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Mighty Mites Go to the Playoffs



Coach Hayden Fry hypes up his players for another hard-fought game. Photo courtesy of Hayden Fry

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines mighty to mean powerful, accomplished or great in extent or size. Each of these terms perfectly describes the whirlwind football season Coach Hayden Fry and his undefeated Mighty Mites have experienced.

Dixon Youth Football's Mighty Mites played a stellar 2024 season, going 8-0 into their game at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 against the Woodland Christian School Jr. Cardinals, who were also undefeated leading into Saturday's game; the winner of this game would go on to enter the playoffs as the first seed, or the top-ranked team in the bracket.



Mighty Mites Quarterback Chase Scott leads his team to the field. Photo courtesy of Hayden Fry

After a grueling back and forth that pushed both teams to their limit, the final score was 18 to 6, with the Mighty Mites losing.

However, Coach Fry and his team refuse to lose faith as they go into the playoffs as the second seed, as the team has come quite far. Fry is in his second year as a Dixon Youth Football head coach and is quite adept, having also coached youth baseball and wrestling.

"I have always loved coaching," Fry said. "I started coaching Dixon Youth Football once my son, Ryder, started to play. Ryder is 7 years old and he plays for the Mighty Mites. I have enjoyed coaching because it's the only thing that makes me feel like I am competing again."

Fry described his leadership style as vocal and high energy, openly wearing his

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Dixon Charter School to Receive Historic Moon Tree

Dixon Montessori Charter School News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Montessori Charter School (DMCS), at 355 N Almond St., is proud to announce that it has been selected to receive a Moon Tree, an extraordinary piece of space history and a symbol of the future of space exploration.

The Moon Tree will be planted on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, between the kindergarten and third-grade classrooms, enhancing the teaching of biology and physics standards in a unique and inspiring way.

The legacy of Moon Trees dates back to over half a century ago when NASA astronaut Stuart Roosa, the command module pilot for the Apollo 14 mission and a former U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service smoke jumper, carried tree seeds into lunar orbit. The seeds from Apollo 14 were grown into seedlings by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and distributed across the nation, becoming symbols of exploration and perseverance.

In tribute to the Apollo 14 legacy and in celebration of the future of space exploration through NASA's Artemis Program, a new generation of Moon Tree seeds traveled into lunar orbit aboard the Orion spacecraft. These seeds journeyed thousands of miles beyond the Moon, spending about four weeks in space before returning to Earth.

Through a partnership between NASA's Office of STEM Engagement (OSTEM) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, five species of tree seeds were flown aboard Artemis I as part of a national STEM engagement and conservation education initiative. As part of this program, K-12 schools, museums, universities, and other educational institutions were invited to apply for the opportunity to receive a Moon Tree seedling.

"We are thrilled and honored to be a part of this historic opportunity," said Ben Ernest, Executive Director of Dixon Montessori Charter School. "For me, this opportunity is lined with nostalgia. I was a student at Silveyville in the 80s when Mr. Tognetti planted a tree for Earth Day. Now it is my turn, and I hope that this Sequoia Moon Tree will serve as a living connection to the past achievements of space exploration and as an inspiration to our students as we look to the future." ★

Heritage and the Holidays

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated throughout November to honor Indigenous culture, traditions and achievements, including Native Alaskan and Hawaiian communities.

Indigenous scholars, such as Seneca Native American Dr. Arthur C. Parker, advocated for Native American recognition in the public. Parker even famously proposed an "American Indian Day" in 1915. Around 1990, the United States government officially designated November as Native American Heritage Month.

Locally, Dixon was originally home to the Wintun, now called the Patwin. Patwin means "native people" in the Wintun language. This title was originally given to the Wintun by American reporter Stephen Powers in 1877. At its peak, the



Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dahi Open Space Park (Southern Rock Home of the Patwin People in the Hill Patwin language), uses language, artifacts and signage to emphasize the park's connection to its native people. Photo courtesy of Solano Land Trust and Tom Muehleisen

Wintun territory encompassed everything from Princeton to Benicia. The Wintun settled and lived alongside the land by living in willow branch huts in 1877. At its peak, the

and primarily ate acorns, to turn into bread and meal, and local fish, fowl, and forest fauna, such as salmon, quail and deer.

While a peaceful lifestyle, the Wintun were

unfortunately met with a great deal of tragedy. In 1848, the California Gold Rush brought many people from all walks of life to the state of California,

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Dixon Women's Improvement Club members meet monthly to socialize and hear a variety of guest speakers, such as last year's Raffi Boloyan's talk on the City of Dixon's growth.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Holidays bring many out shopping or using online shopping from home computers, often making themselves more vulnerable to fraud and scams so it's time for a refresher course on protecting ourselves.

On Nov. 20, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club will hear a presentation that can help them protect themselves from fraud and scams.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club members and their guests are invited to hear from First Northern Bank's Diana Rowell, CAMS/VP/BSA Officer.

"It is so important to get the information out there and I am thankful for (your group) to include this topic for one of your meetings. As the BSA Officer for the bank, I see first-hand how these types of fraud and scams affect our customers and communities," said Rowell.

Rowell is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), a professional who is skilled at tracking cash that originates in fraud or other crimes but has been subjected to complex financial maneuvers to obscure its origins.

