore one Friday morning in the fall of 1978. When my manager picked up the line, I winked knowingly at my new girlfriend sitting beside me.

"I'm not feeling well today." Cough, cough. "I can't come in until Monday." "Then you're fired!" he said.

I wasn't expecting the finality in his answer. I could hear a pulse in my ears.

"Don't come back," he added before slamming down the phone receiver.

My face flushed and my eyes suddenly felt overhydrated. I was having a grief reaction, anticipating the loss of the prestige I'd enjoyed interacting with university professors and freshman co-eds.

How had I miscalculated this scenario? Was my boss aware of the love-struck hormonal illness with which I was afflicted? How would I afford to take my girlfriend to the back-to-school dance?

I had to make this right for many reasons. The bookstore was the center of university life and I didn't want to be dodging my boss for the next year. I needed to apologize.

How does one apologize for such bald-faced lying?

First, it's always good to allow a cool-down period. I waited a few weeks for the back-to-school rush to end and called for an appointment.

Once inside the manager's office, I kept it simple. I admitted that I hadn't been sick. Plain and guileless. "I'm

sorry for lying."

I didn't excuse my action or bring my girlfriend into the picture.

Second, I expressed understanding for his situation. I admitted that I abandoned my colleagues, causing them to be short-handed at his busiest time of the year.

Third, I asked for forgiveness. He granted that.

Finally, I think I surprised him when I asked his help to clarify the lessons I needed to learn.

That question brought his deepest thought.

"Who is it you want to be?" he asked.

"Pardon me?"

"Well, I know you're a ministerial student, so I know WHAT you want to be. But beyond that, WHO do you want to be?"

I thought I got his drift, but I wasn't entirely sure.

"I think above all," he said, "you want to be a person who people trust. I think you want to be a person who keeps his word."

"I see three lessons," he continued.

"First, don't lie. Lying demonstrates that you don't believe you're capable of being who you want to be. Don't sell yourself short. I know you are capable of being who you want to be."

"Second, if I'm not mistaken, Jesus said, 'Let your yes be yes, and your no, no. Whatever is more than these is from the evil one.'"

In other words, my ex-boss was telling me to be sure of what I want before I commit to something. And when I do commit, I should keep my word.

"Third." He cleared his throat, trying to remember his third point.

He gave up on that. "Just remember those two for now. Don't lie and keep your word."

The bookstore manager was OK in my book - even if he didn't give me my old job back.

Fortunately, he gave me a good reference to a better-paying job as a night watchman in a local bank. Good thing too. I could afford to take the girl to the dance.

Unfortunately, since I can't dance, she broke up with me.

Happily, I met and married my wife Becky a few years after that. But that's a story for another day. ★



Riley Reviews

HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS ON TV FOR FRIGHT, THRILLS, CHILLS AND FUN

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

Halloween programming offers cable and streaming services an opportunity to load up the month of October with a plethora of thrills and chills. While Peak Screaming at Paramount+ and AMC Networks' "FearFest" deliver in a big way, there's much to absorb even with other platforms.

Maybe not in the same league, FX Network is not to be left out as its "American Horror Stories," co-created by horror genre maven Ryan Murphy, has its own "Huluween" five-episode event which will run on Hulu.

"American Horror Stories" is a spin-off of Murphy's and Brad Falchuk's award-winning hit anthology series "American Horror Story," where the differentiation is that the derivative series features a different horror story each episode.

Leading up to Halloween is the sixth season debut of FX's "What We Do in the Shadows," a popular comedic series that documents the nightly exploits of vampire roommates.

Nandor (Kayvan Novak), Laszlo (Matt Berry), Nadja (Natasia Demetriou) and Colin Robinson (Mark Proksch) navigate the modern world of Staten Island with the help of human friend Guillermo (Harvey Guillen) as well as the vampire bureaucrat, The Guide (Kirsten Schaal).

The vampires are reconsidering their lives when a former roommate reappears after a 50-year nap, and realize they've accomplished little in a half-century. This could be a show to watch if you prefer laughs to frights.

