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Two patrons of the establishment, Lisl Gaylord (left) and Barbara Kwoka (right) enjoy one of the largest crop/classrooms in the area. The space is available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday for \$5.

Story and photos by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - It's All About the Scrapbook at 1670 N. Lincoln St. is a scrapbooking and craft hobby shop that offers materials such as designer paper and embellishments, as well as classes and an online store.

The business, from 12 to 1 p.m. Jan. 21, hosted Dueling Designers East Coast Vs. West Coast Season 2.

Every month, Yvonne Lenhares, co-owner of It's All About Scrapbook, and Renee Kolasinski of Scrap-A-Latte in West



Yvonne Lenhares, co-owner of It's All About the Scrapbook, records footage for her West Coast layout reveal with instructions.

Babylon, N.Y., design two double-page scrapbooking layouts using the same new collection of materials.

"We are a scrapbooking store on the West Coast, one of the few left, and my partner, Yvonne, was talking to another store owner in N.Y. (Kolasinski) about how to get people to engage again with scrapbooking. They came up with Dueling Designers," said co-owner Andrea Kett. "Quarterly, we come up with scrapbook layouts using new collections. We have a reveal every Tuesday and we have a duel where we show everyone what we made."

For \$68 per person, club members received a collection kit and a coordinating solids kit for all three months of sessions, the second of which will occur at 12 p.m. Feb. 11,

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Genealogical **Society Announces February Speaker**



Annette Burke Lyttle is the Solano County Genealogical Society's February speaker. Photo courtesy of the Solano County Genealogical Society

Solano County Genealogical Society News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- The Solano County Genealogical Society will have a virtual Speaker Series presentation on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Our speaker, Annette Burke Lyttle, will speak on "Tax Records: More Exciting Than You Might Think" at 11 a.m. This should be interesting shortly before tax season starts.

Annette's description

of this topic is the following: Tax records can help us locate our ancestors in place and time. They can tie our ancestors to land or confirm to us that an ancestor did not own land. They can help us follow ancestral migrations and separate same-named persons. Sometimes they can help us pinpoint a death date or timeframe. Tax records can act as censuses between the censuses. The variety of taxes levied by governments at all levels has left a rich record of our ancestors' lives and their sometimes-changing fortunes.

Annette Burke Lyttle owns Heritage Detective, LLC, providing professional genealogical services in research, education, and writing. She speaks on a variety of genealogical topics at the international, national, state, and local levels and loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. Annette is a course coordinator for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the British Institute. She is a published writer whose research interests include Quaker ancestors and ancestral migrations in the U.S. She is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Guests are welcome to

attend this free event. If interested, send an email to the society at scgs@scgsca. org no later than 4 p.m. Jan. 31 to request an invitation. More information on events can be found on the society's website at www. scgsca.org and Facebook

The Creative Space Now The Venue

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Creative Space, founded by Dixon resident Sarah Johnson in late March 2022 at 160 W. A St., has recently seen significant changes.

The space, established to host events and bring the community together, has semi-new management and a new name. The Creative Space has been rebranded into The Venue, and, under the dual leadership of Johnson and Beri Gonzalez, they are excited to reintroduce the business to the public.

"I am the owner of PartyOn Events Co., we do events and decorum," Gonzalez said. "We do rentals, florals and work on a lot of venues. When Sarah invited me to join, we wanted to create a nicer venue; something more aesthetic."

Said Johnson, "Now, because Beri is heading a



Photo courtesy of The Venue Dixon

lot of The Venue side, I am able to focus on classes, workshops and vendors through Blossom and Bee."

The Venue hosts events, such as baby showers, weddings and graduations. The business, originally an

extension of The Creative

Space, offers classes and

workshops to create opportunities to learn, grow and create.

'Me and another good friend of mine came up with Blossom and Bee," Johnson said. "It was just a way of bringing in local,

Maybe even some of them can host workshops on their expertise." Gonzalez said that her

interest in the field began out of a passion for event planning, having accumulated so many items, materials and resources Continued on page 9

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small businesses to brand

themselves and get started.

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Celebrating Martin Luther King Day Dixon News Briefs

By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Martin Luther King Junior, born Jan. 15, 1929, is a prolific civil rights activist recognized for his leadership and commitment to social justice through nonviolent

Tragically, the civil rights legend lost his life to an assassin on April 4, 1968. The third Monday of every January is now dedicated to King's sacrifice.

On Jan. 20, several Solano and Yolo Countybased organizations hosted events to honor King's contributions to equality and the common good.

In Vacaville, the Solano Brewing Co., 5500 Weber Road., recognized the holiday but was not the only organization to do so. The Vacaville People's Forum held its fifth annual MLK Day Celebration from 12 to 2 p.m. The free event at Sunrise Banquet Hall, 620 Orange Drive, had live music, dance performances, local vendors, a community resource table and appetizers provided by From Scratch with Love Catering. The event saw several featured speakers, including author Crystal Patterson, board member of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Dr. Nikki Parr and Charleston Brown, the Will C. Wood High School principal.

The City of Davis also held its 31st annual MLK Jr. Celebration at the Veterans Memorial Theatre, 203 E. 14th St. The free community event, hosted by the City of Davis and the Human Relations Commission, invited attendees to explore an art exhibit crafted by local high school students for



Theatre, 203 E. 14th St., to watch several keynote speakers, including School Counselor and Licensed Therapist Camica Edwards Avorgbedor of Davis Joint Unified School District. Photo courtesy of the City of Davis

their ethnic studies program. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., attendees enjoyed speeches and performances from local activists, poets and speakers, while also having access to the Yolo County Library Bookmobile. This year's theme is "Economic Justice & the Dream; Building a Fair and Inclusive Economy." At 11:45 a.m., the event concluded with a march from Veterans Memorial Theatre to Central Park.

'This annual event gives us the chance to come together and recognize the profound contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Davis Mayor Bapu Vaitla. "I take pride in being part of a community that champions equality and promotes inclusive opportunities for all."

UC Davis Law School also held its sixth annual MLK Day of Service and Celebration in King Hall, 400 Mrak Hall Drive. The free event included lunch, a noontime celebration, a blood drive, community service projects, a donation drive benefitting Umoja International Academy, and remarks from Dean Jessica Berg and the Black Law Student Association President Jessica Hale. Associate Justice of the Third District Court of Appeals Stacy Boulware Eurie delivered the keynote address.







Grace Fellowship of Dixon, 535 W. H St., is excited to host the return of the Grace Kids Club every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 pm. Photo by Kendall Brown

By MPG Staff

Grace Kids Club

Grace Fellowship of Dixon, 535 W. H St., is excited to host the return of the Grace Kids Club. Every Wednesday, beginning Jan. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., all kids, from kindergarten to 5th grade, are welcome to join for free fun, friends, and fellowship; the final session will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. April 16. For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page or gracefellow.com.

Uptown Collective Grand Opening

Uptown Collective, 108 N. First St., will be hosting its grand reopening, inviting the public to join in at 10 a.m. Jan. 25. The local business, proudly run by talented women from our community, is excited to open its doors and welcome everyone back; more than just a retail store, the venue is a celebration of the entrepreneurial spirit of Dixon's women. A variety of raffle prizes, complimentary snacks and exclusive sales will be on offer. For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page.

