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Community Celebrates Tree Lighting



Santa poses with a young girl at last week's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival. Photo by Nick Brown

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The holiday season was celebrated similar to a city-wide Dixon reunion at last week's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival in downtown Dixon, filling nearly two blocks of fun and festivities for residents.

"It was just amazing!" enthused Dixon Downtown Business Association President Jill Orr about the Dec. 5 event, noting that there was much more involvement this year from schools, nonprofit organizations and local groups. "I think it was the community



With Christmas lights and Christmas decorations, this children's train was another popular activity for families at last week's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival. Photo by Nick Brown

that was really into it this year, thanks to Angela (Meisenheimer). She is so much a part of this.

She organizes so many people and so many volunteers. She has a huge outreach and gets everybody involved. She is an amazing person. It wouldn't happen if it weren't for her."

The dynamic two-women duo orchestrated children's activities such as inflatable characters, a petting zoo and pony rides and also non-stop entertainment on two stages, including choir performances at Pardi Plaza by the Valley of the Sacred Heart Catholic School and the Orpheus West

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Council Approves Financial Auditing Firm Search

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon City Council members considered a resolution at its Dec. 3 meeting to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a firm to provide auditing and reporting services for fiscal years 2024/25 through 2030/31.

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki presented the item, explaining that the city has been with its current auditing firm for 10 years. The original contract was for five years, with an optional two-year extension, which the city utilized. The contract was then extended for another three years, due to staffing turnover and the implementation of new accounting software.

As the city considers a new auditing firm, Zawadzki suggested a seven-year contract.

"It is no longer recommended that agencies do an optional extension," she said, because it creates the dynamic where the city has leverage over the auditors: "If you give me a good audit, I'll extend your contract." For the new contract, Zawadzki proposed that the specific audit partner within the firm should rotate in order to maintain objective reviews.

The city would also see cost savings over the contract period. The first years will be more expensive as the new firm undertakes the time-consuming task of analyzing the city's operating procedures and establishing common terminology. But the process will become more efficient over time, reducing the overall cost per year.

During Public Comment, a resident stated that a California State statute recommends a six-year contract limit to ensure unbiased financial audits. He recommended a five-year contract, stating that the cost savings from longer contracts are "because they're not looking at it as they should be. That's where your problem lies, hiring the same firm year after year."

Councilmember Thom Bogue motioned to approve the request for qualifications with a change limiting the contract to six years. This was seconded by Vice-Mayor Kevin Johnson and the motion passed 4-1, with Councilmember Jim Ernest dissenting.

Next, City Council considered a funding request from the Downtown Dixon Business Association.

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Dixon Family Services Provides Holiday Food

Story and photo by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Family Services at 155 N. Second St., is a community-based, nonprofit organization serving Dixon and the wider rural area since 1984.

Touted as a "one-stop-shop of social services," the establishment has helped hundreds of citizens each year gain employment, improve their financial stability and foster familial cohesiveness. As with any organization, community support is necessary to guarantee success.

Dixon Family Services holds two events each December to garner aid for families and citizens in need of more support during the holiday season. Giving Tuesday, held Dec. 3, was a call to action to all Dixonites to ensure the safety and health of all children within the organization's reach. While Dixon Family Services accepts donations all year, donations around this time



Dixon Family Services offers extra resources to the community before receiving their next shipment. The nonprofit Dixon Family Services is touted as a "one-stop-shop of social services."

are significant due to the financial woes that tend to befall many families during the later months. According to Dixon Family Services' executive director Cookie Powell, the need for resources is always greater around this time of year.

"Donations help us help people with rent and PG&E, which is through the roof this year," Powell said. "Overall, donations determine what we're able to give for the program, and if we have more than is needed, we have our pantry in use all year long."

Dixon Family Services also runs the Holiday Food for Families program, which has applicants "adopt" a family with parents who need help making

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California Respects the Power of Your Vote

By Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State

Californians can confidently claim this: California has made more significant reforms to our election laws and expanded voting rights than any other state.

The relevance of this accomplishment deepens as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act next year. This landmark legislation began to undo our country's long history of voter suppression, intimidation, and disenfranchisement that far too many Americans experienced at the polls for decades.

My own parents, who were sharecroppers, were denied their right to vote in the Jim Crow era South. Before moving to Los Angeles from Hope, Arkansas, my parents, David and Mildred Nash, could not vote. My father was an adult with six children before he registered to vote and was only able to exercise that constitutional right for the first time here in California.



Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.

As California Secretary of State, I do not take the progress we have made over the years lightly. My staff and I hold sacred the obligation to ensure that our elections are safe, free, fair, and accessible to all. Therefore, before certifying the results for this year's election on Dec. 13, we have taken a number of steps to ensure that every vote is counted. We have also made sure that our ballot counting process is credible and free from interference.

To meet that deadline without a hitch, California requires elections officials in all 58 counties to turn in their official results by a certain date. This year, that date was Dec. 6.

By law, every eligible voter in our state receives a vote-by-mail ballot. This ensures all registered voters can exercise their right to vote.

Whether you placed your ballot in a designated drop-off box, voted by mail, or cast your ballot at a polling center, votes are safe and secure. And we allow voters to sign up to receive text message, email, or voice call notifications about the status of their own ballots by using the Where's My Ballot? tool. To learn more or to sign up, paste this URL in your web browser: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

The ballots of Californians who voted by mail are also protected. The United States Postal Service partners with the State to make sure ballots are delivered on time. All mailed-in ballots are sent by First Class mail with a postage paid envelope provided to every eligible registered voter.

Election Security is our number one priority. That's why my office designed and implemented a program to back up that commitment. For more information, visit this URL: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity>

Additionally, California takes preventive actions to make sure our voting technology keeps our elections safe and protects everyone's votes.

For example, county voting systems are not connected to the internet, which protects them from cyber-threats. The State also performs regular and rigorous testing to make sure the voting systems are working optimally, and only authorized personnel are granted access.

Staff members are also given phishing and cybersecurity training.

VoteCal, the state's centralized voter registration system, is also key. The system is regularly updated, and it is used as a resource for counties to verify voter signatures.

California also provides security at all counting locations and makes sure ballot drop-off boxes are secured and monitored.

And all election processes are open to observation during specified hours.

In my role as Secretary of State of California, there is nothing more important to me than defending our democracy. I am committed to safeguarding voting rights, and to leading our state in upholding the highest democratic standards by implementing policies and practices that Californians and all Americans can trust and look to for instruction and hope.

