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## FFA Barn Finally Opens



Mr. Marcus Tanaka recently met with Mike Saragoza of MJB Welding Supplies out at the new FFA Barn at Dixon High School. Behind them are the new pens installed by Mr. Tanaka and ag students for livestock. They can hold pigs, goats, lambs, etc. and enable students to work daily at the back of the school where the new barn and storage building are located.

**Story and photos  
by Debra Dingman**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Finally, Dixon High School Ag students have their barn and long-time Ag teacher and Future Farmers of America Advisor Marcus Tanaka is in a much better mood these days after a “99-day project” was drawn out over years.

On a recent tour of one huge storage building and another large building referred to as the FFA Barn, Mr. Tanaka showed off the new metal pens that he built himself that are “versatile and can hold



FFA Advisor and Ag teacher Marcus Tanaka teaches career technical courses to students who might become any kind of equipment operator or farmer.

two sheep or two pigs” or including steers, goats, and sheep.

“I’m going to build stuff that will outlast me,” he said.

He also showed where the new restrooms are, where a drinking fountain has been installed, and some hose reels that drop down for the animals are now in place along with a huge livestock fan. The storage building holds small tractors and equipment used to train students for “almost any construction job,” he said.

While Tanaka is thrilled to have the facility complete, he says the District has taken the ag teacher’s

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## Historical Society Features Fuchslin

By MPG Staff

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The story behind Valley Livestock Transportation Company located at 280 South Porter Road, will be presented by Richard Fuchslin at the next Dixon Historical Society meeting on Sunday, February 18 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist church Fellowship Hall, 209 North Jefferson.

Walter Fuchslin, the founder of Valley Livestock Transportation, designed the “Basket Trailer” that he drew up while at his kitchen table. The trailer was capable of hauling lambs, calves or cattle and became the industry standard for livestock transport.

Walter’s descendant, Richard Fuchslin, is the first presenter for 2024. All of Richard’s grandparents came to California from Switzerland in the 1920s.

The DHS conducts quarterly meetings open to the public for the benefit of learning about Dixon’s past and discovering like-minded people who care about this town’s history or who like to share about their families here from a historical perspective.

For more information, please visit the Dixon History Museum, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 125 West A Street where the large, green, covered wagon is situated outside.

At the Dixon History Museum, there are tastefully displayed vignettes of early Dixon days, artifacts, and memorabilia. In addition, there are copies of every Dixon High School yearbook that are fun to peruse for friends, family, and general interest.

Dixon products are also for sale there including T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and zippered sweatshirts with the Milk Farm logo on them as well as coffee mugs. Books by local authors and books on Dixon’s history are available for sale as well. There is free admission to the museum although donations are always welcomed.

Information about the Dixon Historical Society and an invitation to become a member can be found on their website at: [www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org). ★

## Rosemary’s Taking the Next Step

**Story and photos  
by Debra Dingman**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - If you have not had the pleasure of going into Rosemary’s in downtown Dixon, you have certainly missed some extraordinary food. And Dixon is very lucky to have Rose Barbee because she was one of Dixon’s first restaurateurs who was classified as ‘Farm-to-Fork’ using exclusively organic produce, grass-fed beef, and free-range poultry from local farms in Northern California.

She was also the first to fully prep the meals that one could order in advance and have them delivered to their home or office.

“I’ve been on my own [as a restaurant owner] now coming up on eight years and I finally made it to my next step,” she said. “I’ve been waiting to walk into a building that I thought I would be so incredibly proud of.” That time has come. She’ll be moving into the former Linde Lane Tea



Rosa and Andrew Barbee with their new baby boy are busy overseeing the changes to the former Linde Lane Tea Room. Andrew is a commercial construction worker with Rusty Potts and Stephen Jonas who were getting ready this past Saturday to put in new flooring. Rosa is the owner of Rosemary’s Farm to Fork on North First Street and will be relocating her business to the larger space April 1.

Room location April 1, a space possibly three times larger, and a big step from when she first opened at 127 North First Street. Then, she wasn’t open to the public. She was just doing the meal prep and delivery using the back

part of the restaurant. “After a year, I told her the food was so good, she needed to go public,” landlord Robby Robben said. Rosa didn’t think it was her dream building but it was a first step, so she opened the front part of

the restaurant to the public with a simple menu. In that old building, she created an urban feel that young professionals gravitated to. Staff were always friendly, clean, and accommodating as if their mission was

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# Life's too SHORT



## Really Sad Super Bowl

By Debra Dingman

Since hubby retired, he became one of those guys that I didn't see during football season. Oh, well, that's not exactly true. I could see him alright. He was always fixed on the couch in front of the big TV screen. So, our date night a couple years ago became Dixon High School football with a goal for me to write about the games.

Over the next year, I watched the game more and some things (not all) slowly squeezed into my understanding. I wouldn't have missed this year's Super Bowl since I've long been a 49er Fan but especially knowing how they kind-of, sort-of got there! So, I watched, and only intermittently did hubby come through the living room. For some reason, he seemed disinterested. Maybe because it wasn't the Cowboys...

At the start of the game, the rapper Post Malone, who sang 'America the Beautiful' while playing the guitar, was cool just because I can't recall anyone ever doing that for a Super Bowl and I enjoy simplicity. Even though his tattoos and silver teeth were unsettling, I felt

myself start to tear up at the soft melody of patriotism, so I got up and headed into the kitchen for a cheese stick but really, I just hate my lack of self-control over patriotic things...

I was going to write about the commercials for this column and secretly, that was another reason why I wanted to watch but after writing down all of them during the first and 2nd quarter, they seemed mundane. Well, I did think the flying football players was kind of clever and the Jesus commercial with everyone washing each other's feet was touching but even the flying dinosaurs (Sprite) and giant ants (Apartment.com) seemed trite.

Oh wait, the mullet hair one was good. I laughed at the dog with the mullet hairstyle. (Kawasaki.)

During half time, when Reba McEntire started the National Anthem so beautifully, I left for the kitchen again. As I came around the corner back into the living room, hubby was standing with his hand over his heart. Made me cry more. What a pair we are. Afterwards, I snuggled into his side.

Soon after the third

quarter started, I fell asleep. I woke up and watched the last hour and couldn't believe we had a tie game and went into "overtime." The emcee said it was only the second time in history. Then, Kansas City won. I'm glad I wasn't a sports reporter on that. It would have been hard to interview a team that wasn't 'my' team.

The next day, I didn't feel like doing anything despite a full list of tasks beckoning. The sun came out and I should have been happy. It's all because of the game--just hours of struggle and hopes; then a loss.

In discussing this with my football-fan/neighbor, she nailed my thoughts exactly. It was a sad kind of game.