It's All About Hot Foil

It's All About the Scrapbook, 1670 N. Lincoln St., is hosting a hot-foil-focused class alongside Nikki Sher of Crafty Creations by Nikki. At 10 a.m. Jan. 25, guests will review the differences between foils and machines, necessary materials and a variety of demonstrations using hot foiling products; after that, patrons will work with the hot foil machines to make 3 cards. For \$55 per person, attendees will receive a hot foil Plate/stencil combo, one roll of foil, paper and embellishments to make three cards. The class is in-person only. For more information, visit itsallaboutthescrapbook.com.

Davis Odd Fellows Installation & Awards Dinner

Davis Odd Fellows, 415 Second St., Davis, is hosting its annual installation and awards dinner from 5:15 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25. Although beer, wine and other beverages should be brought personally by guests, a dinner of beef or veggie bourguignon, roasted potatoes, roasted veggies, coleslaw, bread and dessert will be served. Attendees are encouraged to dress business casual to semi-formal, but the dress code is not mandatory. The event costs \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. For more information, visit davislodge.org; to purchase tickets, visit Eventbrite.com.

Doubt: A Parable Performances

Winters Community Theatre, 13 Main St., invites guests to their first show of 2025, "Doubt: A Parable." The first showing, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Jan. 31, will explore moral conflict and the nature of truth. Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play by John Patrick Shanley, the production is for mature audiences only. Tickets are \$17.85 per person. For more information, visit winterstheatre.

org or call 530-795-4014.

Berry Sweet Valentine's Cooking Class

Every Baking Moment, 143 N. First St., is hosting a berry sweet Valentine's cooking class from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 2. Attendees will unleash their inner baker as they decorate cookies inspired by love and all things sweet. For \$50 per person, cookies, icing and appropriate tools will be provided. For more information, visit everybakingmoment.com.

CAASC 29th Annual **Scholarship Fundraiser**

The Chinese American Association of Solano County (CAASC) is hosting its annual event to celebrate the Lunar New Year and provide scholarships to local students at Ulatis Community Center, 1000 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville. From 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 8, guests will enjoy an authentic Chinese dinner, traditional lion dancers, cultural performances, scholarship awards and recognition of community leaders and contributors. Proceeds from the event directly benefit the scholarship program. General admission costs \$55.20 for those 14 and older, \$39.19 for children 3 to 13, and free children 2 and younger. For more information, visit caasc707.com. To purchase tickets, visit eventrbrite.com.

Dixon FFA Car Show

The Dixon Future Farmers of America (FFA) is hosting the second annual Dixon FFA Car Show at Dixon High School, 555 College Way. From 12 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15, the free public event allows both DHS and Dixon locals the chance to showcase their cars to the public. Entry is also free and is available to DHS students via applications in the Ag building at school; non-students can apply via a QR code on Instagram @ DixonFFA. For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page, or contact maria.c.torres@dixonusd.org.

Ruhstaller Comedy Show

Ruhstaller Beer Farm, 6686 Sievers Road, is holding a series of comedy shows throughout 2025, the first of which occurs from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 23. Hosted by Comedian Eric Somers, for \$17.85 per person, guests will be treated to performances from Sydney Stigerts, Adam Tiller and Teddy Hull. The next iteration of the comedy show will occur at 8 p.m. Feb. 27; the performers have yet to be announced. For more information, visit Eventbrite.com.

Veteran Business Resource Fair

The Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center (SBDC), partnering with NorCal Veterans Business Outreach Center and the Small Business Administration, is hosting a Veteran Business Resource Fair from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Feb. 18. Held at the Daily Desk, 490 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield, this no-cost opportunity offers resource workshops specifically for veterans, Military-connected family members and Reservists. For more information or to register, visit solanonapasbdc.org.

Ag Department Accepting **Applications for Ag Pass Program**

Solano County Press Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for 2025 Ag Pass program training classes. The program livestock during emergency events.

trains and preemptively issues passes to commercial farmers, ranchers, ag processors and horse stable operators so they may enter evacuation areas to care for crops and Commercial agricultural business owners and managerial employees interested in obtaining Ag Passes must apply with the Agriculture Department. Eligible

participants will be required to attend an Incident Safety for Agricultural

and Livestock Producers training. The

Agriculture Department, County Office

of Emergency Services, UC Cooperative Extension and CalFIRE will be holding trainings on Feb. 6 and March 6 at the County Event Center in Fairfield. These will be the only trainings offered this year. Ag Passes will not be issued again until

Although possession of an Ag Pass preapproves farmers and ranchers to enter evacuation areas during emergencies, there may be times when conditions will not allow for safe access. Emergency responders retain the right to enforce road closures and prevent access into restricted areas to protect imminent threats to life and property.

To apply online, visit the Ag Pass website. For more information, call 707-784-1310 or email

Reagan Castelli is Soroptimist's Young Woman of the Month



From left to right: Soroptimist President Barbara Rigdon, Reagan Castelli, Olivia Wasser and Principal Angela Brown pose for a photo. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Reagan Castelli is SI Dixon Young Woman of the Month. She was nominated by Samantha Bleasdale from the Science Department and presented at the Soroptimist meeting by Officer Coordinator, Olivia Wasser. Principal Angela Brown was also in attendance.

Olivia Wasser remarked that, "Reagan has an infectious, positive attitude. She has served as Class Secretary, Treasurer, and is currently the President of the Associated Student Body and is the President of the Barnyard Club."

Bleasdale's recommendation states that Reagan's academic achievements are impressive on their own, but what really sets Reagan apart is her ability to lift others up and make those around her better. She has a rare combination of intelligence, hard work, and kindness that makes her a natural leader and role model to her peers.

Reagan is the daughter of Marc and

Tammy Castelli. She has one brother, Anthony, who is currently serving in the

Sports have played an important part of Reagan's high school years. Reagan has played and served as Captain in Volleyball and Track while in High School and participated in the Barnyard Club. The Barnyard Club is a group that helps support the athletes. This support of all sports teams and the friendships she has developed while in school is paramount.

In addition to her busy schedule with school, sports, Barnyard Club, and ASB, Reagan works at Rosemary's, as well as holding a seasonal position at North Face

Reagan's future goal is to pursue a career in orthodontics. Kristina Wiley, a local dentist and Soroptimist member, has inspired her to pursue this typically male-dominated field.

Soroptimist International of Dixon members wish Reagan the best in her future pursuits. What an extraordinary young woman!

Dueling Designers

Continued from page 1 followed by the final session at 12 p.m. March 18. Club members were also provided with access to a private Facebook group for details about the dueling layouts, including instructions, and were expected to choose which layout to make, representing either the East Coast or West Coast style.

"We use the collection

from the kits and load the instructions online for our different scrapbook layouts so they can get inspired and use the one they would like to make," said Kett.

According to Kett, there are several reasons why scrapbooking is significant. To her, being a historian for family, friends and loved ones is the most important.

"I enjoy scrapbooking because you can put all your memories on paper

and share them," said Kett. Everyone does it for different purposes but, from Kett's perspective, com-

memoration is key. For more information on future duels or about scrapbooking in general, visit itsallaboutthescrapbook.com or call 707-676-5252.