You can contact the California Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-345-Vote or elections@sos.ca.gov with inquiries or to report suspected incidents or irregularities. Additional information can be found at www.sos.ca.gov and the office's social media platforms:

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Dixon News Briefs



The Dixon Fire Department drives around town spreading Christmas cheer as part of the Santa Run, which occurred Dec. 2, 3, 4 and 6. 2024's edition included the Santa Tracker, a QR Code that tracked the Santa's whereabouts throughout town. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Teen DIY Ornament Making

Dixon Library at 230 N. First St. is hosting an after-school holiday event from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 13. The tween and teen-focused event, open to children aged 10 to 18, will get into the holiday spirit by making and decorating wooden ornaments for Christmas. While pre-registration is not necessary, art supplies are limited, so first come, first served. For more information, visit solanolibrary.com, or call 1-866-572-7587.

Joy(stick) to the World

Joystick Gaming Lounge, 420 Gateway Dr. Suite C, is hosting a Santa meet and greet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 14. Families can get free pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy a plethora of video games and board games and even stock up on gift cards for the holiday season. For more information, visit joystickdixon.com or call 707-676-5697.

Breakfast with Santa

Davis Odd Fellows Lodge, 415 Second St., Davis, is sponsoring its 17th Annual Breakfast with Santa event at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Dec. 14. Breakfast will be served buffet style while children get to meet Santa, get a goodie bag and have their picture taken by a professional photographer, although parents are encouraged to bring their cameras as well. Tickets are available for \$12.50 per child under 12, and \$17 per person over 12. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets today to secure your spot. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit davislodge.org, or call 530-758-4940.

Haunting Holiday Bento Experience

Every Baking Moment, 143 N. First St., is hosting a "Nightmare Before Christmas" themed baking class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 14. The class will teach patrons how to fill and frost 5 cakes and 5 cupcakes, roll, cut, and mold fondant toppers and paint with edible color. All supplies will be provided, but space is limited, and tickets are available for \$75 per person. For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com or call 707-693-0112.

The Wreath Project

The Wreath Project, in collaboration with RememberAVet.net, is securing donations for holiday boughs; each will go to a grave site at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, ensuring each grave is honored and recognized during this festive time. So far, they have maintained 100% coverage every year since 2006, 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, the public is invited to help place the boughs starting at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 14, rain or shine. For more information, visit wreathproject.org, or call (707) 249-5852.

Holiday Hearts

Dixon Dance Studio, 1910 N. Lincoln St., is hosting its 11th Annual Winter Showcase at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 14, and 2 p.m. Dec. 15. The show, titled Holiday Hearts, features performances from all of the school's dancers, representing everything from high-energy jazz to beautiful ballet, tap, acro and much more. The event will take place at Dixon High School's Theater, 555 College Way, and tickets are available for \$16 per person. For more information, visit dixondancestudio.com, or call 707-678-8881.

Christmas Jug Band

Winters Opera House, 13 Main St., Winters, is hosting a festive night of music and fun from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 15. The Christmas Jug Band, known as "the kings of 100% acoustic folk-skiffle-swing holiday highjinks," are performing live, bringing their unique blend of holiday tunes and jug band music to the masses. Tickets are available for \$23.09 per person, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit eventbrite.com, or call 530-795-4014.

VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8151, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 18. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N First St. Official business meetings start at 7 p.m., but the hall opens for set-up and socializing at 6 p.m.; socializing will continue after the business portion of the meeting. For more information, visit vfw8151.org, or call 209-395-8019.

Carols in the Tunnel

A special Christmas caroling event is on offer at 7 p.m. Dec. 20, near the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, 220 N. First St. Those interested will gather in the B Street Underpass tunnel to spend time as a community singing carols and spreading cheer. For more information, visit Dixon's Calendar and Events Facebook page.

Santa's Mailbox

Dixon's North Pole, located in a neighborhood west of Evans Road and North of A Street, is gearing up for Christmas day with Santa's Mailbox. The mailbox, located at 2035 Rehmann Dr., is available until Dec. 20. Santa encourages parents to make sure their children add return addresses to their letters so Santa can write back. For more information, visit the Dixon North Pole Facebook page, or email dixonsnorthpole@gmail.com. ★

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Pictured is Maci Diaz. Courtesy photo

Dixon May Fair Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Youth exhibiting a Market Beef at the 2025 Fair from May 8 to May 11 need to be aware of the following deadlines and requirements: FFA advisors, 4-H leaders, Grange leaders or parents of independent juniors must pick up tags before Jan. 7.

Tags and paperwork will be available for pick up in the Dixon May Fair office from

Dec. 16 to Dec. 20 and from Jan. 6 to Jan. 7. Paperwork, entry fees, bill of sale and picture (front and side view) must be returned to the fair office no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 7. Entry fees and entry forms must be paid by Jan. 7.

The Dixon May Fairgrounds is located at 655 South First St., Dixon. More information is available at dixonmayfair.com/community-showcase.

For more information, contact the Fair Office at 707-678-5529. ★

Official Election Results Revealed



269,510 voters took the time Nov. 5 to cast their vote for a better Dixon. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

DIXON, CA (MPG) - With the Nov. 5 General Election having passed, many Dixonites are curious as to the results of such a pivotal event. As of Dec. 3, results have been officiated and are available online; 269,510 registered voters participated in the events of Nov. 5, seeing the following election results:

For the Fourth Congressional District, with a total of 62,798 votes cast, Mike Thompson wins with 31,404 votes, or 50.01%, over John Munn’s 31,394 votes, or 49.99%. For the 3rd Senatorial District, with a total of 183,763 votes cast, Christopher Cabaldon wins with 111,958 votes, or 60.93%, over Thom Bogue’s 71,805 votes, or 39.07%. For the Eleventh Assembly District, with a total of 182,311 votes cast, Lori D. Wilson wins with 110,161 votes, or 60.42%, over Dave Ennis’s 72,150 votes, or 39.58%.

For the Dixon Unified School District Governing Board, with a total of 15,334 votes cast, Regina Espinoza wins with 4,801 votes or 31.31%; she is followed by Robert E. Sanchez Jr. with 3,564 votes (23.24%), Jimmy Thiessen with 3,006 votes (19.60%), Robin Erika Beck-Ruffen with 2,476 votes (16.15%) and Michael Cermello with 1,487 votes (9.70%).

For City Council District 3, City of Dixon, with 2,034 votes, Kevin M. Johnson runs unopposed; for City Council District 4, City of Dixon, with 2,277 votes, Don Hendershot also runs unopposed. For City Treasurer, City of Dixon, with 6,988 votes, Simon A. LeBleu runs unopposed.

For the Mayor of Dixon, with a total of 8,895 votes cast, Steven C. Bird wins with 5,211 votes, or 58.58%, over James P. Ward Jr’s 3,684 votes, or 41.42%.

