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**Easter Week Celebrations**



Catholics attend mass inside the beautiful sanctuary during Holy Week at St. Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Dixon. Photo by Debra Dingman

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Good Friday begins a weekend full of church services in our town of Dixon. Bring your own chairs – and maybe a blanket – for the annual Good Friday Church Service coordinated by the Dixon Ministerial Association, a group of several ministers from the local churches, this Friday evening, April 7, at 7 p.m. at the Pardi Plaza stage in downtown Dixon. All are welcome.

Various Dixon Pastors will offer Bible verses, music, songs, and messages for this Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday.

Faiths across the world celebrate Easter, the day Jesus was resurrected after three days where his body was laid in a tomb after his crucifixion.

When he rose from the dead, he proved his promise of conquering death and provided witness for eternal life for believers.

**Saturday Eggstravaganza**

On Saturday, April 8, families are invited to hop on over to Living Hope Church's annual 'Eggstravaganza' at Veterans Park at 11 a.m. This family fun event has egg hunts for different preschool and elementary age groups, plus games, crafts, and hot dogs. It is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The park is at 1300 Valley Glen Drive.

**Sunday Services**

Below is a list of Easter morning services in Dixon. And, remember if you cannot make it out for health or other reasons, many churches also offer their messages online via Facebook or YouTube.

**St. Peter's Catholic Church's Father Hector Montoya** will offer Good Friday services in English at 5 p.m. and Spanish at 7 p.m. An Easter

Vigil will be on Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Easter Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in English and 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. in Spanish. St. Peter's is located at 105 South Second Street.

Pastor Paul Sheldon of **Grace Fellowship Church** will give the Easter Service on Sunday, April 9, at 10:15 a.m. The church address is 535 West H Street, phone is (707) 678-5700, and website is [www.gracefellow.com](http://www.gracefellow.com) for more information.

**Cornerstone Baptist Church** led by Pastor Mike Bates will offer an Easter sermon at 10:30 a.m. and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt following for the children. The church is located at 185 West Cherry Street. Phone is (707) 678-5234.

A special children's Easter Egg Hunt with 5,000 eggs will be part of the Easter services after the message at 10 a.m. by Pastor Joe Mejia

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**DWIC Offers  
Community  
Grants**

DWIC News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - For more than a century, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club (DWIC) has supported projects that are in the best interests of the Dixon community, beginning with the establishment of the DWIC Park, followed by securing funding for the Dixon Carnegie Library that continues to serve Dixon to this day.

DWIC has provided funds in the past for disaster relief, senior citizen projects, community literacy, and well-baby clinics in addition to the college/training school scholarship program that was initiated in the 1980s for graduates from Dixon and Maine Prairie High Schools.

A community grant program was piloted by DWIX in 2018 and based on the program's success, DWIC is pleased to be able to offer two \$1,000 and four \$500 awards in 2023. Organizations have the opportunity to apply for an award up to \$1,000 in funding. If interested there is an application process to follow and a deadline to be met. Funds awarded must be used to support the Dixon community.

To apply, please complete and mail the DWIC 2023 Community Grant Application and a letter describing your organization, why you feel you should receive the award, and details for the project for which you are requesting funding.

Deadline to submit the information is Friday, April 29, 2023 (post-mark.) If you have any questions, you can contact Teri Brown at (916) 601-3371.

The DWIC was established in 1899. The founders were women from families that had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and were interested in beautifying and improving the town of Dixon. The club is open to anyone who is interested in joining and guests are welcome. From September through May, the club meets the third Wednesday of the month usually from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at the Dixon United Methodist Church. ★

**JKMS Students Peek into Professions**

Story and photos by Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Although some studies have found that by seven years old, some children can name what they want to be when they grow up, attending a college and career fair in middle school can help formulate educational thoughts and hone in ideas. Students and parents at John Knight Middle School seemed to be interested in a variety of the schools and professions featured at this first-ever event the school offered. Of course, it could have been the candy...

JKMS Principal Kamilah O'Connor and teacher Tanja Anderson put the program together and had AVID students create tri-fold boards for the colleges and universities. The students met local business owners and trades people about career options and



Students read the newspaper and look over booklets on the Constitution's 1st amendment guaranteeing freedom of the press at the Journalism table at the recent College and Career Day at John Knight Middle School.

also received free college swag. Parents were invited to attend and there were several parents throughout.

In a highly organized schedule, students were

allowed into the cafeteria area by their grade level. The early bunch of sixth graders seemed more like deer caught in headlights with the vast information

from Altec, Live Music Center, the U.S. Air Force, the Dixon Police and Fire Departments and more. But the eighth graders were on

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## Easter is Here!

By Debra Dingman

Tomorrow is the annual pancake breakfast downtown with the beloved Easter Bunny. Dixon Kiwanis will team up with the Dixon Moose Lodge and Dixon Walmart to host this sweet, annual family tradition. I hope all goes well and families have fun.

Then, the children of Dixon will head to the 'Eggstravaganza' Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Living Hope Church at Veterans Park in Valley Glen. That event includes bounce houses, carnival games, face painting and hotdogs.

These are such wonderful ways to celebrate spring, and I hope the many Dixon church services offered today that we've posted in our front-page story will help people remember the most important reason for marking this day – an eternal hope given through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

My stepmom just asked me today what would I do if I didn't have God in my life and I could only think how lost I would be. "I simply would have no purpose, I think," I told her. "I can't even imagine going through life with all the things going on in the world – horrifying wars, drugs everywhere, and disgusting filth – I know I would have no hope," I said. With morning scriptures, though, most of the days I feel hopeful, and I don't feel alone. I thank my grandmother all the time for taking me to church when I was little!

I have an old high school friend who is highly educated but doesn't believe in God and has even mocked my faith on a few occasions. After a commendation in the U.S. Army years ago when he was still a young buck, I sent him a card saying he was "blessed" which he promptly replied, "God didn't have

anything to do with it." He is a curmudgeon of an old man now. Funny that he read all those thousands of books but could not find it in himself to read any about Jesus.

While some people are uncomfortable with church going, I do believe that searching for the truth in relation to God and seeking to understand faith does bring people a deeper appreciation of life. Many times, I have recommended a set of three easy-to-read books for those who want to know what all the fuss is about.

Best-selling author Paul E. Little wrote a set of three books I've read and loved: Know Who You Believe, Know What You Believe, and, Know Why You Believe. When he was young, his ministry was working on college campuses when he began to see a pattern of questions students asked about God and faith. The books give the answers to the deepest longings of the heart and soul.

My very, very favorite though, is a little yellow paperback book that was made into a movie. 'Heaven is for Real,' is the sweet story of a 3-year-old's death and visit with Jesus before he was returned to the operating room. I've read it at least four times and have bought copies for the grandchildren who enter puberty. They've published two books since: One telling why they wrote their son's story 'Why Heaven Matters,' and another was written for children.

As the contemporary praise song goes, 'One day every tongue will confess you are God. Someday every knee will bow...still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now....' ★

Happy Easter!

## Sen. Dodd Charity Raffle Bill Clears Committee

From the Office of Senator Bill Dodd

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, advanced today that would allow the continuation of 50-50 raffles at major league sports stadiums, an important fundraising tool for nonprofits.

"Charitable raffles provide an important funding stream for a host of organizations benefitting youth and the underserved," Sen. Dodd said. "Over the years, these raffles have raised millions for a diverse group of charitable organizations throughout the state."