The BSA after her name stands for the Bank Secrecy Act, a law that requires financial institutions and other businesses to comply with reporting and other

requirements to help prevent and detect money laundering. The Bank Secrecy Act is also known as an "anti-money laundering" (AML) law.

The Bank Secrecy Act requires banks to establish a process for reporting and monitoring suspicious activity; develop anti-money laundering programs based on risk; and file and report certain data about financial transactions, including cash transactions over \$10,000.

Her coworker is Curt Watkins, fraud specialist, who will also help with the presentation. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson using the B Street entry.

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club was established in 1899 in Dixon. The founders were women with families who had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and were interested in beautifying and improving the town.

The nonprofit organization's purpose is to beautify, improve and promote the best interests of the City of Dixon through club-directed projects and community activities. Members meet on the third Wednesday of the month from September through May and membership is \$40 annually. For more information plus additional information and times of meetings, email dixonwic@gmail.com. ★

Dixon News Briefs



Batman and Wonder Woman take a break after enjoying the Halloween festivities. Photo courtesy of Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Travis Credit Union Scholarships

Travis Credit Union, 1470 Ary Ln, is awarding \$2000 in scholarships to 20 current, college-bound, high school seniors in Fall 2025. The 2025 Community Impact Scholarship application period is from Oct. 1 to March 3, 2025; applicants must be Travis Credit Union members, and the application must be turned in by 11:59 p.m. on March 3.

For more information, visit traviscu.org, or call (707) 449-4000.

Toiletries Drive

American Legion Post 208 will host a Toiletries Drive from 2 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 and 14. The Legion is asking for the following items, all new: shampoo, conditioner, combs, bar soap, deodorant, disposable razors, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, disposable wipes, socks and blankets. All donations go to veterans and the homeless in need. Drop by Veterans Hall, 1305 N First St., and donate on Nov. 8 and 14.

For more information, visit American Legion Post 208's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/alpost208/, or call (530) 304-5385.

All Hat No Cattle (Ruhstaller)

Ruhstaller Beer Farm, 6686 Sievers Road, will host a free performance for All Hat No Cattle at 6 p.m. on Nov. 9. All Hat No Cattle is a country cover band out of Sacramento that plays everything from 80s ballads to current country hits. Beer and wine will be served at the event, as well as ice cream and more; there will even be a food truck. All donations go to the musicians, so swing by Ruhstaller on Nov. 9 and support.

For more information, visit <https://ruhstallerfarm.com/events> or call Ruhstaller Beer Farm at (530) 601-8240.

Remember, Respect and Honor Motorcycle Run

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, in collaboration with RememberAVet.net, will host the 12th Annual Remember, Respect and Honor Motorcycle Run at 8 a.m. on Nov. 10. The event will take place at Buckhorn Bar & Grill, 830 N Adams St.; coffee and donuts will be provided, but, with a \$30 donation per person, you can get a tri-tip lunch with all the fixings and two boughs, to honor the fallen. There will also be a prize raffle for anyone looking to take something home.

Proceeds from the event will benefit The Wreath Project, a local group that raises funds and coordinates wreath-laying events every December at The Sacramento Valley National Cemetery since 2006. So far, they have maintained 100% coverage every year, making sure each headstone has an accompanying holiday bough. This year, they will need 35,000 boughs purchased to reach their goal. Boughs cost \$7. If you would like to volunteer your time as well, the public is invited to help place the boughs starting 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 14.

For more information, visit www.wreathproject.org/, or call (707) 249-5852.

Robin Hood: The Musical

Winters Theatre Company, 13 Main St., presents "Robin Hood: The Musical" live at Winters Opera House. The musical, inspired by the 1974 Davis Bad Actors Parody, is an original work that acts as a retelling of the classic tale for a modern audience. The play will be shown Friday through Sunday every week starting Nov. 22, with the final performance falling on Dec. 1; Fridays and Saturdays will see showtimes from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., whereas Sundays will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

On Nov. 22, opening night, the organizers will be holding a Gala at 6 p.m. to celebrate the event, and to allow guests to mingle with the cast and crew before the first showing. General admission goes for \$17.85, but the Opening Night Gala will be \$28.52 and include champagne and dessert; a non-alcoholic beverage and dessert ticket is also on sale for \$23.18.

For more information, visit www.winterstheatre.org/, or call The Winters Theatre Company at (530) 795-4014.

Thanksgiving Centerpiece

The Enlightened Loft, 622 Webster St, Fairfield, will host a festive workshop on creating a Thanksgiving Pumpkin Floral Centerpiece. Learn how to design a beautiful centerpiece using seasonal pumpkins and fall flowers from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 23. General admission is \$49.57.

For more information, visit www.theenlightenedloft.com/, or call (707) 631-6483. Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/e/thanksgiving-pumpkin-floral-centerpiece-tickets.

Calling All Directors!

Dixon Community Theater is looking for passionate directors who have a production or productions that they would like to see on the stage.

For those interested, at minimum, Dixon Community Theater needs a program selection form (either PDF or Excel) that explains the proposal and type of production you wish to make, a realistic timeframe and any ideas, visions, or goals for the production. A copy of the script must also be included. Musical submissions must also include either a copy of a cast recording or a link to the music you wish to use. Musical submissions will not be considered without accompanying recordings or links. A theatrical resume outlining your theatrical background and past directing experience will also be necessary. All submissions must be received or postmarked by Dec. 1; applications can be emailed, but for those who wish to mail or drop off their submissions, send to 1285 Stratford Ave. Suite G, Box 308.