State Proposition 2, which authorizes bonds for public schools and community college facilities, with a total of 183,093

votes cast; 110,786 (60.51%) voted Yes. State Proposition 3, which will amend the California Constitution to recognize the fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race, had a total of 182,527 votes cast; 111,727 (61.21%) voted Yes. State Proposition 4, which authorizes bonds for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention and protecting communities and natural lands from climate risks, had 183,299 votes cast; 111,320 (60.73%) voted Yes. State Proposition 5, which allows local bonds for affordable housing and public infrastructure, had 182,034 votes cast; 99,281 (54.54%) voted No. State Proposition 6, which eliminates the constitutional provision allowing involuntary servitude for incarcerated persons, had 180,220 votes cast; 96,179 (53.37%) voted No.

State Proposition 32, which raises minimum wage, had 184,099 votes cast; 96,386 (52.36%) voted Yes. State Proposition 33, which expands local government authority to enact rent control on residential property, had 181,624 votes cast; 106,356 (58.56%) voted No. State Proposition 34, which restricts the spending of prescription drug revenues by certain health care providers, had 176,130 votes cast; 89,527 (50.83%) voted Yes. State Proposition 35, which provides permanent funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services, had 180,842 votes cast; 132,606 (73.33%) voted Yes. State Proposition 36, which allows felony charges and increases sentences for certain drug and theft crimes, had 181,545 votes cast; 127,364 (70.16%) voted Yes.

Finally, Measure J, which will increase the sales tax in Dixon from 7.375% (the City receives 1%) to 8.375% (the City receives 2%), had 9,231 votes cast; 5,144 (55.73%) voted Yes.

For more information, visit solano-county.com/depts/rov. ★

Teachers, District Still Disagree

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Three large bowls were filled with apples after a long line of Dixon Unified School District (DUSD) teachers placed apples, one or two at a time, in front of the Dixon Unified School Board to represent 96 teachers who have left Dixon for higher pay in the past four years.

Each apple represented a teacher by name, when and why they left, and from what school. Dixon Unified School District President Julian Cueva respectfully called for order a few times so that the board could continue with their meeting.

Nearing the two-year mark is the conflict between teachers and the district over a “mass exodus” of teachers from Dixon, blamed on local salaries failing to keep up with surrounding districts.

“At this point, the last public offer to the district was 13 percent for two years and they are at 10 percent,” said Dixon Teacher Association President Wes Besseghini. “We are negotiating for two years, which was last year and this year. Their offer still makes us the lowest paid district in the area, including Winters and Esparto.”

Besseghini was asked about the impact of the new Superintendent Brett Barley on the conflict.

“He is stepping into (problems) created by the administrations and school board before him, unfortunately, but the problem hasn’t changed. We have to see a shift in how this district prioritizes its budget,” Besseghini said. “The students are the ones who are really being penalized because we cannot keep quality educators in front of them.”

The two groups now go into what is called “Fact Finding,” although it is more of a one-on-one looking at the numbers and seeing how they can meet a workable solution for the district’s budget and the teacher’s demand, Besseghini explained. They are currently in the process of determining how and when to assemble the panel, which consists of a representative from the district, one from the Dixon Teacher’s Association and one selected by a Public Relations Board. Realistically, it will be after winter break. As of press time, no date has been set.

The panel will then write their recommendation either yes or no or somewhere in between. Once that recommendation goes to the school board and also to the Dixon Teacher’s Association, they can accept or impose their last offer. Teachers, if dissatisfied, could strike.

Below is the Teacher Negotiations Update from Nov. 22:

Dixon Unified School District makes a Post Mediation Offer to the Dixon Teacher’s Association which includes a 10% salary increase, a \$2,000 one-time bonus, increases to Masters and BCLAD Stipends by 68% to \$2,000, and Increases Special Education Stipend to 10% of a Teacher’s Base Salary.

The Dixon Unified School District and Dixon Teacher’s Association held the third mediation meeting with the state mediator on Nov. 13 and exchanged proposals but did not reach an agreement. As such, the state mediator released Dixon Unified School District and Dixon Teacher’s Association to Fact Finding. Notwithstanding, and in the interest of trying to reach agreement as soon as possible, the district presented the Dixon Teacher’s Association with a salary proposal Post Mediation on Nov. 22.

The district’s Post Mediation Proposal includes the following:

1. 2023-24 6% salary increase
2. 2023-24 \$2,000 one-time bonus payment
3. 2024-25 4% salary increase
4. Starting July 1, 2025, stipend increases for Masters Degrees from \$1,191.38 to \$2,000 (68% increase)
5. Starting July 1, 2025, stipend increases for teachers working in an assignment that requires a BCLAD from \$1,191.38 to \$2,000 (68% increase)
6. Starting July 1, 2025, stipend increases for teachers working in an assignment that requires a Special Education Credential from \$1,191.38 to 10% of a Teacher’s Base Salary
7. Starting July 1, 2025, stipend addition of National Board Certification at \$2,000
8. Allowing for stacking of the stipends listed above, starting July 1, 2025.

The state Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2023-24 was 8.22% (locally funded COLA was 6.32%), and for 2024-25 is 1.07% (locally funded COLA was -.48%). ★

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requesting \$5,000 from the city’s Subsidies to Community Groups Fund. The funding helps cover costs for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event, which was held on Dec. 5 this year.

During Public Comment on this item, Rebecca Robinson, with the Downtown Dixon Business Association, said the annual event “engages the whole community” and “without the efforts of city staff helping all of us, and the community members trying to decorate and pull it off, it could not happen.”

City Council voted unanimously to approve the funding for the Downtown Dixon Business Association.

The council also considered a resolution to approve the administrative procedures governing the 2025 lottery selection for Safe-and-Sane Firework sales permits. Interim Fire Chief Greg Lewis said the recommendation was to continue the same process used for the last 10 years,

issuing permits for six booths throughout the city through a lottery system. He said that applications from local service groups have already been submitted and the drawing will be held in January.

Vice-Mayor Johnson said he worries that the random selection process means some groups might apply year after year and never be selected. He suggested that non-selected groups receive an extra name in the hat for the next year, increasing their chances.

“I want everybody to have a chance,” Johnson said.

During Public Comment, a volunteer from one of the service organizations that applies for the lottery said the process works well and is one of the largest fundraising opportunities of the year.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the lottery procedure without change for the 2025 season.

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 17. ★

Dixon Family Services Provides Holiday Food

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their children’s Christmas merry. Started in 1995, the program has seen moderate success in its ability to empower families in the area. Powell said that from 60 to 65 families are benefiting from the program this year, with intake for applicants having ended Dec. 5.