Live Your Dream Award Winner is Vanessa Sendejas Chavez

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) Soroptimist International of Dixon proudly awarded Vanessa Sendejas Chavez with a \$2,000 check to support her journey toward achieving her career aspirations.

The Live Your Dream Award recognizes women who are dedicated to reaching their educational and professional goals. To be eligible, applicants must be the primary financial providers for themselves and their dependents, have never earned a graduate degree, be currently enrolled in a vocational or undergraduate program, and demonstrate financial

Vanessa is working



Left to right: Vanessa Chavez and Barb Rigdon, Soroptimist International of Dixon president, pose for a photo. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

towards an associate degree in Early Childhood Education while being a devoted mother to her 7-year-old son, whom she aims to provide the best for every day. Her passion for working with children is

evident in her eagerness to learn and her receptiveness to guidance from educators. This degree represents her dream, as she has a deep love for children and is excited to embark on this path.

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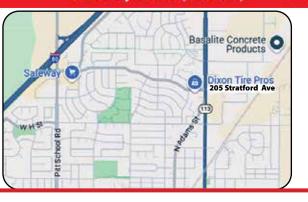
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Kings Korner By V.G. Harris

Who's the hottest team in the NBA right now?! Well, if you're Steve Kerr, he's telling his Golden State Warriors it's the Sacramento Kings, as the former world champs embark on their short journey from the bay area to Golden One Arena on Wednesday night.

Winners of 9 out of the last 10 games, only the Milwaukee Bucks kept the Kings from riding a 10-game win streak.

Solid playoff bound teams like the Celtics, Bulls, and Rockets met with the defensive minded Sactown boys, and each came away wondering what just hit them.

Is there reason for optimism in Sacramento? You bet there is, and if there's one thing the Kings need to be caution of, it's making an ill-advised trade.

You find many fans or commentators that will argue that the Kings need to strengthen their front court, and the reason is that the current alignment is not living up to their billing.

Third year player, and much lauded Keegan Murray is having a subpar season, and if he doesn't watch out, fans will stop looking at him as a 3-point shooter. As of late, Keegan has made more impact on the boards and on defense than he has as a shooter. Sadly, in a 23-point blow-out of the Wizards, Keegan contributed only 4 points and failed to connect on all 5 of his 3-point attempts.

Not to be left out, Trey Lyles, who has been playing abysmal basketball as of late, scored only 4 points as well, while taking up 20 minutes of play on the hardwood.

Once considered the Kings 3-point assassin, Kevin Huerter took a total of six 3-point shots, connecting on just one. So, Murray, Lyles, and Huerter made exactly one 3-point field goal while putting in a combined 61 minutes of play on the

Why do I point out the negatives with the Kings winning 9 out of 10 games and climbing above the 500 mark? Sadly, none of the three just mentioned are likely to bring anything of value on the trade market.

While Keegan Murray held significant value on the trade market just one year ago, his interest and value has dropped to an all-time low, and many teams are likely not interested in Keegan at all.

Similarly, Kevin Huerter is fortunate to make a basket from 3-point land at all, and the former starter for the Kings and 3-point specialist is likely to fall into the same disinterest category as Keegan Murray.

As for Lyles, like Keegan, he's having a subpar performance in 2024/2025, and his lack of offensive productivity will likely garnish him little interest from other

Unfortunately, while teams turn away from trade offers for Murray, Lyles, and Huerter, they will be coming strong for players like Fox, Monk, and possibly even

Of all the players the Kings have currently, it's possible that Keon Ellis has the most prolific upside. Ellis remarkably is supplanting other players on the team, as a Bonafide 3-point shooter. In Sunday night's win over the Washington Wizards, all Keon did was score 18 points in 18 minutes, while connecting on six 3-point shots to lead all players from beyond the arc.

Pay attention Sacramento, and I'm talking to you Monte McNair. Keon Ellis brings game on both ends of the court.

Sabonis remains untouchable if there is such a term in NBA circles today, but the gossip surrounding DeAaron Fox needs to die down, as any trade involving Fox from this writer's perspective is a bad idea.

The Kings need to hold the fort, pay little attention to trades involving Fox and Monk, and hope that Murray, Lyles, and Huerter will return to some form on shooting acumen. Slumps don't last forever, and the fact that the Kings have played with such assiduous vigor and success over the past 3 weeks gives Sactown some muchneeded breathing room.

Shout-out to Domantas Sabonis for taking player of the week in the Western Conference last week, and continuing to lead the league in rebounding and double-double's once again. Appreciate this remarkable big man, he's possibly the best we've ever had.

All the best Kings fans and enjoy this

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

Social Security Matters

About When to Claim Social Security and Taxation of Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 65 and currently working full-time. Can I apply for and start receiving my Social Security benefit? I'd expect to have to pay income tax on it if/when I do. Signed: Curious Worker

Dear Curious Worker: If you are working full time, you should likely delay claiming Social Security at this time. At age 65, you haven't yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), so you will be subject to Social Security's "annual earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from work while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and if you earn more than the annual limit, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you earn significantly over the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits. FYI, the annual earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 10 months, or March 2026.

As you obviously already know, a portion of your Social Security may be subject to income tax after you start collecting. The threshold for taxation of SS benefits depends on your IRS filing status if you file your taxes as a single and your combined income from all sources (including half of the SS benefit you received during the tax year) exceeds \$25,000 then 50% of your received SS benefits are taxable. But if you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income is over \$32,000, then up to 85% of your received SS benefits are taxable. Thus, whenever you claim SS, you may wish to consider having income tax withheld from your SS benefit. This is optional, and you can do this by submitting IRS Form W-4V to your local Social Security office, or you could choose to increase your income tax withholding at work or, alternatively, pay estimated income taxes quarterly.

So, whether you can claim Social Security now

depends entirely on how much you will earn from working full time prior to your FRA. If you exceed the annual earnings limit before your FRA, SS will take away some of your benefits or, if you greatly exceed the earnings limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to get benefits (until you either reach your FRA or earn less). But note, if you decide to claim early and any SS benefits are withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, you will get credit for that (in the form of a slightly increased benefit) after you reach your full retirement age.

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

DIXON POLICE LOG

Thursday, Dec. 26

11:15 - Information report in the 100 block of Heritage Ln. 11:18 - Missing person report in the 600 block of West F St.

14:48 - Thomas Neal Raftery (63) from Dixon was arrested in the 800 block of N Adams St. for indecent

exposure. Raftery was transported and booked at the Solano County Jail without incident.

Friday, Dec. 27

05:20 - Brendan Armstrong (25) from Vacaville was arrested in the 800 block of N Adams St. for battery and false imprisonment and booked at the Solano County Jail.

10:35 - Found property report in the intersection of Princeton Way with E Parkway Blvd.

15:39 - Late report of a non-injury hit & run in the 100 block of Heritage Lane.

18:34 - A vandalism arrest report was taken at 400 block of S. First St. Officers arrived and contacted (S) Melissa Figueroa (45) of Dixon. Figueroa was arrested and taken to the Solano County Jail and released to their staff.

22:10 - A lost property report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Dr.