For more information, visit www.dixon-communitytheater.com/, or contact Dixon Community Theater directly at dixoncommunitytheater@gmail.com.

Line Dancing at Ruhstaller

Ruhstaller Beer Farm, 6686 Sievers Road, will host line dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 5. Yolo Line Dance, a collective of line dancing instructors from Yolo County, will partner with the brewery to bring the community together one dance step at a time. Tapps Kitchen, a catering and food truck company with a focus on modern flavors, fresh technique, and fresh quality taste, will also be open at the venue from 3 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to come dance, and all donations for the event will be given to a nonprofit organization.

For more information, visit <https://ruhstallerfarm.com/events/>, or call Ruhstaller Beer Farm at (530) 601-8240.

Spirit of Solano Luncheon

Spirit of Solano, an organization that honors Solano County-based businesses and Chambers of Commerce, will host their 29th Annual Luncheon on Dec. 5. There, The Spirit of Solano Award will be rewarded to those that strive to improve the quality of life in the communities they serve. An official time for the event has yet to be announced, but interested parties can RSVP now for \$50 a person, or \$500 for a table; payment must be received by Nov. 18 to secure your reservation.

For more information, or to RSVP, visit <https://spiritofsolano.com/>.

Holiday Tree Charcuterie Workshop

Over the Moon Grazing Co., a gourmet catering and charcuterie company, will host a Holiday Tree Charcuterie workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 15. Held at Bud's Pub and Grill, 100 S First St., the festive event will help attendees create their own beautiful holiday charcuterie boards. Prizes and refreshments will be available as well; at \$90 per person, guests will also get a complementary glass of wine, shared appetizers and a Kraft box and ribbon to take home their creations safely.

For more information, visit Over the Moon Grazing Co's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/1765829126997326/ or call Bud's Pub and Grill at (707) 678-4745. ★



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Thompson Hosts USDA Rural Development Roundtable



Rep. Mike Thompson stands with USDA Rural Development and Solano County representatives. Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Mike Thompson

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) recently partnered with leadership from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA RD) to host a roundtable with leaders from across Solano County.

During the session, Rep. Thompson and USDA Rural Development State Director, Maria Gallegos-Herrera, presented leaders from across Solano County with information on Rural Development programs and services that are available to qualified rural Solano County communities.

“Rural communities are the backbone of California and our country,” said Thompson. “Thank you to the USDA Rural Development team for partnering with me to bring local leaders from across Solano County together to discuss our community’s needs and connect leaders with USDA RD programs that can help address those needs. Already, Solano County has received over \$13.1 million in support from USDA RD programs and I look forward to continuing to support our community’s development.”

USDA Rural Development provides more than 70 programs to help improve

the economy and quality of life in rural communities that meet program requirements. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development programs help rural communities build infrastructure like hospitals and community centers and help rural communities increase access to utilities, affordable housing, and homeownership opportunities. These programs come in various forms including loans, grants, loan guarantees, and partnerships with local leaders.

Thompson’s session in Dixon was the second of five Rural Development roundtables the Congressman hosted in each of the five counties that make up the 4th Congressional district: Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo.

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California’s 4th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties. He is a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Rep. Thompson is Chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. He is also Co-Chair of the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Wine Caucus and a member of the fiscally-responsible Blue Dog Coalition. ★

Mighty Mites Go to the Playoffs

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heart on his sleeve and letting his passion show.

“I often times can be heard yelling ‘it’s a great day to be alive’ before practice or games,” Fry said. “I try and set the tone for every practice and every game. I have learned children can be easily influenced and they are like mirrors of their coaches. Knowing this, I try to carry myself in a way that will positively affect them on and off the field.”

Fry’s inspirational demeanor does not go unnoticed, especially by his players.

“Don’t be too hard on yourself and make sure you are having fun,” said Chase Scott, number 15, the Mighty Mites’ quarterback. “I like playing football because it is a challenge. I also enjoy battling through difficult games because I feel accomplished and proud of myself after the game is over.”

The Mighty Mites Team Captain, number 24, running back Carter Norfolk also said he was inspired by Coach Fry’s passion.

“As team captain, I had to learn how to be a leader



The Mighty Mites make their debut onto the field out of a giant inflatable helmet. Photo courtesy of Hayden Fry

and how to guide my teammates,” Norfolk said. “I like it when my team gets together before we run out for a game and we get each other hyped up.”

With playoffs close at hand, the Mighty Mites remain focused and hopeful. As the only team to score a single point on Woodland Christian all season, they intend on getting their win back during the Super Bowl.

“I did not know how I was going to feel about

coaching football prior to starting two years ago but I quickly learned that it is one of my favorite parts of my life. The kids and supporting parents have provided me with memories that will last me a lifetime,” Fry said in closing.

The Mighty Mites will play the East Nicolas Spartans at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. The semi-final will be at Pierce High School, 960 Wildwood Road, Arbuckle. ★

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MEMORIAL

JACK JAMES CHEECHOV • 02/25/1933 - 10/29/2024

Jack James Cheechov passed away peacefully on October 29, 2024 of natural causes. He was surrounded by family in his last hours. He loved life and his family.