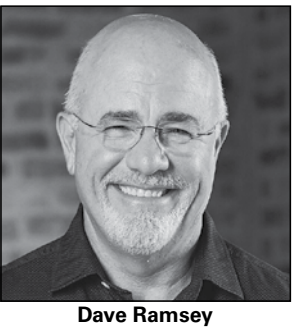
“Some years, we have 100,” Powell said. “It’s a strange phenomenon; you just never know.”

The program, exclusive to families within Dixon or the surrounding area (95620) with

children 18 and under living in the home, begins distribution of resources on Dec. 16 and 17, marking the organization’s 29th time completing this cycle.

“I’m just so proud to live in Dixon because the generosity is so big,” Powell said. “It is our honor to be able to be a conduit because people want to give and they know there are so many people in a condition of need; they know what they donate to us will be put to good use.”

For more information, visit dixonfs.org or call 707-678-0442. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I have \$100,000 in student loan debt. Since the amount is so large, is there a special place in your Baby Steps plan for it?

— Jules

Dear Jules,

I hope you have a nice, large income with which to fight that big pile of student loan debt. I’ve seen even worse situations, though. I’ve talked to people who went \$200,000 into debt for a four-year degree in a field where they’ll make \$45,000. Yes, that kind of thinking and behavior is out there, and it’s ridiculous.

The fact that it’s a large amount of student loan debt doesn’t change anything. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt except for your home. So, don’t let this student loan debt hang around for years and years. You’ve got to get focused and intense about getting control of your money. That means living on a strict, basics-only monthly budget.

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After that, start throwing every nickel and dime you can scrape together, and save toward paying off those student loans as fast as possible.

Your income is your largest wealth-building tool, Jules. You can’t save, and plan for the future, when all your money is flying out the door to pay off debt.

— Dave

Find a Good Money Market Account

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are completely debt-free, and we’re saving up for our first house. We currently have about \$140,000 in savings, and we’d like to buy a home with cash when the time is right. Where should we put our money, so it will work for us while we save more?

— Andy

Dear Andy,

If I were in your shoes, and maybe looking at a window of three or four years, I’d just park the cash in a good money market account. You won’t make a lot off it, but

your money will be safe. I mean, all you’re looking for is a smart place to stash it for a little while.

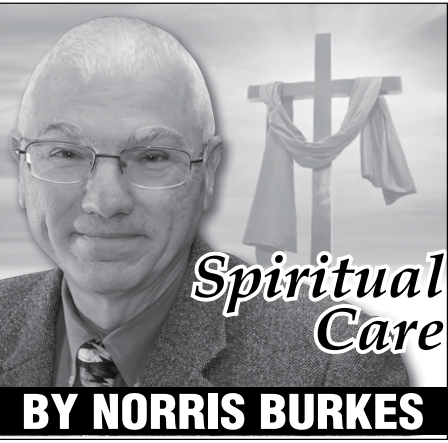
When it comes to long-term investing, I’m a big fan of growth stock mutual funds. The problem with that in your situation would be the volatility of the market. By the time you’ve saved up more money, and spent time deciding on a house, the market may be down.

You two are in a great place financially right now. With the path you’re on, just imagine how incredible it will be in a few years to have a new home and be debt-free!

— 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. ★

Chaplain’s Wife Misinterprets Dying Breath



This week, I’m very happy to announce the 65th birthday of my good friend Dale Swan. Yes, he’s still alive, despite the wishes of his wife Jill.

No, wait. That sounds bad. Jill and Dale are a very fit and happy couple, so allow me to start this story again.

Dale Swan, a Sutter Hospice chaplain in Roseville, has always been clear with his wife, Jill, about how he wants to die.

“If I get sick and can’t feed myself or make my own decisions, please don’t let them put in a breathing or feeding tube. Let me go peacefully.”

Jill, 62, is a CPA who is used to calculating the options, responded in the way many families do: “But I don’t want you to starve to death.”

Dale reassured his wife of 40 years that his hospice colleagues would be there for her and wouldn’t let him suffer.

Dale is an avid cyclist who showed no signs of impending problems until one summer evening in 2018. He was watching TV from his recliner, eating a veggie burger and sipping a beer, when he was hit with troubling stomach pains.

He took some antacid and told his wife he was going to lie down. When Jill checked on him an hour later, she found his pain intensifying. She suggested a doctor, but Dale declined, instead making a restroom visit that brought only mild improvement.

An hour later, Jill heard Dale moaning with extreme pain. She insisted on taking him to the ER, but Dale countered by asking her to call 911. When paramedics arrived, they began assessing pain even as they were speculating it was a heart attack.

Within a few minutes, EMTs placed him on a gurney and loaded him in their ambulance. Beside him, they hung an IV

drip of Fentanyl, a strong opiate for pain control.

Once inside the ER, the doctor ordered blood tests, a CT scan and a sonogram. Dale was suffering from pancreatitis, but staff could find no cause. They ruled out stomach blockage, gallbladder problems and even alcohol abuse.

Dale’s pain level was rising to alarming levels, with no apparent diagnosis. Nurses admitted Dale to a room, ordered that he have no food for four days, and administered Dilaudid.

However, once inside the room, the pain medication slowed his respiration to six breaths per minute. Dale was rapidly losing consciousness.

Hospital staff grew concerned they’d overdosed him and instructed Jill to keep her husband awake or they’d have to give him Narcan, a drug that reverses opioid effects. “If that doesn’t work,” they grimly warned, “we’ll have to insert a breathing tube down his throat.”

Jill remembered Dale’s instructions and shocked the staff by saying, “Oh no, he doesn’t want that! He’s always said to let him die peacefully.”

Jill felt prepared. She and Dale had discussed many of the crucial questions involving the end of life and placed those answers into an advance directive, (often called a Living Will). The Advance Healthcare Directive is a document that we should all have.

The directive instructs doctors what we want done if we become incapacitated. Without the directive, doctors are obligated to do everything possible to save our life — even if “everything” means a painful delay of our inevitable death.

Fortunately, the medical staff knew this wasn’t a moment to give up on a healthy and strong patient.

They helped Jill understand that Dale’s document didn’t apply to situations where a full recovery could be logically anticipated.

While Dale has fully recovered and returned to work, the happy couple is taking no more chances. Dale’s given Jill more detailed instructions. And Jill, ever the logical number cruncher, has reviewed their life insurance policies — just in case.

More information on state-specific advance directives is available at www.caringinfo.org. ★

California Officials Plan for a Dry 2025 With Grim Water Supply Guesswork



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Each December, there’s a new version of an old guessing game about how much water will be provided to agricultural and municipal users in the year ahead.

Federal and state water agencies post initial, and usually very low, estimates based on the current condition of reservoirs, soil conditions that affect runoff, and assumptions of rain and snow during the winter and spring.

