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## Doctor Honored with Northwest Bench



Leticia and David MacDonald are surrounded by friends and family at a gathering honoring David who saved the young saplings from vandals many years earlier. The trees are now fully grown and create a large grove that many enjoy in Northwest Park.

**Story and photos by Debra Dingman**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Those who walk through the arch of green foliage created by the large, full-grown trees on both sides of the center walkway at Northwest Park, often become quiet and sometimes contemplative. Now, there is a bench where people can sit and enjoy some sturdiness in a turbulent world.

The trees reached their full potential thanks to a teenager, who stopped other youth from snapping them down in a disconcerting act of vandalism many years ago.

"When the vandals came, it was a personal thing," David MacDonald, now 61, explained. "I saw the work go into this park. I watched Mr. Rotteveel on his tractor going over

and over it, making sure the ground was perfect. They paid for a lot of this and the people were saints," he said, swinging his arm wide.

David was speaking of Neal Rotteveel who was considered the "Founding Father" of soccer in Dixon, starting the first high school team in 1969 and winning championships all over the world for three decades. Northwest Park fields have been used for League soccer play since.

"It was a day like today," continued David. "Everything in the park had been freshly planted and I was witness to all that went into it." David said the group of boys came through on their bikes and started breaking the tops off the young trees. "I thought, 'oh no - you can't do that!' And he ordered them to stop.

The trees continued to be on David's watch list after that and now they are strong and add beauty to the park used by thousands of people annually.

"The grove brings joy," said Marianne MacDonald, his stepmother and local realtor who donated a raised aggregate bench in her son's honor. She and other women friends walk through it almost daily as part of their exercise routine. She expressed deep appreciation to a group of family and friends who gathered for the special dedication at the park for David. "There's a lot of history here," she added looking over the many long timers of Dixon present.

Hubert Rotteveel, a fellow buddy of David's, also spoke. The boys used to study in the MacDonald's

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## Help Plan Dixon's Future; Take This Survey

**City of Dixon Press Release**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The City of Dixon is partnering with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to help them learn about our community's priorities for the future when it comes to housing, transportation, the economy, and the environment. This is part of an effort called Plan Bay Area 2050+.

MTC and ABAG are currently conducting a survey to collect input from different communities such as ours.

Complete the survey online and enter to win a prize!

Complete the survey with the link below.

The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete. It is available online in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. Other languages/formats are available upon request. Let us know if you would prefer to fill out the survey on paper rather than online, and we can help you with that!

When you take the survey, there is a question that asks you where you heard about the survey. If you choose the first option, "From a community organization," you'll be invited to enter a raffle to win a gift card. Prizes include: First prize - \$500 gift card (1 winner) Second prize - \$250 gift card (5 winners) Third prize - \$50 gift card (10 winners)

MTC staff will reach out to you via the contact information you provide. We're also sharing contact information for the Plan Bay Area 2050+ project: To leave a comment via voicemail, dial: (415) 778-2292 Email questions and comments to [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org)

To complete survey, sign up for updates or for language assistance: <https://www.planbayarea.org/get-involved> Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions. They may not have all the answers, but they can connect you to someone who does. ★

## Parks and Rec Hears Library, Water Woes

**MPG Staff**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - It's happening all over again: children are playing with Barbie and Ken dolls. In fact, there's a regular playtime set at the Dixon Public Library in downtown Dixon. A Barbie and Ken Club happens on Thursdays at 3 p.m. Children can bring in their own dolls or play with the library's selection but in either case, they are invited to use their creative imaginations to bring Barbie's world to life.

Library Assistant Ricky Gjertsen gave a presentation of the various events for residents of all ages at the last Dixon Parks and Recreation Meeting. There are the after-school craft projects for age 6 to 14-year-old that's on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and a class on Water Wise Gardening by Sustainable Solano on Thursday, September 21, 5 - 6:30 p.m.



Children's Librarian Corinne McCoy and Supervising Librarian Rhea Gardner help host a variety of activities for all ages in the public library that were included in a thorough report at the last Parks and Recreation Meeting. Photo by Debra Dingman

There will be a tortilla making class by staff from La Familia Tortilla Shop in Dixon will teach how to make those delicious little flour discs. It is for ages 10 to 18 and is also free. Information and

registration for activities are on [solanolibrary.com/](http://solanolibrary.com/) events. For more information, call (866) 572-7587 or go to [solanolibrary.com](http://solanolibrary.com)

In other news, the Parks and Recreation Manager Austin George reported

the city is expanding their swim instruction due to more people in our growing town. The classes are still being offered now and will start sooner next spring. Water aerobics has

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## Life's too SHORT

### Before You Drive Somewhere

By Debra Dingman

This is Labor Day Weekend and hubby and I were strongly reminded last Thursday how important it is to check your Google Map or some other GPS system before you hit the freeway to go anywhere.

For that particular day, I needed to pick up grandchildren in the Sacramento area at 1 p.m. and we got on I-80 at Pitt School Road at noon sharp. The first sign of trouble was when I was just getting past the exit to UC Davis, I noticed a small white car careening from the fast lane over to the exit at the last second. I thought that was a crazy maneuver but as we hit the top of the hill, all 4 lanes across I-80 were at a complete halt and I knew we had just missed our only chance to exit.

While waiting, drivers shockingly began to make U-turns on the shoulders and were actually driving back down I-80 presumably to get back to the previous exit but that wasn't all. Other drivers who had gotten to the ramp of incoming Hwy 113 traffic were

also taking a huge chance of driving back up that onramp risking head-on collisions. I called 911 at 12:15 and begged them to send out help before people got killed in this mess. I asked what was happening and they told me a big rig had flipped across I-80 near Mace Blvd. at 9:43 a.m. on the eastbound side (our side.)

Now, it was a half hour into just sitting in a car. I first called the parents, which I could not get a hold of either. Then I called the children's school and let them know what the problem was and asked if the children could wait in the school office until we got there; and that I thought it would be 20 or 30 minutes. They were very gracious and understanding.

Then I was concerned about our battery, but hubby reminded me we also had a gas vehicle and would not run out of battery or gas. I decided to roll down the windows and turn off the air anyway. As we approached the 1-hour mark, I had drunk the entire bottle of water and felt my heart skipping from the heat and stress.

Thankfully, my family member called back and said they got my messages and that they had Plan B.

We were approaching the 2-hour mark when all the water I drank was creating a strong need to find a restroom. We finally began to inch forward. We were able to get off at Richards Blvd. and were shocked to see how many cars had come flooding into Davis from obviously assorted routes trying to get around the snarl.

We had to get out to Russell Blvd. to come down Pedrick Road to find peace on the roads. Thankfully, Pedrick has a restroom and we needed to buy produce anyway.

Things could have been worse, but I wondered why our CHP wouldn't have a plan to be able to handle this kind of emergency better than they did that day. It's not like accidents won't happen. We know for a fact they will. What if there had been a medical emergency in one of those bazillion vehicles clogged on the Interstate? Why hadn't they hours earlier blocked off or rerouted or warned motorists coming from 113 or 80 to find other routes? ★

# Dixon News Briefs



The Club Room is now being built out at Four Seasons at Homestead near I-80 and West A Street. The development is a 55+ Community in Dixon that is an Active Lifestyle Community. There will be 302 single family homes and prices will be in the mid \$500,000s. Call (888) 807-0814 to set up an appointment to learn more. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

### Free Concert

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City of Dixon, will present another free concert in the Pardi Plaza featuring Strange Brew. They will play Thursday, September 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Strange Brew is a 70's classic rock tribute band that came to life in 1997 and hit the ground running with a compelling combination of music genres and have played all over California for more than 25 years.

