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By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Families gathered the morning of Oct. 11 at Dixon Fire Station 81, 205 Ford Way, for the Dixon Fire Department's annual open house. Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event offered residents a hands-on look at the tools, training and teamwork behind the city's emergency services.

Firefighters, police officers and emergency personnel welcomed guests of all ages with interactive exhibits and demonstrations. A highlight included tours of Fire Station 81, where attendees were guided through living quarters, training areas and the



Dixon Fire Department hosted its annual community open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11. The event offered residents a hands-on look at the tools, training and teamwork behind the city's emergency services. Photo by Nicolas Brown

break room. The tour concluded at the department's new rescue tower, used for practicing various emergency scenarios, including vehicle extractions. "We're a well-equipped,

advanced life support, all-risk fire department," said Andrew Tomelloso, a firefighter for 17 years and the event organizer. "We're hyper-involved in the community. I'm not here for

me, I'm here for we and we are here for them."

Throughout the day, firefighters demonstrated CPR techniques and allowed children to operate fire hoses, spraying targets under supervision. A smoke chamber gave attendees a glimpse into the challenging conditions that firefighters face in real emergencies.

Another popular attraction was the firehouse obstacle course, where children navigated cones while carrying hoses, dragging weights and rescuing a dummy.

An antique fire engine, originally purchased in 1921, was also on display. *Continued on page 3*

Library Hosts October Events for Youth and Families



Dixon Public Library is offering a full schedule of youth and family-oriented events throughout October, including activities for children, teens and families. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Dixon Public Library is offering a full schedule of youth and family-oriented events throughout October, including activities for children, teens and families.

Teen and tween programming includes Teen Miniature Golf Night from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17. Participants ages 10 to 18 are invited to enjoy a library-themed round of miniature golf. Later in the month, the library will host a Halloween Cookie Decorating event for the same age group from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 30.

Younger children can participate in "Read to a Dog," scheduled from 3 to 4 p.m. on both Monday, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27. The program allows children ages 5 to 12 to read aloud to certified therapy dogs in a calm, non-judgmental environment. The sessions are designed to encourage reading fluency and build confidence.

For families with children of various ages, Family Storytime will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21. The program includes group reading and activities suitable for all ages. A Special edition of Family Storytime, from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 28, will cover all things salmon from their role in nature to their life-cycle and more. Learners of all ages can enjoy this experience.

The library will also be present at the local Farmer's Market on Oct. 22, offering a hands-on Library Craft activity from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Families are encouraged to stop by while visiting the market.

Additionally, Kids Homework Help is available from 4 to 5 p.m. Oct. 20 and 27 after school. The free tutoring is provided by Dixon High School Key Club members and is available on a first-come, first-served basis for students in kindergarten through sixth-grade.

The Dixon Public Library is at 230 N. First St.

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com/dixon-library or call 1-866-572-7587. ★

Halloween Happenings in Full Swing



The Dixon Community Theater, in partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, will host Haunted History Walking Tours in downtown Dixon on Oct. 24 and 25. Tours are offered at 7 and 9 p.m. both nights for \$20 per person. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - Halloween celebrations are in full swing across Dixon throughout October, featuring a variety of spooky, festive and

family-friendly events leading up to and beyond the holiday.

The Dixon Community Theater, in partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, will host Haunted History Walking Tours in downtown Dixon

on Oct. 24 and 25. Tours begin at the Dixon Historical Museum, located at 125 W. A St., and will be offered at 7 and 9 both nights. For \$20 per person, guests can explore eerie stories *Continued on page 3*

Dixon News Briefs

Cool Patch Pumpkins Offers Family Fall Fun



The Dixon Firefighters Charitable Fund is hosting a prawn feed from 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Held at Dixon Fire Station 81, 205 Ford Way, the event offers all-you-can-eat prawns, ravioli, salad and rolls for \$70 per person. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By MPG Staff

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 6. This free in-person event, held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, allows local professionals to connect. Offering a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring business cards.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

Moose Lodge Monster Bash

Dixon Moose Lodge is hosting a Halloween event at 6 p.m. Oct. 25. The Monster Bash, held at the lodge, 180 W. B St., will include a costume contest and a no-host bar. For the \$25 entry fee, guests will also receive appetizers and one alcoholic drink included in the ticket purchase.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-9407.

Dixon Prawn Feed

The Dixon Firefighters Charitable Fund is hosting a prawn feed from 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Held at Dixon Fire Station 81, 205 Ford Way, the event offers all-you-can-eat prawns, ravioli, salad and rolls for \$70 per person, plus an additional \$4.02 fee. Organizers will also host a raffle. All proceeds will benefit the community, supporting local events, assisting other nonprofit organizations and helping families and individuals who have faced tragedy or hardship in Dixon.

For more information, visit the Dixon Firefighters Facebook page or call 707-678-7060. To purchase tickets, visit events.humanitix.com/2025-annual-prawn-feed.

Dixon High School Football

The Dixon High School Rams Football Team have a home game Oct. 17. Hosted at Dixon High School, 555 College Way, games will begin at 5 p.m. for Junior Varsity and 7 p.m. for Varsity. The Rams will take on the Casa Roble Rams.

For more information, visit dixonrams.com or call 707-693-6330.

Dixon Historical Society Presentation

Dixon Historical Society is hosting its final presentation of the year from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 19. Held in Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall, 209 N. Jefferson St., the event will focus on the history of the Dunncliff Family in Dixon. The free event also offers refreshments post-presentation.

For more information, visit dixonhistoricalsociety.org or call 707-693-3044.

Fundraiser Bunco Party

Soroptimist International of Dixon is hosting a fundraiser bunco party at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2. Held at Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St., the event includes a no-host bar and lunch for \$40 per ticket. All proceeds will benefit the lives of women and girls in the community.

For more information, visit the Soroptimist International of Dixon Facebook page. For ticket information, call 916-595-5521 or email soroptimist-dixon@gmail.com.

G3 Team vs. Team Submission Grappling Tournament

Gladiators of the Third Millennium, in partnership with Dixon High School Rams' Vault, is hosting a Team versus Team grappling competition Nov. 15. Held at Dixon Performing Arts Center, 555 College Way, the event offers a series of high-level Brazilian jujitsu and grappling martial arts competitions among competitors from around the world.