Over the next few months, the estimates are upgraded as firmer precipitation data accumulates, often — but not always — increasing.

For 2022, as drought gripped California, the state Department of Water Resources initially projected zero water deliveries, later raised them to 15% of the contracted supplies, but finally delivered just 5%.

One year later, however, the department initially promised 5%, but after a very wet winter finally delivered 100%. This year began with a 10% estimate of state water supply and ended up with 40%.

The huge swings in initial allocations and final deliveries are an obvious headache for the 29 local and regional water

purveyors supplied by the state water system, serving some 29 million people. Do the public water agencies impose strict conservation on their customers in years with low initial projections, try to obtain supplemental supplies, take a chance that eventual deliveries will be higher, or all of the above?

The annual game resumed this week, when the Department of Water Resources announced an initial 2025 estimate of just 5%.

“Based on long-range forecasts and the possibility of a La Niña year, the State Water Project is planning for a dry 2025 punctuated by extreme storms like we’ve seen in late November,” department director Karla Nemeth said in a statement. “We need to prepare for any scenario, and this early in the season we need to take a conservative approach to managing our water supply. Our wettest months of the season are still to come.

“What we do know is that we started the water year following record heat this summer and in early October that parched the landscape. We must account for dry soils in our State Water Project allocation planning and our runoff forecasts for the spring.”

That’s a fairly grim scenario that may already be outdated because it was made without counting the heavy rains and snows that hit the state in late November.

“These storms will be taken into account along with other variables for future allocation updates. Prior to these storms, the

start of the water year had been dry and warm,” the department said. It’s also noteworthy that after the spate of storms, California’s weather has returned to dry and warm.

Another factor in the guessing game is the status of reservoirs, not only the state’s Lake Oroville, but the multiple storage projects managed by the federal government, such as Lake Shasta, and those owned by cities and irrigation districts.

At the moment, the state’s reservoirs are generally above 100% of historic averages after a couple of relatively wet winters, which indicate that ultimate water deliveries will be higher than the low initial estimates, although how much higher is uncertain. Shasta is at 113% and Oroville at 109%.

The annual guessing game would be more accurate if the state had done what it should have done decades ago — developed more storage capacity, either in reservoirs or aquifers, that could be filled in wet years and cushion the impact of drought.

A couple of storage projects are underway, Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley and an enlargement of the San Luis Reservoir in the Pacheco Pass west of Merced.

Much more is needed as climate change affects the precipitation cycle.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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

Thursday, Nov. 28

10:42 - Victor Anguiado (30) from San Pablo was arrested in the 200 block of West A St. for a crime committed earlier in the day in the 2400 block of N First St. Anguiado was booked into the Solano County Jail without incident for charges of grand theft, possession of stolen goods and shoplifting.

23:19 - A DUI arrest report was taken on North First Street at E80. Officers made an enforcement stop and contacted (S) Hector Caloca (48) of Sacramento. Caloca was arrested for 23152(a)(b) V.C., D.U.I. Caloca was cited and released to a sober adult.

Friday, Nov. 29

10:58 - A burglary report was taken in the 2600 block of Plaza Court.

18:46 - A court order violation report was taken in the 800 block of West B St.

Saturday, Nov. 30

09:34 - Keith Dantonio (55) of Concord was arrested in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive and booked without incident in the Solano County Jail for charges of burglary and possession of a controlled substance.

17:21 - Traffic collision report at the intersection of West A St. with North Almond Street.

Sunday, Dec. 1

No case numbers.

Monday, Dec. 2

08:05 - Vandalism reported in the 1300 block of Valley Glen Drive.

09:33 - Vandalism reported in the 200 block of West H Street.

11:56 - Found property report taken at the Police Department.

12:52 - Missing juvenile reported in the 800 block of Sievers Way.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

09:08 - Animal cruelty report taken in the 1600 block of Sequoia Way.

14:47 - Found bike reported in the 200 block of South 7th Street.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

10:09 - Informational report taken in the 200 block of East D Street.

11:28 - Traffic stop in the area of North Adams Street and West A Street. William Interiano Franco (27), of Napa, was arrested for Brandishing a Firearm, Misappropriation of Lost Property, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

12:50 - Fraud reported in the 1500 block of Base Court.

15:19 - Two-vehicle non-injury traffic collision reported in the 800 block of South 1st Street.

20:16 - A possession of suspected narcotics, drug paraphernalia, and misappropriation of found property arrest report was taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue. Officers contacted (S) Lauren Donald, Donald was arrested and transported to the Solano County jail and released their staff.

Thursday, Dec. 5

11:47 - Courtesy report for Sacramento Police Department taken in the 900 block of Pembroke Way for a fraud incident.

14:32 - Criminal threats report in the 200 block of E D Street.

15:56 - Report of annoying/harassing a minor in the 100 block of S 1st Street.

16:10 - Petty theft report in the 200 block of West A Street.

20:35 - A public intoxication arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Alexis Leon (23) of Dixon. Leon was arrested for violating 647(f) P.C. and transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their custody pursuant to 849(b) P.C.

23:25 - An informational report was taken in the 500 block of South 1st Street.

02:45 - A theft report was taken in the 600 block of Devonshire Drive.

Friday, Dec. 6

11:47 - Traffic collision report in the 2500 block of N 1st Street.

10:07 - Death investigation in the 1200 block of Dartmouth Circle.

10:08 - A juvenile was cited for possession of concentrated cannabis in the 500 block of College Way.

13:16 - Traffic collision report in the 1100 block of Arizona Court.

15:56 - A vehicle stolen from Vacaville earlier in the day was located in the 2500 block of N 1st Street.

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Holiday Gift Guide from Macmillan Publishing

The Holiday gift-giving guide returns with an exciting new array of Children's books. This year, our favorite publishers have curated their top picks for the holiday season, promising delightful discoveries for you and your little ones. So, if you are looking for the perfect gift or one that will bring holiday cheer or hours of entertainment, remember that the joy of discovering a new book is timeless.



First 100 Christmas-Priddy Books

Priddy book returns with a collection of brightly colored photographs and essential words of the holidays. This go-to guide, a sturdy board book, will be a favorite teaching tool for any baby or toddler on your list, helping them learn about Christmas in a fun and interactive way.

Santa's Perfect Present
Priddy Books

It's time to pick a present for Santa, but what is the best gift? This sturdy felt board book is a fun story about giving and receiving.

Squeaky Santa and His Festive Friends
Priddy Books

Press Santa's soft, fluffy bear and hear it squeak. When he isn't getting ready for Christmas Day, Santa is with all his friends.

Toddlers will delight in this squeaky board book highlighting Santa and his friends.