### May Fair 2024

"Unforgettable – 147 Years of Making Memories" will be the theme of the 2024 annual Dixon May Fair to be held May 9-12, 2024. The Dixon May Fair has a rich history that has seen the invention of bicycles, automobiles, televisions and rocket ships as well as celebration of the first Centennial of Independence Day in 1876 and the Bi-Centennial in 1976.

"The Dixon May Fair is a celebration of our past, our present and our future," says Patricia Conklin, CEO. "We have been here through it all and we continue to be a place where our friends and neighbors come to celebrate community." Planning is already underway for the 2024 Fair. Keep an eye out for the new exhibitor's guide so you can participate and save the date so you can make your own memories at the Dixon May Fair May 9-12, 2024.

### Farmers Market

The next Downtown Dixon Business Association's Farmers Market is Thursday, September 14 in the Dixon Women's Improvement Club Park from 5 to 8 p.m. Support your local farmers and buy fresh! Contact FM Manager Susan Motley at DDBA (707) 678-8400 for more information.

### Free HR Courses

Solano's Workforce Development Board announced a new series of virtual Human Resources training and in-person leadership certifications for Solano businesses, all available at no-cost to participants.

Utilizing Solano County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the Solano WDB has partnered with the California Employers Association and the Solano-Napa SBDC to bring both virtual and in-person training and business summits to Solano County. The first virtual training, 'Hiring Right – Effective Onboarding Strategies,' will be Aug. 30 from 10 am to 11:30 am. Additional training includes Designing an Employee Retention Culture Sept. 19 and Bringing Wellness to the Workplace Oct. 18. Registration is available on the events calendar on the Workforce Development Board's website, solanoemployment.org.

### Veterans Dinner

The menu this Friday, September 1, is Pork Loin Roast, a potato and gravy plus a vegetable. "Not everyone leaves town for Memorial Day," said Wayne Holland a.k.a. Kitchen Commander. Cost is \$10. Public welcome. Informal and fun. Bring friends.

### Tremont Rummage Sale

The Tremont Parent Association will host a rummage sale on Sunday, September 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations can be dropped off at the school, 355 Pheasant Run Drive, on Friday, September 8 between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Please: no stained or damaged items and no large appliances. All proceeds will go directly to Tremont Elementary School.

### Technology Assistance

Want to read e-books but don't know how? Do you need help with your iPhone or maybe you need an email address but don't know where to start? Bring in your device on Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. and get tech help at the Dixon Library at 230 North First Street. Call for more info (866) 572-7587. (Yes, that is the Dixon number through Solano County Library.)

### Services

Memorial Services for Dixonite Duaine Worden, husband of Nancy Worden, will be at the Dixon United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be interment at Silveyville Cemetery afterwards. ★

## Solano WDB Offers Free Monthly Human Resources Trainings

By Brianna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano County's business community will soon have access to free monthly virtual Human Resources trainings and in-person leadership certifications and business summits through a new program with the Workforce Development Board of Solano County.

Utilizing Solano County's American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funding, the Solano WDB has partnered with the California Employers Association and the Solano-Napa SBDC to bring both virtual and in-person training and business summits to Solano County.

The first virtual training, 'Hiring Right – Effective Onboarding Strategies,' will be Aug. 30 from 10 am to 11:30 am. This training will focus on hiring the right talent without 'breaking the bank' and will include guidelines for developing quality job descriptions, cost-effective ideas for sourcing candidates, interview questions, and a review of compliant hiring practices.

"For our business owners in Solano County, one of the most significant issues they face today is recruiting and retaining their employees," said April Ziomek-Portillo, Business Services Manager for the Solano WDB. "We are very excited to offer these free trainings to our businesses both large and small that will help them to hone their practices and procedures and build their talent."

Additional virtual training will be available monthly through August of 2024. Upcoming sessions include Designing an Employee Retention

Culture Sept. 19 and Bringing Wellness to the Workplace Oct. 18. All trainings have been developed by the California Employers Association.

Registration is available on the events calendar on the Workforce Development Board's website, solanoemployment.org.

In addition, two six-week in-person Lead Supervisor Certification series are planned over the next year, with the first beginning Oct. 30. There is also an in-person four-week Wellness Certification training in February of 2024. All three of these in-person trainings are only available to Solano County businesses.

The California Employers Association is also hosting three business summits over the next year in various locations in Solano County. These business summits will include roundtable discussions, guest speakers, and networking opportunities. All are available at no cost to Solano businesses. The first will be in January of 2024 at the Solano WDB in Fairfield.

"We've partnered with other organizations like the Solano WDB, but this program is a new approach designed to meet employers where they are with a variety of virtual trainings, business summits and a leadership certification program," said Kim Gusman, President and CEO of the California Employers Association, adding that this is the first time they have developed an extensive, multi-month training program.

Registration for all activities will be available on the Solano WDB's website, solanoemployment.org. ★

## Attendance Matters!

Message from DUSD Office

You are going to see a regular series of items regarding attendance in the Update this year. To put it in simple terms – our attendance stunk last year. The very first and most significant impact of poor attendance is on academic achievement and other forms of students' growth and development. Missed days of school add up very quickly, and as the graphic demonstrates, the impact over time is a huge amount of instructional time. This example is for elementary school, so while the specific hours missed by content area will be different for middle and high school, the number of days missed is the same.

The first place that poor attendance must be addressed is in the home. We can encourage, support, provide information, and even beg for families to ensure that their children are attending school – but it is the responsibility of each family to ensure that their children are at school.

If you need help to make this happen, please do what you should always do if you need help for your children; ask for that help.

Most people know that there are negative financial consequences for the District when attendance is poor. We will discuss that in future Updates. Everyone should understand, however, that money does not drive our concerns about poor attendance. Our responsibilities to our students to learn and grow are the most basic and important ones that we have.

### Attendance Matters

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month: They will miss **20 DAYS** a year; **30 HOURS** of math over the school year; **60 HOURS** of reading and writing over the school year.

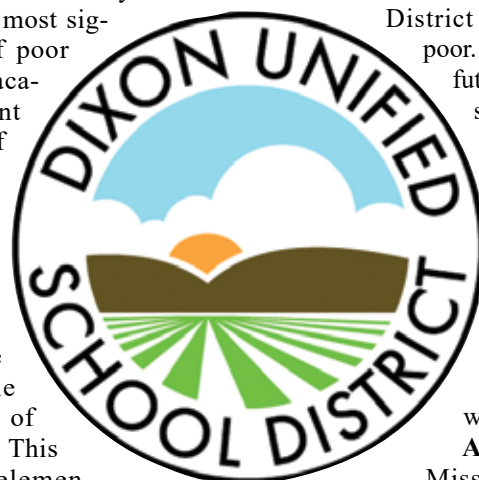
And **1 YEAR** of school by graduation. When a student misses only 4 days a month, They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation. ★

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# Little League Gets Hall Park Commemorative Plaque



The happy group of Little League players and proud parents, commissioners and staff celebrated the team's sports achievement. Back row L-R: DeAnna Cabrera, Kimberly Moses, Vice Chair Charles King, Rudy Baltazar, Ronald Butts, Chair Angelic Villalpando and Public Works Director Louren Kotow. Front row L-R: Perry Settlemoir III, Sarah Settlemoir, Perry Settlemoir IV, Alan Campuzano, Nick Nelson, and Declan Habbeshaw.

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - There's a dozen Dixon boys whose names are going down in history thanks to the unanimous decision by the Parks and Recreation Commissioners to post a Commemorative plaque at Hall Park for their District 64 Little League 8-10 All Star Team Championship.

"One of the things we noticed when we travelled [to other communities] is you see their history. You see who they were and what they won. It's up everywhere. When they see their names up on plaques, they strive to do great things," Perry Settlemoir III told the Parks and Recreation Commissioners last week. Ernesto Ramos is the other coach and Josh Puch is the team manager.