For more information, visit [@g3millennium](https://www.instagram.com/g3millennium) on Instagram or call Team Alpha at 707-353-0442.

Dixon Senior Resource Fair

The Dixon Senior Resource Fair returns from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 18. Held at the Dixon Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St., is free to the public and offers valuable information and resources for senior Dixonites.

For more information, call 707-678-7022.

Dixon Youth Basketball Registration

Dixon Youth Basketball has opened registration for its winter season. Kids from 5th to 8th grade who are interested in playing youth basketball should register online by Nov. 2. Notably, game days have been moved to Saturdays for the Winter 2026 season.

For more information or to apply, visit dixonyouthbasketball.com or email secretary@dixonyouthbasketball.com.

Farmers' Fall Market

The Downtown Dixon Business Association (DDBA), in partnership with Dixon Library, is hosting Dixon Farmers' Fall Market from 5 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday until Oct. 22. Hosted in Women's Improvement Club Park next to the library, 230 N. First St., the event offers a wide variety of locally grown produce and vendors. The final Wednesday of the market is Oct. 22.

For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or call 707-678-8400. ★



Cool Patch Pumpkins at 6150 Dixon Ave. W is 77-acres of seasonal activities, including a pumpkin patch, hay castle, rocking horses, teepees and much more. Photo by Nicolas Brown

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Families from across Solano County flocked to Cool Patch Pumpkins over the weekend, taking part in one of the region's most popular fall attractions.

The 77-acre farm, located just outside of Dixon, 6150 Dixon Ave. W., features a wide range of seasonal activities, including a pumpkin patch, a hay castle, rocking horses, teepees, hayrides for \$5 per person and a corn bath fun zone also for \$5. Children 12 and under can access the corn bath for free with a paying adult. A food court, concession stand and local vendors such as Kiss My Licorice round out the experience.

Owner Matt Cooley started Cool Patch Pumpkins in 2001 after a failed wholesale pumpkin delivery led his family to set up a roadside stand.

"My daughters, they were in high school at the time, and we had them on the side of the road selling pumpkins," said Cooley. "It went from nothing to this."

In 2002, the farm introduced its first corn maze, which covered just 10 acres. It has since expanded into a signature attraction. The maze earned a spot in the "2014 Guinness Book of World Records" as the largest of its kind.

Cool Patch updates the theme of the maze each year. Past designs have included tributes to the Sacramento Kings and literary figures. Cooley said



Owner Matt Cooley started Cool Patch Pumpkins in 2001 after a failed wholesale pumpkin delivery led his family to set up a roadside stand. The first corn maze was introduced in 2002. Photo by Nicolas Brown

this year's theme focuses on farming.

"We're already working on shopping for next year," said Cooley. "We just take a wild guess at what the country's doing."

Fall weekends are the busiest, with many visitors arriving in the evening.

"Weekends are crowded. At night, people come around 6:30 or 7 p.m.," said Cooley.

Everything on-site is grown by the Cooley family, including the corn used for the maze and hay bales used in attractions.

"The maze is bigger than most other fall attractions in the area and we grow everything you see here," said Cooley.

Admission to many areas of the farm remains unchanged, despite rising costs. This marks the third consecutive year without a price increase. Tickets for the maze cost \$22 per

person with children 5 and under getting in free.

Cooley said the biggest challenge is managing visitor expectations.

"Trying to keep everybody happy," said Cooley. "Luckily, we don't have that many problems."

According to Cooley, the best part of working at Cool Patch every year is hearing from guests who get lost in the maze and make memories with their families.

"Those Minion haystacks on the freeway, they're not quite our Golden Gate Bridge but they are iconic," said Cooley.

Cooley encouraged visitors to disconnect from screens and enjoy the outdoors.

"Just come out and have fun," he said. "Spend time with your family."

For more information, visit coolpatchpumpkins.com or call 530-746-8725. ★



Owner Matt Cooley loves what he does because he can offer an opportunity for families to be together "in the great outdoors." Photo by Nicolas Brown

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Fire Department Educates All Ages

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 offering a historical contrast to the modern fleet showcased at the end of each tour.

Sparky the Fire Dog made an appearance, posing for photos with families.

Shula's Kitchen 707 provided food for attendees, and an ambulance and police patrol car were stationed for public viewing.

Around 11 a.m., several first responders left the event temporarily to respond to an active fire.

Lt. Jenna Cameron of the Dixon Police Department attended as part of a new volunteer program launched this year.

"We just had a lot of people in the community that wanted to help," said Cameron. "Maybe not as an officer or elected official but just wanted to support their community. We're all human; we just want to protect people."

The open house coincided with Fire Prevention Week, a nationwide campaign promoting fire-safety awareness. Jose Hernandez, a reserve firefighter with Dixon Fire Department since July, emphasized the importance of education.

"There's prevention and protection," said Hernandez. "Protection is education and prevention is showing up, whether it's a fire, medical calls, public assistance or traffic collisions."

City of Dixon public information officer Madeline Graf said the event is one of the most anticipated of the year.

"We have hundreds of kids show up," said Graf. "They always love the demonstrations. It's really important to inspire the next generation of first responders."

Station tours ran every hour and lasted about 15 minutes. Firefighter Cody Rapella, who joined in June, said that the transparency helps build trust.

"We are a public service



The tour concluded at the department's new rescue tower, used for practicing various emergency scenarios, including vehicle extractions. According to firefighter Cody Rapella (center), transparency is important to allow citizens to understand how emergency services work. Photo by Nicolas Brown



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A highlight of the day included tours of Fire Station 81, where attendees were guided through living quarters, training areas and the break room. The tour was led by firefighter Cody Rapella. Photo by Nicolas Brown

agency," said Rapella. "It's important to see behind the scenes."

From firefighters to police

officers to EMTs, a collective need to protect and serve the community was present at the event. According to Tomelloso,

they are not just first responders but members of the community.

"I want our community to see us as family, because that is how

we see them," Tomelloso said.

For more information, visit cityofdixonca.gov/directory/Fire or call 707-678-7060. ★

Halloween Happenings in Full Swing

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 and unexplained events from Dixon's past during the one-hour guided tour. More information is available at dixoncommunitytheater.org.

