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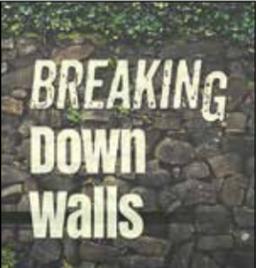
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## K-9 Kings Sail at May Fair



JD Platt, right, will host his canine kids at the May Fair and will amaze audiences as the 4-legged athletes catapult through the air for Frisbees. Courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Who doesn't love dogs? There is a great show out at the May Fair this weekend that promises to be a sure hit with children and adults alike because it involves dogs—not purebreds, but rescue dogs!

Former professional snowboarder J.D. Platt has always loved being in front of audiences and has had a lifelong passion for animals. He has expertly combined these two interests into one amazing experience: The K9 Kings Flying Dog Show.

This entertainment extravaganza

features up to nine different breeds of adorable dogs flipping, spinning, and leaping their way into their audience's hearts. Guests will marvel at these furry performers as they sail through the air and snatch flying discs out of the air while demonstrating breathtaking acrobatic skill.

The outdoor performances which are about every two hours throughout the May Fair last about 20 to 30 minutes each and will feature multiple acrobatic frisbee dog routines. The dogs from the largest to the smallest will flip, spin, and jump. They seem to love performing for people.

J.D. will educate you, provide a

great deal of crowd participation and will make you laugh. They are shows that you won't want to miss.

During the performance, J.D. will talk about the incredible and talented rescue dogs that have come into his life. He demonstrates the trainability and hard work that has gone into his training to bring out the natural and instinctual abilities of dogs that need a job.

His stories of his rescue dogs are inspirational and are a great way of encouraging people to adopt, rescue, or foster dogs in need of homes. These working dogs that

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## Joe Anderson Honored by City



Former Mayor Joe Anderson and Mayor Steve Bird pose at the meeting. Courtesy photo

By Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Former Dixon Mayor Joe Anderson and long-time rancher received recognition from the City of Dixon recently at a City Council Meeting for serving 33 years on the Mosquito Abatement Board.

The official proclamation giving his history of civic service was read aloud by Mayor Steve Bird.

In 1979, Mayor Maureen Southwell was recommended and appointed by Council, Joe Anderson to the City of Dixon Planning Commission. He was then elected to the Dixon City Council in 1980 and seated as Mayor Pro Tem. He became the City of Dixon Mayor in 1982, elected as City of Dixon Mayor in 1984, and re-elected Mayor of the City of Dixon in 1986, 1988, and 1990, serving consecutive two-year terms.

During his terms, he served as the City of Dixon's representative on LAFCO, President of the Solano Water Agency, Solano Armed Forces Committee, Solano County Mayor's Conference in addition to other Committees/Agencies with some trepidation, he now feels it is time to step down as the City of Dixon Trustee to the Solano County Mosquito Abatement Board to spend more time at his cattle ranch in Stonyford.

However, he has agreed to serve as the City of Dixon's representative to the SMAD Board until a replacement has been selected.

"On behalf of the community, I give thanks to Joe for his 46 years of service to the Community and extend our best wishes to him and his family," said Mayor Steve Bird and called Anderson u for the presentation.

"I do appreciate very much this recognition and I couldn't have done it without the support of my family as we all know if we don't have support from our families and our wives, we have serious problems and Mary has been very supportive," said Anderson. "I thank Dixon for letting me be a part of this process for many years and I thank this Council for your help as well." ★

## Large Soil Contamination Project Begins

Story and photo by Debra Dingman

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - You might think that the bulldozers were digging out a mountain of soil to put in a lake in the newer Homestead development off Pitt School Road, but the project involves actually digging out a huge area of former farmland that has soil contamination.

Village Green residents as well as neighboring Homestead developments received warnings of the contamination a few months ago and the work has officially begun.

The notice explained that the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has a mission to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.

They sent the notice to let the community know



Thousands of truckloads of contaminated soil are being removed from land in the Homestead Development off Pitt School Road.

about the proposed cleanup at Operable Unit 3-East (OU-3 East) of the SW Dixon Plan - Harvest Site (Site). OU-3 East is located generally south of West A Street and west of Pitt School Road in the City of Dixon.

The cleanup activities will include excavating

approximately 56,000 cubic yards of soil contaminated with organochlorine pesticides and transporting to a permitted disposal facility. Construction equipment such as backhoes, excavators, loaders, and trucks will be used for excavation and hauling. An estimated 4,500 to

4,700 truckloads of soil are expected to be off hauled from the Property. Work began at the end of April and will require up to six weeks.

Excavation, soil loading, and trucking will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6

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## Gift Idea for Mother's Day

By Debra Dingman

I admit easily: I am a big fan of Colleen Gnos. Ever since I learned that she was the artist who painted the billboard-size farmer and his dog that announces Dixon's farming heritage on I-80, I fell in love with her painting style and her authenticity.

Yes, I'm partial to her because she is from Dixon and grew up in a town I love, but, for Mother's Day this year, my heart has warmed even more because I discovered in a newly released video that tells more of her story.

Last September, Colleen was awarded the 2023 California Art Council's Individual Artist Fellowship Award. According to their website, "With few opportunities for individual artists to apply for funding, and even fewer for their achievements to be recognized, the California Arts Council has created this program as a way to celebrate the state's artists and culture bearers."

What judges were looking for was excellence, for purposes of the grant, defined as an artist's unique artistic vision, ongoing commitment to creative practice, and engagement with and impact on the larger cultural ecosystem.

In a poignant sharing of her life in an online video, she remembered wanting to be an artist since age 4 in preschool. Since she grew up in a small farm town where there weren't a lot of artists, she didn't have role models and really didn't know what to do with that decision. But her artistic abilities were supported from the beginning.

She applied for the Established Artist Grant as she has been painting professionally for 25 years and after receiving it, she

felt she had to prove something. But what it ended up doing was opening a door into self-exploration of "limiting beliefs" and the personal pain she felt in her life, she explained. Colleen is a wife and mother and has family in Dixon.

In the video, there were pictures of her struggles with cancer which I had known nothing about. And now that I am currently experiencing my brother-in-law struggling with chemo, my heart was even more touched.

"We all have pain, and we all have traumas, but I felt art was no place for it to come out...which is the most ridiculous thing...and I was stuffing it away but now I feel like I can share my story," she said. "It's been a long haul to get here, and I want to show getting out on the other side. I feel really blessed."

She is excited to start a new body of work from Gnos Art Studio in San Luis Obispo, she said.

For Mother's Day, Colleen announced an invitation to bring your mom or special woman in your life to her studio in San Luis Obispo or online and explore her work--or pick up a Gift Certificate. She has paintings in several sizes that make wonderful gifts. I bought one of the Dixon farmers soon after he was placed out in the field. Colleen is also going to be working on a mural of Dixon's history that will be outside the Dixon History Museum when finished and I'm looking forward to seeing it.