"For 53 years, Dixon has hosted a Little League and there have been five times Dixon won but never in this age group [8-10.] They compete all year with everyone watching," he continued. "These boys won every game up to the tournament."

He explained that they go up against other cities and most are bigger cities. They include Vacaville, Davis, Woodland, Winters and Rio Vista, and Dixon.

"Those teams have a talent pool that's double to our team's numbers to choose from and some have two leagues," he added. "They have more opportunity to find that competitive edge," he said.

Because they won straight through undefeated and made it to the Championships

where the 'best of the best' are selected to form a new team and play against other top teams. Five players are selected by their teammates and the rest of the team is selected by the coaches.

In the championships, the competitors had to beat their opponents twice.

"We lost 11 - 0 and got our real taste of defeat. And, it was a big defeat," admitted Perry. "We had to play the next day and it was a 'do or die' game. Whoever wins, wins. We won 15-5."

Luis Campuzano, father of Alan - one of the teammates - spoke highly of the team effort and what it has done positively for his son and his family.

"I'm very proud," he said. "That plaque is going to make other kids want that."

"Now, that I've heard the perspective of going up against bigger towns," said Commissioner Kimberly Moses, "it makes it that much more special and congratulations."

Chair Angelic Villalpando was also pleased to hear the background from the coach and his wife, Sarah, and to see the boys present.

"Any concerns I had previously were overruled by seeing the kids and hearing their story. Our town is very proud of you guys," Villalpando said. "I agree that it is something that should be celebrated by the community." Public works will post signs that list the names of the boys and the team on the snack bar next to the baseball diamonds in Hall Park. The team is paying for the signage so there won't be a cost other than time to install them. ★

# Doctor Honored with Bench

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garage and play basketball all hours of the night. He didn't realize Marianne was kept awake by the thuds of the ball so took a moment to apologize to her. The crowd chuckled.

Another buddy, Justin Brown, served as a resident physician under David's tutelage and was also present. He is currently the Medical Director of Emergency Services and the Chief of Staff at Woodland Memorial Hospital. They have been friends for 30 years.

"David not only introduced a lot of residents to bagpipes, but he also played them at our wedding and it was amazing," he said. "He also introduced a lot of residents to really good Scotch."

Councilman Jim Ernest, a neighbor who also watched the park go in, reminisced about years of his children playing there. He



Marianne with son Dr. David MacDonald rest on the new bench at the edge of David MacDonald Grove in Dixon's Northwest Park.

read the proclamation with City Manager Jim Lindley present.

David said to the crowd that he was speechless. His brother, Dan, ribbed him several times during the presentation adding that he was not "the jealous brother" but then admitted at the end, "You were my idol and I love everything you do."

The plaque reads: "Today we can appreciate this Grove because in 1981

David MacDonald stopped a group of boys from vandalizing young trees. That same year, David graduated from Dixon High School and later went on to college and medical school. Dr. David MacDonald now saves lives."

David is a Family Medicine Specialist and practices at Martinez Health Center, inside Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. His wife is Leticia. ★

# Parks and Rec Hears Library, Water Woes

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between 10 and 15 regular participants each Saturday and staff is working on their fall schedule that will include CPR, Babysitting, Indoor Pickleball and more.

They are also looking for 90-year-olds to celebrate at the Senior Club so if you know someone, please let them know by calling (707) 678-7022 between 9:30 and 2 p.m.

Lastly, Public Works Director Louren Kotow for the City of Dixon reported there has been some major water issues this past weekend they are going to have to reduce the watering of the parks by 50-percent.

"You can expect to see some browning of the turf at the parks," she said. "Hall

Park is run off a well so you won't be seeing brown there, but we had to reserve the water for residents and fire services." The City will be pouring concrete for the softball dugout pads, the Northwest Park drinking fountain has been repaired, and another one is coming, and will be installed soon.

Kotow also noted that the next volunteer workday will be Saturday, October 7. The Commissioners discussed some ideas and was encouraged by Kotow about spreading turf and painting [at the parks.]

Commissioners passed a motion to hang signs on the baseball snack bar building in Hall Park recognizing the first ever Little League age 10-11 Division Championship. (See separate story.) ★

# Learn Home Improvement; Get Ideas

By Shawna Arzadon

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon's home-grown heating and air conditioning company, Greiner, is one of the sponsors for the upcoming Solano County Home & Garden Show and Fall Festival on September 16 and 17. It returns to the Harbison Event Center at the Nut Tree behind Fenton's Creamery.

Attendees can meet with home improvement specialists who share their expertise on the latest products and services to find those finishing touches for unfinished projects.

Experts offer a wide range of products and services. Upgrades, repairs for heating, air, solar, kitchen, bathroom, doors, windows, gutters, blinds, screens, landscaping, electrical, Zero Gravity chairs and more. Stay and play our popular Bingo Scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize.

The original host of HGTV's "Yard Crashers" Ahmed Hassan will host demos/workshops and giveaways followed by Q

& A on Saturday and Sunday. Presentation Times: 10:30 am - 12 pm and 1:30 pm - 3 pm. Enjoy a unique shopping experience with local Artisans, crafters, woodworkers etc. Ruby Skies Design Studio- Jewelry, VanillaBeanDreamz- Custom Candles, Vanderhoof Creations - d.rangedArt- wood-working, Tupperware, Scentsy, Damsel in defense and more. Food trucks and Live Music by: Saturday - ' Johnny and The B Goods' Sunday; - ' Alan Brownlee.' Rain or shine. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets \$8 General Admission and \$5 for Seniors and Military. Free parking is at the end of Nut Tree Road. Visit www.SolanoHomeShow.com for more information and updates or call (707) 655-8439 or email shawna@schg.show.

In addition to Greiner, other sponsors are Action Rents, Hall Landscape & Design, El Rancho Nursery & Gardens, Lowe's, Wise Auto Group, and Ahmad Hassan Landscape Services. ★

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# Dixon High School Principal's Message



Stephanie Marquez, DHS Principal. Courtesy photo

By Stephanie Marquez

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is THE BEST!! They have helped welcome kids and are showering our staff with love...and lots of goodies. Thank you! Please join the PTO if you get a chance.

### Communication

I am committed to open, frequent communication with students and families, and I need you to do the same. High School life goes very, very fast, and our kids need all of us supporting them and cheering them on. With this in mind, here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Students' lives are really complicated, especially our seniors. There will be student information in every RAMpage (available via dixonusd.org)

org under schools) but it won't include everything for the entire year. Rather, it will include what they need to know and or do most immediately. You can imagine that trying to deal with senior year, college applications, career decisions, FAFSA, saying goodbye, playing your last high school athletic season, preparing to live away from home, etc. can be overwhelming. Please work with me in helping our students be present in the moment.

2. In addition to messaging, we use Facebook to communicate through three approved pages: the page titled "Dixon High School," the page titled "Dixon High School PTO," and a page titled "Dixon High School Athletics."

3. We always, always, welcome your questions! Please call or email any time so we can answer your questions or help, especially if you are new to our school. I am available via email at smarquez@dixonusd.org or by phone 707-693-6330, ext. 7113, and I am happy to help or get you to the right person to help you.

### Attendance

Attendance in high

school is critical to student success. When students miss class, it not only affects their academic progress but it also affects students socio-emotional and mental health. High school moves fast, and it is really hard for students when they miss. Please make sure your student attends every class, every day, on time, and when your student has to miss class, please communicate with our Attendance Office. I will send more information about how to do this in the next few weeks.