There didn't seem to be any fantastic plays that made you jump off the couch. And I told her, not even the commercials were particularly crazy funny. She agreed.

I know it is silly, but for a day, we could all escape from our possibly mundane daily tasks in life and watch a bunch of strong and athletic guys win a loud, vibrant, football game. Only "we" didn't win. And there just isn't anything exciting to write about. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



Diane Schroeder and Dan Rott are docents at the Dixon History Museum weekly and invite people to come and see the new items for sale such as the Milk Farm Hooded Zip-up Sweatshirt (\$40.) They also have gotten the perfect gift for coffee drinkers: a colorful Milk Farm coffee cup (\$16.) Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

### The Painting Librarian

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club will be meeting this Wednesday, February 21, at 1 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 209 North Jefferson using the B Street entrance, to have some fun painting rocks. Rhea Gardner, who works as the Supervising Librarian at the Dixon Public Library, will be doing the instructions (although separately from the library) as this is her hobby/business. Through 'The Painting Librarian,' she enjoys teaching others how to make a garden liven up or how to paint special messages that will hang out on rocky paths. Guests are welcome. For more information about the DWIC, call (707) 301-0795.

### City Meetings

These are the upcoming City Meetings held in the Council Chambers, 600 East A Street: The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. and the City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20. Also, the Transportation Advisory Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

### Veterans Dinner

Good, ol'-fashioned meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a roll will be the dinner for tonight at the Veterans Memorial Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost will be \$12 per person. The hall is located at 1305 North First Street and dress is casual. No reservations are necessary, and one does not have to be a veteran to enjoy this pleasant gathering.

### Senior Fraud & Scam Prevention

On Friday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior/Multi-Use Center

There is a full calendar of activities posted in the Senior Club Newsletter found on the City of Dixon website (cityofdixon.us) under 'Recreation' tab. For more details, call (707) 678-7441 or email ageorge@cityofdixon.us NOTE: The next Senior Club meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

### Children's Story Time

Mimi Benton is one of the volunteers who enjoys time with children after reading books to them. Story Time is every Friday at 11:30 a.m. to noon for children ages zero to six at The Friendly Bookworm bookstore in the Children's Room. (707) 624-0144.

### Cemetery Tour

Mark your calendars for the next Silveyville Cemetery Tour guided by local

History expert, Denise McBride. The last one was well-attended by about 30 people who learned many interesting facts and accounts of Dixon's history including Dixon's past residents. Wear comfortable walking shoes (Sandals are not recommended.) It will happen rain or shine on. Meet at the cemetery office. For more information, call McBride at (707) 483-2211.

### Rummage Sale

Also save the date Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2 for the Dixon Family Services Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 155 North Second Street in downtown Dixon. There will be household items, clothing, vintage collectibles, plants, books, videos, games, toys, and more. For information, call (707) 678-0442.

### FFA First Car Show

On Saturday, February 24, the Dixon chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) will hold its first car show along with a drive through Barbecue. The tickets are pre-sold only at Dawson's Bar & Grill from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18, in the back of Dawson's. The cost is \$20 per plate. The actual drive-through date is Saturday, February 24, from noon to 4 p.m. at the high school, 555 College Way. Follow the signs.

### Free Fruit/Veggies

The Community Medical Center of Dixon at 131 West A Street, Suite 1, will host the Contra Costa Food Bank on Friday, March 1 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring 2 or 3 sturdy bags to carry free fruit and vegetables home with you. One per family. Boxes of non-perishable items are available for patients who have seen their clinic doctor.

### Scottish Dinner

Come join the Dixon Scottish Cultural Association in celebrating the birthday of famous Scottish poet Robert Burns on Wednesday, February 21. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall with a menu of Scottish meat pies, peas, mashed potatoes, neeps (turnips), gravy and definitely haggis. Desert to follow consisting of homemade shortbread and ice cream.

DSCA was formed in 2000 with the purpose to promote Scottish history and culture. Some of Burn's poems will be read and there will be an immortal memory of Robert Burns (a brief history about him) and of course Bagpipe music and Scottish songs. The cost for all of this entertainment is \$10.00 or if you are a member or decide to join the Association it is free. Reservations are needed so please contact Sandra Snyder at 707.678.5354. ★

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# Sacramento New Home Sales Start with a Bang

# FFA Barn Finally Opens

## North Side Building Industry Association News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - New home sales in the greater Sacramento area started off with a bang in January, fueled by continued strong demand, a scarcity of existing homes for sale and declining mortgage interest rates, the North State Building Industry Association reported today.

BIA members sold 580 new homes during the month, which is 40% higher than December, 32% above January 2023, and 28% higher than the average January in the region.

Chris Norem, the BIA's political director and senior policy advisor, said the robust sales totals should bode well for the homebuying public in the region.

"New homes continue to hold a larger-than-normal share of total sales because they offer high-quality options and because builders can provide incentives such as mortgage buy-downs that aren't available when you're buying an existing home," he said.

County officials for working with us to lower their water connection fees for apartments and other multifamily housing options. One of the best ways we can continue to tackle the housing crisis is to reduce unnecessary building fees, and more jurisdictions need to be open to taking a fresh look at whether their fee programs are truly necessary as the regional average is already approximately \$100,000 per home. The only way to restore affordability is to reduce fees and incentivize builders to build more homes to meet the ongoing need."

As always, communities in Sacramento and Placer counties accounted for the vast majority of sales, with 259 sales reported in Sacramento County and 218 in Placer. Roseville saw the highest number of sales of any submarket with 147, followed by Elk Grove, Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, and Lincoln. (See below for detailed charts.)

The BIA's sales figures cover nearly 190 active new home communities in Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, and Yuba counties. ★



A truck load of tools and supplies were donated from the local Altec Company which will help welding and ag students learn how to repair farm equipment.

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stipend away for the time to spend in the barn with the students. He reported that in the past, ag teachers received a 10-percent stipend to manage the school barn and for FFA activities but now, none of the ag teachers receive that.

"There are always things happening [in an FFA barn,]" he said. "When a student calls you over a sick pig, we come out. There are 16 sections of Ag and 350 to 400 students enrolled in our program."

In a community like Dixon surrounded by row crops, dairies, and a huge lamb processing plant, it's perfectly natural for Dixon High School to have a large Agriculture Department. The two new school buildings and an additional greenhouse were celebrated almost three years ago with a grand opening where long-time instructor John Ramos cut a red ribbon and who, at that time, was relieved after so many years of "begging" anyone with a bit of extra land to let his students raise an animal on their property.