He was born in Elmira, California to James Cheechov and Nellie Treguboff. He attended Elmira schools and graduated from Vacaville High School.

He was drafted into the Army in 1956 where he was in communications, responsible for driving the General to his required destinations. Soon after his discharge he joined the Teamsters Union, where he was a hardwood floor specialist. In 1962 he went to work for Recology in Vacaville for 36 years as a Sanitation Engineer Manager.

On February 14, 1960 Jack married Nancy McGuire

George, John and James Cheechov, nephew Tony Cheechov. Survivors include: daughter Michelle Cheechov Robinson, granddaughters Danielle Poole, Breanna Tomelloso (Michael), great grandson Jaxson Tomelloso, sisters Pearl Rohrke and Shirley Romanoff, nephews and nieces, Pam, Andy, Cathy, Glenna, Alec, Chet, Linda, Jimmy, Terri and Christy.

Viewing will take place at McCune’s Garden Chapel (212 Main Street, Vacaville) on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial Services will be held at the same location on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 10 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Ceremony located at Tenbrink’s (5200 Thissell Road, Winters).

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– Dave

Hang Around for Benefits?

Dear Dave,

I am currently serving in the military, and I'm not sure I like the life, or what I'm doing, as much as I did a few years ago. Recently, I was approached with some exciting opportunities outside the military in a different field. I'm not sure what to do. Do you think I should make plans to take advantage of these new opportunities, or should I stick with the military and receive full benefits when I'm eligible to retire in 10 years?

– William

Dear William,

There are people who absolutely love the military. It makes a great career for some folks, and I think that's awesome. God

bless them—and you—for serving their country that way. But whether you're in the military or a civilian, I think you should do what you love doing.

If you were just a few months away from retirement, I'd probably tell you to bear down and tough it out. That way, it wouldn't be too long before you could explore the new opportunities and have a nice pension coming in. But 10 years is a long time to do anything when your heart's not in it.

Long story short? If you love it, stay. If you don't, get out. Serving in the armed forces is voluntary, and in a sense, that makes it a little like other jobs. Regardless, hanging around for a decade in a job where you're miserable just to collect benefits? That's not a good plan.

– 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. ★



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“THE LINCOLN LAWYER: Season 3” ON NETFLIX

Michael Connelly, the prolific author of crime fiction and detective novels, is arguably at the top ranks of writers whose books are worthy of being adapted as screenplays for television or movies.

His most notable characters are LAPD detective Hieronymus “Harry” Bosch and criminal defense attorney Mickey Haller, the central persons, respectively, for the Amazon series “Bosch” and the Netflix incipient franchise “The Lincoln Lawyer,” now streaming for its third season.

Before Netflix launched “The Lincoln Lawyer” series in 2022, Connelly’s eponymous 2005 novel was first made into the 2011 film of the same title, starring Matthew McConaughey as the Los Angeles defense lawyer who operates out of the back seat of a Lincoln Town Car.

The Ford Motor Company’s Lincoln division produced the 1986 Town Car that was featured in the McConaughey film, whereas the streaming series on Netflix features a classic 1963 four-door Lincoln Convertible as the lawyer’s car of choice when he’s mostly driving for leisure.

The third season picks up where the previous one left off with Mickey Haller (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) showing up at the West Hollywood jail for Julian LaCosse (Devon Graye), arrested as the suspect in the murder of sex worker Gloria Dayton (Fiona Rene).

Julian has only known Gloria as Giselle Dallinger, who operates under multiple aliases and could not be identified at the County morgue until Haller showed up, noting that she mostly went by Glory Days.

The evidence against Julian, as happens to be the case for many that Haller represents, may be circumstantial but enough threads connect to his culpability with at least a degree of credibility.

On the night of the homicide, Julian is found on a surveillance camera to have arrived and departed from Gloria’s apartment building within the timeframe of the murder and the testimony of a neighbor that a loud argument had ensued gave credence to foul play.

It turns out that Gloria was being serviced by Julian’s website that allowed sex workers to have prospective clients vetted for safety reasons, leading to Julian insisting that he’s not a pimp but acknowledging that he takes twenty percent off the top as commission.

While a few side issues intrude, the ten-episode season is primarily focused on a single compelling case even though a budding odd couple romance blossoms when Haller gets involved with prosecutor Andrea Freeman (Yaya DaCosta), a

frequent adversary in the courtroom.

In the second episode, Haller is representing a Hispanic male with shaved head and several face tattoos on an armed robbery charge. After testimony proves to be damning, the defendant viciously assaults Haller.

The prosecutor and Haller approach the bench when requested by the judge, who believes the attack has prejudiced the case in the eyes of the jury. The prosecutor asserts that the assault was staged so Haller could manipulate the court to declare a mistrial.

Detractors of the defense attorney, and there are many who pop up here, including the District Attorney’s investigator and former LAPD detective Neil Bishop (Holt McCallany) holding a grudge for being destroyed as a witness, would perhaps justifiably take the view that Haller is calculating.

Those who work for Haller are faithfully loyal. His second ex-wife Lorna Crane (Becki Newton), a hard-working assistant, is preparing for the bar exam which understandably causes anxiety at work.

Lorna is now married to former motorcycle gang member Cisco (Angus Sampson), who now works for Haller as an intrepid investigator willing to ride his bike all the way to Las Vegas to track down a potential witness.