**IMPORTANT:** This year, most of our students will be starting school at the same time (8:30 am). This means traffic will be challenging! We have supervision on campus and places for kids to go as early as 7:30 am so please get here early, rather than late. If you have students at other sites, would it be possible to drop off your high school student first? Also, teenagers are kind of funny about time. Please take a moment to remind them that the tardy bell rings at 8:30 am. This means they need to get to school BEFORE THEN!! ★

## DIXON POLICE LOG

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.



### Sunday, August 27, 2023

- 1027 - Stolen vehicle report taken in the 200 block of West H Street. A green 1993 Honda Accord was taken sometime yesterday.
- 1900 - Hit and Run investigation area of Pitt School Road and West A Street.
- 2130 - Shoplifting investigation at a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 2228 - Unknown male passed counterfeit bills at business in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.

### Saturday, August 26

- 0909 - Theft from an unlocked vehicle in the 1000 block of Woodvale Drive.
- 1553 - Vehicle theft reported in the 700 block of Berkshire Drive.
- 1640 - Shoplifting reported in the 1400 block of North 1st Street.
- 1703 - Informational report taken in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 2214 - Domestic violence reported in the 300 block of North Adams Street.

### Friday, August 25

- 1208 - Missing person located in the 400 block of West D Street.
- 1834 - Kenneth Tate (32) out of Dixon was arrested for an outstanding warrant near the 1300 block of Dartmouth Circle.
- 0251 - Officers conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Heritage Court and Windmill Drive. Justin Vomacka (35) out of Dixon was contacted as the driver. After further investigation, Vomacka was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. Vomacka was placed under arrest and issued a promise to appear at the police department.

### Thursday, August 24

- 0838 - Battery reported in the 200 block of North Lincoln Street.
- 0913 - Found property turned in to the Dixon Police Department
- 1151 - Stolen vehicle reported in the 500 block of Cypress Street.
- 0151 - Solano Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Stratford Avenue and Pitt School Road. Dixon officers responded to assist. Julio Leal-Ruiz (23) out of Napa was contacted as the driver. Further investigation revealed Leal-Ruiz was driving under the influence of alcohol. He was placed under arrest and booked into the Solano County Jail.

### Wednesday, August 23

- 1930 - Hours - Lost child located and returned to his family the in 800 block of Newgate.
- 0300 - Hours - Plate booked into evidence as it was determined it was placed on the wrong vehicle in the 2800 block of West A Street.

### Tuesday, August 22

- 1158 - Traffic stop North First St at Atkinson Court resulted in the arrest of Juna Botello (21) of Sacramento for possession of controlled substances and an outstanding warrant. He was cited and released.
- 1440 - Domestic Dispute 1800 block Marguerite Drive.

### Monday, August 21

- 1130 - Hit and Run Collision 700 block Figtree Lane.
- 1200 - Fraud 300 block North 2nd St.
- 1900 - Lane Milde (52) of Dixon was arrested for criminal threats in the 1600 block of Sequoia Way.

### Sunday, August 20

- 0100 - Tyrone Marigney (56) of Vallejo was contacted during a traffic stop in the area of Pitt School Road and Interstate 80 and issued a citation for displaying incorrect plates.

### Saturday, August 19

- 1520 - Stolen vehicle located in the 2800 block of West A Street led to the arrests of David James (43) of Oroville for possession of stolen property and Ricky Rice for possession of a controlled substance for sale.
- 2114 - Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Michael Quinones (42) out of Dixon was contacted as the driver. Quinones displayed objective signs of intoxication and after further investigation was placed under arrest DUI. Quinones was booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

### Friday, August 18

- 0008 - Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of Gateway Plaza. Ismael Hernandez Jr. (26) out of Dixon. Hernandez was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. After further investigation, Hernandez was placed under arrest for DUI and booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 1425 - Traffic collision reported in the area of West Cherry Street and South 1st Street.
- 1630 - Traffic collision reported in the 900 block of Hillview Drive.

### Thursday, August 17

- 0858 - Informational report in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1335 - Agency assist for CHP in the area of Pedrick Road and Vaughn Road
- 1536 - Traffic collision reported in the 2500 block of North 1st Street.
- 1957 - Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive. Alejandro Duran (25) out of Dixon was contacted as the driver. Duran was found to be driving on a suspended license and was placed under arrest. Duran was issued a citation and released from the scene.

### Wednesday, August 16

- 1825 - Shoplifting in the 200 block of East Dorset Drive.
- 2001 - Domestic violence reported in the 1100 block of Kent Court. Officers contacted Rosanne Ioppolo (57) out of Dixon. Ioppolo was placed under arrest and transported to the Solano County Jail without incident.
- 0334 - Burglary reported in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.
- 0415 - Burglary reported in the 1100 block of North First Street.
- 0459 - Burglary reported in the 100 block of Dorset Drive.

### Tuesday, August 15

- 0600 - Stolen Vehicle report at 200 block East Dorset Drive.
- 0630 - Stolen Vehicle recovery 1200 block Pitt School Road.
- 1055 - Information Report 300 block Archer Place.
- 1155 - Court Order violation 200 block East C Street.
- 1250 - Suspicious Circumstances at 200 block East Dorset Drive. Selena Bagaforo (28) of Dixon was arrested for shoplifting and possession of paraphernalia. She was booked into the Solano County Jail.
- 1645 - Theft report 1300 block North Lincoln Street.
- 2000 - Hours - Missing Person Report in the 100 block of South Third Street.
- 0030 - Hours - Welfare check in the 1100 block of Hopkins Drive.
- 0200 - Hours - Theft of gasoline from a vehicle in the 1400 block of Ary Lane.

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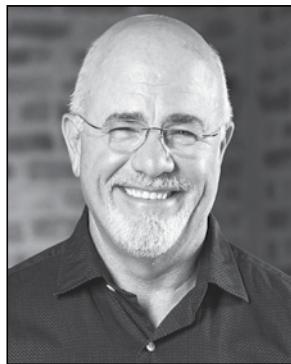
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# Dave Ramsey Says

## Organic Growers Seek To Make Voice Heard In 2023 Farm Bill

As Congress hammers out the 2023 Farm Bill, growing interest in the impacts of agriculture on climate could give organic farmers more political sway as they advocate for funding and programs that help them. Organic farmers have long sought recognition for their role in mitigating climate change, saying their practices promote conservation and help improve soils that store carbon. They say expanding technical and financial assistance would help them further implement activities that build resilient landscapes. But many say they feel largely left out of the omnibus legislation.

## Amid Summer Heat, Farms Focus on Keeping Employees Safe

In 2005, following farmworker deaths in the Central Valley, California established the nation's first heat-safety law for outdoor workers. Since then, California has tightened its Heat Illness Prevention Standard, which remains the most stringent of the few such state laws in effect. The law includes requirements for shade, water and rest, as well as a heat-acclimatization process for workers. "We're trying to make our employees more aware of these dangers and how to protect themselves," says Joe Del Bosque, who has farmed in the Central Valley since 1985.

## Water Board Delays Decision on Controlling River Flows to Protect Salmon

The California State Water Resources Control Board has delayed a decision to set minimum instream flows on the Scott and Shasta rivers and instead directed staff to return next month with a plan to adopt interim flow measures to support salmon. The board last week asked farmers, tribes and other stakeholders to work together on solutions. Chairman Russell "Buster" Attebery said the tribe's goal is not to drive farmers and ranchers out of business. But he added, "It is really hard to overstate how important the salmon are for the Karuk people."