Also on Oct. 25, the Dixon Moose Lodge, 180 W. B St., will host the Monster Bash, beginning at 6 p.m. The \$25 ticket includes appetizers, a costume contest, one alcoholic beverage and access to a no-host bar. Attendees must be 21 and over. Details are available via the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or by calling 707-678-9407.

Downtown Dixon will host trick-or-treating on Halloween day, Oct. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. Businesses will offer treats to children in costume. Concurrently, the Dixon Chamber of Commerce will host a Trunk or Treat event from 2 to 5 p.m. in the chamber's parking lot, 220 N. Jefferson St. The event will include free candy, glow sticks, pumpkin decorating, music and other family-friendly activities.

Creative events are also part of the seasonal offerings. The Pumpkin Purgatory Sculpting Class, hosted by Every Baking Moment and led by instructor Carolyn Riley, will be held in two sessions from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 20 and Oct. 27. Held at the shop, 143 N. First St., participants are expected to bring specific cakes and materials for the hands-on cake sculpting project. The cost is \$60. For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com or call 707-693-0112.

For those interested in painting, Lilly of the Arts will host a Pumpkin Paint Party from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 26. Held behind Uptown Collective, 115 E. A St., the two-hour session is open to all skill levels and includes supplies, guidance and refreshments. The event costs \$30 plus a \$3.85 service fee. Tickets are available at Eventbrite. For more



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information, visit the Lilly of the Arts Facebook page or email lillyofthearts@gmail.com.

The Venue, 160 W. A St., is offering two Halloween-themed events. At 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24, the Venue will host a Halloween Paint and Sip Sing Along featuring Mexican music, pumpkin painting, karaoke, dancing, two cocktail slushies from Blush Fizz Co. and a costume contest. The next evening, 6 p.m. Oct. 25, a Fall Painting and Sip Sing Along to 2000s music will be held, including wine, individual charcuterie boards and painting activities. Both events are \$50 per person.

Nearby, the Western Railway Museum will operate its annual Pumpkin Patch Festival Oct. 11 to 12, 18 to 19, and 25 to 26. Located at 5848 California 12 in Suisun City, the festival features train rides, pumpkin chucking, a zipline, petting zoo and more.



A Dia de los Muertos celebration will take place Nov. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Silveyville Cemetery, 800 S. First St., with music, dancing, food, vendors and remembrance ceremonies. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Tickets include train rides and most activities. Tickets cost \$18 for members, \$20 for children 4 to 12 and seniors 65 and older, and \$27 for adults. The first train departs at 10 a.m. and the last returns at 4:30 p.m. Advance

purchase is recommended. For more information, visit wrm.org or call 707-374-2978.

Rounding out the season, the Dia de los Muertos celebration will take place Nov. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Silveyville Cemetery, 800

S. First St., with music, dancing, food, vendors and remembrance ceremonies.

From children to adults, Dixonites have a variety of fall festivities and Halloween haunts to look forward to this season. ★

Kiwanis Club Prepares for Festival of Trees

Kiwanis Club of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - For more than 15 years, the Kiwanis Club of Dixon has offered a memory-making opportunity to children and families at the club's annual Festival of Trees. The trees are beautifully decorated and the club offers hot chocolate and cookies, plus a variety of entertainment to add to the charm. Hundreds come to visit and some buy trees that volunteer decorators carefully embellished.

This fundraiser is how Kiwanis Club can raise money to serve children and families in the community. Through the Key Club at Dixon High School, the Kiwanis Club encourages and teaches community leadership and volunteering.

Some of the organizations that Kiwanis helps serve are Dixon Family Services, Serenity Saddles, Kiwanis Family House, Dixon FFA, Montessori Science Camp, Solano Kitten Network, Cornerstone Church Food Pantry, John Knight Middle School Band, Tremont School and the Dixon Unified School District.

Local businesses, clubs and organizations help by "sponsoring" trees that



For more than 15 years, the Kiwanis Club of Dixon has offered a memory-making opportunity to children and families at the annual Festival of Trees, which will be on Dec. 13 this year. Photo by Debra Dingman

will be sold at the event on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Dixon High School, 555 College Way. Prior year's tree sponsors said that they were pleased with the publicity they received by sponsoring a tree to be decorated by Kiwanis volunteers. They range from 4-H groups to store employees to church groups. Some sponsors choose to trim their own tree.

All sponsors receive a large sign posted in front of the tree with the company or group name and logo as an "Official Tree Sponsor." Each sponsor is also listed in the programs handed to every visitor, in newspaper press releases and in advertisements. The club is limited to 20 trees so call

or email quickly to reserve your tree.

Tree sizes and sponsorship levels are an extra-large tree, seven-and-a-half feet, at \$400; large tree at six feet at \$300, medium tree at four feet at \$200 and a table-top tree, about one to two feet at \$100.

By pledging your support now, there is plenty of publicity for your business as well. How? It's simple. Just decide the size of tree you want to sponsor and call, email or text the Kiwanis Club of Dixon. Contact Festival of Trees chair Patti Sousa-Liu at 707-635-3303, email pattimax3@sbcglobal.net or send your check payable to Kiwanis Club of Dixon, P.O. Box 1602, Dixon, CA 95620. ★

Frightfully Good Middle Grade Reads for October



Open Wide

by I.M. Eerie; Aladdin

Eddie doesn't like going to the Dentist. But, I mean, who isn't afraid of the Dentist? Although the new Dentist in town, Dr. Yankum, is a whole different level of scary, sending shivers down Eddie's spine. But things get even worse when he pulls Eddie's tooth, plus a few extras. However, it isn't just Eddie who is losing teeth to the new Dentist. The other kids in his school are missing a few extra teeth as well. So, Eddie and his best friend Daryl decide to get to the bottom of this. But the truth is even scarier than they could imagine.

I.M. Eerie taps into the age-old fear of the Dentist, but wait until readers uncover the truth behind Dr Yankum.

Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales - Troubling Tonsils

by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown; Simon & Schuster

Young readers who grew up with the Creepy Crayon and Creepy Pair of Underwear picture book series will delight in the new Creepy Tales, chapter book. Jasper is back, and now he is a little older and not so scared, or is he? It's time for Jasper's tonsils to come out, and when he insists on keeping them in a jar for show and tell, things start to get creepy. Now Jasper is in a whole new pickle. How will he get out of this one?