In California, a key fundraiser for nonprofits has been the 50-50 raffle, in which 50% of the proceeds go to a winner and 50% go back to the hosting organization. For instance, since the creation of 50-50 raffles, the San Francisco Giants

Community Fund has been able to serve over 150,000 youths with 30,000 kids benefiting annually. However, the law allowing these raffles is about to expire.

Senate Bill 650 removes the Jan. 1, 2024, sunset so professional sports teams and sports organizations can continue to provide millions of dollars in charitable funding to worthy philanthropic organizations.

SB 650 is supported by numerous organizations, including professional sports teams such as the San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors. It passed the Senate Governmental Organizational committee Tuesday with unanimous support.

"The 50 50 raffles have allowed us to expand the reach of our program," Amy Tovar, general counsel for the Giants, testified before the committee. "This has been a complete game-changer for the Giants community." ★

## Dixon News Briefs



The City of Dixon crew and volunteers ready for Earth Day Clean up. Courtesy photo

MPG Staff

### Alternative Healing

This Saturday, April 8, there will be a special presentation at The Pip Wine Bar for Alternative Healing with Cannabis by Dixon Wellness Collective from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will learn about the different therapeutic applications of Cannabis, used successfully to manage a multitude of medical conditions which include nausea from chemotherapy, glaucoma, PTSD, IBS, Crohn's Disease, tremors from Parkinson's, fibromyalgia, endometriosis, muscle pain from Multiple Sclerosis, anxiety and insomnia to name a few. It is an introductory class so questions will be welcome. The Pip is located at 116 North First St. and phone is (707) 693-3069.

### Lions Barbecue

On Saturday, April 22, Dixon Lions Club will offer another of their popular Drive-thru BBQ Fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot. The dinner includes barbecue Tri-tip, potato salad, beans, and a dinner roll. All proceeds help fund Dixon High School scholarships and the donation is only \$15 per meal. Each ticket purchased qualifies for a \$500 prize.

To purchase tickets or for information, call Scott Smith at (916) 806-7451 or contact any Dixon Lions Club member.

### Parade Entries

Deadline is April 21 to enter the 146th Annual Dixon May Fair Parade! Downtown streets, including Highway 113, will close from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. Parade Packets and Applications are now available at [www.dixonchamber.org](http://www.dixonchamber.org), or send an email to [info@dixonchamber.org](mailto:info@dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650. For those interested in being Banner Carriers or EP Patrollers, please send an email to [infor@dixonchamber.org](mailto:infor@dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650.

### Earth Day

Solano County is recognizing Earth Day with a 'Cleanup '23' on Saturday, April 22 and invites everyone to help clean Pond C on Yale Drive from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bottle caps, food wrappers, and other

debris are washed into storm drains from last year's summer car washes and all the recent heavy rains. This debris then flows untreated into our creeks and rivers, and eventually the ocean! Minimize this litter by maximizing your volunteerism. Join the group to clean up Dixon's storm pond. Supplies will be provided. Interested volunteers may contact Emily Corwin at [ecorwin@fssd.com](mailto:ecorwin@fssd.com) or go to [www.fssd.com](http://www.fssd.com) for more information. You can also call (707) 678-1655, ext. 112.

### City Planning

The next City Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 600 East A Street in the Council Chambers. Citizens may also participate via Zoom or watch it on the City website. Zoom details are found on the agenda usually available on Thursdays before the meetings.

### Vendors Wanted

Jennifer Roman of Tremont's Parent Association is looking for vendors who want to have a space at the Tremont elementary Open House on April 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classroom visitations are 6 to 7 p.m. and can have dinner in the Quad. The Pizza Meal Deal will be \$6, and food will be available at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a Book Fair in the library. The Vendors Fair will be inside the cafeteria area. For more information, call (916) 541-9731.

### Senior Resource Fair

The 21st annual Senior Resource Fair will be happening on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 South Fifth St. Information and resources from a variety of participants including recreation, benefits, utilities, transportation, fitness nutrition, health care, safety, and elderly law to name a few. Participants are usually treated to free blood pressure and diabetes checks, eye exams, and hearing checks. For more information call (707) 678-7022.

### Fish Fry

The Veterans Dinner on Friday, April 7, at 6 p.m. will be their popular Fish Fry complete with hush puppies and coleslaw for only \$12. The following Friday, April 14, there will be NO dinner due to a special service. ★



**American Farm Bureau Federation Applauds Ruling Halting WOTUS Rule in Two States**

Agricultural groups have expressed concerns over the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's latest "waters of the United States" rule – or WOTUS. The American Farm Bureau Federation filed suit, arguing the law creates confusing standards for "navigable waters" under the Clean Water Act that can impact routine farming operations. Now, in a separate suit, a judge has granted a preliminary injunction to halt enforcement of the rule in Texas and Idaho. AFBF President Zippy Duvall said, "The judge recognized the new rule likely oversteps EPA's authority."

**Hanford High School Teacher Honored as California's Top Ag Educator**

A teacher at Hanford High School has been honored as California's 2022-23 "Ag Educator of the Year." Jason Ferreira received the Golden Owl Award during the California FFA State Leadership Conference in Ontario. The prize comes with a \$3,000 Nationwide-funded donation to the school's agricultural education program. Award finalists included Brian Kim of Sunny Hills High School, Emily Brown of Corning Union High School, Celeste Morino of Ripon High School, Beth Swehla of Anderson Valley High School and Lauren Peterson of King City High School.

**Researchers Test Groundwater Recharge, Eyeing Solutions to Keep Nitrates Out of Aquifers**

A new study by University of California scientists is offering insights for farmers on how to recharge groundwater while preventing nitrates from fertilizer from entering aquifers. Torrential rains have piqued interest in recharging depleted groundwater supplies. Recently, UC researchers gathered groundwater recharge data from two vineyards in Fresno County to compile information on preventing leaching of nitrates. Study author Helen Dahlke said it is important to understand how much nitrate is in soil before considering flooding fields.

**USDA Announces New Funding Round for Farmers in Financial Distress**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing additional financial relief for farm loan borrowers who are facing economic difficulties. The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided \$3.1 billion to help distressed borrowers. In October, \$800 million in assistance went to help 11,000 delinquent or distressed borrowers, plus another 2,100 borrowers who had farms liquidated yet still had remaining debt. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced March 27 that another \$123 million in funding would be allocated, beginning in April. ★



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# Council Hears Police Report; Appoints Water Committee

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Two big items consumed most of the last City Council Meeting in March: the 2022 annual Dixon Police Department report by Chief Robert Thompson and the appointing of members to the AD-Hoc Water Rate Committee.

"We were exceptionally proud for the Council support for the completion of the Public Safety Training Center we have," Thompson said beginning the Police Report. "It is a facility that's currently being used by eight other federal, state and local agencies so it's truly become a regional asset in de-escalation training, situational judgement situations training, and in our core firearms as well. Along with our classroom and after the improvements, it's now truly a year-round facility."

"It has exceeded our expectations, not only in how it looks and how it functions, but also in the great interest the law enforcement partners have in making use of it," he added.

Christina Garcia, Crime Systems Analyst, reported that although the overall city-wide crime dipped by three percent, there had been a rise in extortion, fraud, and obscene materials crimes caused by an increase in identity theft, spam email and sharing of explicit photos.

In 2022, there were 1,791 case numbers for crime and incident reports. There was an average response time for citizen-initiated calls of 5 minute and 48 seconds. For officer-initiated calls it was 18,448 with a breakdown for traffic enforcement, follow up investigations, and suspicious vehicles/person checks. They also handled 2,047 safety or security checks and 261 citizen arrests.

There was a decrease in arrests of both adults and juveniles by 12% (or 62) compared to 2021.

