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# It Pays to Major in Agriculture



Donnie and Tootie Huffman were honored at a Dixon May Fair dedication on May 5, 2022. Photo courtesy of Kathy Keatley Garvey

**By Kathy Keatley Garvey**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Not many organizations sponsor college scholarships for Solano County high school graduates majoring in an agricultural-related field, but the Friends of the Dixon May Fair does and has for the past 25 years.

The organization has awarded a total of \$274,750 to Solano County residents majoring in agriculture since 2000, according to scholarship chair Carrie Hamel of Dixon.

Last year, the Friends awarded \$26,000 in scholarships.

This year, the Friends will fund nine scholarships, valued at a total of \$31,000, in its annual Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program open to all Solano County high school graduates majoring in an agricultural field at a university

or community college in the United States. Initially, only Solano County high school graduates attending college in California were eligible to enter.

The deadline to apply for the 2025 scholarships is March 1.

The four-year university or college category scholarships are the Donnie Huffman Presidential Scholarship Award of \$8,000; JoAn Giannoni Scholarship Award of \$5,000; Ester Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Award of \$4,000; and Joe Gates Memorial Scholarship Award of \$3,500 to the second-, third- and fourth-place qualifiers

Two-year community college category scholarships are the Jack Hopkins Scholarship Award of \$1,500 and a \$1,000 scholarship award.

The Friends, an all-volunteer,

service-oriented organization, is the fundraising arm of the Dixon May Fair. Headed by President Gilbert “Gil” Molina of Vacaville, the organization raises funds through the sale of beverages at the four-day fair and donates the proceeds for building and grounds improvements, college scholarships and exhibitor awards.

Applicants are scored on personal, civic and academic experience; academic standing; personal commitment and established goals; leadership potential; and civic accomplishments. Most applicants have experience in 4-H, FFA or Grange, which are criteria desired but not mandated.

Continuing scholarship winners can apply up to four times, Hamel said. Scholarship checks can be used only for tuition, fees, books, materials

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# Study Session Held on Proposed Residential Community

**By Shaunna Boyd**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - On Jan. 21, the Dixon City Council held both a special meeting and a regular meeting.

The special meeting was a study session for a proposed residential community, Harvest at Dixon. The 836-acre site is located in agricultural land to the southeast of Dixon, outside the current city limits. The application requests a general plan update, rezoning, design review, development agreement and annexation into the City of Dixon.

The project would be completed in phases, depending on market conditions and housing demand, with the intention to build 6,000 new homes, approximately 300 per year over 20 to 25 years. The current plan includes 239 acres of low-density residential housing, 291 acres of medium-density housing and 47 acres for mixed use. Public facilities on 15 acres could include a new elementary school, daycare, church and community center. Parks and open spaces would take up 140 acres and there would be 101 acres of roadway. New infrastructure will be needed to bring water, sewer and drainage to the site.

This is still a preliminary application and no action was needed at the meeting. This is the beginning of a lengthy review process and the plans will be shaped by various studies, public outreach and directives from the Planning Commission and City Council.

A final review and vote by Dixon City Council is expected by the end of 2026 and, if approved, Solano County would need to approve annexation of the site. Then the developers would request the required building permits and design approvals. Actual construction is not expected to commence until approximately 2030.

During Public Comment, several union representatives spoke in support of the project, since the construction could provide jobs for local workers. They also said the new homes could provide affordable housing options for those workers and their families.

Other union leaders were more tentative in their support, stating that the project could be a great benefit but only if the developers commit to hiring local labor forces.

Some residents expressed concerns that the number of new homes would essentially equate to a whole new town and they wondered how the city would support the increase

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# Dixon Women’s Improvement Club Holds ‘Dining for Scholarships’

**Story and photo  
by Debra Dingman**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Here’s your chance to avoid the Valentine dinner rush while helping to raise scholarship monies for local students at the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club annual Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner on Monday, Feb. 10, at Bud’s Pub & Grill, 100 South First St.

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

The Dixon Women’s



Dixon Women’s Improvement Club Scholarship Chair Diane Schroeder, front right, is pictured with last year’s scholarship recipients from Dixon High and Maine Prairie High schools.

Improvement Club has provided funds for disaster relief, senior citizen projects, community literacy and well-baby clinics in addition to the college/

training school scholarship program that was initiated in the 1980s for graduates from Dixon and Maine Prairie High Schools. There have been thousands

of dollars awarded each spring to students since then.

This year’s fundraiser dinner will not include

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MEMORIAL

DAVID JAMES SCHOLL • 09/23/1947 - 1/23/2025



David James Scholl, age 77, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2025, at Crestview Court Rest Home, Cedar Hill, Texas, after a long illness. Dave was born on September 23, 1947, in St. Helena, California, to Francis Nicholas Scholl and Margaret Archer Scholl. He was the third oldest child of a total of 11 children. He was a resident of Desoto, Texas, since 2020, but had lived most of the rest of his life in Northern California.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Pat, stepson, Kevin Jenkins (Catherine), daughter, Marie Scholl, and son, Patrick Scholl. He is survived by his siblings: Nick Scholl (Marilyn), Tom Scholl (Patty), Dennis Scholl (Karen), Gerry Scholl (Sally), Paul Scholl, Gina Scholl Adams (Mike), Mary Scholl (Andre), Lorna Scholl Schroeder(Curt), Maggie Scholl Graney(Tom), and Donny Scholl (Becky). He had 26 nieces and nephews, 34 grand nieces and nephews and three step-grandchildren, Cooper, Owen and Luke Jenkins