Night Night Santa
Priddy Books

It's time to settle down and go to sleep with this

Christmas nighttime adventure. While little ones might be excited about Santa's visit, this board book is the perfect bedtime read.

Follow Santa on his Christmas Eve journey with this sturdy board book, and then it's time to say good-night and turn out the lights and see this book's glow-in-the-dark adventure,

The Christmas Book Flood
by Emily Kilgore and Kitty Moss

Celebrate the beautiful Icelandic tradition of the Christmas Book Flood, where on Christmas Eve, everyone shares the gift of magical stories and books and spends the night curled up reading—together.

Follow this stunning illustrated display and beautiful story that captures the beauty of reading and books in a country nestled under the northern lights.

5 More Sleeps 'Til Christmas
by Jimmy Fallon, illustrated by Rich Deas

Jimmy Fallon captures the sheer excitement of the last

few sleeps until Christmas in this humorous and adorable story. Adorable and captivating illustrations make this story leap off the pages as it takes readers into the magic of each day. This is a must-have book for readers of all ages.

Juniper's Christmas
by Eoin Colfer

Follow the magical adventure of Juniper Lane when she is accidentally thrown into the magic of the North Pole when she decides to help a mysterious man in the park. It is a magical tale perfect for the middle-grade reader.

Let It Glow by Marissa Meyer and Joanne Levy

Parent Trap meets the Holidays in this adorable story of two adopted girls whose chance meeting opens a door of discovery and holiday traditions. When Aviva and Holly meet at the holiday pageant tryouts, it is like looking in the mirror. But the magic only continues when the girls decide to switch homes to see how each other celebrates the holidays. ★

Kings Korner
By V.G. Harris



Will coach Brown find coal in his stocking this Christmas? It was certainly looking that way after an abysmal 4-game losing streak. After consecutive losses to the Hawks, Clippers, Nets, and Thunder, the spiraling Kings stemmed the tide with a rousing win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Sadly, Sacramento returned to their losing ways, with a 115-106 loss to the Trailblazers, followed up by another heart-breaking performance against the Spurs, losing 127-125.

In sore need of a win, the Kings gave Sacramento a reason for hope outperforming the Houston Rockets 120-111. The Rockets are young and talented, headed for the play-offs, and a convincing win over a talented team was just what the doctor ordered.

The Houston win seemed to do something to our hardwood gladiators, akin to a wake-up call. The following game the Kings gave one back, losing to the Grizzlies 115-110 in a game that they certainly could have won.

Demonstrating that the Houston win was no fluke, the Kings put up back-to-back wins over the San Antonio Spurs and the Utah Jazz by a combined winning margin of 71 points over the 2-game span.

In Sunday's win over the Jazz, the Kings shot the lights out, hitting a season high 22 3-pointers, while Kevin Huerter broke out of a prolonged slump, contributing 26 points in the victory. Huerter was equally good on the defensive end adding five boards, four assists, and a block in just 22 minutes of action.

The Kings shot a season best 50% from beyond the arc, and dominated both ends of the court from the jump.

Winners of three out of the last four games something appears to have changed, and the team is playing with more ferocity on defense, while finally connecting on both mid-range and 3-point shots with regularity.

Granted, the Jazz are at present not a good team, but there's no denying the Kings are beginning to look more like the team we've grown used to over the past two seasons.

So, what's changed?

Well, I can tell you from this writer's perspective, Malik Monk has added some much-needed firepower to the starting lineup, and many basketball fans are asking

the question, why did it take so long for Monk to break into starting lineup.

Malik has long wanted to be a starter, and his college teammate DeAaron Fox makes it clear when asked that Malik makes the starting lineup much tougher on opposing teams.

Without question, the scoring has seen an immediate improvement, and Huerter looks more comfortable coming off the bench. Kevin is beginning to look like his old self again, and it couldn't have happened at a better time.

Strangely, Keon Ellis has suddenly found himself in coach Brown's doghouse, being summarily benched, ostensibly for a poor performance three games ago. Against the Rockets, Isaac Jones, Alex Len, Doug McDermott, and Jae McLaughlin all saw court action, but former Kings starter Keon Ellis rode the pines.

I have praised coach Brown in the past for seeing something in this former G-league player that others did not, and working with Keon over the past two years has seen incredible improvement to the point where he became a starter on the team.

Word has it that after an off night against the San Antonio Spurs in which Ellis scored eight points and grabbed just three boards, Brown was upset with his overall performance, and he sat the bench the following game in a win over the Rockets.

This is the same tactic used last season with Davion Mitchell when coach Brown suddenly benched the Kings defensive wizard for three straight games. Davion's confidence took a hit, and it showed in his eventual return to the court.

I would hate to see the same thing happen to Keon Ellis, at a time when the Kings are looking for anything positive, and in particular defensive help. There are ways to inspire better play, without punishing a player and simply relegating him to the end of the bench.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the Sactown Ballers have just won three out of the last four, and just maybe Santa Claus is coming to town!

All the best and Merry Christmas to one and all!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★



Riley Reviews

MORE HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ON TV THE CLOSER WE GET TO CHRISTMAS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

It's not just Lifetime and the Hallmark Channel that offer holiday programming filled with Christmas movies and specials. UPTv is celebrating the "Most Uplifting Christmas Ever" with a schedule of over 500 hours of holiday cheer including 12 premiere movies.

In a press release, an UPTv executive is quoted as saying "Christmas is the time of year when families really come together. When people go out of their way to be kinder and to feel the joy that the season can bring." The holiday spirit at UPTv runs right up to Christmas Eve.

UPTv's "A Novel Christmas" finds children's book author Chloe Anderson (Brigitte Kingsley) heading to the cozy town of Noelvill to spend time with her sister's family and help care for her recently widowed father.

Chloe did not expect the instant connection with the local bookstore owner and single dad, Ethan (Landy Cannon). Will the small town's charms be enough to rekindle a grieving family's Christmas spirit along with Chloe's dreams of writing her first novel, let along a chance at love?

"North by North Pole: A Dial S Mystery" may sound like an Alfred Hitchcock title, but here Santa Claus is back to help a new couple solve a mystery and find romance. Zoey (Abby Ross) has one Christmas wish – to produce the perfect Christmas Festival for her hometown of Willow Creek.

The wish becomes more difficult when Dalton (Joey Scarpellino), the sponsor's handsome but aggravating son, becomes her partner and his modern ideas clash with Joey's more traditional vision.

However, when suspicious things start happening, Zoey and Dalton realize someone is trying to stop the festival. They must team up to save it and soon find that they have a lot more in common than they thought.

Lifetime always delivers holiday programs. In "How to Fall in Love by Christmas," Teri Hatcher's Nora, beloved writer-turned-CEO of her lifestyle brand, must secure a partnership with Take to Heart to save her company.