Traffic issues were up with the average number of 200 stops per month with collisions up 14% over 2021 (10 injury and 6 non-injury.) There were 248 more parking violations from the previous year but Garcia offered a possible explanation that there are six new officers and two new community officers "motivated to stay

active while on duty."

Due to the 2015 California law passing the Racial and Identity Profiling Act, Dixon PD breaks down for the Department of Justice gender and race. Of the average 200 stops per month 43% were white, 38% were Hispanic, 12% were African American, 3% were Asian, 3% were Middle Eastern/South Asian and 1% was Pacific Islander.

"Dixon continues to enjoy an exceptionally low crime rate, especially in comparison to our neighboring cities," Chief said. "Coupled with the fact that our violent crime rate is exceptionally low in part because of the high level of awareness the people in this community have but we are more of a bedroom community, where people live, and as a result we are somewhat insulated from some of the commercial things you see happenings in other jurisdictions."

The report is available on the city website. Resident Dane Besneatte publicly thanked the Chief for getting a motorcycle officer to help monitor the intersection at John Knight Middle School near his home.

In another part of the meeting, there was the selection of the Water Rate Ad-Hoc Committee that will begin meeting April 6. Councilman Don Hendershot nominated Planning Commissioner Chair Jack Caldwell. Councilman Kevin Johnson nominated Herb Cross. Councilman Jim Ernest nominated former Woodland Water Assistant Manager and current Vacaville Utilities Operations and Maintenance Manager Jeremy Cox, and Mayor Bird nominated Frank Drayton. Councilman Thom Bogue nominated Michael Ceremello, but Ceremello declined the nomination saying he saw the committee as "very unbalanced" and could not accept being on the Committee without a representative from the former group that made the water rate appeal.

"I struggled hard because of your position in wanting to help that district out so much," said Bogue to clarify Ceremello's decision. "I wanted to make you part of this process." Bogue then decided to replace Ceremello with Christopher Fong who had been highly regarded by the other Councilmen. The nominees were then unanimously appointed. ★

# JKMS Students Peek into Professions

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the more serious side and were asking more in-depth questions to the electrician from Netto Electric that does residential and commercial services and to a local dentist, Dr. Larry Holloway.

"You never know when a nugget might stick," said Holloway about sharing his profession with middle schoolers.

"What distinguished this fair from other fairs was embedding local businesses and community partners with the student-created college exhibits and inviting parents to attend during the school day. In fact, this is the first time since the pandemic that we have invited parents to our campus for events occurring during the school day," Principal O'Conner said.

The energy stemmed from a conference on AVID last summer where a dozen JKMS teachers attended. Advancement Via Individual Determination gives professional learning for educators to close opportunity gaps and improve college and career readiness for middle and high school, especially those traditionally under-represented in higher education.

"We set the goal of increasing all students' and families' college and career awareness by organizing and facilitating at least one college and career family activity during the school year," O'Conner explained.



Students chat with a USAF representative about benefits of a military career.

Older students seem to linger longer while checking out universities not just in California but in other parts of the United States. Although they still wanted the candy.

When vendors checked in, they were given a large bowl of wrapped candies and were instructed that the students could have one but only if they asked a worthy question. So they did. Students were given simple questionnaires and if turned in, would get a raffle ticket with great prizes up for winning.

This local Editor got a lot of questions: "What is journalism?" "Do you like your job?" "What kind of classes do you have to take?" "What is your salary?" "What do you like best about your job?" "Did you get to meet the Governor?" "What was your favorite story?" And, then this zinger: "When did you know you wanted this career?" This Editor actually started in her

middle school newspaper in seventh grade.

There was a steady stream of students asking questions and vendors seemed pleased.

When asked if he'd even started thinking about a career, eighth grader Ian Fountain said that he had.

"I've already been thinking about it and want to do a Farm-to-Fork business... or golf," he said, adding that he likes to cook. The Dixon Fire Department had its share of young boys crowding around.

"I learned that our Fire Department serves 300 miles but for Forest fires, they will go anywhere needed," said Brayden Ballard, an 8th grader.

Another student, Bryan Kelly, asked several questions about the newspaper world and didn't want candy. He creates cartoons and he showed his well-crafted humorous strip from his phone. He may get started with the local newspaper. ★

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# Horseplay Therapeutic Fundraiser at Bud's Pub & Grill

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - A full dinner with all the trimmings will benefit Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center on Monday, April 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m., at Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First Street in Dixon. The event includes a full dinner with a choice of prime rib, chicken, trip-tip, salmon, rigatoni, grilled prawns, or chicken strips, and includes a house salad, garlic roasted red potatoes, bread, and a non-alcoholic beverage.

The evening will include a raffle of a wide variety of prizes, as well as Horseplay items such as greeting cards and T-shirts, which will be available for purchase.

Horseplay is a volunteer based, non-profit organization that provides special-needs children and adult riders who reside in Solano, Napa, and Yolo counties an opportunity to improve their quality of life by interacting physically, intellectually, and emotionally while riding horses in controlled, therapeutic sessions. Many riders participate in sessions on a weekly



Riding student Rachel Holland enjoys a session atop Blue during a recent Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center event. Giving her a hand are volunteers Cat Del Rio (left) and Linda Devine. Courtesy Horseplay photo

basis. Horseplay's riding program is located at Whispering Winds Ranch in Dixon.

Tickets for the dinner fundraiser are \$40, which does not include gratuity.

To purchase tickets, call Margaret Ren, (707) 372-7284. For more information about the Horseplay program, call (707) 447-8733, or visit [horseplayriding.org](http://horseplayriding.org). ★

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## MEMORIAL

VICTOR MARK UHLIK

12/23/1932 – 3/18/2023



Victor M. Uhlik, 90 years of age, passed away on March 18, 2023, in Dixon, CA, three months after his life-long partner and wife, Dolores, of 63 years, passed away on December 11, 2022.

Victor was born in Hollywood, CA, and spent his childhood in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. His father, Mark J. Uhlik, and mother, Louise (Wunderlich) Uhlik, raised Victor along with his two sisters, Maxine and Virginia. During his adolescent years, Victor's hobbies included constructing balsa wood model airplanes and practicing the art of taxidermy. He attended North Hollywood High School, where Victor was a member of the track team and served as the student body vice president.

Upon graduation from high school, Victor began his college education; however, this endeavor was abruptly interrupted in 1954 by the Korean War draft, where he served his country as a hospital medic in Puerto Rico. After Victor served his country, he returned to college and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture (Soil Science) from California Polytechnic State College (Cal Poly) in 1957.

Victor settled in Sacramento for employment, married the love of his life, Dolores Hollan, and together they raised two children, Catherine and Douglas. During this time, Victor started a career with the State of California, Department of Water Resources, and worked as a soil scientist, where he conducted water use surveys for the California State Water Plan (canal).

In 1985, he left state service and became a real estate agent. He eventually obtained his real estate brokerage license and continued his career as a real estate broker/agent in the Sacramento region.

He was also an innovative

individual and prided himself on developing and implementing his ideas, which included a cattle feed business and a software project utilizing the critical path method. Victor enjoyed his family, but also stayed active with his many hobbies, which included woodworking, genealogy, fishing, and hunting. Victor and Dolores moved to Placerville, CA, in the 1970s after constructing a modern-day Victorian-style home, which was on the Historic House and Heritage Tour in 1979.

He also enjoyed traveling with his wife on countless day/weekend trips and planning their long-distance trips throughout the United States and Europe. During the last half of his life, Victor became a vegan and was committed to the McDougall Program for good health.