Office worker Izzy Letts (Jazz Raycole), who previously chauffeured Haller in his Lincoln Navigator, is busy on the side trying to make a go of her own dance studio that’s suddenly threatened by a competitor.

One new member of Haller & Associates is Eddie Rojas (Allyn Moriyon), taking over driving for the boss, after the attorney defended him at trial on a charge of joyriding in an expensive sports car.

On the other side of the ledger, Haller must deal with plenty of unsavory characters. Prison inmate Sly Funaro Sr. (Paul Ben-Victor), a disgraced attorney, and his moron son (Christian Antidormi), are key to Haller connecting with an imprisoned cartel leader (Arturo Del Puerto).

Even sleazier is how shady DEA agent James de Marco (Michael Irby), who has ties to former police officer Neil Bishop, possibly figures into the death of prostitute Glory Days.

For anyone who enjoyed the first two seasons of “The Lincoln Lawyer,” the third season exceeds expectations such that the cliffhanger at the last episode will have you hoping no time is wasted for production to start on the next installment.

Without giving away anything that is shocking about the finale, it would be a disservice to the fan base to not have a new chapter, but given the popularity of the series so far, we should feel confident that Mickey Haller is not hanging up his shingle. ★



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Dodd Returns from Ukraine, Urges Action

Office of Senator Bill Dodd
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, recently returned from a weeklong diplomatic trip to Lviv, Ukraine.

He met with Lviv officials about the ongoing struggle against Russian aggression and toured key facilities, including a military hospital and the Superhuman Center, which provides prosthetic limbs to many of the tens of thousands of military veterans and civilians injured in the war.

“The resilience, determination and resolve of the Ukrainian people is incredible,” Dodd said. “We have so much in common, especially our love of freedom and democracy, so it is essential that we stand with them as they fight for their continued independence. I come away from my visit with a renewed sense of urgency to help Ukraine as it recovers from the destructive violence, as well as admiration for their strength and ingenuity. California can play a big role in the healing, and I urge friends and colleagues to consider how they might pitch in.”

Dodd traveled to Lviv in western Ukraine during the week of Oct. 14, meeting with Lviv Gov. Maksym Kozzytsky, who is an appointee of Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Together, they spoke with representatives from the Lviv legislature and education leaders about forging cultural and economic ties between California and the region.

Their meeting came in advance of the Rebuild Ukraine trade summit set for Nov. 11 to Nov. 15 in Poland. The California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic



Sen. Bill Hurtado and Sen. Bill Dodd honor those whose lives were lost to the war at a Lviv cemetery. Photo courtesy of the Office of Senator Bill Dodd

Development will lead a delegation of the state’s public and private sector groups working to support economic recovery. Economic and business-to-business relationships will boost both economies.

“We must take concrete steps such as investing in and supporting Ukrainian business and technology that will sustain the country’s recovery,” Dodd said. “We must also strengthen partnerships between our universities and research institutions. There’s so much we can do to help and doing so will also enrich our state as well, so it is a win-win.”

Dodd toured numerous Lviv facilities, including a military hospital, where he talked to wounded

veterans and a military cemetery opened in 2022 where more than 800 soldiers from Lviv have been buried. He was especially moved during a tour of the Superhuman Center, which is helping meet the needs of the 50,000 Ukrainians facing amputations due to the war.

“It’s a stark reminder of the tragedy that has unfolded here over the past few years,” Dodd said. “In an otherwise beautiful country, there are literally daily funerals for those killed in the war.”

In addition, Dodd visited Lviv region infrastructure that was hit by Russian missiles earlier this year, as well as the Ukrainian

Catholic University, where he spoke with the country’s emerging leaders in a graduate-level public administration seminar. Dodd also watched demonstrations of cutting-edge technology, including the use of drones.

Now, Dodd is urging Californians to get involved by supporting a Ukraine charity of their choice. A link to the non-profit Superhuman Center is superhumans.com/en.

Dodd’s trip followed his own Ukraine-related initiative, Senate Concurrent Resolution 96, unanimously approved by the Legislature in April, establishing a sister-state relationship with the Lviv region. Following

its passage, Dodd honored a delegation of Ukrainian government officials on the Senate floor. In Dodd’s district, the Sonoma Sister City Association has long been a sister city with Kaniv, Ukraine, and since the outbreak of war has raised nearly \$200,000 and sent a fully stocked ambulance to support Kaniv.

Dodd’s trip was funded without the use of taxpayer dollars.

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Dodd can be found at www.senate.ca.gov/dodd. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our Recent Comedy Night is Being Hailed as the “Funniest and Funnest.”

The comments have been all positive from those who were at the event. People have said that because of David, even the raffle, which can be a dull segment of any fundraiser, was totally fun and entertaining.

The Dixon Family Services (DFS) Board of Directors has had a debriefing meeting and feels it would be a hard decision to not begin planning a Comedy Night in 2025.

“We will have more to report after the holidays about our plans, so stay tuned,” said Dixon Family Services Board President Patty Richards.

Those who want to help should contact

Cookie Powell or Patty at Pmsr1951@wavecable.com.

Financial Sponsors of Comedy Night 2024 were Altec Industries, Travis Credit Union, Patty and Mark Richards, Cookie Powell, PJ Davis & Associates, Rotary Dixon, CHARGE EPC and Ron DuPratt Ford Dixon.