Readers will chuckle their way through Troubling Tonsils and Jasper's familiar antics. ★

Free Piano (Not Haunted)

by Whitney Gardner; Simon and Schuster

When Margot discovers a discarded free synthesizer, she jumps at the chance to bring it home. Now she can finally live the life she has always wanted, becoming a songwriter. Just the thing that will make her father return.

Although Margot quickly realizes that the synthesizer is indeed haunted, not by any ghost, but by a 1980 teen pop sensation. Now it is up to Margot to discover the cost of fame and decide if it is really worth losing everything for.

A coming-of-age Graphic novel that is full of heart and a ghost.

Phantom Academy

by Christine Varnig; Aladdin

Twelve-year-old Finn never expected to be a ghost. But that is exactly what he is. Now he has found himself at Phantom Academy, for the recently deceased under-age ghost. The worst part is that he still has homework and has to take tests. Being dead was definitely not what he expected, although he didn't really expect anything – except maybe not to go to school. Now, besides being the new kid, Finn is sure something is going on behind the scenes of the Academy, and he takes it upon himself to find out what. After all, he's a ghost, what else could happen to him?

A fun ghostly mystery that will take middle readers diving deeper than expected. ★



Riley Reviews

CW NETWORK TAKES FANS BACK IN TIME WITH CLASSIC "TV WE LOVE"

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"TV We Love," a multi-part docuseries debuting on the CW network, is all about nostalgia for iconic television series that span a few generations of viewers. There's something likely here for just about everyone.

Eight of America's most iconic television shows left an enduring mark on popular culture. From the outset, let it be said they can't cover all the remarkable series that often left us with catchphrases.

The classic primetime soap opera "Dallas" is not on the list. The unforgettable catchphrase "Who Shot J.R.?" was on the minds of tens of millions of viewers back in 1980 when they had to wait for months to find out who fired twice on Larry Hagman's amoral oil baron J.R. Ewing.

While viewers had to wait in suspense for the advertising ploy with the "Dallas" series resolution of the attempted murder mystery, other series like "Friends" found Matt LeBlanc's Joey frequently routinely uttering "How You Doin'" to all his friends.

I had the impression that the gregarious New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller (later briefly Vice President) had a signature greeting of "How You Doing," but AI says he actually greeted voters while campaigning by saying "Hi ya, fella." If this is up for debate, I'm willing to hear it.

The original "Hawaii Five-O" is most memorable for star Jack Lord's Detective Steve McGarrett often saying to his partner Danny Williams (James MacArthur) "Book 'em, Danno" when a suspect was caught and getting arrested. "Hawaii Five-O" doesn't make the list.

Across eight episodes, cast members, creators, scholars, and television insiders share rare stories, behind-the-scenes secrets, and surprising insights into the creativity and innovation that made these programs unforgettable.

Featured cast members include Keith Thibodeaux ("I Love Lucy"); Barry Williams and Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") and Gary Cole ("The Brady Bunch Movie"); and Fred Grandy and Ted Lange ("The Love Boat").

Don Most and Scott Baio appear for "Happy Days," Al Corley, Jack Coleman and Pamela Sue Martin stand in for "Dynasty," and Roma Downey descends to earth for "Touched By An Angel."

The run of these special episodes also features commentary from "Variety" Executive TV Editor Michael Schneider; entertainment writer, author and journalist Jim Colucci and super celebrity fans Bob Costas, Carrie Preston, Nicole Sullivan and Kate Flannery.

Aside from tuning to the series for a nostalgia binge, I have to admit curiosity to see entertainment journalist Jim Colucci, a

talented writer I know from covering television press tours and the TCM Classic Film Festival. It's not often you get to see a colleague in this setting.

The highlights for the "TV We Love" episodes are shows that most of us loved and grew up on at one time or another. "I Love Lucy" has an incredible fan base to this day, with numerous fan clubs and even conventions, but not on the scale of "Star Trek" gatherings.

The "I Love Lucy" episode explores the groundbreaking partnership of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, whose comedic brilliance and bold business moves forever changed television.

Ball and Arnaz created an entertainment empire with the Desilu studio, and after their divorce, Ball bought out Arnaz's share to become the first female CEO of a major Hollywood studio.

In "The Brady Bunch" episode, Barry Williams and Christopher Knight open up about growing up Brady, sharing never-before-told stories of America's favorite blended family. Too bad that Maureen McCormick's Marcia Brady is not part of the program. She's still active in the entertainment industry.

For "The Love Boat," cast, writers, and directors reveal how star-studded guest lists and high-seas charm made this series a beloved classic. While it's great to have Fred Grandy and Ted Lange in the program, sadly Gavin McLeod's Captain Stubing is no longer with us.

"The Honeymooners" aired seventy years ago, so we won't be getting any cast members. Still, the episode takes a look into Jackie Gleason's creative genius and why this show still resonates. Gleason's Ralph Kramden had his own catchphrase of "to the moon" directed at his wife Alice.

"Happy Days" relives the stories behind Richie, Fonzie, and the gang, with cast and creators reflecting on its pop culture legacy. Ron Howard as Richie and Henry Winkler as Fonzie, both still active, would add a lot if they were part of the program.

Cast and crew spill the secrets behind the on-set drama, outrageous glamour, and iconic '80s excess on "Dynasty." What would be interesting is to hear how the show's abrupt 1989 cancellation caused the final episode to end on a cliffhanger that left plot threads unresolved.

Who can forget that "Cheers" was the Boston bar "where everybody knows your name" and Ted Danson was owner and bartender Sam Malone? Cast members unknown at this moment join creators to share the spark that made the series one of TV's greatest comedies.

Roma Downey and executive producer Martha Williamson reflect on the moving stories of faith, hope, and inspiration that captivated millions in "Touched by an Angel." ★

Mini-Grants Offered for Drug Prevention Projects



Solano County Office of Education Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nicola Parr launched a mini-grant program to support drug prevention programs in schools. Photo courtesy of Solano County Office of Education

Solano County Office of Education News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) is launching another

mini-grant program to support teachers and youth programs in leading prevention projects addressing alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) misuse.