Victor is survived by his daughter Cathy Eister (Bill), son Doug Uhlik (Carmen), grandson Matthew Uhlik, and great-granddaughter Aubrey Uhlik. Other family members whom Victor loved and who referred to him as gramps were Patrick Keelan; Christina, Marshall, and Mars Keelan Cottrell; Alana, James, Sawyer, and Jay Robinson; Ryan Hamilton; and Kaci Leinbach.

Victor was very much loved by his family and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Victor will be laid to rest at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA, on Friday, May 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Friends and family attending the service are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to the commencement of the service. There will be a gathering after the service to remember his time with us in this life.

He was very much loved by his family and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Thank you for sharing your many lessons on the importance of good character, respect for others' ideas and opinions, and the benefits of clean living.



## The Family Fortuna

by Lindsay Eagar

It's 1889, and the height of the traveling circus was all the rage. The Family Fortuna Circus has made the art a family name, sparing nothing for the height of entertainment and revenue. One of their greatest headline attractions is Bird Girl. A site so scary it will make ticket holders scream over and over. Bird Girl will haunt their nightmares and their daydreams. Yet, the Family Fortuna Circus has something for everyone. Girls that dance like they are painted in moonlight, contortionists that look like they have limbs made of elastic, and trapeze aerialists that will wow you will be darning feats of agility. To Arturo Fortuna, there wasn't a feat too dangerous or a person that was off limits as a performer, even his daughter.

Avita was born with a beak and feathers sprouting from her skin, and instantly she became a headline opportunity for her father. Growing up as a performer, Avita delighted in those repelled by just one glance of her face, retching with horror. Making people scream became all the currency she needed. But then, one day, a dazzling



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young man entered the tent, and he was neither repelled nor disgusted by her looks. Instead, he looked at her with fierce intensity and awe, awakening something in Avita. Fearful that she might never see him again, Avita was overjoyed to learn that her father had commissioned the young artist to paint new stylized posters and ads for the circus, with Bird Girl being the crowned feature. Avita quivered at the thought of this man staring at her with no face-shielding veils but was equally thrilled at the idea of someone gazing at her without repulsion. With a few quick sketches and hand movements,

he magically crafted the most beautiful circus posters. Where her sister's effervescent beauty leaped off the poster, and the trapeze artists looked as if they were flying, but Bird Girl was not the beautiful piece she hoped it to be. Instead, it was sheer raw terror. And for the first time, Avita saw herself, really saw herself, as the ugly, gruesome, fearful creature her father painted her to be. But also unleashed something deep within, the desire to lash out and be free.

In a story of the fragility of self-image and being who you are told to be, *The Family Fortuna* throws off the veil, allowing the characters to find their voice. Lindsay Eagar takes readers back to the late 1800s when the circus was all the rage and the headliner's humanity was cast aside. This story explores one girl finding her voice and place, daring to stand tall for who she is, and standing against her father and all odds. This story is authentic raw, and unabashed delivering true thoughts, feelings, and emotions, and leaves off where another story could always pick up. ★



### Yes, We Are Making Kids Trans

We are going to look back years from now and wonder how we failed young girls so badly.

Between social media and fashionable gender theories, we are making teenage girls depressed, anxious, and trans.

In a Substack essay the other day, a mother wrote of her daughter: "She was among the last of her small group of biologically female friends to socially transition. It was mid-pandemic, and she spent most of her time with her best friend, who had, unbeknownst to me, shown her hours upon end of transgender entertainment on YouTube and TikTok."

Of course, that is going to have an effect, although there is a massive effort to deny it among trans activists and in much of the media.

The Geico gecko can convince us to buy car insurance. Trump can post a meme on Truth Social, and it can convince someone to go take a baseball bat to Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. Someone can use the wrong pronoun and it can convince a trans person to harm himself or herself. But what can't possibly happen, we are supposed to believe, is that the constant discussion and celebration of transgenderism might convince confused young people to decide they are nonbinary or trans.

Even some trans advocates are willing to admit this makes no sense.

Marci Bowers, president of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, told the progressive New York Times columnist Michelle Goldberg: "There are people in my community who will deny that there's any sort of 'social contagion'—I shouldn't say social contagion, but at least peer influence on some of these decisions. I think that's just not recognizing human behavior."

Bowers is an exception, though. It is taken as an article of faith among trans activists and much of the left that social contagion is a pernicious myth.

This denial is based on the idea that people, especially young people, aren't suggestible. As if what we are told, what our friends do and say, what signals we get from society aren't enormously important. And as if awareness and encouragement of transgenderism, nonbinary status, and heretofore unknown genders haven't increased dramatically.

Internet searches for anorexia in recent years have declined while searches for transgender have soared. There are transgender and nonbinary celebrities. Schools have started teaching kids gender ideology, and some will "transition" children without telling parents.

The trans advocates argue that a more permissive environment is simply allowing people to embrace their true identities, the same way more people admitted they were left-handed when the taboo against lefties gave way in the 20th century. That analogy falls down, though, since the spike in trans and other identification is particularly pronounced in

areas that are particularly encouraging.

As Madeleine Kearns of National Review points out, young people in California identify as trans at roughly about a 40% higher rate than the national average. And in the Davis Joint Unified School District, in a heavily progressive city outside Sacramento, the rate is three times that of California as a whole.

Girls are particularly sensitive to peer pressure. This aligns with the trend. According to Kearns, there used to be more gender-dysphoric boys than girls by about a two-to-one margin. Now, there are more gender-dysphoric girls than boys by three to one.

Such suggestibility was evident in the TikTok-driven phenomenon during the pandemic of teenagers developing strange ties. According to a Canadian study, The New York Times reports, "The adolescents were overwhelmingly girls, or were transgender or nonbinary—though no one knows why."

In light of all this, other countries have pressed the brakes on aggressive treatment for trans-identifying minors. In urging that so-called gender-affirming care be used only in "exceptional cases," Sweden's National Board of Health and Welfare cited "the uncertainty that follows from the yet unexplained increase in the number of care seekers, an increase particularly large among adolescents registered as females at birth."

If Sweden can acknowledge reality, so should we.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*. Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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**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:** 178 North First Street (Whiskey Barrel 707) – Appeal (APL23-01) of the Dixon Planning Commission’s March 14, 2023 decision, conditionally approving a Planning Application (PA23-03) that approved the following:
- Time Extension (EXT23-01) to an existing Conditional Use Permit (PA21-36/UP21-02) that was approved by the City Council on April 19, 2022 to allow a new pub/lounge with a permanent outdoor seating area in downtown Dixon
  - New Conditional Use Permit (UP23-01) that would act as a Public Convenience of Necessity (PCN) determination due to an overconcentration of on sale alcohol licenses in the census tract in which the site is located.

A Time Extension is required for a CUP when an approved use is not initiated, nor has a building permit been issued that pertains to that use within one year of the project having been approved. The time extension does not propose any changes to the previously approved use, site plan or floor plan;

The PCN is required due to a revised determination by the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) that a (PCN) determination is now required due the census tract being considered to have an over-concentration of on-sale licenses (Type 48 – On-Sale General – Public Premises) Previously, ABC had determined that the area was not over-concentrated and no PCN was required, but has now reversed its initial determination and is now indicating that the census tract is over-concentrated. Per city policy, when a determination by ABC finds that a census tract area is over-concentrated with a particular alcohol license type, then a PCN is required to be considered by the City and this is administered through the city’s CUP findings and process. APN: 0115-082-090; Zoning District: Downtown Commercial (CD); 178 N First, LLC, owner; Edward “Mickey” Renger and Tiffany Fabiani, applicants; Ginger Emerson, appellant; File No’s: APL23-01/PA23-03, /UP23-01/EXT23-01.