Her online sale to celebrate moms is 15% off on all prints, art cards, giclée's, and koozies for the entire month of May (shipping is separate.) Please enter Code LUVMOM at her online store GnosArt.com when you check out. Phone is (805) 441-8277. ★

# Dixon News Briefs



The annual Ron DuPratt Pancake Breakfast is usually a full house of flapjack lovers before the May Fair Parade starts. The Pancake Breakfast includes delicious food for breakfast lovers. Photo by Debra Dingman

MPG Staff

### Rotary Pancake Breakfast

The annual pancake breakfast has been a part of the May Fair parade tradition "way over 20 years," according to Dixon Rotary Club President Marianne MacDonald.

"It's the Ron DuPratt breakfast because he had perfect attendance in our Rotary Club for over 60 years," she said. "We do this as a service for the community because people meet there before they go to the parade, and they meet friends that they may have only seen once a year."

The breakfast will be Saturday, May 11 from 7 to 10 a.m. and is \$5 per plate. It will be at the Olde Vet's Hall, 231 North First Street in downtown Dixon. Tickets are available at the door. Dixon's Rotary Club fundraisers go to Dixon High School scholarships, Remember-a-Vet Program, Dixon school programs, and various community projects.

"All servicemen in uniform get a free breakfast," MacDonald reminded. "We serve over 600 breakfasts, and we do not make any money on this. The Boy Scout Troop that we sponsor helps us with this," she said. For more information, see the Dixon Rotary Facebook page or call MacDonald at (707) 678-1615.

### Indian Cuisine for Teens

Learn how to make Indian Cuisine with Dixon's own SS Curry Express. Register online or in person to attend on Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Dixon Library. This class is for Tweens and Teens, ages 10 to 18. It will be at the Dixon Public Library, 230 N 1st Street in downtown Dixon. Call (866) 572-7587 for more information.

### Hall Park Free Play

Free drop-in play is being offered at Hall Park now on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. at the Jim B. Stevens Arena. The Salaber All Weather Synthetic Play Field is also available for free drop-in play on Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. If you are new to Dixon, Hall Park is the one with the swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball

diamonds and dog park, too, behind City Hall. It is located at Mayes and Fifth Street.

### Planning Commission Meeting

There will be a City of Dixon Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, and the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 600 East A Street. Go to [cityofdixon.us](http://cityofdixon.us) and click on the government tab to get to their agendas.

### Adult Lap Swim

With the warmer weather, the Pat Granucci Aquatic Center is now open for lap swims. The hours are mornings Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 5:30 to 7 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 8 to 10 a.m. One can purchase a punch card (good for 20 Visits) for \$78.75 adults; \$63 seniors (55+) or the single visit fee is - \$5.25 or \$4.25 per senior (55+). Register at the pool before workouts.

### Fish Fry

On Friday, May 10, the Veteran's Memorial Hall will feature its special Fish Fry with hush puppies, coleslaw, and French fries for \$12. It starts around 5:30 and is at 1305 North First Street.

### Planned Parenthood

At the Dixon Public Library on Wednesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. will be an information session from Planned Parenthood. The event is tailored for both teens and caregivers, offering vital information and resources in a supportive environment. Questions and answers will be after the presentation. It will be held at 230 North First Street.

### Plaza Concerts

The first concert of the season will be Thursday, May 16, at 6 p.m. and will feature 'Fair Warning.' The concert will take place every first and third Thursday of the month at the Pardi Plaza, corner of First and A Streets. Sponsored by the City of Dixon, The Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Kaiser Permanente. ★

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**DixonMayFair.com**



## Lambert is Young Woman of the Month



Pictured L-R are Brandy Lambert, her Mom Amelia Delacruz, and Soroptimist President Brenda Walker. Courtesy photo

By Dixon Soroptimist

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Brandy Lambert is SI Dixon Young Woman of the Month. She was nominated by her floral design teacher, Miss Torres. Brandy works hard, has an eye for creativity, and attention to detail.

Brandy is the daughter of Amelia Delacruz. She has a brother, Jose Reynosa. Brandy's family may be small, but she is grateful for everything her mom has shown her. She loves and respects her mom for guiding her to be who she is today.

Dixon has been home to Brandy for the last 17 years. She attended Anderson Elementary, C.A. Jacobs and is now a

senior at Dixon High School.

Brandy is very proud that she will be the first generation to graduate from high school. She has worked hard in school to become a straight A student. Brandy has also made strides in having a healthy and positive mindset.

When Brandy has extra time, she enjoys drawing and painting. Brandy also enjoys volunteering at the Dixon Public Library.

After high school graduation, Brandy would like to attend a community college for 2 years then transfer to a 4-year college to study psychology. Congratulation Brandy! ★

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# Better Building Safe than Sorry



Dixon inspectors Chase Martini and Joel Engrahm smile for the camera during Building Safety Month. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - For nearly half a century, May has marked Building Safety Month.

Forty-four years ago, the International Code Council founded what is now recognized yearly by the governing president with a White House Proclamation and acknowledgments by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA).

Locally, Dixon officials are spreading the word themselves, according to public information officer Madeline Graf.

"Throughout May, we are planning to highlight our building division staff on social media to share what they do on a day-to-day basis and why building safety is important," Graf said.

Chief Building Official Larry Paisley said the month-long coverage covers all facets of building safety, beginning with the basics such as ensuring "buildings, remodels and work meets current codes which are in place to ensure the safety of property owners, residents and neighborhoods."

"According to the 2024 White House Proclamation, building

coding safety surrounds the record 1.7 million new housing units are under construction nationwide." With that much new construction, Community Development Director Raffi Boloyan said Building Safety Month allows the public to understand why there are specific requirements.

"For example, the municipal code requires fire setbacks to prevent a fire from spreading from one property to the next, starting a chain reaction that could spread to a whole neighborhood," Boloyan said.

So when it seems like there is a lot of paperwork to fill out, know it is for a reason, according to Boloyan, who said, "The purpose of the permitting process is to ensure that construction and remodels meet local rules and safety requirements and ensure that the resident's contractor is meeting code."

The good news is that the Dixon Building Division is implementing a more expedited submittal process, allowing for electronic and file submissions.

"This new system will launch this fall," Boloyan said.

Timing is everything when it comes to

permits. Paisley said the California Building Codes are updated every three years, requiring cities to adopt them and allowing any municipality to modify the state codes further for local conditions.

FEMA confirms the same.

"Today, 31% of hazard-prone communities have adopted current, natural hazard-resistant building codes," FEMA reports. "There is much room to increase these numbers in local jurisdictions that are more vulnerable to natural hazards such as fires, floods, and storms."