AMC's "FearFest," the long-running annual horror and genre event features over 700 hours of iconic horror films, new series, specials and more. Anyone watching all 700 hours might just become a certifiable couch potato.

Artist, musician and horror enthusiast Janell Monae, as the official host of "FearFest," has curated a list of her favorite horror films to stream, which include "An American Werewolf in London," "The Fly," "Killer Klowns From Outer Space," and "Carrie."

AMC's "The Walking Dead" is a familiar franchise, and now a highlight for "FearFest" is the original series "The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon - The Book of Carol," picking up where season one left off.

Daryl Dixon (Norman Reedus) and Carol Peletier (Melissa McBride) confront old demons while she fights to find her friend and he struggles with his decision to stay in France, which apparently has some ramifications for the future of this European nation.

Within the AMC universe, Shudder presents the original series "Horror's Greatest," a deep dive into everything we love about horror. From fresh looks at classics to unearthing scores of hidden gems, this series has something for every fright film

enthusiast.

What are the must-see films in horror's many sub-genres? What's the appeal of horror tropes, and how do today's filmmakers subvert our expectations? What shape does horror takes in countries outside of our own? "Horror's Greatest" is looking for answers.

Shudder original film "Daddy's Head" finds a young boy left in eerie solitude of a sprawling country estate with his newly widowed stepmother. The stepmother grows distant, and amidst growing family tension the boy begins to hear unsettling sounds echoing through corridors.

The boy becomes haunted by the presence of a grotesque creature bearing a disturbingly familiar resemblance to his late father. But as the boy's warnings are dismissed as the imagination of a grieving child, the sinister entity tightens its grip on their crumbling lives.

To this day, writer, director, and actor Roman Polanski remains a fugitive from our justice system, but he's the undeniable creative force behind great films like "Chinatown" and "Rosemary's Baby," the latter a classic psychological horror film.

Paramount+ has an all-new thriller film in "Apartment 7A," which is set in 1965 New York City to tell the story prior to the legendary "Rosemary's Baby," exploring what happened in the infamous Bramford building before Rosemary (Mia Farrow) moved in.

An ambitious young dancer Terry (Julia Garner) dreams of fame and fortune in the Big Apple, but after suffering a devastating injury, an older, wealthy couple (Dianne Wiest and Kevin McNally) welcomes her into their home in the luxury Bramford apartment building.

When a fellow resident and influential Broadway producer (Jim Sturgess) offers her another chance at fame, it seems that all her dreams are finally coming true.

However, after an evening she can't fully remember, disturbing circumstances soon have her second-guessing the sacrifices she's willing to make for her career as she realizes that something evil is living not only in Apartment 7A but in the Bramford itself.

In the closing days of Halloween week, ABC delivers "Halloween Nightmares" episode on Dancing with the Stars, as the remaining couples get into the Halloween spirit with hair-raising transformations and spine-tingling routines.

Even the ABC game show "Press Your Luck" gets in the act with its "Halloween Spooktacular" episode where the cartoon creature the Whammy delivers a few more tricks than treats as host Elizabeth Banks and the contestants scare up some big bucks.

ABC's new series "Doctor Odyssey" episode "Halloween Week" features a high-stakes costume contest, but when a zombie-like illness plagues select passengers on the cruise ship, the festivities take a dark turn. This episode is a curtain call on Halloween night. ★

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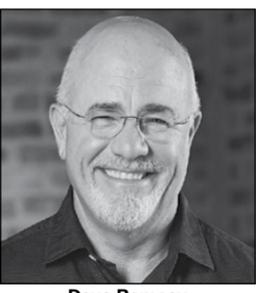
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Dave Ramsey Says A Different Situation Than Most

Dear Dave,

I'm getting married next month, and my fiancé and I are both following your plan. I'm on Baby Step 3. I make \$65,000 a year and have \$14,000 in my emergency fund. My fiancé made \$90,000 a year, and he's on Baby Step 2 paying off his car loan. He has his beginner emergency fund in place, and we already have \$3,000 set aside for a honeymoon trip. I said he "made" \$90,000, because the company he was working for just went out of business. He's an experienced heating and air technician, and he has already had a few companies reach out with offers or interviews. Do you think we should still go on a honeymoon, or wait until he officially finds another job and things are a little more stable?