23:42 - An informational report was taken at Hall Park.

03:32 - A stolen vehicle report was taken in the 700 block of Cahill Ct.

Saturday, Dec. 28

10:00 - Agency assist for Vacaville Police Department in the area of S. First St. and County Fair Dr. 13:20 - Suspicious circumstance reported in the 1400 block of Folsom Downs Cir.

No reports taken.

Monday, Dec. 30

07:15 - Hit and run traffic accident reported in the 1100 block of Revelle Dr.

07:39 - Stolen vehicle report taken in the 500 block of Trinity Ct.

11:00 - Fraud report taken in the 1100 block of Watson Ranch Way.

14:46 - Fraud report taken at the Police Department.

20:20 - Non-injury vehicle accident in the area of N. First and E. Dorset Dr. **05:20** - Felony vandalism to a residence and vehicle in the 900 block of Newgate Way.

Tuesday, Dec. 31 **09:37** - Theft report taken in the 1100 block of Newgate Way. An unknown suspect stole a 3-wheeled bicycle

11:15 - Threats report taken at the Police Department.

14:31 - Vandalism report taken in the 100 block of E. A St.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

15:17 - Confidential report in the 1200 block of Rutgers Way.

Thursday, Jan. 2

08:37 - Death investigation in the 600 block of Marvin Way.

11:22 - A vehicle was located parked in the 300 Industrial Way with a registration expired 2021, and exhibiting license plates belonging to a different vehicle. The vehicle was towed and the license plates were seized for safekeeping.

12:07 - Fraud report in the 200 block of West A Ave.

16:09 - Late reporting of a misdemeanor domestic battery in the 1100 block of Pitt School Rd.

17:31 - A confidential report was taken in the 1500 block of Valley Glen Dr.

20:31 - A courtesy report was taken for the Vallejo Police Department. A Dixon resident's license plates were stolen in their city. A report was taken and sent to them for follow-up. **00:05** - A public intoxication report was taken in the 900 block of Pembroke Way. (S) David Rivas (40) of Dixon.

Rivas was found in the driveway of a residence where he did not belong and was extremely intoxicated. Rivas was arrested for 647 P.C. and taken to the Solano County Jail. Rivas was later released pursuant to 849(b) P.C Friday, Jan. 3

09:23 - Threats report in the 1600 block of N. First St. 12:01 - Fraud report in the 200 block of W. A St.

12:42 - Ricardo Áyala Rendon (39) of Woodland was arrested in the 1000 block of N. First St. for an outstanding no cite-release misdemeanor bench warrant for failure to appear on DUI charges. Rendon was booked at the Solano County jail.

15:33 - Missing person report in the 1300 block of W. F St. Saturday, Jan. 4

14:16 - Court order violation reported in the 800 block of Elm Drive. Lori Rosenberger (55), of Dixon, was arrested for Violation of a Court Order. She was transported to the Solano County Jail.

15:16 - Battery reported in the 1200 block of Stratford Ave. 25-0015

17:18 - Harassment reported in the 400 block of W. Chestnut St.

01:55 - A warrant arrest report was taken at the intersection of Little Lane at N. Lincoln St. Officers contacted (S) Koa Capriotti (31) of Santa Rosa. The warrant was confirmed and Capriotti was arrested. Officers later learned that the warrant was input incorrectly. Capriotti was released pursuant to 849(b) P.C.

Sunday, Jan. 5 21:10 - Male placed on mental health hold in the 200 block of E. Broadway.

Disaster-Prone California Should Adopt a Preventive Approach, Rather Than a Reactive One



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As horrific as they may be, the wildfires sweeping through Los Angeles neighborhoods, destroying homes and businesses and killing dozens of people, are certainly not unprecedented.

Rather, they join a California continuum of natural and human-caused disasters that have afflicted the state throughout its history — fires most recently, but also earthquakes, floods, dam collapses and deadly riots. It's as if Californians must endure periodic calamities as the cosmic cost of enjoying unmatched attributes of weather, scenic beauty, mineral wealth and enormous amounts of arable land.

Precisely 60 years ago, for example, the ruggedly beautiful northwestern corner of California coped with immensely destructive flooding from epic storms. The Eel River basin received 22 inches of rain in just two days.

Several small towns along the Eel and Klamath rivers were destroyed, drowned in as much as 50 feet of water, and dozens of state and local bridges were demolished. isolating the region. The federal government even sent naval ships, including an aircraft carrier, to bring relief supplies and assist in search and rescue efforts.

Less than a year earlier,

Crescent City, a Del Norte fire, or at least impose strict County town afflicted by standards on constructhe floods, had been clobbered by a tsunami touched off by a massive earthquake in Alaska.

The persistence of disasters befalling California is underscored by just one data point: During Pete Wilson's governorship in the 1990s, every California county was declared a disaster area at least once, and several times

in some counties. Wilson's emergencies included the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the 1992 Rodney King riots and heavy flooding in 1997 that sparked disaster declarations in 48 of the state's 58 counties.

Simultaneously during his time in office, California experienced the worst recession since the Great Depression, a severe drought and was just beginning to recover from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area that destroyed a section of the Bay Bridge, among other

It was as if the four horsemen of the apocalypse were galloping across California, dragging Wilson behind

To his credit, Wilson figuratively shrugged his shoulders and assumed the role of crisis manager, even though, ironically, the disasters undermined his plans for "preventive government" that would deal with issues before they became crises. If disasters of one kind

or another are baked into California's existence, what could be done to mitigate their impacts? When it comes to floods and wildfires, we could — if

we had the political will —

either stop building homes

in areas prone to flood or

tion to make buildings less vulnerable, as we do for earthquakes.

There is some anecdotal evidence that homes built with fire-resistant materials, including non-flammable roofs, have fared better in the Los Angeles fires. We could start by imposing tough new building standards when neighborhoods scorched by

current fires are rebuilt. We also need to plan for better escape routes and install better systems for warning people to evacuate. The narrow winding streets in Southern California's upscale communities became death traps for some.

Finally, we need a new approach to insurance coverage. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara is finalizing a new regulatory system that would let insurers include estimates of future losses and costs of reinsurance in their premiums, hoping that it would prop up a very unstable market.

Maybe we should go beyond that. Maybe we need the state to provide basic casualty coverage in a master statewide policy financed by mandatory fees on property, with the option for property owners to purchase supplemental coverage. If disasters are unavoid-

able in California, we need to accept that fact and adopt Pete Wilson's preventive approach, rather than merely reacting after the fact. Dan Walters is one of most

decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends.



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Tackle the Winter Chill with Peculiar Baking

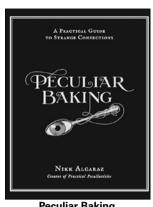
Nikk Alcaraz's baking book, Peculiar Baking: A Practical Guide to Strange Confections, by Page Street Publishing, takes readers into the world of peculiarity.

Social media star and the celebrator of all things beautifully peculiar, Nikk Alcaraz inspires bakers to take the dead of winter and breathe life into it with baking. Take a moment to see the magic of snowflakes, darkcast corners, and tempting, delectable treats to enjoy by candlelight, firelight, or even outdoors on a crisp, cold night. Alcaraz shows that dark and tempting treats are not just reserved for Halloween; they can be celebrated all year round.