If you or your business are interested in sponsoring Comedy Night 2025, please contact Patty or Cookie. It’s never too early to start thinking about your charitable support for a long-established, community-based and proven nonprofit organization serving the needs of families and children in Dixon since 1984.

Some comments from 2024 sponsors:

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DFS for years. We truly believe in the incredible work that DFS does to support the Dixon Community.”

“Supporting DFS aligns with our commitment to the communities we serve.”

“We consider DFS a shining star in the dismal life of people struggling in our community. They serve our neediest families, and serve as our meaningful, yet simple way, to help. We like knowing that our contributions are making a difference for people in our own community.”

“Of course I support DFS. I encourage others to consider ways to assist DFS in their good work.”

“Thanks for the opportunity to give back.”

“DFS provides so many social services

needed to help our Dixon Community. Without them it would be such a loss for those struggling, especially those who are low-income.”

“Committed to creating a bond with the Dixon Community, we support DFS to ensure stability, and to further their quest to expand the resources that are most needed.”

“We continue to recognize the value in supporting the local community by donating time and money whenever possible to Dixon Family Services.”

Thank you,

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APN: 0116-130-190
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Date of Sale: 12/2/2024 at 9:30 AM
Place of Sale: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$475,308.86
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 - Parlor piece
 - Riyadh native, e.g.
 - Sixth note
 - Common fairway club
 - Brewed beverage
 - **Red" Redding and Nelson Mandela
 - *Ricky Bobby and Buddy
 - Beat the Joneses
 - Outrage
 - Adjust, as laces
 - Tears violently
 - Anointment liquid
 - Talks and talks and talks
 2. a.k.a. Operation Neptune
 - "Just kidding!"
 - Billy Joel's "Always a Woman"
- DOWN**
- Between Phi and Kappa
 - Second word in a fairytale
 - Encircle
 - Like Freddy Krueger, e.g.
 - Boot-wearing feline
 - Draft pick
 - Impolite look
 - Miles per hour, e.g.
 - Insult
 - Between bleu and jaune
 - Connection between brain and spinal cord
 - Bundle of wheat
 - Like certain libraries
 - Pup
 - Hemingway's "The Man and the Sea"
 - Railyard worker
 - *Forrest Gump and Jimmy Dugan
 - Offer two cents
 - Doctrine
 - New Mexico town
 - Deep pile carpet
 - Atlantic Ocean/Pacific Ocean waterway, e.g.
 - Ostium, pl.
 - *Violet Crowley and Minerva McGonagall
 - Center of authority
 - "The New Look" main character
 - September stone
 - Phobos' brother, Greek mythology
 - Time period
 - *Catwoman and "Jinx" Johnson
 - Vidalia one
 - Regions
 - *Han Solo and Indiana Jones
 - Wished undone
 - Europe's highest volcano
 - *Nelson, star of 8 films with Jeanette MacDonald
 - Matted wool
 - Write on tombstone, e.g.
 - Facebook button
 - More is ___?
 - Duran Duran's 1982 album

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Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Tours Available

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Tour the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area with an experienced field trip leader!

Tours are held on the third Sunday of each month and are a fantastic opportunity to explore local wetlands, learn about wildlife and native plants and interact with other community members who share similar interests. View flooded seasonal and permanent wetlands, native grasslands and young riparian

forests. Depending on the season, look for migrating and resident waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, raptors, and wading birds.

Tours run rain or shine from 9 a.m. to noon, on the third Sunday of each month, except in instances of flooding. Tours do not run in July, August, and September. Tours meet at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters (45211 County Road 32B). Registration required.

For more information or to register visit yolobasin.org/wetlands-tours or contact volunteer@yolobasin.org via email. ★



A tour group learns about the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Photo courtesy of CDFW

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@sbcglobal.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/third 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. ★