Grants of up to \$500 per project are available to support creative, student-driven initiatives that build awareness and promote prevention strategies across Solano County communities. Solano County Office of Education accepts applications through January or until funds are fully allocated. Educators and youth leaders are encouraged to apply early.

Projects might include peer education, community outreach and advocacy efforts that position students as leaders for positive change. Eligible ideas include but

are not limited to prevention-themed public service announcements, youth-led presentations, awareness campaigns, art and media projects, and other innovative approaches that promote wellness among peers.

"Our students have powerful voices and fresh ideas about what keeps their peers healthy and safe," said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nicola Parr. "These mini-grants give them the chance to turn those ideas into action and make a real impact in their schools and communities."

For more information about the application process and eligibility, visit www.solanocoe.net or contact Rebecca Floyd at 707-646-7602 or rfloyd@solanocoe.net. ★

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, October 2

- 0821 Two-vehicle traffic collision reported in the area of Pembroke Way and Calmace Drive.
- 1433 Fraud reported in the 1500 block of Roseberry Court.
- 1704 Vandalism reported in the 300 block of McKenzie Drive.
- 2309 Charlie McNeil (65) of Dixon was contacted in the 200 block of East Dorset and arrested for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

Wednesday, October 1

- 1148 Battery report at 1200 block Stratford Avenue.
- 1320 Domestic Violence report at Dixon Police Department.
- 1630 Burglary report 1000 block North Lincoln Street.
- 2041 A warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of Calmace Court at North Almond Street. Officers contacted (S) Humberto Herrera-Rangel (49) of Dixon. Herrera-Rangel was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 2321 A D.U.I. arrest report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Drive. Officer contacted (S) Jeremy Cacal (33) of Sacramento. Cacal was arrested and later cited and released to a sober adult.

Tuesday, September 30

- 1020 School information report taken at Dixon High School.
- 1048 Child abuse report taken at the police department.
- 1600 Found bike reported at the police department.
- 2244 A threats report was taken at 1300 block of Commercial Way

Monday, September 29

- 0819 School report taken at Dixon High School.
- 0830 Abandoned trailer towed in the 500 block of Glenside Drive.
- 0911 Fraud report taken in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1056 Abandoned vehicle towed in the 500 block of Spruce Street.
- 1931 An informational report was taken in the 500 block of West A. Street.

Sunday, September 28

- 0640 Suspicious subject reported in the 900 block of North Adams Street resulted in the arrest of Oscar Orozco of Dixon for possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing and a probation violation. Oscar went to county jail.

Saturday, September 27

- 1259 Agency assist for Dixon Fire Department in the 1100 block of Presidio Court.
- 1337 Traffic enforcement stop in the 700 block of Vaughn Road. Dennis Richard (40), of Woodland, was found to have an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. He was cited and released from the police department.
- 1423 Verbal dispute in the 200 block of South Jefferson Street.
- 0000 Found property at Northwest Park.

Friday, September 26

- 0612 A hit-and-run report was taken in the area of North First Street and Auction Lane.
- 1116 Burglary report taken in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
- 1430 hit-and-run report was taken in the 500 block of West A Street.
- 1822 Found property in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.
- 1930 Battery report in the 400 block of La Esperanza.
- 0202 Manjinder Singh (33) of Dixon was arrested for kidnapping, criminal threats and assault with a deadly weapon. Thakurpreet Singh (22) was arrested for possession of a concealed firearm, criminal threats and kidnapping. Jobanpreet Singh (19) was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats and kidnapping.

Thursday, September 25

- 1331 Informational report taken at the Dixon Police Department.
- 1407 Fraud reported in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
- 1421 Fraud reported in the 200 block of West A Street.
- 2010 Battery and theft investigation in the 1200 block of Linford Lane.

Wednesday, September 24

- 1457 Property turned into the Dixon Police Department for destruction.
- 0420 Battery report in the 1200 block of Linford Lane.

Tuesday, September 23

- 1309 Vandalism report taken at Hall Park.
- 1413 Petty theft report taken in the 1700 block of North First Street.
- 1548 Found bike report taken at the police department.
- 1659 Restraining order service at the police department.

Monday, September 22

- 0941 Confidential report taken in the 200 block of Mariposa Drive.
- 0953 Identity theft report taken in the 1700 block of Butterfly Lane.
- 1032 Grand theft report taken in the 500 block of Wildflower Court.
- 1055 Lost property report taken at the police department.
- 1134 Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 500 block of Stern Drive ended in the removal of a 2006 Mercedes CLS500 for expired registration.
- 1245 Information report taken at the police department.
- 1330 Theft report taken at the police department.
- 1515 Collision report at West H Street and North Almond Street.

Sunday, September 21

- 0955 Hit and run accident reported in the 300 block of West A Street.
- 1423 Theft report taken in the area of Veterans Park.
- 2301 A public intoxication, probation violation and delay of an officer arrest report was taken in the 400 block of West E. Street. Officers contacted (S) Eric Brock of Dixon. He was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.
- 0240 A possession of drug paraphernalia arrest report was taken in the 500 block of North Washington. Officers contacted (S) Daniel Figueroa of Dixon. Figueroa was arrested and cited and released.

Saturday, September 20

- 1415 Officers responded to the 400 block of Stratford Avenue regarding a non-injury traffic collision. Upon arrival, it was found that Nicholas Segovia rear-ended a parked car. Following a DUI investigation, Segovia was placed under arrest and transported to the police department, where he was cited and released.
- 0207 Incident report in the 500 block of Rossi Drive.

Friday, September 19

- 1355 Information report taken in the 900 block of Monique Way.

West Nile Virus Detection

Solano County Mosquito Abatement District News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 8, the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District (SCMAD) detected West Nile virus in mosquitoes off Tremont Road, Robben Road and near Bristol Way and Kingston Court in Dixon.

Residents in the affected areas are advised to take necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites, especially if planning to spend time outdoors in and around the detection area. Recommended measures include using EPA-registered repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR3535, and wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants during peak mosquito activity hours.

Solano County Mosquito Abatement District technicians are conducting targeted control efforts in the affected area to reduce the mosquito population. These areas will continue to be monitored.