Readers might recognize Alcaraz from his infamous social media posts featuring Blueberry or "Boo-berry" ghost pies, Scary Cheery Pie, and his realistic beetle bites. But Alcaraz's cookie cakes and breads also take an exotic and delicious turn.

"Sometimes you're hungry for something different. Something with a bit of a bite to it." Nikk Alcaraz

With a delightful array of tempting treats, Peculiar Baking explores all dark and tempting delights in the sections: Cursed Cakes, Peculiar Pies, Curious Cookies, Bizarre Breads & Pastries, and Sinister Sweets. However, bakers aren't left out in the cold when it comes to the finesse; secret baking tips and guides are also sprinkled in. While readers might instantly think



Peculiar Baking

of devil's food cake, Alcaraz takes it one step further, delighting the tastebuds with his recipe for Spinach Moss Cake with edible modeling chocolate mushrooms, Zebra Spider Cheesecake, and Honey lavender jar cake.

"The world is brimming with peculiar wonders.' Nikk Alcaraz

Taking bakers to a place where peculiarity is explored and celebrated, Alcaraz celebrates the element of magical and edible with 50 delightfully delectable and spine-tingling treats. There are wishing candles that can be lit and then devoured, cookies and cream cauldrons with dry ice, and apple eye pies that like to keep their eye on you. All these realistic little bites will make you think twice before biting. But everything isn't a tempting sweet treat; savory

delights are also featured. Like a scene from Harry Potter, a large Toad bread looks like it will leap off the counter, while the bugette loaf with rosemary garlic butter and mourning buns all set the mood for



conversation.

While at first glance, these bakery treats look like they should be displayed on a movie set or in a high-end bakery, the steps and techniques are easily followed while also broken down into sections for each recipe detailing the cake or dough with the frosting and the décor separately. Throughout the book are tips, techniques, and icing guides, and a whole section of coloring is also added. A delightful addition of a link to all the templates can be found at the back of the book.

This cookbook is not just a feast for the stomach, but also a treat for the eyes. The leather book cover, rich artistry, and stunning photography make this book a coffee table conversation piece and an extremely coveted and delicious cookbook. It's a visual delight that will leave you eager to explore its contents. Peculiar Baking is now available wherever books are sold. You can also find Nikk Alcaraz on social media @practicalpeculiarities



Riley Reviews

"DOC" MEDICAL DRAMA OUTSIDE THE GENRE KICKS OFF NEW YEAR ON FOX

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"DOC" ON FOX NETWORK

There is no lack of medical dramas on network television and streaming services. ABC's "Grey's Anatomy" remains a long-running series, along with NBC's "Chicago Med." New to the scene is MAX's "The Pitt," starring Noah Wyle

This review focuses on FOX's new series "Doc," which fascinates from the point of view that it derives its premise from an Italian series based on the truelife story of Dr. Pierdante Piccioni.

For anyone knowing Italian, the title of the fictionalized version of Dr. Piccioni's story of serious injury to the cerebral cortex is "Doc - Nelle tui Mani," which translates as "Doc - In Your Hands."

The Italian medic suffered a coma during an accident in 2013, and upon waking up from a lesion on his brain, his last memory is that of the day of his son's birthday in 2001. He lost all memory of the previous twelve years of life.

Set in the year 2024, the first episode of "Doc" finds Molly Parker's Dr. Amy Larsen, a hard-charging, brilliant Chief of Internal Medicine, engaging colleagues as well as patients in a brusque manner. She exudes no warmth and lacks a fuzzy bedside manner.

The series opens with a horrific car crash when Amy is driving home from a late night at the Westside Hospital where her unsparing workaholic attitude rubs most of the staff the wrong way. The accident leaves her with partial retrograde amnesia.

After the opening credit, the story shifts to 24 hours earlier, allowing us to witness Amy in action, bossing the medical staff around and treating a very pregnant woman suffering an undiagnosed life-threatening malady with the compassion of a dead fish.

Flashbacks will be frequent so that we know more about Amy's past than she does, considering how she now has no memory of the past eight years, yet remembering that she was married and had an estranged daughter.

Amy is shocked to learn that she's been divorced for four years from her beloved husband, Dr. Michael Hamda (Omar Metwally), who also works at the hospital. In fact, her entire family is not what she remembers, rocking her sensibilities to a distressed state of mind.

Fueling a greater sense of bewildered is the strained relationship with her resentful teenage daughter Katie (Charlotte Fountain-Jardim) who can only be remembered as an innocent nine-year-old.

Even worse for her than the marital discord and estrangement, Amy is traumatized to learn the passing of her son, which turned her into a cold and callous person who grated on colleagues and natients alike. She also can't remember her secret

romance with handsome Dr. Jake Heller

(Jon-Michael Ecker), who is evidently younger. This creates an awkward situation for Jake who fondly remembers the intimacy they once had, including a sexually-charged passionate moment in a parked car at the hospital. Amy's remaining best friend at the hos-

pital, neuropsychiatrist Dr. Gina Walker (Amirah Vann), has little guidance to provide for her new reality since matters of the brain are, even to the experts, still

Gina may be hopeful for recovery, but it's uncertain if Amy will regain her memories. In Amy's fragile state, Gina must choose carefully what information from the past eight years to reveal, lest too much too soon could prove more harmful than good.

Meanwhile, just before the accident, Amy was waiting for an autopsy report that might reveal that fellow doctor Richard Miller (Scott Wolf), may have been responsible for a medical decision gone horribly wrong that could be a career-ending move.

In an ironic twist, Richard is promoted as the interim Chief of Internal Medicine, a position he has coveted and would hate to forfeit should Amy's memory return. One can wonder what tricks might Richard have up his sleeve in desperation to avoid further scrutiny.

Adding to the drama is Amy's predicament with her previously contentious and harsh behavior that left her with more than a few enemies at the hospital, including Dr. Sonya Maitra (Anya Baneriee).

Pleasantly, Amy fondly remembers intern Dr. TJ Coleman (Patrick Walker), an orderly eight years ago who was inspired by her to pursue a promising future in a medical career.

Unaccustomed to being merely a patient, Amy starts to meddle in the affairs of other patients, giving advice that may run contrary to the primary attending physician's diagnosis, but may show that she hasn't lost her touch, as she desperately seeks to convince superiors of a desire to return to practice.

The Italian doctor rebuilt his life and began treating patients again. Will "Doc" take a path for Amy's redemption and return to medicine? Where the storyline may possibly go warrants watching more episodes.

Medical dramas often feel overextended with a basic storyline. "Doc" moves on a different path outside the standard genre, by concentrating its attention largely on the struggle of one doctor to recover from serious injury and return to the practice of medicine.



Dear Dave,

I had an interview for a sales management position during the first week of January. Since then, I've sent two follow-up emails. One was to thank the human resources representative for their time and for considering me for the job. In the second, I reiterated my interest in the position and desire to work for the company. Was this a proper and professional approach? If not, how would you suggest handling things after a first interview?