Paisley said city staff take ICC training for required continuing education to stay abreast of current trends, new codes, and best practices.

"Inspectors are also certified by ICC," Paisley said.

Any Dixon resident can take specific steps to make meeting code easier, beginning with checking with the building department to see if a permit is required. Boloyan said working with the city from the beginning can save time. Next, research any professional before hiring anyone.

"Always check their licenses and references," Boloyan said, adding that the last suggestion is as easy as knocking on a door. "Talk to neighbors ahead of time and let them know about the project you want to begin."

Boloyan said any resident interested in planning a construction or renovation project should speak with the City of Dixon Community Development Department to determine what types of work requires a permit and how to make a submittal.

To Paisley, Boloyan and all Dixon Building Department staff, the White House Proclamation for the month says it best: "We thank the engineers, construction workers, trade unions, building inspectors, and other building professionals who make our buildings stronger, more sustainable, and more resilient."

For Dixon Building Division information, email [buildingdivision@cityofdixon.us](mailto:buildingdivision@cityofdixon.us). ★

# Pardi Plaza Concerts Kick Off



Fair Warning, an upcoming local classic rock band that showcases iconic bands including Van Halen, AC/DC, Stone Temple Pilots and Guns N' Roses, will perform in Dixon. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

By Angela Underwood

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Get ready to sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

The City of Dixon and Dixon District Chamber of Commerce collaborated again for another Concerts in the Plaza lineup starting May 16. Every first and third Thursday from May until October, nearly a dozen bands will perform at Pardi Plaza from 6 to 8:30 p.m., beginning with Fair Warning.

The upcoming six-member local classic rock band showcases covers from iconic bands, including Van Halen, Led Zeppelin, Heart, and Sammy Hagar.

"This will be the third year we are hosting the concert series," Madeline Graf, Dixon public information officer, said. "The series started in 2022 as a four-part series in October and has expanded to 11 concerts from May to October."

Dixon Chamber of Commerce President Shauna Manina said the series is more than just concerts.

"It is families with their little children coming out and laying out their blankets and running around, playing and dancing," Manina said.

The series is also for the solo.

"It's for the disabled man who comes out in his wheelchair and tells me he looks forward to this because it gives him a chance to get out of the house because he feels isolated, enjoys music and being around people,"



Residents lounge during a Pardi Plaza concert, enjoying free music and entertainment provided by the City of Dixon and Kaiser Permanente. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

Manina said. "Pardi Plaza was created to bring the community together."

Graf said sponsors, including Kaiser Permanente, provide the Pardi Plaza entertainment at no cost.

"This free event allows families and individuals to come to the plaza and enjoy live entertainment," Graf said.

"These events are an opportunity for social connection and allow the community to get outside and enjoy our downtown at no charge."

Dixon Councilmember Jim Ernst thanked the chamber for putting the series together, saying, "I know it takes a lot of work," and "It is bringing commerce into our downtown."

One of those patrons is Vice Mayor Kevin Johnson, who shared his experience with the Pardi Plaza concerts.

"I have made sure I had timed the ones I have

attended perfectly, so I was sitting in one of the outside restaurants with that in the background and it was fabulous," Johnson said.

For those relaxing on the lawn, food trucks and vendors will be available in the Pardi Plaza parking lot for patrons who wish to enjoy refreshments during the concerts.

But according to the Graf, it's not just about the crowd.

"The concerts are an opportunity for local artists and bands to perform in our community," Graf said.

After Fair Warning debuts on May 16, Normal Paranormal and Live Wire will play on June 6, and Strange Brew will take the stage on June 20. Following is Hey Jude on July 18, Now and Then on Aug. 1, Bonanza King on Aug. 15 and Pub Kats on Sep. 5. The series winds down with Kindred Spirits on Sept. 19, Ramana Vieira on Oct. 3 and Enemy of Fate on Oct. 17. ★

# Large Soil Contamination Project Begins

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p.m. on weekdays (excluding holidays.) As trucks exit the Property, they will take the following route: Exit the site onto West A St; Head east on West A Street toward Pitt School Rd; Turn right onto Pitt School Rd; Turn left onto Midway Rd; Turn right at 1st cross street onto CA-1 13 S; and enter 6426 Hay Road.

Safety measures include perimeter fencing will be installed at the Site. Air monitoring equipment will be deployed upwind and downwind of excavation areas to monitor dust emissions during cleanup activities. Water will be used to wet soil to minimize dust, as necessary.

Stockpiles will be covered with plastic sheeting and truck loads will also be covered with tires cleaned before leaving the

site. Excavation activities will be temporarily suspended if dust control measures are not effective.

Vehicle speed on-site will be limited to a maximum of 5 mph.

If one has any questions about this project, please contact the following DTSC staff: Karri Peters, DTSC Project Manager, (916) 255-3614; [Karri.peters@dtsc.gov](mailto:Karri.peters@dtsc.gov); Tammy Pickens, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3594/ (866) 495-5651; [Tammy.pickens@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Tammy.pickens@dtsc.ca.gov); or Russ Edmondson, Public Information Officer at (916)323-3372 or email [Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov).

You can view project documents online at: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public) (Enter "SW Dixon Plan Harvest Property"). ★

# Fairfield Author Publishes Poetry Collection

Collection Of Literature to Show How Different Life Can Be

Dorrance Publishing News Release

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG)** - Breaking Down Walls, a new book by Michael B. Evers, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

In his latest book, Michael B. Evers compiles an anthology of essays and prose on what it means to live, what it means to be, what it means to think, and to dream. Based on a full life of experiences, Evers provides discussion and thought-provoking philosophy, history, politics, and familial relationships.



Breaking Down Walls, the newest book by Michael B. Evers, is now available.

Through these wanderings, Evers seeks to find bits of wisdom from his experiences, while challenging

others to make their own conclusions and allow each person to reflect on life and its wonders in different and unique ways, hopefully making our world a brighter and more meaningful place.

Breaking Down Walls is a 174-page paperback with a retail price of \$17.00 (eBook \$12.00). The ISBN is 979-8-89127-907-0. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

To buy the book, visit our online bookstore at <https://bookstore.dorrancepublishing.com/products/breaking-down-walls>. ★

# K-9 Kings Sail at May Fair

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have become part of the K9 Kings will amaze with their natural working abilities and sweetness shown after every performance.

After the show, fans of all ages can venture over to the large "meet, greet, and pet area" to get up close and personal with these friendly, four-legged athletes. All the dogs have been socialized,

are friendly, and are great with children, according to the website, [K9kings.com](http://K9kings.com).

This is an experience for all ages, so check your Fair schedule for showtimes and bring the whole family over to the Kids Zone to see J.D. and his K9 Kings.