Historically, when students interested in farming wanted to raise lambs or pigs at the old high school site, now John Knight Middle School, they were able to utilize space on Sievers Road—a bit of a drive but still in town. But that site was sold to help garner enough monies to build a new barn. That was 2007.

In 2019, a Career Technical Education Facilities grant was awarded to the school by the State Department of Education and FFA students and staff looked forward to the new barn, but building was delayed due to supply and labor shortages.

Finally, in 2024, all concerns have been addressed or are at least complete enough for students and teachers to be allowed to use the facilities.

The buildings are located at the end of the high school football stadium and parking areas and are not far from the long row of Ag classrooms where students learn welding, soil composition, floriculture, and animal sciences. They have hands-on experiences that help them be job ready. ★

# Rosemary's Taking the Next Step

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aligned with Rosa's.

Word spread quickly and now one has to wait in a line on weekends when patrons come from out of town to join the locals for authentic meals. A favorite is the Kalua Pork Taco Breakfast—a mouthwatering shredded pork on a fresh, home-made tortilla, sprinkled with sprouts, but the breakfast tacos with perfectly crisp bacon, eggs, avocado with house aioli and chili on cassava tortillas are also so yummy!

What put Rosemary's on the high end of health-conscious locals was her prepared meals bent to special diets such as Paleo and gluten-free. Both the meal prep as well as the front restaurant parts of the business grew—so did Rosa's tummy.

A precious baby has entered her little family and after a few months getting to know their new baby boy—and a huge amount of support from her family helping with the restaurant, she's ready to hop back into business.

Rosa's husband is a commercial contractor and has been home more, so will be making a lot of the changes in the former tearoom.

There will be a juice bar and coffee car when you first walk in. There will also be three very long barn tables for larger parties and the rest of the restaurant will be with smaller tables for smaller



Rosemary's staff when they first opened on North First Street in the fall of 2019. They are excited to expand the business into the new location, the former Linde Lane Tea Room.

parties. They will be installing a new walk-in refrigerator, painting, and putting in all new flooring and building a few walls so they can create a space for the baby to be part of their lives while they work.

"I'm so grateful to be able to take him with me and put him in the carrier," she said about their 4-month-old. "I didn't want to miss anything."

She also hired a new General Manager who has been in the industry 20 years and has done events in Napa Valley and Southern California.

"We will be looking to do more events and maybe some farm dinners," she said, but meal prep is still

an important part of the business and how they can afford such a leap. "We will be meeting our time schedule, and all of our staff is coming with us for sure. They are very excited," she added. The new location will be 140 North Jackson.

"She's been a good tenant and we've enjoyed working with her," said Robben. "You hate to lose people like that, but a new tenant has already signed on who has a lot of experience in the brewery business with specialized beer that not a lot of people do. They will offer a unique type of American food, different from Rosemary's but also 110-percent farm to fork." ★

# Catching Thieves



Stolen retail items worth nearly \$400,000 recovered by the CHP. Photo courtesy CHP

## California Highway Patrol News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The CHP's Organized Retail Theft Program (ORCTF) team recently shut down two fence locations and spearheaded two blitz operations. Their efforts led to nine arrests and the recovery of nearly \$400,000 in stolen merchandise.

### Key Highlights:

-First Operation: Recovery of goods valued at \$12,915 from Harbor Freight and Floor & Decor, along with a drug seizure and the recovery of a stolen trailer.

-Second Operation: Recovery of merchandise from The Home Depot & Lowe's, totaling nearly \$382,405, plus an unexpected capture of an auto thief.

A huge thanks to the loss prevention teams from The Home Depot, Lowe's, Harbor Freight, Floor & Decor, and WSS. Their efforts shine brightly in the shared success.

Beginning in 2019, Assembly Bill (AB) 1065 required the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP),

until July 1, 2021, to coordinate with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to convene a regional property crimes task force to identify geographic areas experiencing increased levels of property crimes and assist local law enforcement with resources, such as personnel and equipment. The recent passage of Assembly Bill 331 will extend the operation of the regional property crimes task force until January 1, 2026.

As reported by the National Retail Federation, organized retail theft accounts for nearly \$30 billion in economic loss per year. This loss is carried by retailers on several levels but is ultimately passed on to consumers through price inflation to offset economic loss. While the problem is most commonly associated with shoplifting, it extends well beyond into associated organized criminal activity. Commercial burglary, vehicle burglary, identity theft, credit card fraud, forgery, and fencing (selling or distribution of) stolen property are part of a bigger picture that finances ongoing criminal operations. ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Sacramento Kings fans have not been accustomed to 5-2 road trips, and since that's exactly what the Kings just did, you would think the town would be celebrating. But blowout wins by the Oklahoma City Thunder, and of all teams, the Detroit Pistons, have given fans reason to pause and ask the question, who are these guys?

Well, they are a team with a huge upside, and one that is capable of beating any team in the NBA on any given night.

The most recent road trip started in San Francisco where the Kings came away with a one-point win over the Warriors, 134-133. During that same road trip, the Kings came away with wins over teams like Dallas, Memphis, Miami, and even the defending champs, the Denver Nuggets.

In the Denver game, should-be all-star Domantas Sabonis outplayed two-time MVP Nikola Jokic in every aspect of the game, coming away with another triple-double, and extending his streak of consecutive double-double games to 31, tying the franchise record held by Oscar Robertson.

Currently Domantas is not only leading the league in double-doubles for the second straight year, he is leading the league in triple-doubles with an eye popping 17! Domantas overtook Nikola Jokic, and is now leading the entire NBA in both categories.

After an amazing season last year, leading the league in rebounding and double-doubles, it is almost incomprehensible that he could be doing even better this year. No one in the league brings the consistency of effort to the hardwood every night like the Kings center, and he has become an absolute anchor for the team.

One other note, in regards to the win over the Nuggets, is that the Kings finally found their shot from the free throw line, shooting 89% for the game. Sadly, Sacramento remains in last place in the league, shooting with a 73% mark from the charity stripe. If the Kings have any hope of moving beyond the first round of the playoffs this has to change. Players have to take responsibility for making free throws and taking it seriously. This is a player issue, and definitely a coaching issue. Last place is not just embarrassing, it's unacceptable!

As the Kings go into Phoenix they bring a 30-22 record with them, which puts them 7th in the Western Conference. Both the Pelicans and

Suns enjoy a half-game lead over the Kings, and if Sacramento has any hope of moving beyond the first round of the playoffs, they need to leapfrog over both these teams.

Finishing in 5th place will likely provide a first-round matchup that is far better than the opponent they would meet if they finish 7th or 8th.

So, that begs the question, how do the Kings elevate their game and accomplish this task. One word — consistency. Something that has been lacking all year.

Throw in free-throw shooting and you have the recipe for success.