- Tiffany

Dear Tiffany,

In this situation, I would recommend sending another email. You want to walk right up to that fine line that separates bold and confident from pushy, because that's one of things a good sales manager should be **Dave Ramsey Says**

Approach it Like a Sales Call

able to do. Thank them again for their time, and respectfully tell them you understand any hiring decision can be a lengthy process, but you'd like to know when you can expect an answer.

I'm talking about using your experience and the idea that you're a great sales person, who has transformed herself into a great sales manager. In other words, treat it almost like a professional sales call. And don't be afraid to have a little fun with it. If you're still under consideration, that means they like you and you have a shot at the position. You might even hint at the fact they don't want to hire a sales manager who doesn't know how to follow up.

You obviously have sales skills if you worked your way up to a manager's position. So, put those skills to work. If you're on a sales call, and the customer needs to perform some due diligence before deciding,

a smart salesperson will request to schedule a follow-up. In your email, ask if checking back on a certain day in the next couple of weeks will work. You don't want to be obnoxious, but you're looking for an appointment of sorts—a time frame-so you'll know when to follow up without seeming pushy or desperate.

I hope this helps, Tiffany. Good luck!

- Dave

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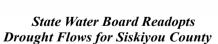


Kaweah Farms Find Balance **Under SGMA**

In November, water managers and farmers in the Kaweah Subbasin in Tulare County won a unique victory when their revised plan for groundwater sustainability convinced state regulators to cancel their consideration of probation for the subbasin under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. In the first edition of Ag Alert's® new Q&A series, On the Record, published by the California Farm Bureau, water manager Aaron Fukuda talks about navigating SGMA in the Kaweah Subbasin.

Kern County Immigration Sweep Halts Citrus Harvest

Scores of farmworkers stayed home last week amid an immigration enforcement operation conducted in Kern County by U.S. Border Patrol. "The crew didn't show up," said Peter Belluomini, who grows and packs lemons, mandarins and navel oranges east of Bakersfield, and is in the middle of harvesting all three crops. "Instead of 30 people, there were like five," said Belluomini, referring to workers hired through a farm labor contractor for his citrus harvest. "The rest were hiding at home."



Even though hydrologic conditions point to a more positive water outlook for the Scott River and Shasta River in Siskiyou County, state water officials last week readopted drought emergency regulations that curtail water rights in the region, affecting farmers and ranchers. The regulation first took effect in 2021. Readopted for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds every year since, the order limits surface-water diversions and groundwater pumping.

California Bountiful TV tours San Diego County

In its latest episode, California Bountiful TV explores agricultural and culinary landmarks in San Diego County. Host Aubrey Aquino visits the nation's only producer of avocado oil, a family-owned and -operated egg ranch and a mushroom farm that's tucked into the hills of Escondido. Aquino also enjoys a multi-course fine dining experience in a San Diego backyard with a waiting list that's a year long. The weekly show produced by the California Farm Bureau is up for three Taste Awards this year, with voting taking place through Feb. 7.

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Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

Alcoholics Anonymous – If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous at 800-970-9040 for either local meeting information or to speak to someone.

American Legion Dinners – Every Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. Prices range from \$12 to \$17 depending on menu. Live music every Friday. Live band first and third Fridays.

Bingo – Is played every Monday and Wednesday at the Senior/Multi-Use Center, 201 S. 5th St., beginning at 12 p.m. Call 707-678-7022 for more information.

Friendship Services of Solano County – Do you spend a lot of time alone? Would you like a telephone companion? Call Friendship Service at 707-644-9062 x242 or 707-644-8909 and ask Cyndi about becoming a client. It's free. A program of Catholic Social Services. A provider of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging. Email: friendship@csssolano.org.

Meals on Wheels – Homebound seniors can receive meals delivered to their homes by calling 707-425-0638. Lunch also served at the Dixon Senior Center, 201 South 5th St. at 11:30 a.m. M-F. Reservations required – call 707-425-0638 one day in advance.

Regular Meetings:

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans. org/Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary — Dixon Post 208 meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, contact Pat Holland (President) at 707-678-3685 or Leah Marlin (Vice President) at 530-304-5385. Visit us online at www.dixonveterans.org/Legion.

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email andersonroad-runnerspto@gmail.com for dates.

Bids For Kids – Is a volunteer organization created to promote and foster youth participation in agriculture. Anyone interested in this endeavor is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact secretary, Lisa Dage at 707-246-5623, fivedages@sbcglobal.net or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

Boy Scout Troop 152 – Meets Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson. Scouts is for boys 11 to 18 years old. Contact John at 707-678-9693 or email Scoutmaster152@gmail.com for more information. Check us out on the web: http://www.troop152dixon.com.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. meetings – at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Elmira Fire Station. Call Linda at phone below to RSVP. Open to everyone. No July meeting. For info call 446-7492 or visit www. chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

Chief Solano Kennel Club, Inc. classes – Puppy Socialization 6:20 to 6:50 p.m. (4 to 12 mos), Beginning Obedience 7 to 7:40 p.m. (4 mos & older) indoor training classes on Wednesdays at the Elmira Fire Station, as well as Conformation classes at 7:50 to 8:30 p.m. for those who show dogs or are interested in showing their dogs. Classes are open to everyone and their canine companions. Classes are not appropriate for aggression issues. Discounts for Seniors 55 and over, Juniors under 16, and those who have adopted a dog from the Humane Society, a breed rescue group, or your local shelter. Bring adoption certificate when you register. Visit www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org.

CITY OF DIXON: The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept.

City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the third Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m.

Dixon Adult Literacy Program – Solano County Library Adult Literacy Services is seeking volunteers to help an adult with their reading, writing, or English-speaking skills at the Dixon Public Library. No experience necessary, flexible hours. All training and materials are provided. Contact: Literacy@solanocounty. com or 707-784-1526.

Dixon Boat Club – Meets first Thursday of the month. For more information, call Butch at 707-678-3622.

Dixon Downtown Business Association – Dedicated to enhancing the business environment and promoting the revitalization of downtown Dixon as the cultural center of the community. Merchant meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations. Log onto www.downtowndixonca.com, email DDROAC@yahoo.com, or call 707-678-8400 for more information.

Dixon Game & Conservation Club – Meetings on second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Game Club Building on East Mayes. For more information, contact John Kett at 916-284-4683.

Dixon Historical Society – Meets quarterly on the third Sunday of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Social Hall located at 209 N. Jefferson St. in Dixon. Meetings include a historical representation and announcements of upcoming events. Anyone interested in the history of Dixon, and its surrounding areas, is welcome! You do not need to be a member to attend, and all presentations are free to the community. The Dixon History Museum is open for visits, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please contact us at www.dixonhistoricalsociety. org. Email dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call 707-693-3044.

Dixon Kiwanis Club – an International civic organization serving the community through enhancing children's lives meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Call Kristin Janisch at 918-840-0785 for more information.

Dixon Lions Club – Since 1954, the Dixon Lions Club is a group of local people who identify needs within our Dixon community and work together to fulfill those needs. Internationally our 45,867 clubs & more than 1,347,322 members make us the world's largest service club organization. We meet first/third Wednesdays at Bud's Pub & Grill from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Website: http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dixonca. Facebook page: Dixon Lions Club.