For performance details, go to [independentvoice.com](http://independentvoice.com) and see the May Fair schedule in our special edition of the May 3 issue or go to [DixonMayFair.com](http://DixonMayFair.com). ★

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# California Spends More on Schools with The Neediest Kids

## Here's How It's Succeeded and Failed

By Carolyn Jones,  
CALMatters.org

A decade after California revolutionized the way it funds schools, nearly everyone agrees the initiative has done what it was meant to do: improved math and reading scores and brought more resources to students who struggle the most.

And nearly everyone also agrees that the Local Control Funding Formula, as it's known, could use a tune-up. Black and Latino students' test scores have improved but still lag behind their white and Asian peers, and schools in affluent areas still spend far more per student than schools in poorer neighborhoods.

But overall, researchers and superintendents say, the system introduced under Gov. Jerry Brown has remade California's schools for the better.

"Gov. Brown had a good idea," said Adam Clark, superintendent of Mt. Diablo Unified in Concord. "(The funding formula) has given school districts the tools and resources to really address the needs of students. And it gives parents and the community a voice."

Jaime Green, superintendent of Trinity Alps Unified in Trinity County, put it more succinctly: "Without LCFF, our district would not be open."

Under the Local Control Funding Formula, the state gives school districts a base amount of money calculated by attendance, but funnels extra funds for low-income students, English learners and foster youth. Districts have freedom to spend the money on whatever programs they think will help their students, with guidance and accountability through a public local planning process.

Prior to the funding formula, California schools were financed through local property taxes, a system that had been in place for 40 years. Districts with lower tax revenues got extra money from the state, up to a certain limit, and the state doled out dozens of grants for specific programs.

Districts like Trinity Unified, located in California's poorest county, barely stayed afloat under that system because the extra money was not enough to cover expenses, especially considering the large number of students living in poverty.

The overall amount of spending was low due in part to Proposition 13, the 1978 ballot initiative that capped property taxes and resulted in deep cuts to state spending. By the mid-2000s, California was near the bottom of states nationally in school spending, student test scores and nearly every other educational measurement. Linda Darling Hammond, president of the State Board of Education, described it as "a broken system."

### Simplifying and Decentralizing School Funding

Brown, who was elected to his second stint as governor in 2010, said he got the inspiration to overhaul school funding from Mike Kirst, who served as president of the State Board of Education during both of Brown's stints as governor. Kirst and his colleagues had proposed the idea of a weighted formula a few years earlier, but it was shelved when the economy crashed in 2008.

Gathering support from legislators, teachers unions, parent groups and school boards, Brown, Kirst and their allies helped get the funding formula enacted in 2013.

The simplicity, along with shifting power away from the state, appealed to Brown.

"I liked the idea of reducing complexity, of giving money where it was most needed," Brown said in December at a conference on the impact of the funding formula. "You need goals, you need standards, but you have to let local people do their thing."

It coincided with a trio of other



The Wellness Center at College Park High School is a place where students can find a quiet and relaxing environment without leaving school. Pleasant Hill, March 15, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbeago

big changes in California education: passage of Proposition 30, a sales tax which raised about \$6 billion annually for schools; introduction of the Common Core reading and math curriculum; and the Smarter Balanced standardized testing system.

Within a few years, the improvements were obvious in California classrooms. By 2019, before the pandemic, reading and math scores in all grades had improved, graduation rates rose, suspensions and expulsions fell, and more students met college admission requirements for the state's public universities. A report by the Learning Policy

### Overall School Spending is Still Unequal

Another problem is the overall amount of school spending generally, some said. Even though low-income schools now have much more money than they did a decade ago, it's not enough to address the needs of students facing complex challenges. And schools in affluent areas still spend far more per student, thanks to parent donations and local bonds and taxes.

Jack O'Connell, who was State Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to the Local Control Funding Formula, agreed. While he considers the

who meet more than one of the formula categories should be counted twice, not once. Schools should receive extra money for English learners who are also low-income, for example.

### Basing School Funding on Enrollment, Not Attendance

In Trinity Alps Unified, in the mountains of Trinity County in Northern California, the funding formula has made a world of difference — not just for students but for the entire community, said superintendent Green. Prior to the funding formula, the district received less than \$12,000 per student from all sources; now it's closer to \$20,000.

violate Proposition 209, the affirmative action ban that prevents the state from linking money to students' race or ethnicity.

Gov. Gavin Newsom last year introduced a tweak to the funding formula that directs extra funding to specific schools based on high rates of student turnover, low-income students or students whose parents didn't graduate from high school. The equity multiplier, as it's known, is intended to reach students who have the highest needs.

### 'Deep inequities' in California

But that's not enough, said Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, director of TK-12 education policy at Ed Trust-West, an education research and advocacy organization. California should repeal or scale back Proposition 209.

"We still have deep inequities across the board," Wheatfall-Lum said. "But by fixing LCFF we have a huge opportunity to support racial equity. ... The stakes are very high. How we fund schools is the foundation of our education system."

Ed Trust-West also recommends that the state hold districts accountable for the academic performance of specific student groups, such as Black and Latino students, and pay more attention to the progress of English learners, whose test scores have barely budged since the funding formula was introduced.

But money isn't always the answer, Brown noted at a conference in December. Bumps in school funding, while helpful, can't be expected to solve problems as deeply embedded as poverty, racism and inequality, he said. Factors beyond school play a huge role in students' outcomes.

### 'More Than Money' to Help High-Needs Students

At College Park High in Pleasant Hill, the district used funding formula money to open a wellness center two years ago. Furnished with couches, comfy chairs, student-created artwork and private enclaves for one-on-one meetings with counselors, the wellness center is a popular place for students to relax and socialize. In addition to mental health services like peer counseling and therapy dogs, the center offers yoga, meditation, games and a quiet place to do homework. A social worker is always present.

Stephanie Perez, a senior at College Park, said the wellness center has been a lifesaver — literally. It's given her a reason to stay in school and motivation to stay healthy.

"If this place wasn't here, I'd be out drinking, smoking, ditching school, getting bad habits," Perez said. "They really care about you, listen to you, give you a shoulder to cry on. I come here to ease my mind." ★



College Park High School students can visit the Wellness Center during school hours and after school to take a break and reset before returning to their activities in Pleasant Hill on March 15, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbeago for CalMatters

Institute found that an increase of \$1,000 in per-pupil spending over three consecutive years resulted in a full grade level improvement in math and reading.

California now ranks near the national average in school spending, as well as in math and reading scores. Although scores fell in the wake of the pandemic, they didn't fall as far as they did in other states and are slowly beginning to creep upward.

But challenges persist. One common gripe among superintendents is the annual plan required to chart goals and priorities. The Local Control Accountability Plan is a key part of the funding formula's accountability and parent involvement components, but it can be a headache, superintendents said. It entails committee meetings, surveys, data analysis and detailed explanations of spending for the public, county and state to review.