The California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) requires that this project be reviewed to determine if a study of potential environmental effects is required. It has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and no environmental review will be completed. This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines under 14 CRR Sections 15301 and 15311, [Existing Facilities and Accessory Structures]. If the City Council determines that this project is in an environmentally-sensitive area, further study may be required.

**HEARING DATE & LOCATION:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm. at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. 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 in person or remotely to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the appeal.

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 [CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us) or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, City Council, 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 City Council 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)).

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) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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# Get Your May Fair Discounts and Deals!



The Dixon May Fair is coming soon! Save money by purchasing tickets in advance. MPG file photo by Nicolas Brown

By Karen Spencer, KE Spencer

**DIXON, CA. (MPG)** - Tickets for the popular Dixon May Fair grandstand shows, fair admission, and carnival wristbands are now available for purchase for the upcoming Fair, May 11-14. The Fair has a number of opportunities to save money and time when you buy your Fair and Grandstand event tickets early using their e-ticket system. The convenience of on-line ticketing is available for grandstand events, carnival ridewristbands and admission. (Online service fees apply.)

Grandstand ticket prices for Broncs Bulls, the Tractor & Truck Pulls, and the Demolition Derby will be \$30 for all ages. Grandstand event tickets purchased in advance will include fair admission. Tickets purchased the day of the event do NOT include Fair admission. Advance purchase is recommended, as all Grandstand events were sell-outs in recent

years. For parents, the all-you-can-ride wristbands are a great way to go for kids with an unlimited appetite for the spectacular rides. Butler Amusements is offering wristbands, which allow the rider unlimited rides on any one day, for \$30 in advance through May 10. The wristbands are good for any one day of the Fair. During the Fair, wristbands will be \$35.

There are additional discounts on Fair admission as well. Advance purchase adult tickets online are just \$10 and will be \$15 at the gate, a 33% savings. KUIC Radio is sponsoring Thrifty Thursday, May 5, when all admissions are just \$5. And on Friday May 6, all kids 12 and under are admitted for Free.

The “Spring Has Sprung” Dixon May Fair, May 11-14, is located at 655 So. First St., Dixon.

The website for ticket purchases is [www.DixonMayFair.com](http://www.DixonMayFair.com) ★

# April is Child Abuse Awareness Month



On of DFS’s overarching goals is to reduce the incidences of child abuse or neglect in homes and in the community. Photo courtesy of DFS

By Cookie Powell, Dixon Family Services

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Family Services (DFS) has a banner in front of the building during the month of April as one way to remind people that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

There are things we can all do to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect. Child abuse, in its many forms, happens every day and has major impacts on the futures of those victimized. Studies show that child abuse result in a greater risk later in life of depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, smoking, eating disorders, obesity, sexual promiscuity, certain chronic diseases, and suicide.

DFS does all it can to help ensure the safety and well-being of Dixon’s children all year long. As a Family Resource Center, it is our overarching goal to reduce the incidences of child abuse or neglect in homes and in the community. We do this by enlightening and informing people of the signs to watch out for, how to report suspected abuse, and steps to take to foster an environment that can reduce the possibilities for abuse or neglect of children.

Though Dixon Family Services’ main focus is to assist households living at or below poverty, we want to be clear that child abuse knows no boundaries and is found in families of all socio-economic

backgrounds and cuts across lines of ethnicity, culture, and education.

There are a number of factors that can create increased risk of child abuse including lack of parenting skills, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, mental illness, poverty and substandard housing conditions, domestic violence, and a parent history of child abuse. These same risk factors can be barriers to abusers’ acknowledgement of the problem and ability to seek programs or services intended to stop the abuse such as parenting classes, counseling, peer support or other approaches.

As a community, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children, as well as other people’s children to ensure they can be safe and healthy, and have the opportunity to become happy, productive adults.

Do not hesitate to report what you think might be abusive behavior to local police or county child protective services. Let professionals determine if your concerns are worth investigation. For more information about child abuse, ways to help prevent it, and how to report it, we suggest you visit our website, [www.dixonfamilyservices.org](http://www.dixonfamilyservices.org), the Children’s Network website, [www.childnet.org](http://www.childnet.org), the Partners in Prevention website, [www.partnersinprevention.org](http://www.partnersinprevention.org), or call Solano Child Welfare Services 1 (800) 544-8696. ★

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**HEARING REGARDING NOTICE OF ABATEMENT AND REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED, OR INOPERABLE VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 9.01.480 AND 9.01.490 OF CHAPTER 9.01, PUBLIC NUISANCES, OF TITLE 9, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OF THE DIXON MUNICIPAL CODE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Dixon (“City”) will conduct a public hearing on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620, to consider the validity and enforcement of a notice of intent to abate and remove an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle from the property located at 1565 McCarthy Court in Dixon, California. A neutral Hearing Officer will preside over the hearing and render a written decision, in accordance with Chapter 9.01 of the Dixon Municipal Code (“D.M.C.”), sections 9.01.480 and 9.01.490.

Chapter 9.01, Section 9.01.460 of the D.M.C. provides that upon discovering the existence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle, or parts thereof, on private property or public property within the City, the enforcement officer shall have the authority to serve abatement notices and the Fire Chief will cause the abatement and removal thereof in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this article. Section 9.01.470 prior that prior to any such removal, a 10-day notice of intention to abate and remove the vehicle or parts (“Notice to Abate”) must first be provided to the owner of the property and the vehicle. The property owner or vehicle owner may then request a hearing before a hearing officer with respect to the question of abatement and removal of the vehicle, or parts thereof, as an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle, and the assessment of the administrative costs and the cost of removal of the vehicle or parts thereof, against the property on which it is located. The Hearing Officer will hear testimony and determine whether the Notice to Abate the Toyota Prius, Vehicle Identification Number JTDKB20U077606787 (“Vehicle”), which was provided to the owner of the property located at 1565 McCarthy Court in Dixon, California, where the Vehicle is located, is valid and enforceable.

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** are invited to attend the Friday, April 21, 2023, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the Notice to Abate. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the Hearing Officer prior to rendering a decision or making any recommendation regarding the Notice to Abate. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting via video conference and teleconference. Upon request, any documents that will be considered in the meeting 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 hearing process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the hearing should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak regarding the matter before the Hearing Officer. Written comments are also accepted prior to the meeting by mail at 600 East A Street, Dixon, CA 95620. Information regarding the hearing is on file and may be provided to interested individuals upon request. If a challenge to the Hearing Officer’s written decision is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the Hearing.

If you have any questions, please call the City at (707) 678-7000. Dixon Independent Voice 4-7-2023



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# Good Friday, Easter Celebrations

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 at **Freedom Church**, 470 East H Street.

At **Living Hope Church**, there will be two Easter services: 9 and 10:30 a.m. plus they will livestream the 10:30 a.m. service with Pastor Jeff Myers. The church is located at 410 Gateway Plaza.

**Calvary Chapel's** Pastor Greg Brock's Resurrection message will begin at 10 a.m. The church is in downtown Dixon at 140 North First Street and offers childcare during services.

**Revive Church**, formerly Dixon Community Church, will have Easter services at 10 a.m. The church is at

955 East A Street.

**Dixon United Methodist Church** will have a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. and will also have two Easter morning services: one will be at 8:30 a.m. and the other will be at 10 a.m. Both will be led by Pastor Henry Pablo III at 209 North Jefferson.