The only way to appease the partners is for Nora to write a column on falling in love by Christmas with the help of the charming and handsome photographer (Dan Payne) who has been assigned to the piece.

Lifetime's "The Holiday Junkie," stars Jennifer Love Hewitt (also serving as the director) as Andie, who runs a company with her mother Mimi that is a decorating and planning service for all holiday needs.

But after Mimi passes, Andie is forced to face her first Christmas without her mother and carry the torch for The

Holiday Junkie company all on her own. Despite the challenges, Andie may also find some love at Christmas along the way.

Positioned as a key element of the network's "It's a Wonderful Lifetime" holiday movie slate, "The Holiday Junkie" is a family affair with Hewitt's husband Brian Hallisay co-starring and their children also appearing in the film.

Tia Mowry stars in Lifetime's "A Very Merry Beauty Salon" as Sienna, the owner of the bustling Divine Beauty Salon preparing for Atlanta's Tinsel Ball, where she will be honored for her charitable work.

The annual event takes a glamorous turn with the arrival of Lawrence (RonReaco Lee), a charismatic CEO whose family's wine brand is now co-sponsoring the Ball.

Sparks fly between them, but Sienna's mother Georgia (Donna Biscoe) who is head of the Ball's committee, worries his involvement may ruin the event's traditions.

Romance blooms when Sienna and Lawrence are paired as dance partners, setting the stage for a steamy romance that challenges Sienna's thoughts on love and family and makes this year's Tinsel Ball the most memorable.

The Hallmark Channel reliably delivers a slate of holiday movies so extensive than hardly a dozen columns could cover them all. At Kansas City Chiefs home games singer Taylor Swift is often a presence all too often on TV broadcasts to cheer on her boyfriend Travis Kelce.

While neither one of them appears in "Holiday Touchdown: A Chiefs Love Story," Hunter King's Alana Higman is sure that her family's lifelong history Chiefs superfans makes them a frontrunner to win the team's "Fan of the Year" contest.

Derrick (Tyler Hynes), Director of Fan Engagement, is tasked with evaluating how Alana and her family stack up against the other two finalists. As Alana and Derrick spend time together, it's clear there's a spark between them.

But when Alana's grandfather's Chiefs lucky hat goes missing, Alana begins to doubt everything she believed about fate and destiny, even questioning her future with Derrick, unless a little Christmas magic can throw a Hail Mary.

Ashley Williams' Avery stars in Hallmark's "Jingle Bell Run" as an adventurous teacher whose sister secretly signs her up for The Great Holiday Dash, a Christmas-themed reality competition show where she's paired with former hockey player Wes (Andrew Walker).

Despite clashing at first, Avery and Wes' skill help them excel as they travel from city to city and compete in festive feats that have a local flavor. It's not long before a real connection between these opposites begin to blossom. ★



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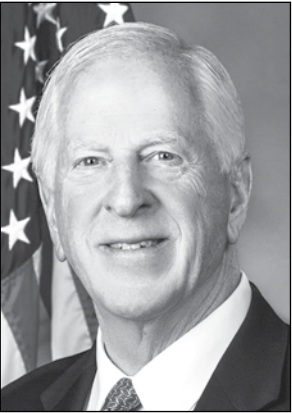
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Thompson Votes to Enhance Preservation of America's Natural Resources



Mike Thompson
Office of Rep. Mike Thompson News Release
WASHINGTON (MPG) – On Dec. 3, Rep.

Mike Thompson (CA-04) voted to pass the America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Reauthorization Act of 2024. This comprehensive legislation will enhance the preservation of America's natural resources, wildlife, and habitats. Thompson served as an original co-sponsor for this legislation in the House of Representatives. “Reauthorizing our most critical wildlife conservation programs just makes sense,” said Thompson. “I was proud to vote today to reauthorize ACE

and ensure the longevity of our North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Program. NAWCA has already helped conserve over 32 million acres of wetlands across our country and I look forward to seeing its continued positive impact in the years to come.” A longtime advocate for wildlife and land conservation, Rep. Thompson serves as a member of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, Land Conservation Caucus, and Wildlife Refuge Caucus. To date, he's voted to conserve

2.8 million acres of land through the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and sponsored legislation that led to the permanent protection of nearly 1 million acres. The ACE Act includes the following legislation, among other bills: North American Wetlands Conservation Act, which protects waterfowl, fish, wildlife resources, and wetland habitats; supports local economies that depend on outdoor recreation, tourism, and agriculture; and preserves American traditions such as hunting,

fishing, bird watching, family farming, and cattle ranching. The National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act strengthens partnerships and projects to help maintain healthy fish populations and aquatic ecosystems. While making major investments in conservation of natural resources, the bill also includes important measures to enhance accountability and reporting to ensure the effectiveness and transparency of funded projects.

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. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-001532
The following persons are doing business as: Child's Lead Speech and Language Therapy, 479 Mountain Meadows Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534. Ma Cristina Peralta, 479 Mountain Meadows Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534.
Date filed in Solano County: October 7, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 02/24/2024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration October 6, 2029. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU24-08459
Bridgette Heidi Gifford filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Auriella Evelyn Penisten to Auriella Evelyn Gifford.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. January 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 10, Room 305, Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine Donovan
Dated: November 4, 2024
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GIFFORD 12-13-24
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU2407240
Samantha Jane Shoultis filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Samantha Jane Shoultis to Samantha Jane Remides.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. January 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Department 7, Room 2, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Tim P. Kam
Dated: November 22, 2024
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024
REMIDES 12-20-24
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #CU24-09104
Araceli Bounds filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows: Araceli Bounds to Sally Araceli Bounds.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. February 26, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Department 12, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Judge of the Superior Court: Christine A. Carringer
Dated: December 4, 2024
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SUMMONS
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Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is TODD F. HAINES, Esq. (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Law Offices of Todd F. Haines, 30495 Canwood Street, Ste. 100, Agoura Hills, CA 91301 606-8 (818) 597-2240
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 20-24760 A.P.N.: 0115-108-010 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/29/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: JOHN M RADULOVICH AND NICOLE M RADULOVICH, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 4/30/2015 as Instrument No. 201500036310 in book , page Loan Modification recorded on 2/8/2019 as Instrument No. 201900007447 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California , Described as follows: AS FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST Date of Sale: 1/8/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Vallejo City Hall, 555

Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$321,186.39 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 700 WALNUT PARK AVE DIXON, CA 95620 A.P.N.: 0115-108-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com and Tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 20-24760. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are a

you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com and Tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 20-24760 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/26/2024 Vylla Solutions, LLC formerly known as Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC 1600 South Douglas Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (800) 280-2832 or www.auction.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 Tai Alailima, Director
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APN: 0113-522-040 TS No.: 24-07830CA TSG Order No.: 240207680 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 16, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded August 24, 2022 as Document No.: 202200055649 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Solano County, California, executed by: Christopher Walter Morris, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: January 6, 2025 Sale Time: 9:30 AM Sale Location: At the Santa Clara Street entrance to the City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 2 File No.: 24-07830CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 545 Pheasant Run Dr, Dixon, CA 95620. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$77,802.72 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a

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- "____ and the City"
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American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. 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.