West Nile virus is primarily spread through mosquito bites. A mosquito becomes infected after biting a bird carrying the virus and can then transmit it to humans through subsequent bites.

Most people infected with West Nile virus do not show any symptoms. However, some individuals might experience fever, headaches or body aches. In more severe cases, the virus can lead to hospitalization or, in rare instances, death. Anyone experiencing symptoms is urged to contact their healthcare provider.

Certain groups are at higher risk for serious illness from West Nile virus. Older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions, including diabetes, high blood

pressure, cancer or kidney disease, are more vulnerable to complications.

Preventing West Nile virus starts with mosquito control. Residents are encouraged to eliminate standing water around their homes by emptying flowerpots, buckets, pet dishes and old tires. Bird baths and pet bowls should be cleaned weekly and over-watering of lawns and gardens should be avoided.

Fixing leaks is also important. Broken sprinkler heads and leaky faucets should be repaired promptly to prevent water buildup.

To secure your home, inspect window and door screens for holes and ensure they fit properly. For those with pools or ponds, regular maintenance is essential. Pools should be kept clean and water circulating. Free mosquito fish are available for neglected pools, ponds, or water troughs to help control mosquito breeding.

The Solano County Mosquito Abatement District has served the community since 1930, covering more than 900 square miles of incorporated and unincorporated areas of Solano County. The district works to protect public health by reducing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus. Through surveillance, public education, and environmentally responsible treatments, the district helps keep mosquito populations under control and improves quality of life for Solano County residents.

For more information, call 707-437-1116 or email solmad@solanomosquito.com. Or visit www.solanomosquito.com to learn more or to sign up for email notifications at www.solanomosquito.com/stay-in-touch. ★

Juvenile Dies from Self-Inflicted Gunshot

Dixon Police Department News Release

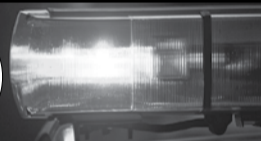
DIXON, CA (MPG) - At 1:54 p.m. Oct. 10, the Dixon Police Department received a call for service in the 1400 block of Ingrid Drive. Officers responded immediately and located a 16-year-old male with a gunshot wound.

Preliminary investigation indicates it

was self-inflicted. Medical aid was provided by officers until the Dixon Fire Department arrived on scene. The juvenile was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Dixon Police Department extends its deepest condolences to the victim's family and friends. The incident is under investigation and no further comment will be provided at this time. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE 2025001394

The following persons are doing business as: Whipd., 1641 Youngstown Lane, Suisun City, CA 94585.

Naomi Carter, 1641 Youngstown Lane, Suisun City, CA 94585.

Date filed in Solano County: September 15, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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 September 14, 2030. 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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WHIPD 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001075
The following persons are doing business as: Azukar Creations, 1020 Ackley Court, Dixon, CA

95620. Adella Pinon, 1020 Ackley Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

Date filed in Solano County: July 11, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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 July 10, 2030. 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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AZUKAR 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001412
The following persons are doing business as: Events By Margarita, 255 Essex Way, Benicia, CA 94510.

Events By Margarita LLC, 255 Essex Way, Benicia, CA 94510. Date filed in Solano County: September 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 9, 2025

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EVENTS 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025001473
The following persons are doing business as: Handy Hauling, 1180 Cagle Court, Dixon, CA 95620.

Baudelio Diaz, 1180 Cagle Court, Dixon, CA 95620. Date filed in Solano County: October 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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HANDY 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO 2025001450
The following persons are doing business as: Brighton Company, 56 Brighton Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Jennifer Bulosan, 56 Brighton Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591. Date filed in Solano County: September 25, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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 ficti-

tionous Business name statement must be filed before the expiration September 24, 2030. 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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BRIGHTON 11-7-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-08561

Monette Alessandra Gutierrez De Leon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Monette Alessandra Gutierrez De Leon to Alessandra Monette Gutierrez De Leon.

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. November 13, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Department 8, Room 1, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Old Solano Court House, 580 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

Judge of the Superior Court: Wendy Getty
Dated: September 24, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
GUTIERREZ 10-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CU25-06558

Katherine Webber Caderao filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Katherine Webber Caderao to Katherine Clare Webber.

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. November 17, 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: Dated: September 24, 2025
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
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Community Calendar

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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.

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 andersonroadrunner-spto@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 Matt at 707-685-1750 or email scoutmaster@troop-152dixon.com for more information. Check us out on the web @ troop-152dixon.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 4 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 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. For more info, call 707-429-3239.

Friends of the Dixon Public Library

– Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-624-0144.

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.nsdcc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernolanodemts/.

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 Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. 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 mende-zlynda55@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. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Organic Rice Sector Suffers Growing Pains

Despite strong demand for organic food products, some California organic rice farmers have struggled to compete with imports that have depressed prices. As a result, some organic growers in the Sacramento Valley said they don't expect domestic production of organic rice to expand, at least in the near future. "Organic is definitely crashing and burning in California," said Christopher Lopes, who farms regenerative organic rice with his father, Bruce, near Princeton in Colusa County. They pointed to imports from Argentina and Southeast Asia, which have flooded the market with inexpensive organic rice. The father-son team had been growing for a Sacramento Valley rice mill, which told them just before planting there would be no contracts for organic rice this year. In California, organic rice represents about 3.5%, or 21,000 acres, of the state's total rice acreage of more than 500,000 this season.

Backlash Mounts Against Proposition 50 in Rural California

With Californians beginning this week to cast their votes on Proposition 50, groups representing rural constituents are pushing back against the ballot measure, which would allow the state Legislature to draw new congressional maps. The proposition was crafted by California Democrats—and championed by Gov. Gavin Newsom—in response to President Donald Trump urging Texas and other Republican-controlled states to

redraw their congressional maps to benefit Republicans. California's proposed map aims to benefit Democrats largely by breaking up several rural districts and attaching the splintered voting blocks to urban-dominated districts. "Urban populations already have the loudest voice and the most representation in California politics, while rural communities struggle to be heard on important issues," California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass said. "This measure worsens that imbalance."