COMICS & PUZZLES

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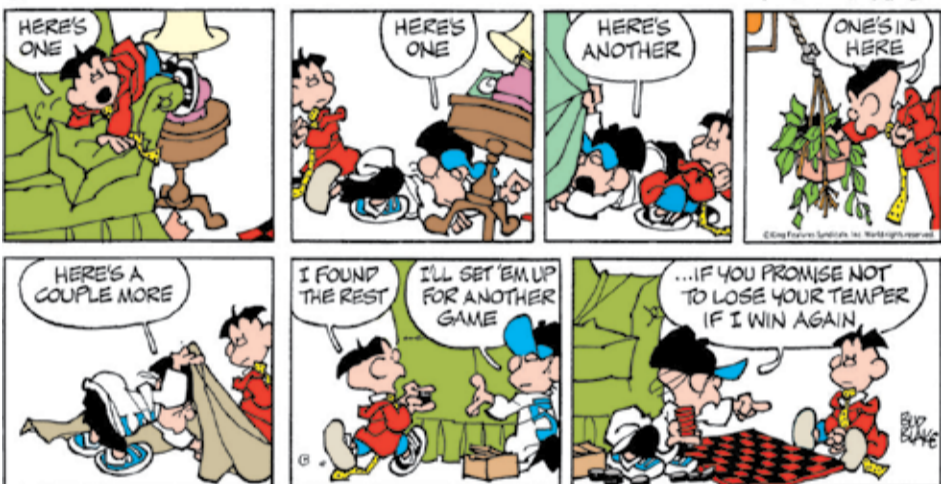
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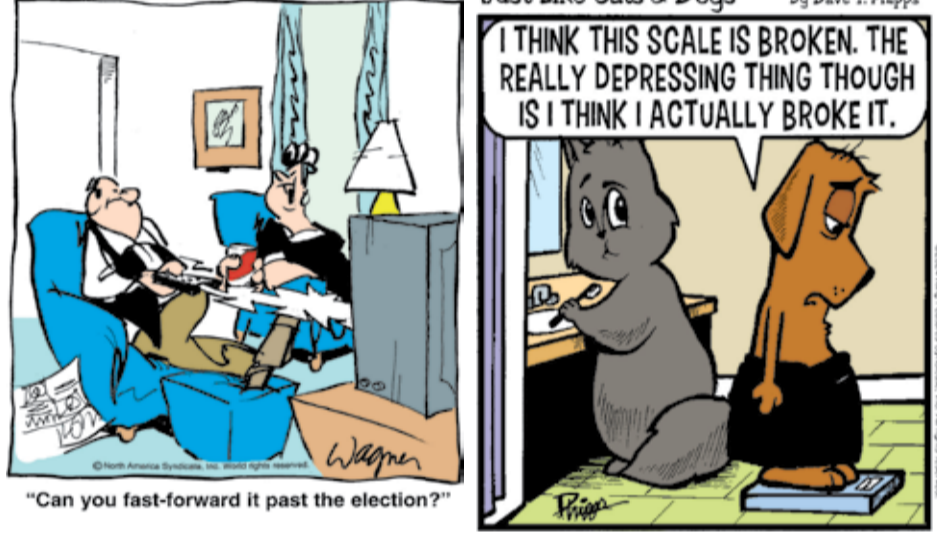
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Fall for Some Great New Reads



Jump In the Leaf Pile
by Kelly Green, illustrations
Kasia Nowowiejska, Little Simon.

It's Fall, which means leaves are falling all around in a rainbow of colors. It's time to scrape and rake the leaves, then run through the pile "crackle, crackle, zap." Then it's time for the best part of all: jumping into the pile of leaves.

Little ones will enjoy looking for all the fall colors while celebrating all the joys of Fall, with sliding surprises hidden within each page. Sturdy board book design sized for small hands, also makes this a great book for little ones.



You're the Pumpkin in my Pie
by Laura Gehl, illustrations
Vanessa Port, Little Simon

Fall for this adorable board book, highlighting the perfect pairings and adorable illustrations. From donuts to pumpkins to honey on a tree, each treat has its ideal match, just like you.



Pasta Pasta Lotsa Pasta
by Aimee Lucido, Mavisu Demirag

November means Thanksgiving, and the holidays are coming soon. However,

family dinners can be tricky when they are picky. As each family rings the doorbell, they arrive with a new pasta request. From lasagna for Nonna to spaghetti for Nonno Titi, but that is not all; Zia Trini Houdini only eats rotini, and Zio Tony only eats ravioli. With all the pasta, how will it ever get done? Follow one giant family and all their pasta drama in this silly rhyming pasta spectacular.

Break out the rolling pin, the flour, and the eggs. It's time to make a whole lot of pasta.

Pasta Pasta Lotsa Pasta will be an instant favorite for any large family that knows how hard it is to cook for everyone, especially pasta.



I Worked Hard on That
by Robyn Wall & A.N. Kang

Kiara used to make her webs to catch food, but one day, she saw a beautiful web and was inspired to make one of her own. At first, they weren't what she expected, but with a bit of work, she started to create beautiful masterpieces. But even though she worked very hard on each piece of artwork, they ended up being destroyed. The harder Kiara worked, the more frustrated she became when each piece fell to ruins. Until the day she meets a new friend who changes the way she views her art.

With gentle echoes of Charlotte's web, *I Worked Hard On That*, shares the beautiful works of art that a spider web can be. This charming book celebrates artists, the beauty of hard work, and the importance of the creative journey. Beautiful, fun illustrations grace each page, highlighting how intricate and spectacular spider webs can be. The perfect Fall read for budding artists and young nature explorers who would love to either search for the perfect web or create their own. ★

Heritage and the Holidays

Continued from page 1
many of whom entered the state with nothing but the clothes on their backs. These settlers also brought new diseases, the likes of which decimated the Wintun population to near extinction. By 1850, Native Californians could be owned as property. The California Government from 1851 to 1852 negotiated 18 treaties with the indigenous population, all of which were hidden and never ratified. Native people were officially given the right to be US Citizens in 1924; to put that in perspective, African Americans did not become African Americans until 1868 with the ratification of the 14th Amendment.

With Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year close at hand, this time of year can be a period of reflection that allows families to reunite and communities to come together; the Wintun, even now, have remained a central part of these communities. The Yocha Dehe for example, one of the three federally recognized Wintun tribes, were instrumental in the christening



Dixon Public Library has events planned throughout November to celebrate Native American Heritage. Photo courtesy of Solano Land Trust and Tom Muehleisen

of Patwino Wortla Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park (Southern Rock Home of the Patwin People in the Hill Patwin language). In partnership with Solano Land Trust, the 1,500-acre park uses signage and hidden artifacts to honor the land and emphasize the park's connection to its native people.