- Charlotte

Dear Charlotte,

I'm not generally a big fan of spending when someone loses a job. But honestly? I think your situation is a little different than most. I also think you two are different than a lot of folks I talk to. Here's why.

First off, you're both serious about dumping debt and getting control of your finances. That's the big thing. Plus, you make good money, and he will again very soon, based on his prospects and the line of work he's in. On top of all that, you've got a nice pile of cash in the bank. This tells me you're both wise enough and mature enough to know the importance of being on stable ground financially.

Your guy will have another job in a couple of weeks, considering his experience and the fact companies are already reaching out to him. If he's lucky, he might even be able to work a deal that would allow him to start

a new job right after the honeymoon. So, I like the future you two are looking at, Charlotte. You have some financial padding, he's in a field that pays well and I'm pretty sure his income is about to be restored.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding, and God bless you both. Go have a great time on your honeymoon. I hope you two will have long and happy lives together!

- 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★



Land Values Plunge as Groundwater Law Dims Farm Prospects

The value of farmland in parts of the San Joaquin Valley, California's agricultural heartland, has fallen rapidly this year as commodity prices lag and implementation of the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act casts a shadow on the future of farming in the region. In 2014, when SGMA was adopted, the value of farmland without reliable surface water access began to decline. But within the past several months, those values have plummeted, according to appraisers, realtors and county assessors.

Spread of bird flu 'Baffles' Dairy Farmers in the Central Valley

Even though he has been bracing for impacts of H5N1 bird flu since April, Tulare County dairy farmer Preston Fernandes said it still came as a surprise when milk samples from his farm tested positive for the virus last month. As the leading dairy state in the nation, California now also has the most bird flu cases in its milking herds. As of Oct. 11, 100 cases have been confirmed. Of the 14 states hit by bird flu in dairy cattle, California is one of two that have reported new infections in the past 30 days. Exactly how the virus spreads from herd to herd is not fully understood.

Market Manager Educates People about Food and Agriculture

Cheyenne Erickson, general manager of the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association's North Bay region, is enthusiastic about two things: fostering community and advocating for agriculture. Overseeing farmers markets in Contra Costa and Solano counties, she plays a vital role in connecting farmers, producers and small businesses with the communities they serve, while also informing consumers about their food. Erickson is a member of the California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee representing Humboldt and Del Norte counties and serves as president of the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau.

FIRA USA to Bring Autonomous Farming Solutions to Yolo County Trade Show

The third edition of FIRA USA, the premier event for agricultural robots and autonomous farming solutions in California, is coming to Woodland Oct. 22-24. The three-day showcase will feature the cutting edge of technological innovation through live demonstrations and industry round tables. Demonstrations will include technological solutions for farming nuts, fruits, grapes, vegetables, berries and field crops. The event is free for growers to attend. ★

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 This business is conducted by: a General Partnership
 Filed with the Clerk of Solano County on September 30, 2024.
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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No. 241004657 Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USC 3764 (c) APN 0113-221-470 Property Address: 795 Michele Ct Dixon, CA 95620 Whereas, on 7/23/2005, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Antonio N. Negrete and Alicia M. Negrete, husband and wife as joint tenants as trustee in favor of Seattle Mortgage Company as beneficiary, and Alliance Title Company as trustee, and was recorded on 8/2/2005, as Instrument No. 200500116092, in the Office of the County Recorder of Solano County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of

Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 11/27/2012, recorded on 12/27/2012, as instrument number 201200131058, in the Office of the County Recorder, Solano County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 6/16/2024, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 11/27/2024 is \$502,797.95; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 2/13/2020 as instrument number 202000011473, notice is hereby given that on 11/27/2024 at 9:30 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot 355, As Shown On The Map Entitled: "Almondree", Unit No. 4, Por. Lots 2, 3 And 12, Of Subdivision Of The Mayes Home Place, City Of Dixon, County Of Solano, State Of California, Filed In The Office Of The Recorder Of Solano County California On July 23, 1976 In Book 30 Of Maps, At Page 62. Commonly known as: 795 Michele Ct, Dixon, CA 95620 The sale will be held at Santa Clara Street entrance to City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$502,797.95. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$50,279.79 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$50,279.79 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of