## Studies: Production Costs Rise for Central Coast Broccoli, Lettuce

The cost of producing broccoli and romaine lettuce hearts has gone up in the Central Coast region, according to new studies released by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Researchers say rising expenses for labor, custom farming, other inputs and land rents continue to impact growers' bottom lines. The cost studies were based on interviews with area growers and are intended as guidelines for farmers as they develop their budgets. The studies say growers need good yields to just break even on cool-season vegetables. ★

## A Degree Isn't Power, Knowledge Is Power

Dear Dave,  
I've heard you talk about paying for college for your kids. Why is this a requirement? I'm not trying to shirk my responsibility, but I worked my way through college and so did my parents. My wife and I have talked about paying for their books and maybe rent. Am I missing something here?  
— Thomas

Dear Thomas,  
First, I don't believe it's a requirement that all parents pay for college for their kids. It's not a moral issue, and you're not an immoral person if you don't or can't do it. I've told plenty of single moms, single dads and parents who don't earn a big income that their kids need to apply for as many scholarships

as possible, learn how to work, and choose an inexpensive school if they want to continue their education. As a parent, one of your biggest jobs is to give your kids a moral compass and the tools they'll need to succeed in the real world. And one of the keys to being a successful adult is engaging in a lifetime of learning. If the last time you read a book was when you were in high school or college, and you've never done training of any other kind since, you're probably not very successful. Never. Stop. Learning. If I'd stopped learning after getting my bachelor's degree, do you think I would've been able to build Ramsey Solutions? Absolutely not! Do you see where I'm going with this, Thomas? As an adult, learning is your job. An entire lifetime of learning is your job. And if you can encourage that in your kids with some level of help, financial or otherwise, then it's your obligation to help them. You can't expect a 17-year-old to figure it all out. They don't have the tools yet.

The point is this: You don't have a moral responsibility to pay for your kids' college education. You do, however, have a moral responsibility to highlight the importance of knowledge, share what you have, and show them how to get more. If you can't afford to help with money, do everything else you can. There are plenty of more important things than cash. If you want to help financially, that's fine too. Just don't use debt to make it happen!  
— Dave  
*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 the company Ramsey Solutions. ★*



## The GOP Race is Not Quite as Over as it Looks

If it "got late early" in the old majestic Yankee Stadium with its long shadows, as the famous Yogi Berra quote had it, it's gotten late before about the fourth inning in the Republican presidential race.

In 2016, Donald Trump loved to pump out the results of unreliable online polls that showed him trouncing his competitors by ridiculous margins.

Now, he doesn't need to bother with the shoddy polls; he can do the same thing with blue-chip media polls. The new national CBS poll has him leading second-place Ron DeSantis by 46 points, 62-16. The latest Fox News poll had a more modest 37-point Trump lead.

(Vivek Ramaswamy is third in both surveys, at 7% and 11% respectively.) It's sometimes said that Trump is the de facto incumbent in the race, and indeed these are the kind of numbers you'd expect of a sitting president who is sweeping marginal opponents to the side as he secures his party's renomination.

The top-line results aren't that different from the primacy race — such as it is — on the Democratic side. The Fox poll has Joe Biden beating Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. 64 to 17, with Marianne Williamson at 9.

Is there a mercy rule in presidential politics?

Trump could be forgiven for looking at his opponents and seeing: a highly touted governor whose campaign has steadily sunk in national polls as he's shed staff and fired a campaign manager; a young, smooth-talking entrepreneur who isn't a threat to him but is helpfully soaking up some share of the non-Trump vote; a sunny senator who has made some gains but certainly hasn't broken out; a former vice president who is hated by MAGA (for all the wrong reasons); a former governor who is a gifted political pugilist but is unpopular in the party; and a bunch of others whose names he doesn't necessarily need to know.

What's not to like?

Even if one of the candidates surges and sweeps up all the current non-Trump vote, there's simply not enough of it to get to 50 right now. No wonder Trump is talking as if the race is over, the Trump super PAC is running spots hitting Biden, and Trump says there's no need for him to show up at the Republican debates.

The cockiness could well be justified, but a sense of inevitability can be a two-edged sword. On the one hand, it disheartens the opposition and communicates strength; on the other, it can fade into a high-handed sense of taking the voters for granted.

And Trump still has to win Iowa, where his support is a little softer. After all the talk of having the election stolen

from him in 2020 and the chest-beating about his dominance now, a defeat there — in a clean process overseen by fellow Republicans — would be a stinging setback that might change the dynamic everywhere else.

The new NBC News/Des Moines Register poll has Trump at 42%, with DeSantis at 19% and South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott at 9%. That's a substantial lead, but both DeSantis and Scott have large portions of the electorate saying they are their second choice or that they are actively considering them. Both also have high favorable ratings comparable to Trump's.

In the portion of the survey conducted prior to the Georgia indictment, his lead was 38–20 over DeSantis — again, sizable, but not nearly enough to say he has this thing put away, not in the middle of August.

Iowa can break late. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who won Iowa in 2012, didn't really start moving until late December. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won four years earlier, started his upward march around November. If someone is going to replicate this kind of climb, the big upward move may still be months away.

So it looks late out there, no doubt, and has for some time, but it's not over.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Bay Area Is Beginning To Resemble Chaotic and Politically Divided Southern California



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

A prominent aspect of California's evolution in the late 20th century and early 21st has been the economic and political dominance of the San Francisco Bay Area over more populous Southern California.

From rough parity in the 1970s, the state's two major regions diverted sharply.

The Bay Area evolved into the global capital of high technology, creating immense wealth that propped up the state's entire economy and provided enormous bounties of state tax revenue.

Meanwhile, Southern California — particularly Los Angeles County — struggled to absorb millions of immigrants and fold them into an economy that sputtered when its aerospace industry virtually collapsed after the Cold War ended.

The reasons for the regional disconnect are many, including factors beyond the ability of civic and political leaders to affect, such as the Cold War's sudden conclusion.

However, much of the dissonance is due to mega-policy decisions, such as SoCal's betting on logistics as its growth industry while the Bay Area opted for technology.

Another factor is the structural difference.

Over the last five decades, the Bay Area developed

strong regional organizations, both political and civic, to promote a consensus vision. Despite the Bay Area's ultra-liberal political image, its leaders shared a pragmatic mindset and didn't let cultural differences interfere with the job.

Southern California, meanwhile, wallowed in internecine political, ethnic and cultural power struggles — more a collection of jealously competitive villages than a united region. The infamous scandal that erupted in the Los Angeles City Council last year, when secret recordings revealed bitter racial animosity over political power, typifies the region's us-vs.-them attitudes — not to mention a wave of outright corruption that ensnared many political figures.

The arc of history may be changing because the Bay Area has hit a bad patch.

Its technology industry is retrenching, with layoffs affecting thousands, and other regions — such as Austin — have become powerful competitors for investment, thanks in part to their much lower operational and living costs.

San Francisco's once thriving commercial and financial core has been hollowed out by the residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, smash-and-grab crime, a horrendous drug problem and squalid homeless encampments. Some observers believe it is in a "doom loop" that could be long-lasting or even permanent.

A new study argues that city government has become dysfunctional and needs a major overhaul.

"Many San Franciscans have come to believe their city is in crisis," the report

states. "To meet these profound challenges and maintain its world-class status, San Francisco desperately needs effective government. Many San Franciscans believe City Hall is failing this test."

Finally, and most ominously, the consensus-driven civic and political front that had been such a powerful factor in the Bay Area's rise to dominance may be fragmenting.

There are now pitched political battles over dealing with the doom-loop scenario, the wave of street crimes, homelessness, the drug crisis and housing development.

One indication of the new disunity is what happened when the Bay Area's all-important mass transit system, BART, experienced sharp decreases of ridership, and therefore revenue, during the pandemic. It largely failed to recover as the work-from-home alternative to commuting has persisted.

A \$1.50 per vehicle increase in Bay Area bridge tolls was introduced in the Legislature to bail out BART, but it immediately caused a rupture within the region's political and civic leadership, with critics denouncing its shoddy service and union domination.