This team has players that bring it every night, and other players that recede for games at a time.

Harrison Barnes has been roundly criticized for his lack of consistent scoring, but I would have to add rebounds, and practically every other aspect of the game. Harrison will suddenly show up and look like the Harrison Barnes that played for the Golden State Warriors, and literally put the team on his back. But, just as quickly he will vanish, and at times it looks like the Kings are playing four-on-five. I have repeatedly begged for more playing time for Trey Lyles who is arguably a better all-around player, but this is a coach's decision, and Coach Brown doesn't show signs of messing with his starting lineup.

Keegan Murray looks like the guy with the sophomore slump, and much like Harrison, has games in which he is all but impossible to find. Keegan has had numerous positive moments this year, scoring 47 points in one game, and showing off an impressive midrange game that sometimes reminds me of Malik Monk.

Positives are that Davion Mitchell is getting increased time, as is Trey Lyles. Domantas Sabonis, De'Aaron Fox, and Malik Monk bring a consistent effort every game, but we need to add to this list.

I will add Kevin Huerter to the list of inconsistent players, and the real problem is that, like Harrison Barnes, Kevin is a starter. Coach Brown needs to shake things up and get both Malik Monk and Trey Lyles into the starting lineup. Both Huerter and Barnes can make their mark coming off the bench, but if the Kings continue on this path, I see a 7th or 8th seed in their future.

If you have a thought let me know at [vgarriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgarriskingsfan@gmail.com).

Go Kings and let's Light the Beam!! ★

Persons listed in this log from the Dixon Police Department are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Only activities deemed significant by the Police Dept. are included.



## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Wednesday, February 7

**0723** - Report of an intoxicated subject in the 300 block of North Second Street resulted in the arrest of Daniel Zaragoza (63) of Dixon for public intoxication. He was taken to county jail.

**0959** - Report of a non-injury traffic accident in the 2100 block of North 1st Street.

### Tuesday, February 6

**1048** - Confidential report taken in the 500 block of West Creekside Circle.

**1140** - Theft report taken in the 400 block of West F Street.

**1249** - Suspicious circumstance reported in the 1700 block of Butterfly Lane.

**1524** - Lost property report at the PD.

**1458** - School resource report in the 400 block of East A Street.

**2121** - Assisted Outside Agency report was taken on I-80.

### Monday, February 5

**0655** - Report of burglary in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

**1135** - Found property report at the PD lobby.

**1203** - School resource report taken in the 200 block of North Lincoln Street.

**1417** - Theft report taken in the 1200 block of Stratford Avenue.

**1515** - Domestic violence report in the 1100 block of Justin Way resulted in the arrest of Justin Guerrero (19) of Dixon for domestic battery. He was taken to county jail.

### Sunday, February 4

**1746** - A theft report was taken in the 2000 block of North First St.

**2147** - An informational report was taken in the 1100 block of Camelia Dr.

### Saturday, February 3

**0900** - Stolen Vehicle Recovery 300 block South Jefferson Street. Richard Muller (40) of Dixon was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and was booked into the Solano County Jail.

**1330** - Fraud report 1200 block Stratford Ave.

**1545** - Abandoned Vehicle Tow 400 block Ellesmere Drive.

### Friday, February 2

**1157** - Battery report 300 block Pheasant Run Dr.

**1523** - Reckless driving/Vandalsim report Frese Ct at Base St.

**1550** - Fraud report at Dixon PD.

**1550** - Battery report at Hall Park.

**1830 Hours** - Child Custody dispute documentation.

**2000 Hours** - Anibal Rodrigo Reyes (23) of Davis was arrested for several crimes related to sexual assault of a minor.

**0530 Hours** - Jesus Mendez Gutierrez (23) of Sacramento was contacted in the 600 block of Yachtsman Ct and later arrested for prowling and possession of a controlled substance.

### Thursday, February 1

**0817** - Battery report 500 block College Way.

**1400** - Confidential report at Dixon PD.

**2130 Hours** - Counterfeit money report in the 2800 West A Street.

### Wednesday, January 31

**0625** - Domestic Battery reported 700 block Vaughn Road.

**1055** - Traffic Collision Stratford Ave at Commercial Way.

**1145** - Threats report 1500 block Pembroke Way.

**1342** - Battery report 500 block College Way.

**1357** - Fraud report 300 Alderglen Drive.

**1820 Hours** - Vehicle Accident in the area of North Almond Street and West A Street.

**2200 Hours** - Confidential report.

**2251 Hours** - Domestic Violence Investigation in the area of West Cherry and Gold Street.

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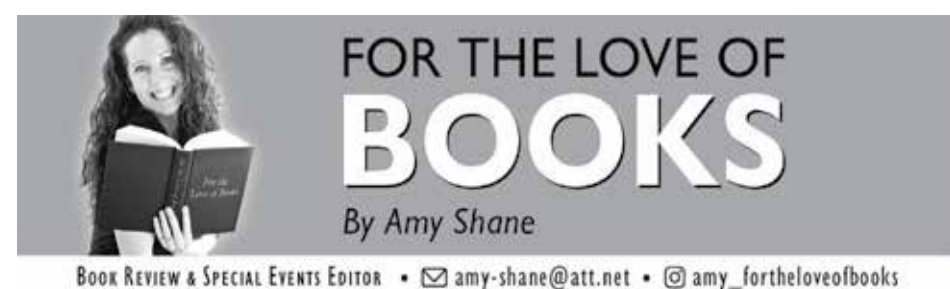
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The world around us holds so much magic and beauty if only we took a moment to look at it through a child's eyes. Every feeling and emotion can be transformed into an item or a thing when looking at through the wonder of a child. Caring can be an animal because you want to care for each one you see. Knowledge is a door that welcomes you to walk in. Sharing is the best gift you can give, and peace is a song you can sing from your heart. Most of all, love is a color because you can love everything you see.

*Love is My Favorite Color* is a stunning picture book that will inspire readers to take a moment to notice the world around them in a new light.

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by Mike Berenstain; Harper

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by Sarah Hovorka, illustrated by Abbey Bryant; Clarion Books

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Hug is a beautiful exploration of love and hugs. Author Sarah Hovorka touches readers' hearts by sharing all the many ways to share your love in a beautiful, understanding, and inclusive way.

### Doris

by Lo Cole; Boxer Books

Doris doesn't like standing out, but as a bright red elephant, she is very easy to notice. All Doris wants is to fade in the background and not be seen, but each time Doris finds a colorful place to hide something happens. Follow Doris on this hide-and-seek journey where learning to be confident in who you are, is the best place to be.