Dixon Rotary Club – Meets on most Wednesdays at noon at The Creative Space, 160 West A. St., Dixon. Rotary is the world's first and oldest service club organization with over 1.4 million members working locally and internationally to improve health and sanitation, combat hunger, provide education, and promote peace. For more information and meeting confirmation, contact Rotary President Marlene Vega at 707-678-9368.

Dixon Scottish Cultural Association – Open to anyone who is interested in celebrating Scottish culture. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St. For details, visit https://scotsindixon.us/.

Dixon Senior Club – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call 678-7022.

Dixon Toastmasters/Public Speaking Club – Need to speak in front of people? Want to improve your communication skills? Want to have fun learning? Check us out! We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Living Hope Church. For more info, call or text Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or Rose Cooke at 707-297-0918.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club – From September through May of each year, the Dixon Women's Improvement Club dedicated to the betterment of Dixon, meets on the third Wednesday of the month for stimulating presentations, activities, and friendships. Meetings are held at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Dixon Youth Soccer Board Meetings – The board will meet the third Tuesday of each month, except for December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference Room, at 7 p.m.

Domestic Violence Support Group – Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Dry Dock – This Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Dixon United Methodist Church, corner of B and N. Jefferson St.

Fairfield/Suisun Bass Reapers – Meets first Tuesday of each month at RoundTable Pizza, 5085 Fairfield Business Center Drive. For more info, call 707-429-3239. Friends of the Dixon Public Library – Meets at the

library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447.

Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization —

We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more information.

Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma

Thursdays of the month at 111 West A. St., Dixon above Bud's. For more info, call Jason 530-400-0281 or Ed 916-837-6865.

Lambtown Committee – Meets third Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Hall. Email John Knight at

Lodge #172 – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth

johnknightpto@gmail.com

Living With Cancer – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining

conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free. Narcotics Anonymous – Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner

of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and

other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

Northern Solano Democratic Club (NSDC) – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at IBEW, 30 Orange Tree Circle, Vacaville (behind Home Depot). For more information, contact Jeanie White 615-260-7896 or email pres.nsdc@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/northernsolanodems/.

NSDC Democrats in Action – Monthly lunch meeting is every fourth Thursday at noon at Fuso Italian Restaurant at 535 Main St., Vacaville. Meet to discuss actions that can be taken towards local, state, and national political issues. See above for contacts.

Promises AA Group – Meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St.

Sexual Assault Support Group – Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at SafeQuest Solano, 1234 Empire St., Fairfield. Info 707-422-7345.

Solano County Mental Health Education – Monthly presentations on various topics will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2101 Courage Dr., Fairfield. Call Rachel Ford at 707-784-8362 for more information and monthly topic.

Sons of the American Legion – Meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dixon American Legion Post 208 Hall. For information, call Wayne Holland at 707-301-0941.

Soroptimist International of Dixon — Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Brenda Walker at 707-688-1367. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

36th District Agricultural Assn. – Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. in the board room located at 655 S. First St. (Dixon May Fair)

Tremont Teachers and Parents Association – Meets

the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tremont School. For more information contact 678-9533.

Toastmasters – Meets every other Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Lynda Mendez at 530-665-0948 or email her at mendezlynda55@yahoo.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) – Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. For information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook. com/DixonVFW.

Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145. ★



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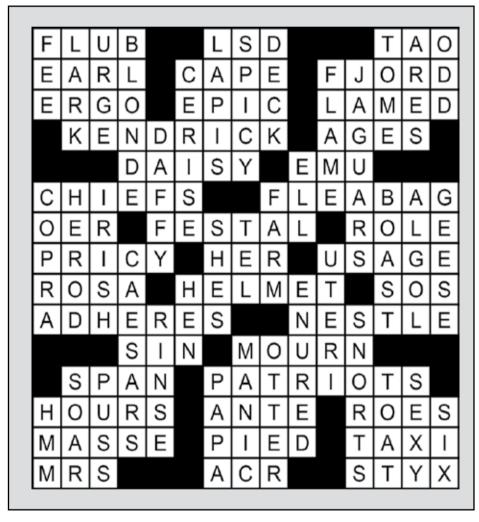
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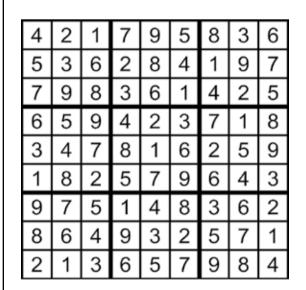


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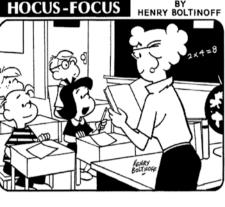


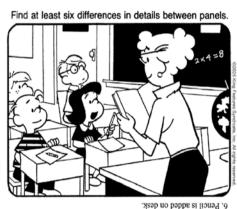












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Kicks Off 2025 Cookie Season



Girl Scouts of Northern California with their cookie display. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of

Girl Scouts of Northern California News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) -

On Jan. 13, Girl Scouts of Northern California kicked off its 2025 cookie season.

Consumers in all 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon Border can support their local girl entrepreneurs by ordering cookies online at ilovecookies.org. Local shoppers can also locate cookie booths starting February 6 for in-person cookie sales. The 2025 Northern California cookie season will run through March 16, and all cookie flavors are \$7 per box (shipping fees additional).

The 2025 cookie lineup is jampacked with the full spread of highly sought-after cookie flavors, including Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties® and more. At the close of the 2025 Cookie Season, the beloved cookie flavor, Toast-yay!®, will be retired to make way for future innovations.

This year, over 16,000 Girl Scouts in Northern California will participate in the cookie entrepreneurship program with the goal of selling 4.3 million packages of cookies.

"We're thrilled to partner with ABC Bakers this year, bringing beloved fan favorites like Thin Mints® and Trefoils®, along with exciting new additions to our cookie lineup," said



Local Girl Scouts show enthusiasm for cookie season. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

Mary-Jane Strom, Interim CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern California. "This season, cookie prices in our Council increased by \$1, bringing them to \$7 per box—a necessary adjustment to address rising costs. Despite this change, every purchase continues to directly support our local Girl Scouts as they achieve their goals, develop essential skills, and make a difference in their communities. I'm so proud of our Girl Scouts and can't wait to see all they accomplish this season!"

When Girl Scouts participate in the Cookie Program, the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, they acquire a host of invaluable entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money

management, decision making, people skills, and business ethics. Each box of cookies sold allows Girl Scouts to develop an inextinguishable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence, and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures. Girl Scouts obtain transferable life skills as they earn a variety of badges and awards, including Cookie Business badges, Financial Literacy badges, Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins and Entrepreneur badges.

This season, Girl Scouts of Northern California calls on community members to support their favorite cookies—and the youth behind each box. All proceeds from cookie sales stay with Girl Scouts of Northern California's

Girl Scouts of Northern California The Creative Space Now The Venue



The Venue hosts events such as weddings, baby showers and graduations, whereas the Blossom and Bee will host vendor-focused workshops and classes. Photo courtesy of The Venue Dixon

Continued from page 1 that the next logical step was to join the industry. The event space also offers a fully equipped professional-grade

kitchen, which includes a four-burner gas range, char-griller and convection oven.