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CITY OF DIXON ELECTION NOTICES

NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON, AND POLLING PLACES

For the General Municipal Election on NOVEMBER 5, 2024, as required by the California Elections Code, the City of Dixon hereby provides notice of (1) the Nominees for Public Office, (2) the Measure to be Voted On, and (3) available Polling Places.

NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices identified below to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Dixon, California, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024. The nominees are listed below in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

For Mayor (elected at-large representing the entire City)	Full Term of Four Years
Steven C. Bird James P. Ward Jr.	
For City Treasurer (elected at-large representing the entire City)	Full Term of Four Years
Simon A. LeBleu	
For Member of City Council, District 3	Full Term of Four Years
Kevin M. Johnson	
For Member of City Council, District 4	Full Term of Four Years
Don Hendershot	

MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following measure is to be voted on at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Dixon, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

Measure J: Keep Dixon Dixon Measure

Shall the measure maintaining local control of the City of Dixon's financial stability and essential services such as 911 emergency response times, fire/paramedic protection; retaining/attracting firefighters/paramedics/police; preventing crime; providing safe routes to school; keeping public spaces safe/clean; attracting/retaining local businesses; repairing streets/potholes; by establishing a 1¢ sales tax until ended by voters, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually, requiring public spending disclosures/all funds used locally, be adopted?	YES
	NO

A vote in favor of Measure J would authorize an additional 1% sales tax within the City of Dixon. If the measure passes, the sales tax rate in the City of Dixon would increase from 7.375% to 8.375%. It is estimated that the proposed sales tax will provide an additional Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in annual local funding. This sales tax is a "general tax," meaning that revenues raised from the tax would go into the City's general fund to pay for any lawful City program, service, or improvement. The tax would be collected in the same manner as existing sales taxes. All ordinances and resolutions related to Measure J are available for review with the City Clerk or can be found at: <https://www.cityofdixon.ca.gov/departments/Elections>.

POLLING PLACES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following polling places will be used at the General Municipal Election and will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 5, 2024:

- Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center**
201 S. Fifth Street
Dixon, CA 95620
- Veterans Memorial Hall**
1305 N. First Street
Dixon, CA 95620
- Jim Lindley
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- Maine Prairie High School**
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enjoy our open space parks,” said Solano County Parks Services Manager Chris Drake. “We plan to reach out to Solano Women, Infants and Children (WIC) recipients and other groups who are likely to qualify for the Golden Bear pass to ensure that people can visit more outdoor spaces without a financial burden.”

Solano Land Trust spearheaded this Golden Bear Pass expansion effort as part of its goal to increase opportunities for meaningful outdoor experiences for all people. The development of its Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park is driven by community engagement, including from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

“We want everyone to feel welcomed to this park, which is why it was developed with inclusivity in mind,” said Solano Land Trust Executive Director Nicole



Pictured here is a view from the Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park. Photo courtesy of Solano Land Trust

Braddock. “Adding access through the Golden Bear Pass partnership will continue to highlight that this park is available and open to everyone.”

The opening of Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park and the acceptance of the Golden Bear Pass at two Solano County parks aligns

with Governor Gavin Newsom’s Administration’s “Outdoors All” initiative championed by California’s Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot.

“Outdoors for All is focused on providing all Californians with equitable access to the state’s cultural, historical and natural resources. ‘Equitable access’

means that all people can experience and enjoy California’s outdoors regardless of who they are or where they live,” said Secretary Crowfoot. “The Golden Bear Pass continues to give more people the opportunity to explore and enjoy the outdoors.”