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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.

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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 <https://scotsindixon.us/>.

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/northernsolanodem/s/.

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.

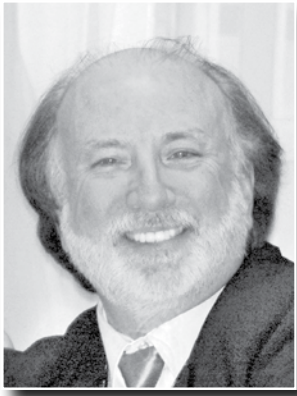
Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter’s Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★

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Community Celebrates Tree Lighting



Picture perfect for Christmas cards, Santa seemed just as delighted to pose with families who made his “good” Christmas list at last Thursday’s Tree Lighting. Photo by Nick Brown



Families took time to pose in front of Dixon’s beautifully decorated Christmas Tree in the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club Park last week. Photo by Nick Brown

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Chamber Choir from Davis. Other entertainment included routines by the Dixon Youth Football Cheerleaders, Dixon Dance Studio and Hawaiian Dancers from Vacaville. Vocalists performed on the stage in the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club near the large, beautifully lit Dixon Downtown Business Association Christmas tree.

Standing nearby the tree were Councilman Jim Ernest and his wife, Kathy. “It seems like all of Dixon turned out for the tree lighting,” Jim Ernest said. “As a City Councilman, it’s especially encouraging to see our downtown come to life like this.”

Children were delighted with the free petting zoo in the old Bank of America parking lot and pony rides outside the library while inside storytelling for children was provided by the Dixon Public Library staff.

Youth and their friends lined up at the Grace Fellowship Church’s free photo booth while other families posed in front of the life-size nativity scene with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus that was also provided by the church.

The Olde Vet’s Hall was packed with nearly 20 local vendors selling beautiful artisan gifts, such as homemade soaps, Christmas jewelry, aprons, towels, home-sewn specialties, wood crafts, Mexican candies and customized

trucker hats.

Families were delighted to visit Santa Claus inside Ye Olde Vet’s Hall where family pictures were taken and then enjoy free popcorn provided by the Dixon Cub Scouts.

All along North First Street, shops and restaurants filled up with friends visiting and enjoying snacks, cider, kettle corn and cookies provided by the Dixon Police and Fire departments and other merry merchants. The Dixon Lions Club cooked hot dogs.

Calvary Chapel members provided their annual expansive area of Christmas children’s activities inside. There was also a festively-decorated small train providing rides for children and their families.



Families took time to pose in front of Dixon’s beautifully decorated Christmas Tree in the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club Park last week. Photo by Nick Brown



This young man enjoyed a free pony ride guided by one of the workers at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival. Photo by Nick Brown

“We had more decorations and brand-new Christmas banners all over,” Orr said. “This is the first time we had constant entertainment from

cheerleaders, the Dixon Community Theater, Dixon Dance, Boy Scouts, FFA and some of the schools. We had tons of people. More of the

nonprofits. We had the Salvation Army here and the Police Department and firefighters. Everyone was so supportive. It was just wonderful.” ★

‘Little Town of Christmas’ Promoted Holiday Spirit

Story by Kendall Brown, photos by Nicolas Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Community Theater held its final showing of “The Little Town of Christmas” at 2 p.m. Dec. 8.

As the community theater’s first children’s production since shutting down during the COVID-19 pandemic, the spirit of Christmas is prevalent throughout the entire production; the enthusiasm and dedication of the director, Kelly Pidgeon James, and her actors was made clear to all of Dixon.

“Christmas is about kids, so this was a perfect opportunity to do a children’s play,” James said. “Kids are the spirit of Christmas in my opinion.”

The production, initially drafted as a skit to be performed in Pardi Plaza, evolved into a full production due to James’s influence. She worked with a total of 22 actors, 19 of which were children, and a production team in order to accomplish so much



The production’s large cast enthusiastically bows at the end of their final show of the year.

in so little time; James had approximately 3 to 4 months to put together the nine-scene comedy, and, thanks to the support of her team and actors, she was able to do so.

“They did really, really good, even though we only had four weeks to practice, and everyone got sick twice,”

chuckled James.

Lucky for James, many of her cast, a rambunctious and passionate group of young thespians in the making, were proud of their inclusion in this project.

“What I love about acting is, you get to come out of yourself, be another character,



The Narrator, Angel Gatchel, introduces a group of sickly Christmas Carols, led by Melinda Mackley, and including Rex Mackley, Kieran Colling, Annabelle VanTuyt, Aurora Daniels, McKenna Schroeder, Bentley Abrew, Raya Prass Collins and Cody Pidgeon James.

be dramatic, have a good time, and do more plays, which I hope to do in the future,” said Leanne Vroom, who plays Mrs. Claus.

“I like making people laugh and enjoy when people say I’m funny,” said Annabelle VanTuyt, who acted as a member of a sneezing caroling group.

Raya Prass Collins, who played the character Helen, agreed, claiming she likes acting because she gets to make friends, be happy and make people laugh.

When asked about his interest in acting, Patrick Wentworth, who plays a multitude of characters, including Mayor Steve Bird

and Bob Cratchit of “The Christmas Carol,” stated he mainly does so to “socialize with others, be on stage and to make people laugh.”

With such a comedically-inclined group of kids, it’s not a surprise that many jokes landed throughout the hour-and-a-half show. The production was filled with holiday merriment, including three songs: “White Christmas,” performed by Bentley Abrew, “Jingle Bell Rock,” performed by Melinda Mackley and Snow Hansen and “Sleigh Ride,” performed by Jenn and Maya Clossick. Due to the nature of the play, much of the cast also had their own

perspectives on the meaning of Christmas. Matthew Popovits, who plays a reporter and Jacob Marley from “A Christmas Carol,” had this to say.

“For me, it’s a time to spend with family,” Popovits said. “There’s just a spirit to give to other people.”

Kieran Colling and Rex Mackley also allude to the importance of family, specifically the significance of spending time together and having fun.

“I really hope the community enjoyed the production and inspire them to enjoy other productions by Dixon Community Theater,” James said. ★

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