Doris is a bright hide-and-seek adventure exploring the desire to blend in, combined with the message of confidence. This vibrant, colorful story is a wonderful exploration of feelings while also being a beautiful celebration of primary colors and



# Riley Reviews

APPLE TV+ OFFERS A SLATE OF ORIGINAL PROGRAMS FOR NEW YEAR

### A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

**"ARGYLLE" RATED PG-13**  
In the world of streaming services, Apple TV+ may be considered a relative newcomer that had to survive in its formative years the disruptive effects of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown.

Of course, last year's strike by actors and writers in the entertainment industry posed even more challenges for production of new movies and television programs, affecting all facts of the business for streaming services.

A sign of recovery and good health is that Apple TV+ recently highlighted new programs at the winter press tour of the Television Critics Association, where critics from around the nation gathered to learn about new series.

Kicking off a full day of panels, Rita Lee Cooper, Head of Communications and Publicity for Apple Worldwide Video and Apple TV+, noted that limited series "Masters of the Air" from Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks, was just one of their "high-quality, culture-moving Apple Originals."

A sure mark of continuing quality programming arrives with the historical drama "The New Look," a ten-episode drama that tells the fascinating story of how fashion icon Christian Dior and his contemporaries in Paris navigated the horrors of World War II during the Nazi occupation and then the post-war years.

Inspired by true events and filmed exclusively in Paris, the first episodes focus on the tyranny of the Nazi subjugation of life in the French capital where the Vichy government collaborated with the German enemy.

Emmy Award winner Ben Mendelsohn's Christian Dior weaves a narrow path of having to reluctantly accommodate the occupiers with fashionable clothes for the spouses of German officers headquartered at the Ritz Hotel.

Meanwhile, Dior's younger sister Catherine (Maisie Williams) was active in the French Resistance, and as the days of the Nazi occupation of Paris near an end, she's captured by the Gestapo and shipped off to a concentration camp until being liberated by Allied forces.

A parallel story involves Juliette Binoche's Coco Chanel, who ends up living at the same hotel with the high-ranking Nazi officers and having an affair with German diplomat Baron Hans von Dincklage (Claes Bang).

Due to collaboration with the Nazis, Chanel's reign as the world's most fashion designer is put into jeopardy, and she goes into exile in Switzerland after the war for nearly a decade before returning to Paris.

During the war, Dior is connected to the fashion house of Lucien Lelong, working with the eponymous owner (John Malkovich), before rising to prominence on his own with groundbreaking, iconic

designs. Besides the wartime drama, "The New Look" centers on the saga of Dior's equals and rivals from Chanel to Balmain, Givenchy, Balenciaga, Pierre Cardin, and others reviving Paris as the fashion capital after the war.

During the press conference, John Malkovich observed that Lelong's "principal importance in the series is that he was someone very involved with keeping the French fashion industry in France, in Paris, and not in Berlin."

Another historical drama is the eight-episode "Franklin," the thrilling story of one of the greatest gambles of Benjamin Franklin's (Michael Douglas) career.

At age 70, without any diplomatic training, Franklin convinced France, an absolute monarchy, to underwrite America's experiment in democracy. A persuasive character with an extraordinary career and life, Franklin was a decisive figure on the world stage.

As Michael Douglas observed at the press tour, Franklin's undercover trip to France to get support was driven by the fact that "we desperately needed them to supply us with weapons and cash and everything."

By virtue of his fame, charisma, and ingenuity, Franklin outmaneuvered British spies, French informers, and hostile colleagues, all while engineering the Franco-American alliance of 1778 and the final peace with England of 1783.

Douglas remarked that Franklin was "a little bit of a philanderer, liked to imbibe, big flirt, and yet, had a wonderful ability in terms of his idea of negotiating which was sort of a seduction."

The essence of "Franklin" was not so much a history lesson, according to Douglas, but more a story of "the intrigue and the gamesmanship" that was part of the gamble without which Franklin's eight-year French mission would not have resulted in America winning the Revolution.

The Apple TV+ schedule is not all about historical dramas, but the upcoming "Manhunt" that premieres on the Ides of March (that would be the 15th) has nothing to do with the assassination of Julius Caesar, but sadly it's about the killing of one of our greatest presidents.

Based on the bestselling non-fiction book by James L. Swanson, "Manhunt" is a conspiracy thriller about one of the best known but least understood crimes in history, the astonishing story of the hunt for John Wilkes Booth in the aftermath of Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

In the role of John Wilkes Booth, star Anthony Boyle noted that since he grew up in Ireland, his introduction to the character was "through an episode of the 'Simpsons' where Bart plays" Booth and says "Hasta la vista, baby." Fortunately, he and others did a lot of serious research.

Apparently, Apple TV+ offers a free seven-day trial. ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

you wanting to help him out. It means you've got a good heart, and you love him. No parent likes seeing their child in a bad situation.

There's a reality here, though, I hope you won't overlook. It's his debt, not yours. He knew what he was doing when he signed up for that credit card. He knew what it meant, what was expected, and he's the one who should make good on the repayment. There's nothing unfair about that.

Now, you're right. This is a typical young person's mistake. And like a lot of mistakes our kids make, it's one that's bad and wonderful at the same time. It's bad because if he had just listened to you and his dad, he would've avoided the whole mess. It's wonderful, though, because it gives you two the opportunity to provide him with a real world, teachable moment.

At this point, my advice is for both of you to give him a great big hug, and lovingly explain where he

went wrong and why it was a bad idea. If you want, you can even go a step further, and help him find a part-time job if he doesn't have one right now, so he can pay off his debt and get out of this mess. It'll take some planning and discipline on his part, but leave the payments to him. Hopefully, by the time he finishes working his tail off—and scrimping and saving to pay this debt—he will have learned a lesson he'll remember for the rest of his life.

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions* ★

Dear Dave,

Our 21-year-old son is in college, and we've always warned him to stay away from credit cards. Despite our warnings, we recently learned he got a store-branded credit card. The good news is he has stayed under the credit limit. The bad news is he has never made any payments on the purchases he made, and now he owes about \$3,800. He's a good student, and my husband and I want to look at this as a young person's one-time mistake. Do you think we should pay off the card for him just this once?

— Melinda  
Dear Melinda,  
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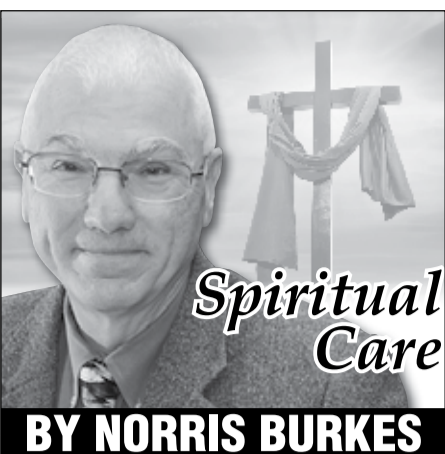
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Suspecting a trick question, I answered cautiously. "Valentine's Day, the actual day."