Since 2022, more than 80,304

passes have been made available through the Golden Bear Pass program. The partnership between State Parks, Solano County and Solano County Land Trust has made the expansion of the Golden Bear Pass acceptance and the opening of a new park possible, meaning more access to more parks for more people. ★

Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

Alcoholics Anonymous – If you want to drink, that’s your business. If you want to stop drinking, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous at 800-970-9040 for either local meeting information or to speak to someone.

American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band first and third Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday and 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. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings:

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7 to 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 St.. For information, call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at 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 St.. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email 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@sbctglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

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

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

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50 to 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 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

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

City Council – Meets on the 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 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, 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, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children’s lives meets on the 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/second Wednesdays at Bud’s Pub & Grill from 6:30 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. St., Dixon. Rotary is the world’s first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

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

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

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

Dixon Women’s Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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 St.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Fairfield Business Center Drive. 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 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.

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/northernsolanodemts/.

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 St.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., 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 St. (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

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 St. 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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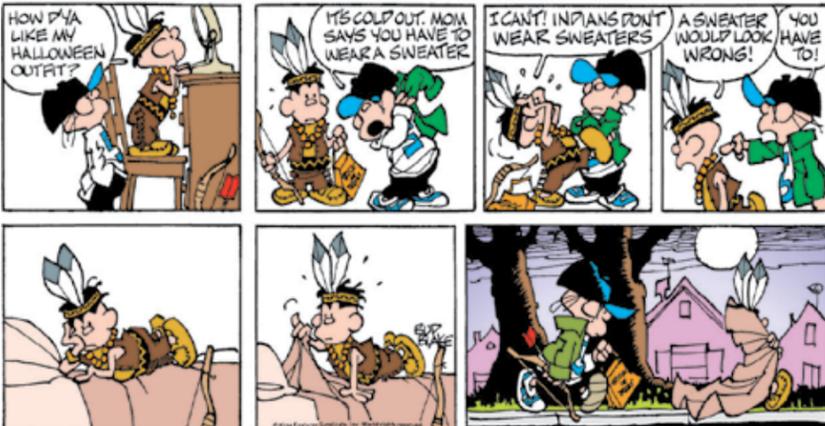
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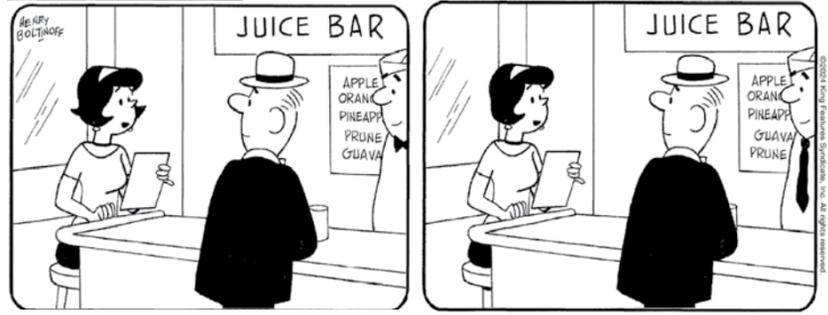
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by Alan Katz,
illustrations Stephanie Laberis

It's Halloween at the zoo. Everyone is dressed and ready for a parade, from the pandas to the rhinos to all the little animals in between. The dandy-lion roars and the bunny moos; there are lots of laughs and giggles at the silly zoo. But wait, the costumes aren't the only surprise that will happen tonight.

A delightfully fun story for the whole family, which might inspire a whole new game of imagining animals matched with Halloween costumes.

Oh Halloween Tree
by Dori Elys, illustrations Katya Longhi

How do all the spooky friends celebrate Halloween? With a Halloween tree, of course. Follow along as a group of friends set out to find and decorate a

tree just in time for trick or treat.

Set to the tune of Oh Christmas Tree, Little ones will delightfully sing along. This fun board book and spooktacular illustrations will make this book a new favorite Halloween read.

I Got the Spooky Spirit
by Connie Schofield-Morrison,
illustrations Frank Morrison

It's time to get into the Spooky Spirit. As fall leaves fall all around, and pumpkins wait to be carved with their ooey, gooey seeds falling on the ground. Then it is time for sweet and sour treats and then decorating the house in spooky galore. But the best part is the costume and going treat or treating. Then it's back for the party with friends all around as they bob for apples, dance, and trade candy, and then it is finally time to say goodnight.