The plans are often so dense with jargon that even though they're posted online, reviewed at school board meetings and shared with parents, few people wade through them — thereby not providing the accountability they're intended to.

funding formula a landmark in California education, he thinks the state needs to increase the base amount of money it gives schools. Currently, that amount ranges from \$11,000 to \$12,300 per student, which poses a challenge for middle-class districts without large numbers of low-income students or wealthy parents willing to donate thousands.

"There's no question things are better off now," O'Connell said. "But increasing the base grant might be the best way to help all students."

Kirst said he was confident the funding formula would work, but he's surprised at its political staying power and how entrenched it's become in the education landscape.

He'd like to see the formula adjusted to take into account regional costs of living, so districts in expensive areas get more money. And he'd like to see the poverty measurement change. Currently it's based on how many students meet the federal standards for a free or reduced price meals. But with so many districts now offering free lunch to all students, he said, the state should consider using other criteria.

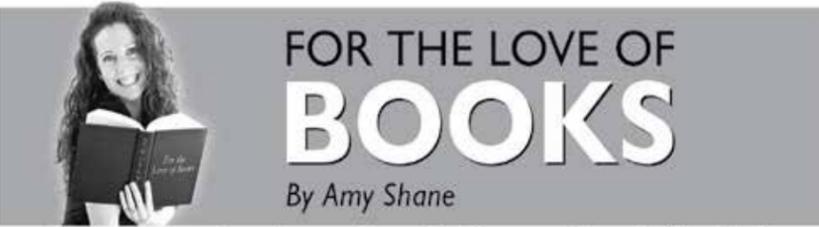
He also thinks that students

That money goes a long way in Trinity County, funding everything from art classes to after-school programs to special education.

"We feel very blessed to have this formula," Green said. "LCFF allows us to stay open and serve our children at a high level."

An improvement Green and other superintendents would like to see is funding based on enrollment, not attendance. Currently, the state disperses money to districts based on average daily attendance. But chronic absenteeism soared during the pandemic, resulting in lower revenues. While enrollment is also declining in many areas, absenteeism is the bigger challenge, Green said.

Going forward, some advocates are calling on the state to tie extra funding directly to students' race. The impact of systemic racism, they say, is too profound to ignore. They argue that Black and Latino students often fall through the cracks, especially if they attend affluent schools, or if they attend low-income schools in affluent districts. The state has shied away from such a policy for fear it would



# Continue the Love for Star Wars All Year Long



May fourth has been widely deemed as Star Wars Day by fans worldwide. Originally started as a pun for “May the Force be with You,” this unofficial day started back in 1979. Still, it grew in popularity when the California Legislative voted for May 4 to be officially Star Wars Day in 2019. Fans now raise their lightsabers in unity, celebrating this beloved franchise, but while this celebration is only for a day, the love of Star Wars can last a millennium on any bookshelf. Here are a few books for all ages to raise your own lightsabers to, and “May the Force Be With You!”

### Star Wars The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi

by Al Williamson; Abrams Appleseed

For the youngest fans in the Star Wars universe, there are two new collector classic board books from Abrams Appleseed, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi. These sturdy board books will have fans of all ages experiencing the original movies in a whole new, exciting way. With bold, bright colors paired with the classic comic art of AL Williamson, fans will immediately be immersed in the story.

The interactive features of these books take the excitement to another level for young readers. The giant lift-the-flap elements add a new dimension to the stories, making them even more engaging. These two books not only provide a concise and simple retelling of the classic movies but also serve as a beautiful tribute to the

life of a renowned and highly celebrated comic book artist.

### Darth Vader Collection

Jeffrey Brown, Chronicle Books

For the younger Star Wars reader is the Darth Vader Collection by Jeffrey Brown. Vader’s Little Princess and Darth Vader and Son, turn the original Star Wars story line and takes a hilarious twist with Darth Vader raising Luke and Leia. Fans will find themselves chuckling as the author takes famous lines from the film and turns them into a father-and-child relationship. Fun and engaging illustrations paired with the highs and lows of parenting make this series truly entertaining for parents and children alike.

### Star Wars in 100 Scenes

by Jason Fry, DK Books

For the ultimate Star Wars fan is this stunning movie scene collection book, Star Wars in 100 Scenes. Experience the excitement of the Epic Saga with 100 of the most beloved, dramatic, and iconic scenes. This book is filled with full-color two-page spreads highlighting the movie franchises most memorable scene, paired with in-depth facts, character highlights, and quotes, making this book any fan’s dream. Explore the movie franchise in a whole new way, as fans can test their knowledge and even debate the ranking. The question truly is, did your notable scene make the list? Please note that this book was released in 2014, so it does not include the films released after that date. ★



# Riley Reviews

“ABIGAIL” MORE BLOODY GORE THAN SCARY; LIFETIME CRIME MOVIES

### A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

#### “ABIGAIL” RATED R

A horror film is supposed to be scary, causing one to jump with each fright, compounded by a sense of dread of what may come next. “Abigail” may be billed as a horror film, but the assertion may be debatable.

It’s not really a spoiler to reveal that this is essentially a vampire/thriller movie. Trailers have not held back on the unmistakable theme unless one is willing to believe the central character just happens to have an abysmal set of teeth.

The titular character is a 12-year-old ballerina (Alisha Weir) first seen practicing a routine from “Swan Lake” at an empty theater before being chauffeured home to an elegant mansion owned by a powerful, wealthy underworld figure.

Waiting for the ballet prodigy is a mixed bag of criminals who have been recruited by criminal mastermind Lambert (Giancarlo Esposito) to kidnap the kid with the intent of collecting a \$50 million ransom.

In Quentin Tarantino-fashion, Lambert provides pseudonyms to each of the six recruits in a nod to the Rat Pack. The most sympathetic of the bunch is Joey (Melissa Barrera), a former addict and medic who is tasked with interacting with the hostage child.

Frank (Dan Stevens) is a former cop, and how he came to the other side of law is a mystery. Peter (Kevin Durand) is the dimwitted muscle. Getaway driver Dean (Angus Cloud) is an equally dumb skinhead.

Sammy (Kathryn Newton) is a ditzy blonde with computer skills not immediately apparent. Former military guy Rickles (William Catlett), much like Frank, soon comes to regret joining this gang. By the way, Don Rickles was never a member of the Rat Pack though he was a close friend with Frank Sinatra.

The notion of “Abigail” is that the motley crew must keep the kidnapped girl safe for 24 hours in a decaying mansion until Lambert returns with their cut of the ransom money. What could go wrong under this scenario?

For a while, everything seems to be going according to plan, except that Joey decides to wager she can guess everyone’s background with their facial expressions, going against Lambert’s instructions that all are to remain anonymous.