That's when he offered an economics lesson. Apparently, Valentine's Day roses are cheaper if you don't buy them on the actual day.

I pointed to his sign advertising \$10 roses, and he added a "but" – roses delivered on Valentine's Day jump to a steep \$70.

"Hmmm," I mused as I walked backward toward the door like a sheriff cornered by some bad guys.

Man! I thought. How much is love supposed to cost?

Scripture defines love's highest price: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

That price makes \$70 roses seem like a bargain.

However, I have met people who've shown that kind of love, either deliberately or accidentally. Several years ago, I sought to comfort the family of a 17-year-old boy who had been pronounced dead after our emergency room staff had done everything they could to save him.

Employed inside a popular water park, he and his co-workers were playing after-hours volleyball when one of the employees decided to see how far he could shimmy up a light pole.

As the light pole began to sway, the

climber jumped clear. But when our patient saw the pole continuing to descend toward the gamers, he shoved his friend out of danger.

It was at that moment the young man caught the pole in outstretched hands. Tragically, the pole had lost its electrical ground and our patient fielded 220 volts. From that moment on, neither his grieving lifeguard friends, nor the valiant paramedics were able to encourage another breath from this hero.

As the doctors explained the events of the boy's heroic sacrifice to his grieving parents, I struggled for the words that would begin some kind of closure. I noted how remarkable it was that their son had given his life for his friend, naively referencing John 15:13.

The mother thanked me kindly for the "sentiments," adding sardonically she was sure her son's heroics would be a comfort someday, but right now she would beg my forgiveness for wishing it was some other boy in that morgue instead of her son.

For love to be complete, the sacrifice has to be accepted. The friend whose life had been saved undoubtedly accepted the sacrifice, but the mother of the boy who made it could not. Knowing she had reared a brave son who would "lay down his life for his friends" didn't ease her pain.

Not yet anyway. Meanwhile, back in the shop of roses, I was contemplating the same principle. No matter the sacrificial cost of roses, my love can only be fulfilled if my wife accepted equal part in that sacrifice.

After leaving the florist shop, I called my wife. "You know I love you more than \$70, right?"

"Yeah," she said, her answer unsuccessfully masking her suspicion. "I suppose so."

"Valentine's Day roses are \$70!"

"That's crazy," she said, releasing an exhausted breath. "Forget about it!"

"But you know I love you more than that, right?"

"Yes," she cooed. "I know you love me more than that." Then she paused. "You can buy me roses for my birthday next month — they'll be cheaper then."

And with that comment, we reached an agreement on this year's market price of love. ★

**Dare to Live Without Limits**  
by Bryan Golden  
**Don't Sell Yourself Short**

Selling yourself short results from undervaluing your abilities, capabilities, potential, and worth. Whenever someone sells himself or herself short, they limit, from the start, what they'll be able to accomplish.

There are numerous reasons people give for selling themselves short. They proclaim they're too old, too young, not smart enough, don't know enough, don't have enough time, don't have the right connections, or don't know where to start.

When you sell yourself short, you hold yourself back. You set an artificial barrier your mind believes is true. As a result, your mind won't allow you to get past your self-imposed boundary.

This self-imposed restriction is based on a lack of belief in one's self. It becomes a constant source of self-criticism which is far more destructive than faultfinding by others. Your perceived reality is shaped and reinforced by your short selling proclamations.

You can become so used to selling yourself short that you aren't aware you are doing it. Your negative reaction to opportunity becomes an involuntary response. A cycle of self-fulfilling prophecy that validates your initial beliefs is then created. Consequently, your false premises are transformed in your mind into fact.

I try to motivate people, who are selling themselves short, by pointing out how much they are capable of. Invariably, they construct a vociferous argument as to the validity of their beliefs. Their thinking has become so entrenched they adamantly resist any outside attempt to encourage removal of any mental barriers.

At the age of 55, Mark was laid off from a job he had held for the last 20 years. He doubted he could effectively compete with younger people for a new job. Mark halfheartedly applied for a few positions in his field. After several interviews without an offer, Mark became convinced his age was a liability. Mark lowered his expectations. He applied for jobs below his skill level.

Ultimately, he took a position that wasn't based on his many years of experience. Although Mark was frustrated and unhappy, he was resigned to live with his perceived age limitation. As soon as Mark convinced himself he couldn't get the job he wanted, he effectively eliminated any possibility he would.

A better strategy for Mark would have been to enthusiastically market his experience, skill, and maturity. Especially in today's labor pool, knowledge and competence are a valuable asset to any employer. Mark had many qualifications younger job prospects just didn't possess.

Amy had been very athletic in high school. She participated in most sports but especially enjoyed running. Now, many years later, after having raised her kids, Amy wanted to get back into running. She was overweight and out of shape.

But Amy didn't sell herself short. She knew she had the will to get back into the sport she enjoyed. Amy started off gradually. She began improving her diet and running short distances. Amy was consistent in her efforts, never wavering in her belief that she could accomplish her goal.

After much effort, Amy began racing again. Although she wasn't setting any speed records, Amy was doing what she wanted. Had Amy sold herself short, she never would have begun to get back in shape. "I'm too heavy," "It's too late for me to start running again," and "I just can't do it" would have been some of her justifications.

You have a choice. You can sell yourself short and come up with reasons why you can't do what you want. Or, you can identify reasons you can succeed. Then start today taking the necessary steps to reach your goal. Either way, you will meet your expectations.

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**Fruit Fly Quarantines Multiply to Prevent Threats to Farms**

Seven counties remain under quarantines in a battle to eradicate and stop the spread of four different species of invasive fruit flies that agricultural officials say could wreak havoc on California farms and hundreds of crops. The Oriental fruit fly triggered quarantines in parts of Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Portions of Los Angeles County have been under quarantines due to findings of the Mediterranean, Tau and Queensland fruit flies. The Queensland quarantine largely affects Ventura County centered around Thousand Oaks.

**Governor Announces Strategy to Protect Salmon Populations**

As California experiences hotter, drier temperatures due to climate change, Gov. Gavin Newsom has announced the state's first strategy to protect and help restore salmon species to reduce their risk of extinction. The California Salmon Strategy, released last week, is a 37-page document that outlines actions state agencies are already taking to stabilize and recover salmon populations. The strategy calls for steps including removing barriers and improving infrastructure for salmon migration, restoring habitat, protecting water flows in key rivers and modernizing hatcheries.