**Church** will hear Reverend Virgil Robinson's sermon 'Sin to Salvation' at 10:30 a.m. at 320 West A Street.

The **Dixon Church of Christ** at 1115 Stratford Ave., Suite C, will be worshipping at Pardi Plaza for Good Friday with the other churches and will give a resurrection message on

Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Every effort was made to reach all Dixon churches.

**Revive Church**, formerly Dixon Community Church, will have a guest Pastor, Steve Edwards at 10 a.m. Easter morning followed by a children's Easter Egg Hunt. they are located at 955 East A Street. ★

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 1. Emir, alt. sp.  
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 9. \*One of 27 in hand  
 13. Dhaka, formerly  
 14. Half man, half goat  
 15. Pressure ulcers, e.g.  
 16. Type of wrap  
 17. Old fashioned "before"  
 18. Do like ivy  
 19. \*Smooth, skeletal or cardiac  
 21. \*"Gray's \_\_\_\_"  
 23. Gardener's tool  
 24. Detected by olfactory system  
 25. Acronym-named sandwich  
 28. Sore throat voice  
 30. Retires from military service  
 35. Steak option  
 37. Place at angle  
 39. Double, in French  
 40. \*Certain apple's namesake  
 41. Fork pokers  
 43. Heavy metal's Quiet  
 44. \*Pelvis bone  
 46. \*Hardened keratin plate  
 47. Wedding promise?  
 48. Mandela  
 50. \*Part of eye, not flower  
 52. Tokyo, formerly  
 53. Alpine transport  
 55. Cuckoo  
 57. \*Vein to "go for"  
 61. \*Cell body, axon and dendrite  
 64. Use the other side of pencil  
 65. Caviar alternative  
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 73. Japanese currency  
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 1. Annoying pop-ups  
 2. "Yes, \_\_\_\_!"  
 3. Beige  
 4. E-wallet content  
 5. Resentment  
 6. Musketeer's sword  
 7. \*Smallest bones location  
 8. Work the dough  
 9. Diamond in a cutting tool  
 10. "Wonderfilled" cookie  
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 15. Like a Haunted Mansion visitor?  
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 25. \*It contains cerebellum and parietal lobe  
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 34. Vigorous fight  
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45. Like certain Crüe  
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 54. Orderly arrangement  
 56. Popular movie genre  
 57. J in B. J. King  
 58. Serve as motive  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF DIXON CITY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Dixon ("City") City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at Council Chambers located at 600 East A Street, Dixon, California 95620, to receive public comment and consider updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2022 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI).

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 18, 2023, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule based on the December 2022 All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI). Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the updates to the Citywide Master Fee Schedule. 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 regular meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring language interpretation services should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) or (707) 678-1489 (TTY) at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

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Dixon Independent Voice 4-7-2023

**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.



**Thursday, March 30**

**1150** - Officers responded to the 1600 block of North 1st Street regarding an embezzlement case. As a result of their investigation, Officers arrested Kabeer Ahmad (22) of Dixon for felony embezzlement after it was learned that he stole over \$4000 worth of merchandise from his place of employment. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

**1557** - A report of identity theft was reported in the 900 block of Windmill Drive.

**1626** - As a result of a proactive enforcement stop in the 1200 block of Pitt School Road, Officers arrested Anthony Amistoso (51) of Dixon for being in possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and for having an outstanding local misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. He was transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident.

**2302** - Possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant arrest report was taken in the parking lot of 235 E Dorset Dr. Officers made consensual contact with (S) Beningo Tapias-Santiago (51) of Fairfield. A records check revealed he had two outstanding out of Solano County. Tapias-Santiago was arrested and transported to the Solano County Jail.

**Wednesday, March 29**

**2152** - Domestic Violence arrest report was taken in the 1300 block of West H. St. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Scott Norton (57) of Dixon. Norton was determined to be the dominant aggressor and was arrested. Norton was transported to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.

**Tuesday, March 28**

**1146** - CPS referral at Dixon High School.

**1700** - Found wallet turned into the PD lobby.

**Monday, March 27**

**1413** - Theft reported in the 900 block of North Adams Street.

**2101** - Traffic enforcement stop in the 1400 block of North 1st Street. Roque Comacho-Sanchez (52) of Dixon was arrested for a Failure to Appear warrant out of Sutter County and possession of drug paraphernalia. Gilmar Perez (28), of Dixon, was arrested for Driving without a License and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. The vehicle was towed subsequent to arrest.

**0324** - Welfare check in the area of Robben Road at Midway Road led to the arrest of James Sapp of Davis for a Lake County misdemeanor warrant.

**Sunday, March 26**

**1430** - Stolen vehicle reported at the PD.

**1621** - Single vehicle traffic collision in the area of Pitt School Road and Homestead Way.

**1638** - Welfare check in the 100 block of East A Street. A 48-year-old male was found to be intoxicated and taken into custody without incident. He was transported to the Solano County Jail.

**Saturday, March 25**

**1215** - An assault report was taken in the 800 block of Business Park Drive. No injuries were sustained, and neither party desired prosecution.

**Friday, March 24**

**1643** - A non-injury collision was reported in the area of East A Street and North 2nd Street.

**Thursday, March 23**

**0649** - Officers located a vehicle behind a business in the 2400 block of North First Street. The vehicle and the occupant matched the description of a commercial burglary suspect and his vehicle involved in a theft in Davis on 3/21/23. Upon contact, officers found that the subject was on probation. A search of his person revealed a fleet fuel card from a local Dixon business. Detectives responded to the business and found that several of their fleet vehicles had been ransacked. As a result of their investigation, Aram Mkrtychyan (39) of Sutter County was arrested for Burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and for violating the terms of his probation. Davis PD was contacted and responded to the scene to conduct follow-up regarding the previous burglary case in which Mkrtychyan and his vehicle were involved. He was eventually transported and booked into the Solano County Jail without incident. His vehicle was towed.

**1102** - An information report was taken in the 100 block of Dorset Drive after a subject claimed to have found a hidden camera in their hotel room behind a mirror. Maintenance workers removed the mirror in the officer's presence, and the claim was determined to be unfounded.

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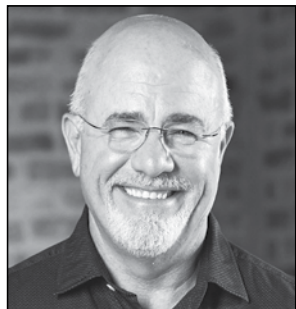
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There's nothing wrong with owning rental properties and other kinds of real estate, Valerie. I love real estate, and today, I have several rental properties of my own. The difference is I bought all of mine with cash. I didn't go into debt for them. I learned my lesson about debt the hard way over 30 years ago, and I don't want you to take a chance

on suffering through all that crap too.

Use the money from the sale of the cabin to pay off your home and other debt, and to make sure you've got a solid emergency fund of 3–6 months of expenses set aside. After that, if you want to start saving aggressively for another rental, go for it. Just make sure it's a smart buy when the time comes and that you pay for it in cash!

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.* ★

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– Valerie

Dear Valerie,

Let me start by asking you a question. If your home were paid for and you



## Riley Reviews

### "LUTHER" SUCCEEDS ON ITS OWN; TCM FINISHING ITS SCHEDULE

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

#### "LUTHER: THE FALLEN SUN" ON NETFLIX

Idris Elba is a terrific actor, and anything on television or the movies in which he's got a key role is almost always worth watching. Case in point would be his British detective in the TV series "Luther."