Transition into The Venue started last October.

"It's kind of like opening a new business," Johnson said. "We already have lots of inquiries for businesses contacting us. It's been nonstop."

The Venue is the first of several new business ventures this year.

"We love the ability to provide a place where people can bring their ideas to come to life," Johnson said. "We're not contracted with anyone but we have many businesses we support. On my end, I just hope to bring local small businesses a place to



Sarah Johnson, left, and Beri Gonzalez are reintroducing The Venue at 160 W. A St. to the public. Photo courtesy of The Venue Dixon

get started and gain experience through vendor events."

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troops to fuel inspiring experiences throughout the year including camp, amazing trips, service projects and much more.

Starting Jan. 13, consumers can source Girl Scout cookies online via digital cookie stores at ilovecookies.org and have their favorite cookies delivered straight to their home or anywhere in the country or find the closest Girl Scout booth for in-person cookie sales starting Feb. 6 at select businesses and neighborhoods in

Northern California communities until March 16.

Girl Scouts of Northern California serves over 46,000 youth and adult volunteers across 19 countries from Gilroy to the Oregon border. Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges—whether

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they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice or make their first best friends.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and create change on the issues that matter most to them. To learn more about Girl Scouts of Northern California, visit www. gsnorcal.org.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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Morro Bay: The Classic California Experience

Story and photos by Dannah Nielsen

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Some California coastal towns could be studied for their formula of economic and cultural success, and Morro Bay would be among the most influential. Each visit we've made to this beach destination over many trips spanning many years seems consistent in memory: a crossover between hard-working small businesses and destination vacation vibes. The ultimate, classic California experience.

To start this trip off, we chose to stay at the 456 Embarcadero Inn, perfectly situated, naturally, on the Embarcadero itself. This is crucial for obtaining the classic California experience: views of the bay and its wildlife residents, Morro Rock, the buzz of tourism, and easy walks to businesses and multiple open piers.

The open piers are particularly important to note here as it is a subtle but clear message established with thoughtful design: the entire stretch of the Embarcadero is open to all visitors, complete with playgrounds, park benches, landscaping, viewing stations, designated access points and welcome signs. If you are here, the business district welcomes you to enjoy it all.

Of course, this business district has its share of what we commonly call "tourist traps." However, this term is perhaps misused at times. The tourist traps have their place deeply-rooted in memory making and nostalgia as one watches the lines for seafood and sees the abundance of souvenir shops and sale pitches for adventure kayaking. Perhaps the long line for clam chowder is really the long wait to revisit a core childhood moment?

With that said, if the tourist circuit is your jam, the Embarcadero is your playground. For us, we opted to trek no more than two blocks from the inn uphill to Main Street, an easy "off the beaten path" alternative to find just as much entertainment and activity. A few of our favorite stops along Main Street:

Scouts Coffee is the epitome of trending coffeehouse vibes but beyond that, the coffee and eats are on par with the very best that Morro Bay has to offer.

Across the street is Coalesce Bookstore, a perfect escape for any bookworm wishing to drown in the aroma of vintage books but be revived

by the attached backyard micro garden.

Right next door is the Morro Bay Association **Art Gallery**, an important hub for any community, highlighting local artists and providing the quiet break often needed when filling a day with exploration.

While Morro Bay is obviously well-known for its unchallenged landmarks of Morro Rock and the Three Stacks, its lesser-known sister town that shares the bay, Baywood-Los Osos, is an entire gem on its own and only a few quick paddles inland. Here you'll find a handful of under-the-radar

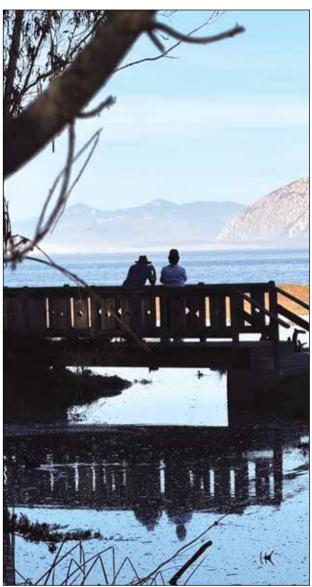
Sweet Spring Nature Preserve, a community effort at its finest. Funded and cared for by local volunteers, this wooded area provided sweeping and uninterrupted views of Morro Rock, well-maintained paths, bridges, benches and lookout points for the local wildlife to pause and watch visitors. When we visited here, it was literally just the birds and us.

Ranch Spooner House museum located at Montaño de Oro State Park. Being on the coast, state park trails were busy with hikers and day trippers but we were the only ones who toured the museum. This brings us to a travel must: chat with the docents. We promise you'll leave with a new appreciation for California history as well as the feeling of having just met a new best friend. Docents are the true lesser known gems who dot our entire state and it was no different when we stopped in to tour the Spooner Ranch House, an impeccably-styled home forever preserved in the early 1900s.

No coast trip is complete without a walk on the beach, and after visiting several beaches, we can confirm that colorful rocks and shells are in abundance throughout Morro Strand and on up as far as the Cambria beaches. We highly recommend taking advantage of this unique art medium to create your own beachside masterpieces (but of course, please leave them for others to enjoy as well). This visit must also include taking in an up-close-andpersonal encounter with Morro Rock itself. One final must-do is to also pose for a picture with the iconic three smokestack remains of a retired power plant. The confirmed rumors for now is that they will be coming



Step back in time at the Spooner Ranch House Museum.



Uninterrupted views of Morro Rock and Morro Bay are at the Sweet Spring Nature Preserve.

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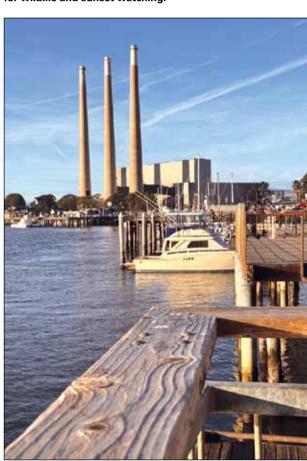
If you're an avid road tripper with a bit of FOMO (fear of missing out), perhaps you've discovered the same mind trick we have discovered to help ease the need to go go go while on the go: choosing lodging that completes the experience. Despite being exhausted in the evenings from days full of adventuring, being able to retire early to a hotel room with incredible sunset views, sights and sounds of the harbor life, and enjoying iconic landmarks with our feet up at our private observation deck quells the fear of missing out on anything.

The 456 Embarcadero Inn is highly recommended for all of these reasons and it's also highly recommended to not skip this luxury.

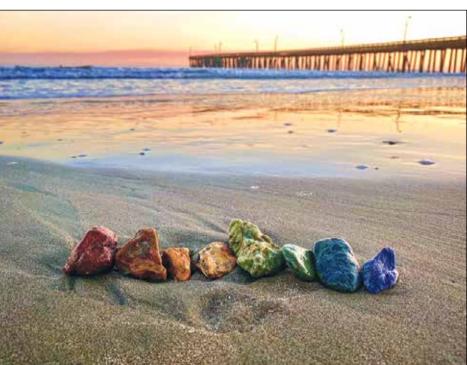
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