**Pg&E Electric Transmission Project Raises Concerns in Lodi Wine Country**

Farmers and vintners in northern San Joaquin County are expressing concern about an electrical transmission project they say would bisect farm properties, restrict the ability to change crops and negatively affect property values in one of the state's top wine regions. Growers with farms in the path of the transmission system proposed by investor-owned Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and the local municipal power provider, Lodi Electric Utility, raised concerns during a virtual meeting last week of the California Public Utilities Commission.

**Wine Sales Slow Amid Messaging Discouraging Drinking**

Winemakers in the U.S. and abroad are struggling to sell their product, and leaders in the sector are increasingly focused on anti-alcohol messaging. Shanken, a news organization that collects data on wine, beer and spirits, reports that 2023 was the third consecutive year of negative volume growth for U.S. wine sales, following more than a decade of flattening consumption. Some in the wine sector have traced the origin of negative health messaging around wine to a 2018 study published by The Lancet, which found there was "no safe level" of alcohol consumption. ★



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# DCT Presents Drama4Fun

## DCT Press Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Get ready for a month of excitement and creativity at Dixon Community Theater's Drama4fun series! Join us for a spectacular lineup of classes that promise to bring out the performer in you. No experience required — just come ready for some drama-filled fun. The dates are Saturdays, Feb. 24, March 2 and 9.

### Circus Arts

Ages 13 and older and are from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Step into the magical world of Circus Arts and discover the joy of juggling, acrobatics, clowning, close-up magic and lively physical acting techniques. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a beginner, this class is all about having fun and embracing the magic of the circus. Creative outfits, props and costumes encouraged.

### Filmmaking for Beginners

For ages 10-17 and are from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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fascinating world of filmmaking and learn the art of creating cinematic stories. From brainstorming creative ideas to crafting a script, exploring location shooting, and delving into post-production and editing — this workshop covers it all. Unleash your imagination and let your stories come to life on the big screen.

### Acting Class

For ages 15 and older and are from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Unleash your inner actor in a class filled with laughter and drama! Join our dynamic group on Saturdays for a journey into the world of acting. From engaging drama games to hilarious improv sessions and thrilling short scene work with a partner.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore your creativity and have a blast with like-minded individuals.

Classes are free to participate, based on availability and will be held at Busy Bee Studios, 1115 Stratford Ave. Register here: [www.dixoncommunitytheater.com](http://www.dixoncommunitytheater.com). Classes are facilitated by Community teaching artists. ★

# New Solano County Grant Program Supports Local Nonprofit Organizations

## SBDC Press Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Nonprofit organizations based in Solano County that provide reemployment and training related services may be eligible for a new grant program that will fund technological and administrative infrastructure improvements.

The Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Program opened February 1, 2024, and will provide grants up to \$30,000 to eligible Solano County nonprofits. These grants, funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds approved by the County of Solano, will allow organizations to modernize equipment and infrastructure and therefore improve services to clients and the community.

This will also allow nonprofits to bring their operations up to speed in response to new post-COVID business model requirements.

The average grant is expected to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Applicants have the opportunity to submit an application for an amount up to \$30,000 but any award may not exceed 15 percent of an applicant's annual operating budget.

Solano County has designated \$200,000 in ARPA funding for this grant program, which is being administered through the Workforce Development Board of Solano County. The Workforce Development Board anticipates approximately 20 nonprofits will receive grant funding.

Awards will be given based on eligibility and the quality of the response from the applicant. Nonprofit organizations must be able to submit verification of their IRS nonprofit classification.

Eligible nonprofits are organizations that are currently open and operating and provide reemployment or training related services in Solano County. Eligible applicants must have been in operation on or prior to Jan. 31, 2021, and can meet basic ARPA and nonprofit eligibility guidelines.

Applicants will be asked to provide detailed plans and cost estimates for how funding will be utilized.

Funds may not be used for wages, benefits, rent or utilities. Some examples of possible uses include, but are not limited to:

- Upgrading computer hardware and/or software
- Purchase of performance, accounting, or compliance tracking tools
- Upgrading check-in or virtual engagement software
- Workflow management tools
- Administrative supplies and equipment

Applications will be accepted until all funds have been utilized. For best consideration, applicants are encouraged to apply by February 26, 2024, at 12 pm. The first round of awardees will be selected by March 4, 2024.

For more information and to apply for grant funding, visit [solanoemployment.org/funding](http://solanoemployment.org/funding). ★

# Woodland Opera House Unleashes Disney Magic, Music, and Legacy!



Some of Woodland's Disney Descendants stars. Photo courtesy of Woodland Opera House

## Woodland Opera House News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Jennifer Goldman, D.D.S and Amy Thu Tran, D.D.S. present Disney's Descendants: The Musical

Woodland Opera House, 340 Second Street, Woodland, CA 95695

March 1-17, 2024 - Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Disney's Descendants: The Musical is based on the popular Disney Channel original movies. It is a brand-new musical, jam packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films! Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost (home of the most infamous villains who ever lived), the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island...until now. They have a difficult

choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

Content Advisory: Disney's Descendants: The Musical is a family-friendly production suitable for all ages. Parents of younger viewers should be aware of the following: some scenes include Fantasy Violence (sword fighting/moments of peril), and themes of Good vs Evil are a large part of the storyline.

Performances are set for Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating is \$20 Adults, \$18 Seniors (62+), and \$10 Children 17 and under. Balcony tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$7 for Children. Flex Pass specials and group rates are available. Purchase tickets at [www.WoodlandOperaHouse.Org](http://www.WoodlandOperaHouse.Org) or at the Box Office (530) 666-9617 / 340 Second Street, Woodland. ★

# March 1 is Deadline to Apply for Friends of the Fair Scholarships

## Story and photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Friends will provide nine college scholarships, valued at a total of \$25,000, in its annual Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program that is open to Solano County high school graduates majoring in an agricultural field.

In the past, eligible ag scholarship applicants had to "be attending a college or university within California." As of 2024, the rules have expanded to "a college or university within the United States," announced Carrie Hamel of Dixon, scholarship chair.

In the four-year university or college category, scholarships available are:

- The \$5000 Donnie Huffman Presidential Memorial Scholarship
- The \$4000 JoAn Giannoni Scholarship
- The \$3500 Ester Armstrong Scholarship
- The \$3000 Joe Gates Memorial Scholarship
- Three scholarships at \$3000 each

In the two-year, or community college category scholarships available are:

- The 1500 Jack Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
- \$1000 scholarship

Since 2000, the Friends have awarded a total of \$248,750 in college



The late Donnie Huffman of Vacaville, shown here with a Clydesdale at the 2006 Dixon May Fair, served as the founder of the Friends of the Dixon May Fair and its ag scholarships. The deadline to apply for the scholarships is March 1.

scholarships, Hamel said.