California Farm Leadership Class Travels Out of State to Widen Perspective

Leadership Farm Bureau, a cohort of eight agricultural professionals developing leadership skills through a program run by the California Farm Bureau, traveled last month to Arkansas and Tennessee to learn from farmers and ranchers in a different part of the country. The tour included visits to fish, cotton and peanut farms, a cattle ranch and a cotton gin, and the Port of Memphis, which is one of the largest inland ports in the U.S. "The three-day trip also allowed us to see how Farm Bureau plays a critical role in making a positive impact in our industry, whether through outreach, financing or advocacy," Leadership Farm Bureau class members Tharvin Gill of Sutter County and John Tamayo of Imperial County wrote in an Ag Alert® article. "These experiences inspired us to return to the Golden State and be even stronger advocates for California farmers and ranchers." ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The real news was not the 130-122 loss to the Portland Trailblazers in the 2nd pre-season game of the year, but rather the unexpected loss of Keegan Murray to an injury that will place him on the sidelines for what may be up to 6 weeks.

Murray tore the UCL ligament in his left thumb, and it's likely Sacramento Kings fans won't see any 3-points from him until late December at best.

For a roster that is not deep, the loss of Murray and in particular his improved defense is a crushing blow, and it leaves a mystery as it relates to what player or players will be tested to play his position. Already, pundits are conjuring thoughts of Issac Jones, Dario Saric, Keon Ellis, and even rookie Nique Clifford who would be asked to play out of his natural position.

The one bright spot in the young pre-season has been 1st round draft choice Nique Clifford, who once again scored in double figures against Portland, and looked more like a veteran than the rookie he is.

Both Drew Eubanks and Dario Saric acquitted themselves well as Saric put up 14 points and Eubanks chipped in with 11 of his own.

Maxine Reynaud had only one field goal but added 5 rebounds and 4 assists to make his presence felt. No one has forgotten that Reynaud is 7 feet tall, and if Doug Christie can develop this big man, he could be an x-factor this season.

No question the bench is going to be the key ingredient if the Kings are going to taste success in the upcoming campaign, and all these players will need to bring their best efforts if Sacramento expects to be more than a 500 team.

Veteran Zach Lavine continues to shine with another solid performance against the Trailblazers, and alongside Domantas Sabonis, it seems clear that Lavine has fully settled into his new role as the top shooter for the Sacramento Kings. I expect DeMar DeRozan to provide much of the same confidence.

Losing Murray would appear to be a disaster, but it's at times like these that opportunities present themselves, and it could just such a moment for someone on this team to step up and make a statement for the future in a positive way.

Famously Lou Gehrig came off the bench for the Yankees replacing Wally Pipp who had a headache, providing one of the greatest baseball players of all time to have his moment in history.

While I don't expect anything as dramatic as the Lou Gehrig moment to happen, someone needs to step up and provide the Kings with an answer to losing Keegan Murray.

One other note is that the loss of a proven starter will likely spur the front office to increase the tenor of talks on the trade/acquisition front, and one likely candidate is the much-discussed Russell Westbrook.

Not to be missed in the pre-season action is the memory of last season in which the Kings went winless and didn't win their first game until the start of the regular season. This led to a tepid start to the season, and eventually the dismissal of head coach Mike Brown.

I'm a firm believer that winning begets winning, and Doug Christie needs to find a way to win some pre-season games and erase the memory of the past. His focus on tenacious defense although not producing wins in the first two contests will undoubtedly set a tone, and without question must become a staple as to who the Sacramento Kings are as a team.

I yearn for the day that opposing teams look at Sacramento as the place they would rather avoid, and the Golden One Arena to be house of horrors. That only happens when frenetic defense is the mantra of the team, and home court advantage needs to become a reality for the Kings and their die-hard fans!

Look for an acquisition of some kind Kings fans, and probably sooner rather than later.

This is not a time for discouragement Kings fans, but rather of rabid support, and that's something that Sacramento has long been good at.

Stay tuned and with optimism Kings fans, because it's just possible that we may experience a Wally Pipp moment in time, and oh how welcome that would be!

All the best!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgarrisriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Solano College Theatre Announces Fall Play



The "EVERYBODY" blue cast poses under the curtain at Solano College Theatre. From left are Mackenzie Ashby, Mika Rose Goyena, Champ Hemingway, J'mai Kirtdoll, and Skyelar Clouse. Photo courtesy of Solano College Theatre

Solano College Theatre News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano College Theatre (SCT) presents its fall play, "EVERYBODY," directed by faculty member JanLee Marshall, from Nov. 7 to Nov. 23.

"The first time I read "EVERYBODY," I fell in love with it on many levels," said Marshall. "The cast is open to everybody, pun intended, and the story is about everybody. I like to make theater that makes people laugh and that makes people think. And I'm totally OK if they cry too."

"EVERYBODY" by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins is based on one of the earliest English-language plays, "Everyman." It puts a twist on a classic morality play and poses questions regarding one of life's greatest mysteries: death. This dramatic modern comedy features the character Everybody who, upon discovering that their end is nigh, frantically seeks answers to questions such as "What do we leave behind? Who do we leave behind? And more important, is there anyone who might want to come with us? ... Somebody? Anybody?"

A lottery-style casting held at the top of each show determines who plays which role for each performance. "EVERYBODY" offers dozens of possible permutations of laughter, contemplation and perhaps at its

heart, the meaning of life itself.

This production is double cast. The character Everybody will be alternately played by Champ Hemingway, a double major at Solano Community College studying computer science and theatre arts who recently performed in Solano College Theatre's productions of "The Visit" and "Anything Goes," and Skyelar Clouse, a Benicia native who returns to Solano College Theatre's stage after a few years working as a fight/intimacy coordinator and technical theatre assistant.

Assistant director is Aurora Schueler. The design team, fully composed of Solano Community College faculty and staff, includes Jeffrey Hamby (costume design), Craig Scharfen (set design), Gabe Maxson (lighting design) and Matthew McLean (sound design).

"EVERYBODY" runs from Nov. 7 to Nov. 23. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. and a Thursday pay-what-you-can show is at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

Tickets are \$24 general admission, \$18 senior/military and \$10 students.