Abigail has her own game in mind, telling Joey “I’m sorry about what’s going to happen to you.” Suffice it to say, the pint-sized vampire unleashes her fury in most inventively bloody carnage, as the gang grapples with how to slay her with whatever they have gleaned from vampire movies. ★

It’s about halfway through the movie that Abigail goes on a rampage of dispatching her captors in a blood-soaked bonanza of decapitations and exploding bodies. With its black humor and thrills, “Abigail” just might be ticket for fans of the genre.

### CRIME MOVIES ON THE LIFETIME CHANNEL

Lifetime Channel has a knack for crime movies, either “ripped from the headlines” or based on purported events. “Mommy Meanest,” premiering on May 11th, has a title that sounds like an old Joan Crawford movie.

Lisa Rinna, married to actor Harry Hamlin and executive producer and star of “Mommy Meanest,” plays the role of divorced mother Madelyn with Briana Skye as her daughter Mia. Once having had a tight bond with her mother, Mia starts spending more time with her new boyfriend.

Madelyn is panicked by her daughter’s emerging independence with college on the horizon. When Mia starts to receive a barrage of degrading texts, Madelyn is determined to find out who is harassing her daughter and will do anything to help her, bringing them closer together again.

As the hundreds of texts become more ominous and threatening, Mia begins to wonder if her tormentor is someone closer than she could have ever imagined. You may be to guess where this going. Lisa Rinna’s own daughter Delilah Hamlin appears in the movie as Mia’s friend Summer.

A week later on May 18th is the premiere of “The Bad Guardian,” a film inspired by countless true stories of individuals who have been put in the care of a guardian by the courts, and the question is whether these caretakers are helpful or harmful.

When Leigh’s (Melissa Joan Hart) father Jason (Eric Pierpoint) suffers a fall while she’s out of town, the courts assign Jason a guardian, Janet (La La Anthony). At first, Janet seems to be a big help to Jason, but things quickly take a terrible turn.

Legally in charge of every aspect of Jason’s life, Janet doesn’t waste any time placing him in a nursing home, auctioning off his house and worldly possessions, while using the excuse that the proceeds are needed for his care.

As Leigh continues to challenge Janet’s efforts, the guardian ultimately prevents the family from visiting. In Janet’s care, Jason’s health deteriorates, to the point that he needs a life-saving treatment which Janet decides is too expensive.

Will whistleblowers around Jason reveal the truth of abuse and end up in the crosshairs of a vengeful guardian? Will Leigh summon the strength to take down Janet and the corrupt system that enables her? ★

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CAMPUS PROJECT IN CITY OF DIXON**

**Date:** May 10, 2024  
**To:** Responsible/Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, Advocacy Groups and Interested Parties:  
**Project Title:** The Campus Project  
**Project Location:** The Project site is +/- 260 acres located south of Interstate 80 (I-80), immediately west of Pedrick Rd within the City of Dixon, Solano County. (APN#s 0111-040-010, -020, -030, -040, and 0111-080-050)  
**Lead Agency:** City of Dixon  
**State Clearinghouse No.:** 2023080739  
**Public Review Period:** 45 days, May 10, 2024 to June 24, 2024 at 5 p.m.  
**Public Meeting for Oral Comments** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7 p.m. (Both In person and Online via Zoom (see page 2 for information)  
**Contact** (for question or submitting comments): Brian Millar, Contract Planner  
 City of Dixon Community Development Department  
 600 East A St.  
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 (530) 902-9218 or [bmillar@cityofdixon.us](mailto:bmillar@cityofdixon.us)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Dixon, as Lead Agency, completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the project described below. The Draft EIR is being made available to the public in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for a 45-day comment period. Written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted to the mailing or email address listed above. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024.

The City will provide written responses to all comments received by the end of the public review period. Comments and responses will be included in the Final EIR and provided to the City of Dixon Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration, along with the City's consideration of action on the project applications.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Campus project site is comprised of five parcels and contains a total of 260 +/- acres. The project site is located adjacent to Pedrick Road near Interstate 80 (I-80) at the eastern edge of the City's Northeast Quadrant Specific Plan (NEQSP) and comprises nearly 40 percent of the NEQSP plan's total 643 +/- acres. The Campus proposes a mixed-use development planned to implement 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) with upto 660,000 sq ft of technology, business park and light industrial uses, approximately 144 acres of residential uses composed of low, medium and high density residential housing (upto 1,041 units), approximately 2.5 acres of commercial uses, an approximately 25 acre retention basin, and associated parks, paseos, utilities, and other infrastructure improvements.

The 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 Draft EIR analyzes potentially significant impacts associated with approval and implementation of The Campus project. The Draft EIR evaluates the full range of environmental issues contemplated under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. The Draft EIR provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. With the implementation of the mitigation measures proposed in the DEIR the following environmental impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level; Aesthetics (*Impact 3.1-3*), Biological (*Impacts 3.4-4, 3.4-7, 3.4-11 & 3.4-12*), Cultural and Tribal Resources (*Impacts 3.5-1, 3.5-2, 3.5-3 & 3.5-4 and Cumulative Impact 3.5-5*), Geology and Soils (*Impact 3.7-5*), Land Use (*Impact 3.11-3*) and Noise (*Impact 3.12-1*)

However, implementation of the project would result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts to the following: Agricultural (*Impacts 3.2-1 and 3.2-3*), Air Quality (*Impacts 3.3-1, 3.3-2 & 3.3-4 and Cumulative Impacts 3.3-6 & 3.3-8*) and Transportation (*Impact 3.15-2 and Cumulative Impact 3.15-5*)

**PUBLIC REVIEW:** The Draft EIR has been prepared in accordance with Section 15084 of the CEQA Guidelines and will be circulated for a 45-day review period during which your written comments regarding the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR are welcomed. The Draft EIR comment period will extend from **May 10, 2024 through June 24, 2024.**

Printed copies of the Draft EIR are available for review during the public review period at (technical appendices are available at web site link below):

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Electronic versions of the Draft EIR (including its technical appendices) can also be accessed at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments> under "The Campus/Dixon 257" heading.

**PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT EIR:** During the 45-day public review period, the City of Dixon will host a public meeting so community members may learn more about The Campus project and provide input on the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR. This public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm**, during the regular Dixon Planning Commission meeting. This meeting will be physically open to the public. 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. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting in person or remotely participating via video conferencing, as follows:

**The Campus Draft EIR Public Meeting  
 Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Join In Person**  
 Dixon City Council Chambers  
 600 East A St  
 Dixon, CA 95620

**Join Via Zoom Video Conferencing**  
[www.zoom.com](https://www.zoom.com)  
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To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may click on "raise hand via video conferencing"

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It is **strongly** suggested that even if oral comments are made during the public meeting, written comments be submitted by the method noted below.

**COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIR:** Your written comments on the adequacy of the environmental analysis in the DEIR must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024. Written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR can be made to:

City of Dixon  
 Community Development Department  
 Attn: Brian Millar, Contract Planner  
 600 East A St.  
 Dixon, CA 95620  
[bmillar@cityofdixon.us](mailto:bmillar@cityofdixon.us) (If emailing, please include "The Campus DEIR comments" in subject line)

**NEXT STEPS:** Following the close of the public review period, all comments will be reviewed and responded to and a Final EIR will be prepared. The Final EIR along with the applications will then be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council at duly noticed public hearings for action.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Project materials, information, studies and all CEQA related materials can be viewed on the city's web site at <http://www.cityofdixon.us/environmentalreviewdocuments> under the heading of "The Campus/Dixon 257"

For more information, please contact Brian Millar, Contract Planner for the City of Dixon, at [bmillar@cityofdixon.us](mailto:bmillar@cityofdixon.us) or (530) 902-9218.

A staff report will be prepared prior to the Planning Commission meeting, summarizing the Draft EIR and EIR process, including any written comments received to date. The staff report will be available 72 hours before the June 11, 2024 Planning Commission meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos> then clicking on the Planning Commission agenda link.

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**RAMpage: A Few More Weeks**

*By Dixon High School Principal  
 Stephanie Marquez*

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Before we know it, we will be celebrating the Class of 2024 as they walk across the stage for graduation on Saturday, June 8, 2024! With Mayfair, Memorial Day, Finals, etc., the end of the year can sneak up on our students and the last several weeks of high school go so fast! This week's RAMpage is a quick list of things to keep in mind so we can work together to support our kids.

**Final Transcript Grades are Coming Up**

Please have a conversation with your student about their grades! Remember, final grades are posted on students' permanent records so now is the time to check in with your student, teachers, and counselors to make sure your student has the support they need.

**Mayfair Participation**

DHS supports our FFA students with the Dixon May Fair. If your student is showing through our on-campus Ag Program, their teachers will monitor their attendance and work. If your student is showing independently, please check them out as needed for participation. We will update approved May Fair attendance daily, rather than assigning Independent Studies. Please reach out to Jennifer Parks regarding attendance and your students Assistant Principal with any other questions...and bring home those ribbons!

**2024 Seniors and Senior Families**

Please remember that you and your graduate need to complete the FAFSA by May 2. You can start the process at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

We are eagerly anticipating caps and gowns for students this Friday, May 10. Jostens will be on campus to get these out to students.

**Monday, May 13, Senior Awards Night for Community Scholarship Recipients at 6:30 p.m.**

Students and families will receive invitations for this evening.

**Wednesday, May 15, AVID Senior Night**

**Friday, May 17, Elementary Tour for Graduates**

45 Seniors will visit elementary schools and JKMS to celebrate graduation.

**Monday, May 20, Distinguished Scholars Night at 6:30 p.m.**

DHS celebrates all seniors' graduation with a 4.0 or higher, along with their esteemed educators.

**Wednesday, May 22, FFA Banquet**

**Wednesday, June 5, Senior Social**



**DHS Principal Stephanie Marquez shows Ram pride.** Courtesy photo

DHS PTO, along with service organizations and DHS administration will be hosting a free senior evening with dinner, dancing, a slideshow, and games for seniors only.

**Paint the Town Green!**

Just after the May Fair, we will be encouraging all community members to Paint the Town Green in celebration of our High School Graduates.

**AP Testing**

AP testing begins May 6 and runs through May 16. Please join us in supporting our learners through this rigorous process. Final Exams will be administered June 3 through June 5. DHS does not offer early exams.

**Celebrations**

Our AVID 11 crew put together a fantastic College and Career Fair. Thank you to all of our hard-working kids, presenters, and our PTO that organized lunch for the presenters.

The 2024 Prom was amazing. Over 400 students and dedicated staff members celebrated a great event. Thank you to DHS Leadership for organizing EVERYTHING, in collaboration with the DHS PTO.

**And, of course, Saturday, June 8, DHS Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony, 9 a.m.**

This is an open ceremony. Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend. Senior Parents will get more information through the Parent Square app.

**Opportunities to Get Involved**

DHS PTO meets Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

**Upcoming Events and Home Athletics**

Teacher Appreciation week, May 6-10 ★

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-000594**

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# Solano County Finalist for Congressional Art Competition



Rep. Thompson with Solano County Finalist, Lilly Bertlin. Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Mike Thompson

**Office of Rep. Mike Thompson News Release**

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On May 5, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced that Taylor Webster of Napa County was chosen as California's Fourth District winner of the 2024 Congressional Art Competition. Lilly Bertlin was named as the Solano County Finalist.

"I always look forward to the Congressional Art Competition as it gives my colleagues, Capitol visitors, and me the opportunity to appreciate the incredible talents of our district's high school artists," said Thompson.

"Congratulations to Napa County's Taylor Webster on being named as this year's winner from California's Fourth District and congratulations to Lilly Bertlin on being named as this year's Solano County finalist.

"Year after year, I am blown away by the skill and creativity of these young artists, and this year was no exception. Thank you to each of our student artists who submitted their work, to their families and teachers for providing mentorship, and to our judges for carefully evaluating the submissions. I look forward to seeing Ms. Webster's piece on display in the United States Capitol."

This year's Con-



The winning piece by Napa's Taylor Webster is entitled, "Forlorn," and is composed with charcoal pencil. Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Mike Thompson

gressional Art Competition judges were:

Jose Martinez, Art Instructor & Mare Island Art Studios Resident Artist

Tara Thompson, Executive Director of Creative Sonoma

Maggie Morgan, UC Davis Art and Theater Professor Emeriti

Each spring, Members of Congress host the Congressional Art Competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent across their districts and our nation. Since the Artistic Discovery Competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

To enter, students

submit entries to their representative's office and panels of district artists select the winning artwork. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The winning works are displayed for one year in the halls of the U.S. Capitol.

The complete list of artists recognized includes:

- Taylor Webster, Napa County, Overall Winner
- Gavin DuBois, Lake County, Finalist
- Lilly Bertlin, Solano County, Finalist
- Ziqi Zheng, Sonoma County, Finalist
- Luzangely Martin, Yolo County, Finalist

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



## DIXON POLICE LOG

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 1813 - Court order violation report was taken in the 1400 block of Ary Ln.
- 1256 - Stolen plate recovered in the 400 block of North Washington Street.