Last week, the toll increase was put on indefinite hold, unable to muster the united support needed for passage. The Bay Area is now adrift, unsure of how to cope with its economic and social woes and beginning to resemble Southern California's chaotic atmosphere.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



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Meetings are held at 7pm on the 4th Thursday of the month at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA. You may also attend via zoom, or stream online by visiting: <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>. ★

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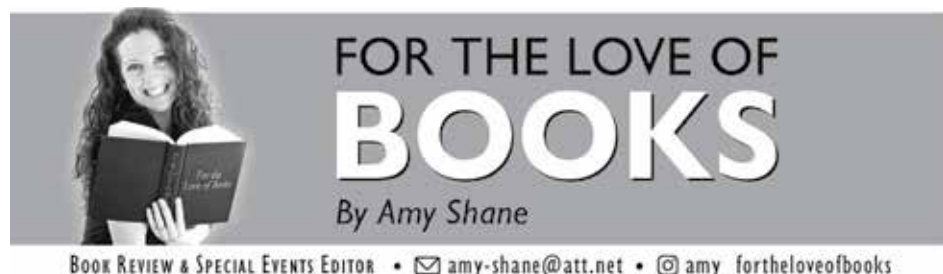
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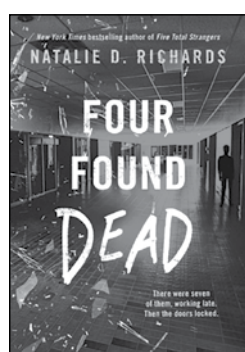
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# Cool Summer Reads

*It might be sweltering hot outside, but these thrilling new reads will chill you to the bone.*



## You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight

by Kalynn Bayron

From the author that brought readers Cinderella is Dead comes a thrilling new camp-slasher, just in time for the end of summer.

Camp Mirror Lake was supposed to be Charity Curtis' perfect summer job. Known for its hands-on terror game, Camp Mirror Lake lets guests come in to be part of reenactments from the famed classic slasher film *Curse of Camp Mirror Lake*, and being the final girl is the highest honor. Now, it's the last performing weekend, the workers are turning up dead, and suddenly, "final girl" takes on a whole new meaning. Charity and her girlfriend must figure out who to trust and who or what is responsible before she's next.

Kalynn Bayron breathes an atmospheric story reminiscent of an 80s slasher. Readers will instantly fall for this new story, unable

to put it down, while reaching for their phone and a flashlight, just in case. Humorous, terrifying, and engaging, Bayron takes her readers on a thrilling ride perfectly relevant for today's readers. For fans of the Fear Street movies, or anyone ready to dip their toe into the horror genre, this is the book to take the leap.

## Four Found Dead

by Natalie D. Richards

It's the very last showing for Riverview Theaters before they close their doors forever. However, Jo and her coworkers never expected it might also be their last night. Now, locked within the abandoned mall connected to the theater, without power, and a killer on the prowl, Jo and her coworkers must band together to outwit, hide, and try to survive.

Lock your doors, grab a blanket, and prepare to hunker down. Natalie D. Richards is about to take readers on a thrilling chase where no one is safe, and

the stakes are high. *Four Found Dead* is a dramatic-fueled thriller that leaves readers trying to guess their way out.

## We Don't Swim Here

by Vincent Tirado

Bronwyn is not thrilled to live in her father's hometown, even if it's only for a year. And the weird town doesn't help. No one ever enters the water, even though there is a lake and a beautiful pool. The town seems to be ruled by the local legend, and the rituals to keep them safe. And even though her cousin does everything to try and protect her, Bronwyn still feels it's time to uncover the truth and the history once and for all.

Vincent Tirado weaves a spell-binding story filled with an old town and the urban legend that binds them. Creepy, atmospheric, and intriguing, *We Don't Swim* is a dual-perspective story that will keep readers on the edge of their streets, thinking twice about bodies of water and the secrets they keep. ★



# Riley Reviews

“GRAN TURISMO” FROM GAME TO AUTO RACING; “THE SWARM” ON CW

## A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

### “GRAN TURISMO” RATED PG-13

A popular racing simulation video game, Gran Turismo spawned what became known as the Nissan GT Academy, which was designed to boost Sony PlayStation racing gamers into becoming professional race car drivers.

“Gran Turismo” tells the story of Jann Mardenborough (Archie Madekwe) who spends most of his time at the console of a Gran Turismo game, much to the dismay of his father (Djimon Hounsou), a retired footballer who wants something better for his son.

Nissan marketer Danny Moore (Orlando Bloom) comes up with the idea of the GT Academy in which gamers will compete for the chance to become actual drivers. Former racer Jack Salter (David Harbour) is brought on board as a coach.

Jann's aptitude at the console proves that his dream has the earmark of true wish fulfillment, and a professional career beckons, though unevenly at first and not without the resentment of other racers who are arrogantly dismissive of gamers.

As the top candidate gamers take on the challenge of qualifying races, Salter steps into the gruff drill sergeant routine, barking criticisms and insults to toughen up his charges to the realities of an unforgiving race track.

Overcoming the adversity of so many telling him he doesn't belong on the track, Jann races with determination that is not derailed even after some soul-searching following an accident leading to an unfortunate fatality.

If you ever wondered what became of the girl group the Spice Girls, Geri Halliwell (aka Ginger Spice) plays the mother to Jann, in a cameo role of supportive mother offsetting the skepticism of her husband.

That the racing is staged so brilliantly with actual footage and computer-generated effects should be credited

to director Neill Blomkamp (who gained acclaim with science fiction film “District 9”) and cinematographer Jacques Jouffret.

Even though presumably based on a true story, if you are looking for real character development, then expectations for “Gran Turismo” may be dashed. As far as personal interactions are concerned, the circumstances are mostly formulaic.

In truth, the sharpest tension between Jann and his father is palpable and genuine. Having been a professional player now relegated to menial jobs, the father initially fails to see his son's potential, leading to friction that dissolves once Jann proves him wrong.

While having a rooting interest in Archie Madekwe's Jann is the driving force, “Gran Turismo” smartly delivers

an appealing underdog drama for the novice racer. Still, the exciting swift action on the track supplies concrete racing thrills and the film's validation.

### “THE SWARM” ON THE CW NETWORK

As of this writing, the actors and writers are still on strike with no end in sight, and come the fall season we are looking at a different picture for television programs. More unscripted and animated series, and a lot of reruns of favorites, are on the horizon.

Networks might have to turn to international programs for new content. That's the case for the CW Network which has a premiere date of Tuesday, September 12th for the global hit event series “The Swarm,” a title that sounds like it belongs to a B-movie thriller with killer bees.

Launched earlier this year in Germany, the eight-part “The Swarm,” a big budget series based on the Frank Schatzing best-selling novel and executive produced by “Game of Thrones” producer Frank Doelger, is about an unknown enemy that lives deep below the sea.

Around the world, strange happenings are emerging from the oceans. Whales destroy boats, deep sea crabs attack beaches, and mussels block container ships. An unknown ice worm destabilizes continental slopes and triggers tsunamis.

A deadly pathogen spreads into the drinking water. Across the globe, lives are increasingly imperiled, the situation worsening by the day – and yet, nobody can draw a connection between the seemingly random attacks.

Except for a group of scientists who come together through their shared sense that something bigger is at play, namely an intelligent life force, dwelling in the deep and capable of manipulating the ocean, and everything that resides in it.

The mysterious force at the bottom of the ocean has grown weary of humanity's ostensible destruction of the seas and has decided to declare war on mankind to drive us to extinction.