It's time to get into the Spooky Spirit with a day full of festivities, from pumpkin carving to decorations, costumes, and even a party to end the night. I Got the Spooky Spirit is a fun family story celebrating the season.

Trunk or Treat
by Chris Ayala-Kronos,
illustrations Rea Zhai

The big day is finally here. All the cars are lined up and ready for trunk or treaters. Everyone is dressed up in their favorite costumes, even the cars. Come along for the fun and all the festive decorations as trick-or-treaters enjoy seeing all the spooky sites during the day. ★

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

Wednesday, Oct. 9

08:44 - Theft reported in the 1600 block of Marenda Drive.
14:08 - Burglary reported in the 800 block of North Lincoln Street.
18:51 - A theft report taken in the 1500 block of 1530 Ferrero Dr.
21:15 - A probation violation arrest report was taken at the intersection of North 1st St. at Auction Ln. Officers contacted (S) Judith Jaimes (38) of Woodland after making an enforcement stop. James was arrested and later cited and released.

Thursday, Oct. 10

07:42 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 1500 block of Marenda Drive.
07:48 - Confidential report in the 500 College Way.
09:47 - Welfare check on a subject in the area of Regency Parkway and Fountain Way. A 46-year-old male was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for his own safety. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.
10:54 - Confidential report taken in the 300 block of Pheasant Run Drive.
15:04 - Fraud reported in the 1000 block of North 1st Street.
20:13 - An informational report was taken in the 1300 block of Cornell Dr.
23:33 - A D.U.I arrest report was taken at the intersection of Dorset Dr at Dorest Ct. Officers contacted (S) Cristina Gomez Ferreyra (40) of Dixon. Cristina was arrested and later cited and released to a sober adult.

Friday, Oct. 11

13:54 - Agency assist for Dixon Fire Department in the 1400 block of Reed Drive.
15:29 - Agency assist for Placer County CWS.
15:41 - Informational report taken in the area of West A St. and North Jackson St.
17:01 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision reported in the 800 block of South 1st St.
20:13 - A disorderly conduct report was taken at the intersection of North 1st St. at West A St. Officers were dispatched there on a report of a woman running in and out of the street. Officers arrived and contacted (Jothel Ngraitpang (43) transient. It was determined that she was intoxicated and could not care for herself. Jothel was arrested for 647 (f) P.C. (disorderly conduct) and taken to the Solano County Jail. Jothel was later released pursuant to 849 (b) P.C.

Saturday, Oct. 12

09:57 - Vandalism report taken in the 600 block of Marvin Way.
Sunday, Oct. 13
07:56 - Suspicious vehicle reported in the 7800 block of Batavia Road. The RP reported a subject asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle that was still turned on. Officers contacted the driver, identified as Joel Guerrero (22) of Antioch and arrested him for driving under the influence of alcohol.
14:43 - Vehicle burglary reported in the 600 block of Marvin Way.
19:18 - Vehicle accident with no injuries at North First Street and West H St.
20:16 - Agency assist in the 500 block of Vanderbilt Drive.

Monday, Oct. 14

08:43 - Vandalism report taken in the 600 block of Brians Way.
13:45 - Abandoned vehicle reported in the 1200 block of Linford Lane.
15:47 - Information report taken in the PD lobby regarding marital issues.
17:50 - Vandalism to a parked vehicle in the 1500 block of Reed Drive.
19:30 - Theft from a business in the 2000 block of North First St.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

08:04 - Grand theft report taken in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
09:56 - Vandalism report taken at Hall Park.
10:44 - Information report taken in the PD lobby. RP wanted to report she was being cyber stalked but would not provide any further information to officers.
16:57 - Theft report taken in the 1200 block of Charity Lane.
19:00 - Death Investigation in the 100 block of East Mayes St.
03:20 - Taylor Tiger (28) of Fairfield was contacted in the 2800 block of West A St. and later arrested for public intoxication.

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