I still feel strongly that he would make a great James Bond. Some say he may be getting too old, but he's eight years younger than Keanu Reeves, who's proving in the "John Wick" series that age is not determinative for action chops.

After five seasons as a series, now comes the feature film "Luther: The Fallen Sun" on Netflix, with Idris Elba in the role of DCI John Luther, now disgraced for having committed illegal acts as a London police officer.

"Luther: The Fallen Sun," a psychological crime thriller, is a continuation of the TV series, albeit with some new characters, most notably with Andy Serkis, brilliantly creepy as wealthy serial killer David Robey.

Luther inhabits a world so dark and grim that in his pursuit of the scum of the earth he often bends or breaks the rules. This proves to be his Achilles heals when he's assigned the kidnap case of young janitor Callum Aldrich (James Bamford).

As the kidnapper, Robey is a psychopath who collects individuals against their will that he either manipulates into self-destructive acts or imprisons at a remote mansion where they are tortured and brutally murdered.

Knowing that Luther has been assigned the case of Callum's disappearance, Robey orchestrates the detective into being fired and jailed for breaking the law, but not before Luther promises Callum's mother Corinne (Hattie Morahan) to find her son's killer.

Once in prison, Luther is taunted by Robey delivering recordings of the murder of Callum. Now a pariah with the police force, Luther is unable to persuade DCI Odette Raine (Cynthia Erivo), now heading the investigation, that he could lend a hand.

Helped by a former associate and an inmate riot, Luther escapes prison, because he'll let nothing stand in the way of taking down Robey, even if DCI Raine hunts down Luther with as much zeal as chasing the serial killer.

Making the deranged Robey even more despicable is that he operates the dark website "Red Bunker" for sick voyeurs who are drawn to the gore and brutality of watching murder online.

Steeped in violent action and psychological warfare, "Luther: The Fallen Sun" works for the most part as a standalone film. Idris Elba's Luther is charismatic, and the other key

players are equally good. Andy Serkis' Robey is beyond chilling as the villain.

Apparently, Idris Elba has taken himself out of contention to be the next Agent 007. That's our loss. But if he cranks out a franchise of "Luther" movies, this will be our compensation, an obvious win for dedicated fans.

#### TCM CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULING

The TCM Classic Film Festival's starting date of April 13 is fast approaching, and the scheduling of films for the four-day extravaganza looks to be fairly complete with only a few open slots.

Exclusively for passholders, Club TCM is a private locale in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel where movie fans have the opportunity to attend special presentations and events with many of the celebrity guests.

Given the celebration on hand for Warner Bros. 100th anniversary, the "Warner Bros.: Hollywood's Ultimate Backlot – A Trip Through the Iron Gates" will provide an insider's look at the soundstages and outdoor sets where the studio produced its most famous films.

Presenters of this special event include the studio's archivist and author Steven Bingen and filmmaker and author Cass Warner, the granddaughter of the studio's co-founder and original president, Harry Warner. They will discuss anecdotes about filmmaking on the Warner Bros. lot.

Who doesn't love movie trailers? "You Gotta Have a Gimmick: The Warner Bros. Trailers Show" will celebrate the studio's advertising wizards who packed theaters with clever early glimpses of some favorite films.

Passholders at Club TCM will join Randy Haberkamp of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to experience "42nd Street" (1933), "Mildred Pierce" (1945), "House of Wax" (1953), "Bonnie and Clyde" (1967), and more as you've never seen them before.

Open to all in a theater will be "Bless This Mess: Laurel & Hardy Shorts," a program of Stan and Ollie's cherished short comedies. In "Going Bye-Bye!" (1934), the pair testify against a dangerous criminal, who breaks out of prison to seek revenge but becomes a victim of hijinks.

"Them Tar Hills" (1934) find Laurel and Hardy going to the mountains for a rest and accidentally get high on moonshine dumped into a well by locals trying to evade the law.

In "Tit for Tat" (1935), an Oscar nominee for Best Comedy Short, the duo known for their slapstick comedy run into trouble when opening an electrical repair shop next to a grocery run by their old nemesis from "Them Tar Hills." ★

## Visa, Mastercard Pause Implementation of New Code to Track Gun Purchases

By Zachary Stieber, Epoch Times  
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Visa and Mastercard confirmed on March 9 that they're pausing the implementation of a new merchant category code (MCC) that will help track cardholders' purchases at gun stores.

The pause stems from legislation advancing in several states that would restrict the use of the new code, and complicate matters, Visa said.

"There is now significant confusion and legal uncertainty in the payments ecosystem, and the state actions disrupt the intent of global standards. Accordingly, Visa is pausing implementation of the MCC," a spokesperson told The Epoch Times via email.

Mastercard said that the bills would cause "inconsistency" in how the code could be used.

"It's for that reason that we have decided to pause work on the implementation of the firearms-specific MCC," a spokesperson said.

Discover, which planned to start the tracking in April, said in an emailed statement that it's removing the new MCC from its next network update planned for April, in order "to continue alignment and interoperability with the industry."

State officials celebrated the development.

"This is a clear victory for consumers and Americans' civil liberties," Riley Moore, West Virginia's state treasurer and a Republican, said in a statement. "The implementation of this new merchant category code would have created a backdoor national gun registry that could be used by the radical gun control lobby to undermine Americans' Second Amendment rights."

Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) added, "I've led efforts pushing back on attempts to block legal transactions and tracking gun purchases. Law-abiding gun owners should not be discriminated against."

The companies "shouldn't just 'pause' their implementation of this plan – they should end it definitively," said Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, a Republican.

#### Code Approved

The code was approved by the International Organization for Standardization in 2022. In addition to Mastercard and Visa, American Express and Discover stated that they would be implementing the code.

A representative for American Express, the third-largest payments network, didn't immediately comment on March 9.

States have taken action. For example, West Virginia legislators introduced legislation in January that would ban credit card companies from collecting or disclosing data on firearm purchases. Officials in Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas also have crafted bills that would ban or restrict companies from utilizing the code.

A proposal by Mississippi state Rep. Jansen Owen, a Republican, would bar payment-processing companies from "[requiring] the usage of or [assigning] a firearms or ammunition merchant category code to any merchant located in Mississippi that is a seller of firearms or ammunition separately from general merchandise retailers or sporting goods retailers."

The legislation specifically refers to the new code, stating that it's a means "to conduct mass surveillance of constitutionally protected firearms and ammunition purchases."

"The Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act seeks to prevent credit card companies from unfairly and negatively targeting legal gun and ammo purchases," Owen said after the state House of Representatives approved the legislation in February.

Visa had previously said that it would implement the code.

"Visa will proceed with next steps, while ensuring we protect all legal commerce on the Visa network in accordance with our long-standing rules," a spokesperson said in September 2022.

While all the top payment networks had said they would adopt the new code, however only the smallest, Discover, had set a public timetable for April, and said it was only following the lead of others.

Nearly half of the state attorneys general in the country urged the credit card companies not to implement the code, asserting that the information obtained would be misused, whether unintentionally or deliberately.

However, Democrat officials had expressed support for the move, claiming that it would help prevent mass shootings.