Solano College Theatre is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible. For more information or to buy tickets, visit the theatre's website at www.solanocollegetheatre.org or call 707-864-7100. ★

High Prices at the Pump

Refinery Fire Spotlights California's Gas Supply Crunch



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Thankfully, last week's explosion and fire at California's second largest refinery, Chevron's El Segundo plant, was not an environmental catastrophe. But it could have serious economic and political impact.

It occurred as Gov. Gavin Newsom and other Democratic figures were in the midst of a 180-degree political pirouette: a shift from denouncing makers of gasoline as price gouging polluters, to beseeching them to continue production.

California once had dozens of refineries, but today nine are still producing gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel for airlines and military warplanes. Two have announced plans to shut down within a few months.

Valero's refinery and the Phillips 66 plant in Southern California together represent about 17% of the state's refining capacity, according to the California Energy Commission. State legislators reportedly have offered Valero state subsidies to keep its Benicia refinery in operation, fearing closure would raise Californians' already high gas prices.

Chevron's damaged El Segundo plant, if closed, would double the loss

in refinery capacity to more than a third of the state's total, causing a supply crunch that would assuredly result in higher pump prices.

California's 30-million-plus cars and light trucks average 340 billion miles of travel each year and burn 13 billion gallons of gas, all but a trickle of which comes from the nine refineries. There are no pipelines to bring in fuel from other states, and importing gasoline from Asia or the Middle East via tankers is fraught with uncertainty and high costs.

Newsom, backed by fellow Democrats in the Legislature, spent months excoriating refiners for high prices, even though the state's very high fuel taxes create much of the gap between prices in California and those in other states. Newsom called a special session of the Legislature to pass legislation that he said would penalize profits deemed to be too high.

The official criticism seemed to meld with the state's declared intention to phase out gasoline-fueled cars in favor of those powered by electricity, thus shutting down oil production and gasoline refineries. Newsom's administration has said that by 2035 the sale of new gas-powered cars would be banned.

The evolution Newsom envisions, however, also requires the state to continue some refining until the last of the state's gasoline-powered cars are permanently parked, raising questions about how the change would be managed.

The Phillips 66 and Valero announcements forced the issue. The state's

politicians realized that a rapid decline in refinery capacity could send gas prices soaring, thereby creating a political backlash. Newsom's evident presidential ambitions would be hammered by a sharp price spike.

Accordingly, in the last days of the legislative session, Newsom and legislators backtracked, passing measures to boost petroleum production. More recently, Newsom signed legislation to make gas with 15% ethanol available, saying it would lower prices by up to 20 cents a gallon. Apparently, legislators also have been feeling out Valero about some state subsidies for its Benicia plant, but so far they've had no success.

Chevron, whose refineries in El Segundo and Richmond have about a third of the state's refining capacity, moved its headquarters from California to Texas last year and has made no secret about its disdain for California's anti-petroleum policies, while dropping hints that it may close one of its two plants.

The extent of fire damage at Chevron's El Segundo refinery, and the effect on gasoline supply and prices, are still unclear. However, it's a reminder of how tight California's gas supply has become and how cataclysmic the closure of its refineries could be — economically and politically.

Dan Walters is one of the 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. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Why Do We Age?

- Ines, 17, Tunisia

Dear Ines,
I have gray fur. But sometimes I think it's getting grayer—like my human friends' hair does as they get older.

I asked my friend Jiyue Zhu about that. He's a biochemist at Washington State University.

He told me it's a mystery.

"We still don't completely comprehend this," Zhu said. "It's an active area of research."

Aging seems to be related to the way cells duplicate.

DNA is a set of instructions for making your body. You keep a copy of your DNA folded up inside each of your cells.

All those cells have different life spans. Some, like your skin cells, get replaced often. Some, like your heart cells, last your whole life or only duplicate rarely.

Your cells copy their DNA every time they duplicate. One protein unzips your DNA. Another protein zooms along it, building a copy of the DNA.

Usually that works well. But it's not perfect. Sometimes errors happen during duplication.

"Over time, errors accumulate," Zhu said. "Even with a very low error rate, if you duplicate cells millions or billions of times, those errors build up."

Most of the time, your body sees those errors and fixes them. But some fall through the cracks.

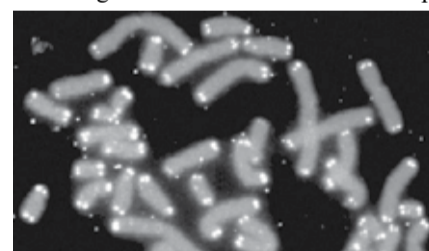
When enough mistakes or other damage build up, the cell may trigger senescence. That's like retirement for a cell. It stops doing its job. It stops duplicating.

But it can cause problems—like sending out signals that harm healthy cells or making your immune system work hard to clear those retired cells out. Older people have more retired cells than younger people do.

The second thing we know about aging is that the ends of your DNA take on a specific

kind of damage. They're like the plastic bits at the ends of your shoelaces. Without those caps, the shoelaces fray and become less useful.

The end caps on your DNA are called telomeres. The replication protein machine



Scientists can stain DNA so they can see different parts under a microscope. Here the glowing white dots are telomeres. Weirdly, some animals like mice have longer telomeres but shorter lives. Dr. Zhu is studying mouse telomeres to figure out why that is. Photo: NASA

that copies your DNA can't grab on at the tip of the telomere. So, it doesn't copy a few bits of telomere DNA between the tip and the spot where it latches on. That means each time a cell duplicates, the telomere gets a tiny bit shorter.

That ensures that the important DNA in the middle always gets copied. But those telomeres don't last forever. When they get too short, senescence happens.

Aging also has to do with itty bitty markers on your DNA called epigenetic modifications. They tell your body which sections of DNA to turn on or turn off.

Over time, those markers wear down. Maybe one marker starts out super pointy and then smooths out over time. It's like how the soles of your sneaker wear down and lose their tread.

Scientists can look at those markers and tell how old the cell is, based on how worn down they are.

All those things—mistakes that happen during duplication, telomeres that shorten, and markers that wear out— seem to contribute to aging. Stress and problems in the environment might speed those things up.

But aging is important to us as a group. "There's an evolutionary reason we age," Zhu said. "It leaves room for the next generation. That's how we evolve."

And population-wise, that's something to cell-ebriate.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

Hey California!



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