The findings of the scientists are hardly believed by anyone, and so the group is forced to undertake a life-threatening mission, tracking the collective intelligence within the Arctic Ocean. It is a mission they know may claim their lives.

When lobsters and whales start attacking human beings along the coasts of the world, you know it's time to seek higher ground as if a tsunami became a global event. No word on whether the dolphins also turn on us.

Apparently, “The Swarm” has already captivated over ten million viewers internationally. That explains the CW bidding to host this series for the American audience. It sounds like a bet that will pay off. ★

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Dixon Planning Commission will hold a hybrid PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:

**PROJECT:** **SW Corner of North Lincoln Street and North 1st Street (Independence in Dixon, formerly the Lincoln Square Project)** - A request for an amendment to the previously approved Rezoning (RZ20-01), Planned Development District (PD20-01), Tentative Map (TM20-01), and Design Review (DR20-10) approved by the City Council on March 15, 2022 to allow the construction of a Rotten Robbins gas station/convenience store on a 2.27 acres and 100 detached, single family residential homes on individual lots on the remaining 10.99 acres of the 13.26 -acre site located at the southwest corner of North 1st Street and North Lincoln Street [PA 20-31].

The amendment application proposes modifications to the residential component of the project, including the Planned Development District, Tentative Map and Design Review, to allow the construction of 93 duplex buildings, consisting of 186 dwelling units and an amenity center and pool. The project modifies the access and parking to the property, provides either 2-car or 1-car garage, private yards and open spaces, a pool and amenities center. The applicant is requesting, that the existing Tentative Map be modified and become a condo map for potential future sale of the residential units as air space units. No changes to the commercial component are proposed, which is currently under construction. The current General Plan land use designation is Corridor Mixed Use. APNs: 0108-110-450 and -460; Zoning District: Planned Multiple Residential – Planned Development (PMR-PD) and Service Commercial – Planned Development (CS-PD); Lewis Land Developers, LLC owner and applicant; File No: PA23-08, PDA23-01/TM2A3-01/DRA23-01.

The California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. An assessment of potential impacts (Initial Study) was completed with the original Lincoln Square Project. Potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study and all the potentially-significant impacts could be reduced or eliminated by requiring and implementing recommended measures. The City adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration, including the recommended mitigation measures. This application for an amendment has been reviewed and Staff has prepared a Draft Addendum to the original IS/MND. The Draft Addendum and original IS/MND and supporting documents are available for public review during the public review period at City Hall, located at 600 East A Street in Dixon, CA and online at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/EnvironmentalReviewDocuments>.

**HEARING DATE & LOCATION:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Scott Greeley, Associate Planner at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or [sgreeley@cityofdixon.us](mailto:sgreeley@cityofdixon.us). You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN:** All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Planning Commission prior to making any decision on the application.

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to [PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us](mailto:PlanningCommission@cityofdixon.us) or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, Planning Commission, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting.

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on “raise hand,” or 2) via teleconference press “9.”

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Appeals of decisions by the Planning Commission to the City Council shall be made in person at Dixon City Hall by completing the appeal application and submitting the required fee, within 10 calendar days of a decision (Dixon Municipal Code Sections 17.01.050 or 18.40).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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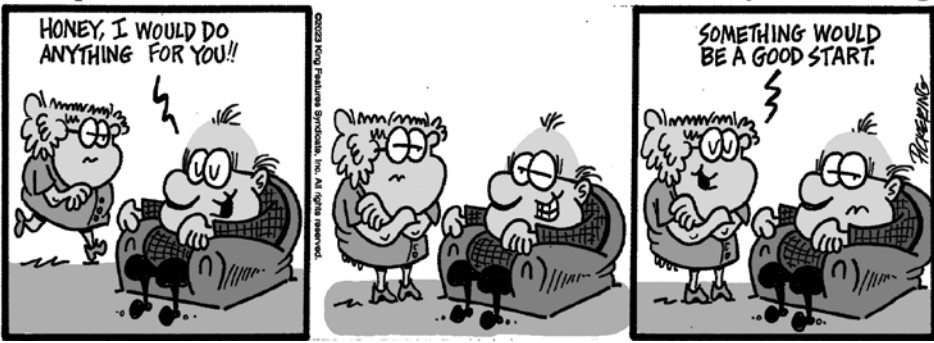
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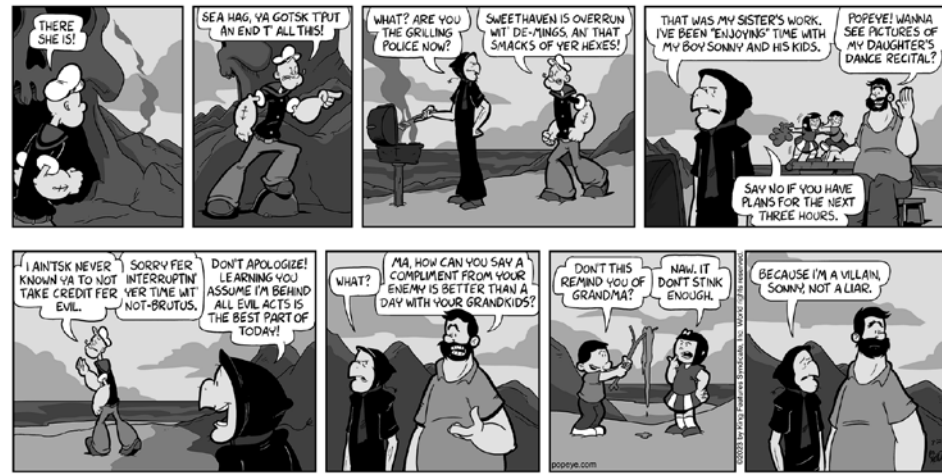


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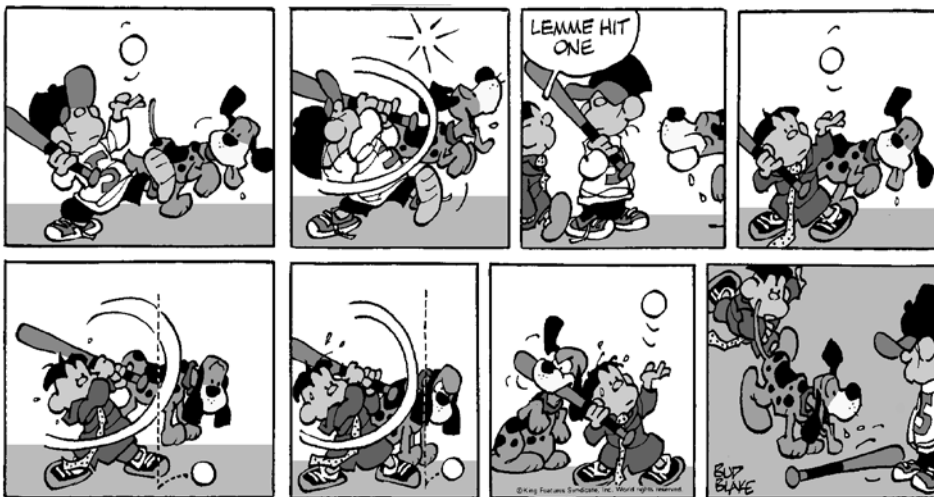
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001139

The following persons are doing business as: Vallejo Clay Workshop, 304 Georgia Street, Vallejo, CA 94590. Whitney Smith, 1559 El Dorado, Vallejo, CA 94590. Date filed in Solano County: July 21, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 7/1/2023

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 20, 2028. 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.)