"If someone is buying more guns and ammunition than legally allowed, law enforcement needs to know," said Washington, D.C., Attorney General Karl Racine, a Democrat. ★

*Reuters contributed to this report.*

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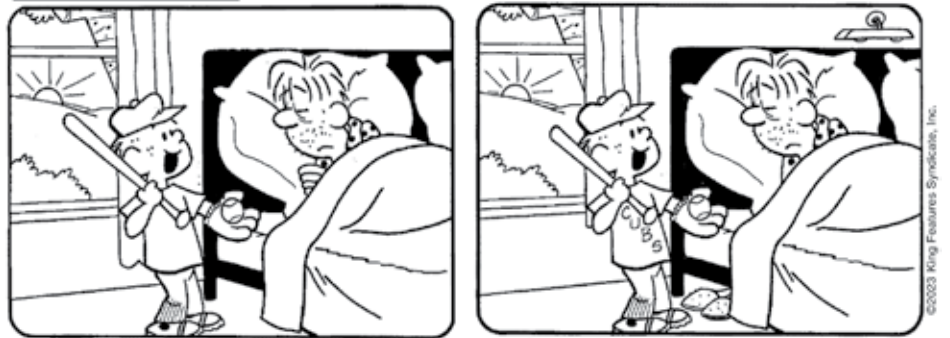


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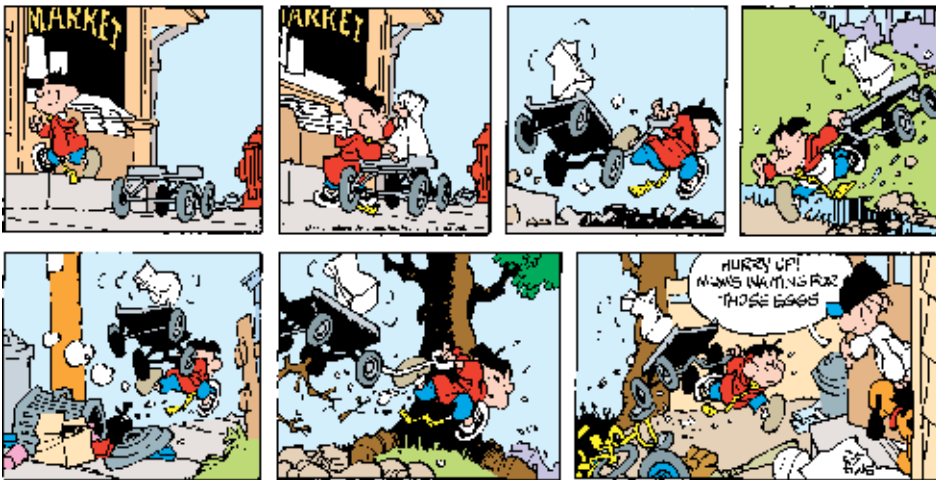
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# Ramtown Roundup

MPG Staff

At least a couple local guys had the thrill of attending the recent Sacramento Kings game in the capital to watch the Minnesota Timberwolves nearly match the Sacramento players in a stressful constant back and forth battle ending with the Timberwolves 119 over the Kings 115.

Two days later on March 29, the Kings played the Portland Trailblazers and 'put a whoopin' on them of 120-80 for the win and sealed their Playoff entrance hopes for the first time in 17 years.

"Having been over a decade-long season ticket holder, it is a welcomed heart that our local Sacramento Kings have made the playoffs once again," said Dixonite Jim Ward. "After a 17-year absence, and upon the move to a new arena with new ownership in 2016, it is a shot in the arm for our fans and regional economy. Go Kings!"

An interesting tidbit Ward reported is that the 'D League,' Stockton Kings have made it to the Playoffs as well. Their Head Coach is former Player/6th man of the Year Award Winner, Bobby Jackson of the early 2000s Sacramento Kings!

The wet weather has certainly impacted spring sports this season including the Dixon High School Golf Team led by Coach Ben Santos who reported there will have to be some make-up games due to the rains.

Santos was actually a tennis coach but wound up helping coach golf with Brett Cauchi years ago.

He's a self-professed "sports junkie" propelled by the love of children in his



Taken March 27, the night of the Kings vs. the Minnesota Timberwolves, where the entire game was 'neck and neck' until the final buzzer with Timberwolves having a 3-point lead. Photo by Jim Ward

life plus, he has played—and coached—numerous sports from Suisun to Fairfield, to Dixon.

"Golf is still a gentleman's game," he said. "Students are very well behaved. There's no fighting. They keep their own score because if you cheat, you're only cheating yourself," he explained.

When Cauchi took a northern California job, Santos applied with Principal Marquez thinking the position was volunteer so was pleasantly surprised when he was "required" to fill out paperwork due to it being an official stipend position.

"I knew all the kids from when I coached Little League and I enjoy being around the kids," he said. A new schedule will be forthcoming but for now, the next rounds of Dixon High School Golf competitions will be at 3 p.m. against the following teams: Tuesday, April 18: Casa Robles; Thursday, April 20: Pioneer; Tuesday, April 25: Mesa Verde and Thursday,

April 27, in Rio Linda.

The Girls Golf Team is coached by Frances Garcia, who led them to winning the Golden Empire League (GEL) in October of 2021. Jill Obelleiro claimed the league's MVP for the second year in a row and Kelsey Wayne and Alexys Redd were named all-league.

If you are a senior football player and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and you plan to attend college, you are eligible to apply for the Dixon Quarterback Club's scholarships. They will be awarding four \$500 scholarships so stop by the Dixon High Counseling office to pick up your application.

Dixon High School Athletics Director Brett Peterson announced the Boys and Girls swim teams earned close victories against Pioneer to conclude the season. Heading into April's GEL Championship Meet, the boys are 1st with a 5-0 record while the girls are in a 3-way tie for First! ★



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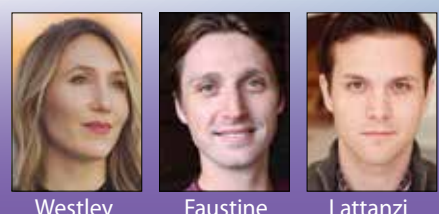
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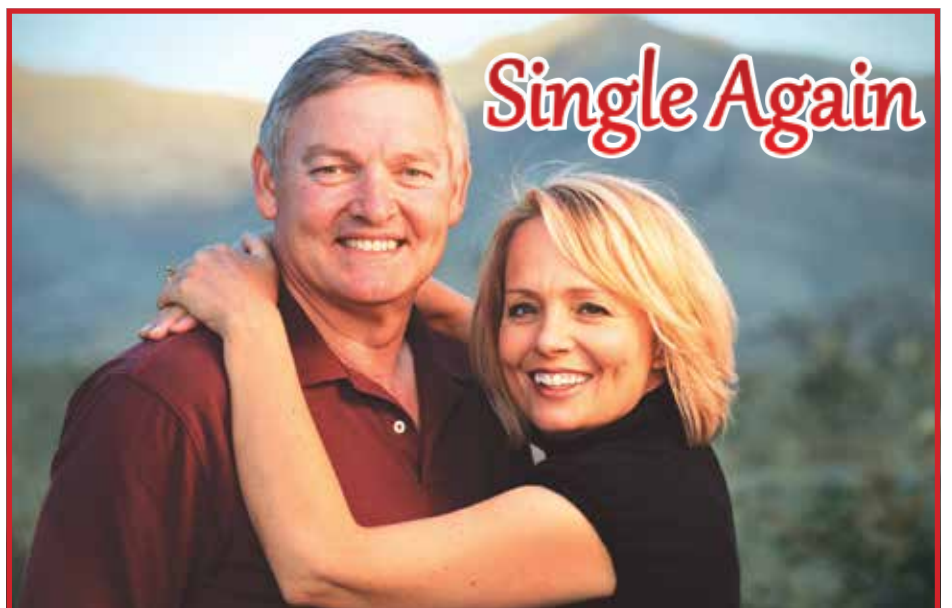
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