The scholarship program was named the Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program in honor of the founding president Donnie Huffman (Feb. 29, 1940-2023), and his wife, Tootie, the founding treasurer. A resident of Vacaville Donnie died June 17, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. His wife Tootie continues as a Friends of the Fair volunteer.

More information on the scholarship application rules is available

on the Friends of the Fair Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheDixonMayFair>. Applications must be on the Friends of the Fair form and include a personal essay of not more than two pages; accumulative and current transcripts; and two letters of support, with one from a professional educator. The packet (one set of originals and a copy of each document) is to be mailed to the Friends of the Fair, P.O. Box 242, Dixon, Calif. ★

# Senator Dodd Introduces Utilities Infrastructure Savings Bill



## Office of Sen. Bill Dodd News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, introduced legislation that would help ensure electrical utilities are pursuing the fastest and most cost-effective infrastructure improvements, safeguarding the public from future wildfires and saving money for ratepayers forced to cover the cost of more expensive repairs.

"As utilities make upgrades to their systems to keep us safe from wildfire, we must ensure they identify projects that have the biggest impact and can be completed in the shortest amount of time for the least amount of money," Sen. Dodd said. "In other words, utilities need to get the biggest bang for the buck when they do projects. That way, we

protect our communities from wildfires sooner and avoid unwarranted rate increases as we're forced to absorb the cost of these improvements."

Recently, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a \$13.5 billion rate increase requested by PG&E to pay for the undergrounding of 1,230 miles of electric utility lines over the next three years. This is a fraction of the more than 10,000 miles of undergrounding PG&E proposes for the next decade in hopes of reducing the risk of its utility infrastructure sparking wildfires. The cost per mile is estimated at \$3 million.

However, there are alternatives such as insulating existing utility cable. Insulating wires costs an estimated \$800,000 per mile, and in certain circumstances may be as effective in preventing wildfire ignitions as undergrounding, and achievable in far less time.

"Undergrounding lines in high-risk areas is important and needs to continue in a targeted manner, but we also need to advance faster, cheaper methods to maximize safety today,"

said Sen. Dodd. "It's all about maximizing benefit, while minimizing ratepayer costs."

Sen. Dodd's Senate Bill 1003 would direct the Office of Electrical Infrastructure Safety to consider the timeliness of investor-owned utility electrical infrastructure upgrades when reviewing the utilities' wildfire mitigation plans to ensure that the maximum amount of risk from utility-sparked wildfires is reduced in the shortest amount of time.

"Safety today is not the same as safety in three or 10 years," said Michael Wara, director of climate and energy policy at Stanford University. "This bill will force the utilities to account for the long implementation delays of some strategies as an additional cost to their customers. Delivery of adequate service today — including the 'service' of safety — is an important value that all Californians deserve from their electric utilities. This bill will compel utilities to evaluate not just how safe a system they can create in the long run, but will push them to do it as quickly as possible." ★

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# New Airshow Format with Flair

By Tamara M. Warta

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Capital Airshow, which typically roars through Sacramento Mather Airport each September, is returning again for 2024 - but with a new date and a distinct European flair.

This year, the 18th annual California Capital Airshow will feature Frece Tricolori, the Italian Air Force's military jet demonstration team. It will also be primarily an evening event, happening July 13 and 14. The changes may be surprising to airshow regulars, but excitement truly is in the air for the switch to summer and the international celebration it's bound to bring.

"Every year we want to do something fresh, we want to do something new. We want to bring our community something different," said Darcy Brewer, Executive Director of the California Capital Airshow. "We survey the insiders every single year. We heard a couple of different things from people. They wanted to see something they've never seen before, and they wanted us to bring back the night show we did in 2018."

The "insiders" Brewer refers to are the approximately 60,000 Air Show Insider® members of the California Capital Airshow community. Becoming an Insider is free and provides early access to tickets, helpful discounts, and a chance to view airshow schedules and events prior to the general public.

Famous for their interactive STEM exhibits, large airplane and fighter jet displays, food and family activities, the airshow is well-known as a distinct stand out from the approximately 450 air shows that happen each year across America.

"We are one of the largest," said Brewer. "We want to be different." With the arrival of Frece Tricolori, which has not



**Frece Tricolori takes a colorful flight.** Photo courtesy of Frece Tricolori, Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale, Aeronautica Militare, Rivolto Air Base, Italy

performed in North America in 30 years, this year's air show is sure to delight both regular patrons and some new faces.

"We start flying at 6 p.m. and go nonstop until 10 p.m. And that last half hour is going to literally blow you away," says Brewer. The event includes what the organization is referring to as a "choreographed pyrobatic musical," featuring fireworks, daredevil jet maneuvers, music, and more.

"In the air, on the ground and throughout the year - the airshow crew is all about honoring those who serve, and inspiring the next generation --- but this year we'll be doing it all in two different languages --- so if you've ever been to Italy and love it, or dreamed of going to Italy --- we're making it more simple this summer

and bringing Italy to you," said Brewer.

This is the only location in the western United States where you will be able to be a part of

Frece Tricolori's full airshow performance, get the chance to see their colorful jets up close, and maybe even meet team members on the ground.

"People in America love the US jet teams, the rest of the world loves the Italian jet force," says Brewer. "Brush up on your Italian and get ready for a once in a lifetime experience."

The California Capital Airshow has taken to the international skies one time prior - in 2017 they welcomed the French government for a one-day event over Easter weekend. Now, with that experience under their belt, the organization is going big. The Frece Tricolori

team includes 75 members, as well as multiple government dignitaries that are expected to be in attendance.

Outside of the stunning displays and huge draw from the world's best pilots, the California Capital Airshow is unique for another reason - its commitment and passion for community past and present. The group is a non-profit that supports other non-profits. Groups are invited to apply to work at the airshow and raise funds for their various causes. \$79,000 went out to non-profit groups through parking lot and concessions volunteerism.

"We're all about STEM education, scholarships, and youth programs," noted Brewer. The group has many interactions with young people, equipping them to grow up to become

whatever they dream.

"We try to inspire the next generation to get a job where they wake up in the morning feeling the same way the staff at the California Capital Air Show feels," Brewer says with pride when speaking about the great work environment found within the organization. Her enthusiasm and love of life is contagious, as is her passion to get people excited and involved about the air show and all it signifies.

"We like shining a spotlight on a region that we love. If you like history, aviation, or international flavor - there's something for you and we will make sure it happens before the gates open."

You can find out more about the upcoming airshow by becoming an Insider at [californiacapitalairshow.com](http://californiacapitalairshow.com). ★

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