### Saturday, April 27

- 2200 - Ashley Torres (40) of Dixon was arrested for domestic violence.
- 0310 - Burglary to a business in the 100 block of North Adams Street.
- 1210 - Michael Keaton (58) was contacted in the 800 block of N Adams St and placed under arrest for an outstanding no-cite bench warrant. Keaton was transported and booked at Solano County Jail without incident.
- 1347 - Shoplifting report in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave.
- 1439 - Traffic collision with injury between a USPS truck and a bicyclist in the 1800 block of Regency Pkwy.
- 1602 - Found child report in the 1500 block of Stonecrop Ln.
- 1650 - Marissa RiosMartinez (31) was contacted in the 800 block of Elm Ct and found to have one outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Woodland PD, and two no bail felony warrants from Tulare County. Tulare County was unable to confirm their warrants as their records department is not open during the weekend. RiosMartinez was cited and released from Dixon PD on Woodland PD's misdemeanor warrant.

### Thursday, April 25

- 0857 - Battery report in the 400 block of East A St. (John Knight Middle School)
- 1157 - Traffic Collision report in the 100 block of Stratford Rd (Big rig vs traffic light.)
- 1542 - Battery Report 300 block North Almond Street.
- 1640 - Traffic Stop of a stolen vehicle East Dorset Dr at North First Street. Suspect fled from officers and got onto eastbound I-80. An off duty detective on his way home saw the stolen vehicle stopped off the Kidwell Road exit and was flagged down by another driver who saw the suspect flee into an orchard. A perimeter was established and the suspect was located in the orchard. Mario Villalpando (32) transient out of Roseville was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, evading, and an outstanding felony warrant.

### Wednesday, April 24

- 2030 - Theft and Battery report at a business in the 200 block of East Dorset Dr.
- 1059 - Information report in the 100 block of W B St 1249 Espiritu JC Santa Elena (22) was wanted for an ongoing investigation. Santa Elena was located in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Dr and arrested for charges of possession of child pornography.
- 1421 - Fraud report taken in the 200 block of W A St.

### Tuesday, April 23

- 2239 - A stolen motorcycle report was taken in the 200 block of Fernwood Wy.
- 2311 - A hit and run, D.U.I arrest report was taken in the 500 block of South 1st St. Officers arrived and contacted a juvenile. The juvenile was arrested and cited and released to a parent.
- 1337 - Threats report taken at Dixon High School.
- 1408 - Robbery report in the 100 block of North Adams Street resulted in the arrest of Kamaldip Grewal (30) of Dixon for robbery, elder abuse, and a probation violation. He was taken to county jail.
- 1539 - Battery report in the 1300 block of North Lincoln Street resulted in the arrest of Marcy Vanderlinden (53) of Dixon for battery. She was taken to county jail.
- 1623 - Theft report taken in the 600 block of East Creekside Circ.

### Monday, April 22

- 1125 - Minor injury traffic accident reported in the 200 block of West A Street.
- 1206 - Battery reported in the 400 block of East A Street.
- 1423 - Stolen vehicle reported in the 200 block of West Mayes Street.
- 1712 - Battery reported at Dixon High School.

### Sunday, April 21

- 1253 - Non injury traffic accident reported near Pedrick Road and Sparling Lane.

### Saturday, April 20

- 1900 - Battery report in the 200 block of East Broadway.
- 1930 - Battery report in the 100 block of Perdue Court.

### Friday, April 19

- 1315 - Grand theft report in the 1000 block of N 1st St.

### Thursday, April 18

- 0200 - Traffic Stop in the area of North First Street and Stratford Avenue led to the arrest of Christopher Range (age 20) of Carmichael for an outstanding felony warrant and driving without a license.
- 1138 - Suspect Sean Schley (40) was located in the 400 block of Porter Rd and placed under arrest for outstanding Ramey Warrant.

### Wednesday, April 17

- 1641 - Hit and Run collision West E Street at North First Street. A semi-truck/trailer hit the stop sign at the corner of the intersection and left the area.
- 1000 - Non injury traffic accident in the 7800 block of Batavia Road.
- 1211 - School resource report taken in the 500 block of College Way.
- 1404 - Found bicycle reported in the 1100 block of Rehrmann Drive.

### Tuesday, April 16

- 1223 - Report of a non-injury traffic accident in the area of Pheasant Run Drive and Rehrmann Drive. 1232 Information report taken at the PD lobby.
- 1440 - Report of a suspicious person in the 2800 block of West A Street resulted in the arrest of Joseph Konkright (29) of Napa for being under the influence of a narcotic. He was taken to county jail.
- 1517 - Report of a non injury traffic accident in the area of East H Street and North 1st Street.

### Monday, April 15

- 2306 - A stolen vehicle report was taken in the 800 block of North Adams.
- 1222 - Theft report taken in the 1600 block of Gold Street.

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# Celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano June 1



Volunteers gather at the 2023 World Environment Day event. Photo courtesy of Solano Resource Conservation District

**Solano Resource Conservation District News Release**

**LAKE SOLANO COUNTY PARK, CA (MPG)** - The 14th annual Solano County World Environment Day cleanup begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 at Lake Solano County Park. The morning promises activities for all participants: trash removal from Lake Berryessa, native vegetation planting, creation of take-home seed packets, and a delicious, free picnic lunch. Registration for the event is required and can be completed at [cleanupsolano.org](http://cleanupsolano.org). Everyone

who registers by May 30th will also receive a free World Environment Day event t-shirt. The Putah Creek watershed, including Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano, is one of the most essential water systems for our County," says Drew Gantner, Supervising Water Resources Specialist for Solano County Water Agency. "This watershed not only provides Solano County with high quality drinking and irrigation water, but it also provides a beautiful place for recreational opportunities. Taking good care of it is important for everyone who uses the water. Careless

discards of trash degrade water quality, harm fish and wildlife, impact water system functionality and create hazards to boaters and recreators." Nailah Souder, Environmental Manager at Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield adds, "We hope everyone will join us in volunteering at the June 1st Lake Berryessa Cleanup to help care for the natural resources we all rely on." World Environment Day builds global awareness of the environment, draws political attention to environmental issues, and supports individual and community projects. Lake Berryessa is the seventh

largest reservoir in California. It delivers high quality drinking water to around 500,000 Solano County residents. Lake Berryessa is also the primary source of irrigation water for regional growers and companies like Anheuser-Busch and the Jelly Belly Factory. Lake Berryessa was created by damming Putah Creek. Making sure the creek receives enough water to maintain its vital ecological link between the neighboring mountain range and the Yolo Bypass is an important part of this constructed water system. Solano Resource Conservation District

coordinates the annual World Environment Day event in partnership with Solano County Water Agency, Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield, Solano County, Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership, and Volunteer Solano/CVNL. Additional support for this year's event is being provided by Solano County Parks, Putah Creek Council, and US Bureau of Reclamation. To learn more about these and other Solano County cleanup activities, including Solano County Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21, please visit [cleanupsolano.org](http://cleanupsolano.org). ★

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