The Wintun Nation is here to stay, as are the other 100-plus federally recognized tribal nations throughout the United States. The Culture has its advocates, such as Sara Calvosa Olsen, a

Bay Area native and Karuk writer who discusses indigenous cuisine as a platform to tell stories and give historical context.

For more information on the Wintun (Patwin) Nation, visit www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org; to learn more about how you can support Native American charities and projects, visit www.firstnations.org/ways-to-give/.

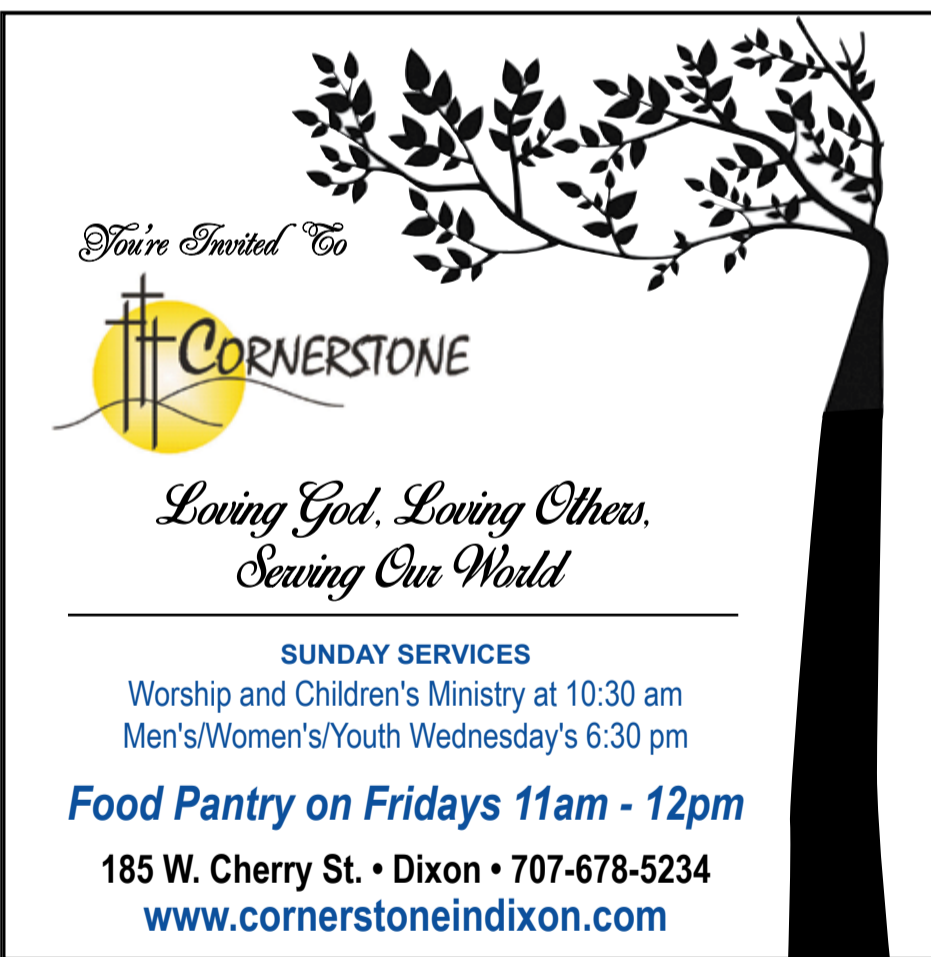
Also, check out the Dixon Public Library at 230 N First St. for more information. ★

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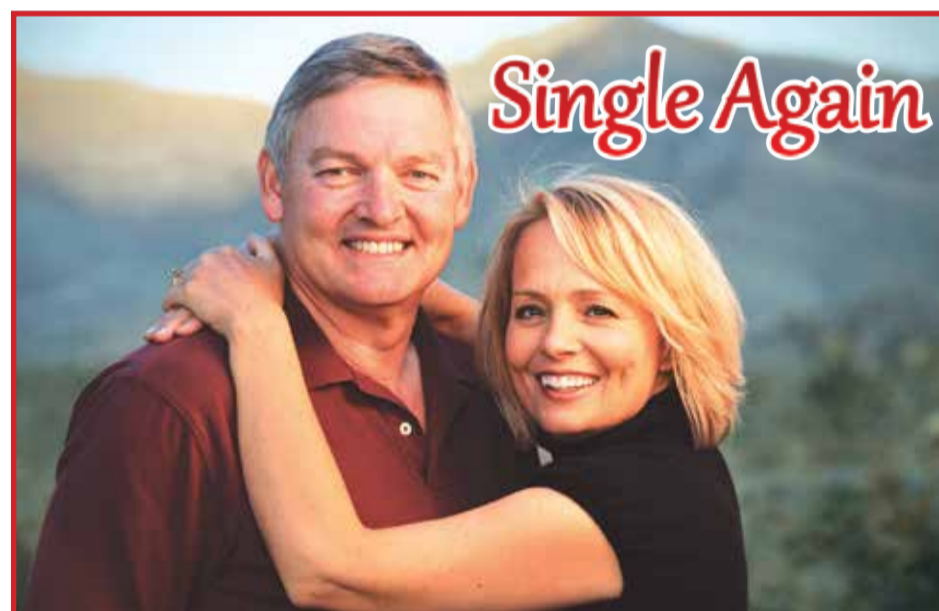
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