Publish: August 11, 18, 25, Sept 1, 2023 VALLEJO 9-1-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001226

The following persons are doing business as: SKI, 2576 Hutcheon Place, Fairfield, CA 94533. Satish Kumar Inc., 2576 Hutcheon Place, Fairfield, CA 94533. Date filed in Solano County: August 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 8/4/2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-001285

The following persons are doing business as: Monarch Mobile Phlebotomy, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G, Dixon, CA 95620. Monarch Mobile Phlebotomy LLC, 1285 Stratford Avenue Suite G, Dixon, CA 95620

Date filed in Solano County: August 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. 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 August 15, 2028. 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.) Publish August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023 MONARCH 9-15-23

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD Q. VEATCH CASE NO. PR23-00246

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Donald Q. Veatch. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark D. Veatch, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Mark D. Veatch be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be

admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 22; Old Solano Courthouse, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert A. Gordon, 3203 West March Lane Suite 140, Stockton CA 95219; 209-267-1685 Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 2023 VEATCH 9-15-23

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: August 30, 2023  
 To: Responsible/Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, Advocacy Groups and Interested parties:

Subject: Notice of Availability and Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report for The Campus Project, and Notice of Preparation Scoping Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dixon (City), as the Lead Agency, prepared Notice of Preparation (NOP) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for The Campus project (proposed project).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Campus project site is located within the City's Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (NEQSP) and comprises nearly 40 percent of the plan's total 643+/- acres. The project site is located on the eastern edge of the NEQSP adjacent to Pedrick Road near Interstate 80 (I-80). The project site is comprised of five parcels and contains a total of 260 +/- acres. The Campus proposes a mixed-use development planned to fully realize the intent of the City's recently created Campus Mixed Use General Plan designation "... to foster new mixed employment districts with a range of job-generating uses, housing, and easy access to the regional transportation network." The proposed project would consist of a phased, mixed-use development that includes an approximately 48-acre Dixon Opportunity Center (DOC), approximately 144 acres of residential uses (1,041 units), and approximately 2.5 acres of commercial uses. A high-density residential site would be located contiguous to the DOC, and adjacent residential uses. A service commercial site would be located in the southeast corner of the DOC and adjacent to the high-density residential site. The southern portion of the site would consist of medium density and low-density residential uses.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The project level EIR will analyze potentially significant impacts associated with adoption and implementation of The Campus project. In particular, the EIR will focus on the project's increased development potential. The EIR will evaluate the full range of environmental issues contemplated under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, except for specific topics identified below as having no impact. Where potentially significant or significant impacts are identified, the EIR will discuss mitigation measures to address the impact. At this time, the City anticipates that EIR sections will be organized in the following topical areas: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Energy; Geology, Soils, and Seismicity; Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Population and Housing; Public Services and Recreation; Transportation; Utilities and Service Systems; and Wildfire.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Notice of Preparation has been prepared in accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines and will be circulated for a 30-day review period during which your comments regarding scope of the Draft EIR are welcomed. The NOP comment period will extend from August 30, 2023 through September 29, 2023. The NOP may be accessed at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments>.

Your comments on the scope of the Draft EIR must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2023. Comments on the scope of the Draft EIR can be made to:

Raffi Bolyan, Community Development Director  
 City of Dixon Community Development Department  
 600 East A St.  
 Dixon, CA 95620  
[rbolyan@cityofdixon.us](mailto:rbolyan@cityofdixon.us) (If emailing, please include "The Campus/NOP comments" in subject line)

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City will hold a public Scoping Meeting so community members may learn more about The Campus project and provide input on the scope of the EIR. This Scoping Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The meeting can be accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055900041?pwd=WGxaTjV6aUkvZk1pWWw0V3pDczlDdz09>, or [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), Meeting ID: 840 5590 0041, Passcode: 09202023.

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# Wine and Art Stroll Showcased Downtown Merchants

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The annual wine and art stroll sponsored by the Downtown Dixon Business Association was billed as a success by merchants and attendees alike.

"It's always a happy day," said Cynde Opperman of Cynde's Salon. "I am noticing a lot of new faces." Katrina Marsh of Busy Bee Yoga had to post a sign that they were 'wiped out' of wine.

"There were way more people and a lot more locals," said Sarah Johnson of downtown's Creative Space who poured alongside her husband, Shannon, at The Collector's Corner. "It's great for them to see the new stores and I think it's wonderful for all the businesses downtown," she added.

"It really brings the people downtown," said Shannon.

"We'd do it again next year," said Joe Bruch of Grocery Outlet. "You get to connect with people outside the work role and I enjoyed the interaction. It was very rewarding."

Kimberly Unger set up a booth outside the Chamber of Commerce office and sold jewelry and a variety of other products.

"It was so much fun," she said with enthusiasm.

The Cattlemens crew was back offering delicious appetizers in Cynde's Salon and also had a positive experience.

"We had a good size rush right at the beginning and it's been great," said General Manger Carla Jones who worked with Caden Yoakam at the event. "It's our first time and we really didn't know what to expect but it is way better than what we expected!" ★



Cattlemens General Manager Carla Jones and her Assistant Caden Yoakam (far right) served roasted appetizers to a group of family and friends of Damita Andrade and Sheila Williams from Sacramento. Their cousin, Ruby Peterson (pink hat) is a new Dixon resident and told them about the DDBA Wine Stroll. In back are family members Patrick McGlashan and Vashonda Richardson.



Inside Barrett-Leber Realty, Claire Guizard visiting from France, her daughter Maressa Rodriguez, and Lanette Bingamon poured from their third case of wine which was a case more than last year, Linda Barrett reported.



Shannon Johnson, Lilly Leduff, and Sarah Johnson enjoyed meeting new customers while pouring at Collector's Corner.



Visitors were welcomed by Kim Evans and Diane Schroeder at the Dixon Historical Museum.



For Maria Ozuna-Luna's birthday, a group of 34 friends attended the DDBA Wine & Art Stroll and had fun dancing at the Chamber of Commerce/Remax office location.



Christa Bruch of Grocery Outlet poses with the wine she poured out of the Remax Real Estate/Chamber office.

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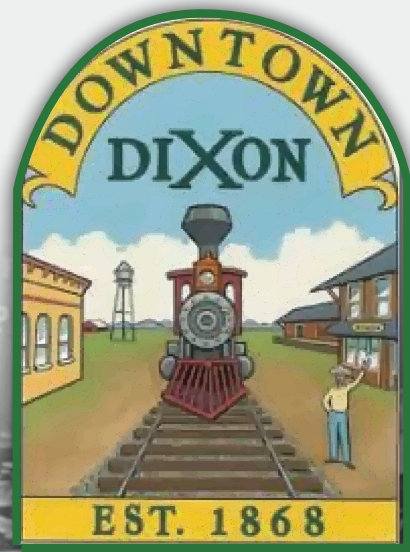
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The Downtown Dixon Business Association Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month inside local businesses.

Keep an eye on this space every month for information about all the fun and engaging events happening in Downtown Dixon.



- Upcoming Events**
- The next Downtown Dixon Business Association Meeting is set for Thursday, September 7, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Remark Realty located on the side of 350 West A Street in the real estate office of Angela Meisenheimer. If you are interested in volunteering on any of the fun activities the DDBA hosts, call President Jill Orr at (707) 678-8400 or message through their website: [downtowndixonca.com](http://downtowndixonca.com)
  - The giant wood wine bottle signs are being exchanged for beer mugs along main intersections in town in anticipation of the next Downtown Dixon Business Association event, the Brewski, set for Saturday, October 14, 4 to 8 p.m.
  - Mark your calendars for the DDBA annual Halloween Treat Trail that will be celebrated on Tuesday, Halloween on Tuesday, October 31, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. with the Dixon Chamber's 'Trunk or Treat' afterwards from 4 to 7 p.m. at 220 N. Jefferson St. (Just through the downtown train tunnel!)

Call (707) 678-8400 for more information.




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