Dave was a lifelong devout Catholic and an avid political conservative. After finishing grammar school at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Fairfield, he attended and graduated from Saint Vincent Ferrer High School in 1965. Even in high school his support of Conservative politicians was evidenced as he campaigned for former Senator Barry Goldwater. Dave graduated from Saint Mary's College of California with a Bachelor's degree in Economics in 1969. He later (1975) published an article "Socialist Hot Dogs" with the Foundation for Economic Education where his free market entrepreneurial foundations were explained by recalling his own resourcefulness during his 1960s years at Saint Mary's. Into his 70s, he took pride in hearing his article was still used by some economics professors teaching college students.

Dave served in the U.S. Army in artillery and tank support roles. He was proud that his service and Veteran status helped his children with tuition for college education in the

desire to move to Texas to be close to their son Kevin and his family in the Dallas area.

After an additional stroke, and a challenging bout with prostate cancer, Dave's health declined and his dependency on others increased. His deteriorating condition required years of in-home care, eventually leading to nursing home care for the last five months of his life. While his short-term memory was very impaired, his long-term memory and ability to recall and tell terrific stories of his life experiences remained until the last days of his life. He maintained his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Rosary, the Blessed Sacrament of Communion and to his wife and children. He joyfully described his children Kevin, Marie, and Patrick and their amazing accomplishments and he praised and cherished the care from his wife Pat and all her energy, dynamism and devotion to the Right to Life.

He was saddened on occasion in his final months when he would learn of the passing of dear friends from college and political campaigns. Dave will be missed by his loving and large family network, as well as others whose lives he touched. He will be fondly remembered as an unwavering believer in Jesus, Mary, Catholicism, the U.S. Constitution, and conservative political philosophy.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1111 W. Daniieldale Road, Duncanville, TX 75137. Rosary will be at 10:30 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am. A lunch reception will follow at the church hall, followed by interment at DFW National Cemetery at 3:15 pm.

The service will be live streamed on: <https://youtube.com/live/uLNun-mrcU3Q?feature=share>, for those who are not able to make it to Texas. Cards may be sent to Patricia Scholl at 231 Juniper Ridge Circle, Desoto, TX 75115. Please keep Dave and all of his family and friends in your prayers!

# Dixon News Briefs



A group of students at Dixon High School put together a display to celebrate 2025's Lunar New Year on Jan. 29. Photo courtesy of Dixon High School

- By MPG Staff

Dixon Unified School District Open Enrollment

Dixon Unified School District has begun open enrollment for the 2025-2026 year. All six schools, including Anderson Elementary School, Gretchen Higgins Elementary School, Tremont Elementary School, John Knight Middle School, Dixon High School and Maine Prairie High School, can be applied for online. For more information, visit [dixonusd.org](http://dixonusd.org), or call 707-693-6380.

Dixon Fire Department Volunteer Opportunity

The Dixon Fire Department at 205 Ford Way is offering a volunteer firefighter opportunity for those pursuing a career in fire safety. Volunteer firefighters are responsible for a multitude of services, including emergency medical aid, emergency rescue and all other suppression and prevention activities to protect property and life. DFD is looking for applicants who are enrolled in a CA Fire Academy and/or current licensed paramedics; selected candidates will be eligible to apply for internal firefighter recruitment after 6 months on the job in good standing. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 2. For more information, visit the City of Dixon Facebook or call 707-678-7000.

Good Character Youth Awards

Organized by the Fairfield-Suisun Rotary Club, and presented by NorthBay Health, the 10th Annual Good Character Youth Awards will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, 586 East Wigeon Way, Suisun City. Join community leaders, educators, parents and others to honor 25 high school students who have demonstrated truthfulness, fairness, kindness and helpfulness in their daily lives. This free, feel-good event will have snacks, refreshments and a keynote speaker. For more information, visit [fsrotary.org](http://fsrotary.org), or email [fsrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:fsrotaryclub@gmail.com).

Valentine Candy Class

Every Baking Moment, 143 N. First St., is hosting a Valentine's Day candy-making class from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 7. For a one-time payment of \$60 per person, guests will attend a 2-hour session, where all supplies will be provided.

For more information, visit [everybakingmoment.com](http://everybakingmoment.com), or call 707-693-0112 to register.

Pro-Rider Series at Harley-Davidson

Iron Steed Harley-Davidson, 100 Auto Center Dr., Vacaville, is hosting the first part of a three-part series of Pro-Rider events from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Feb. 8. The exclusive event, primarily for motorcycle enthusiasts, will feature seminars by some of the top professional in the riding community. Feb. 8's session will feature Shawn Reilly of the Z2 Track Days Motorcycle School, located at Thunderhill Raceway Park, 5250 CA-162, Willows. General admission is \$7.18 per person, but VIP tickets are available for \$12.51 and include a reserved seat. For more information, visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com), or call 707-455-7000.

Women's Improvement Club Dinner

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club, in partnership with the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, is hosting its Annual Scholarship Fundraising Dinner from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 10. At Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First St., attendees can choose between tri-tip or prime rib, a chicken dish, salmon, pasta, or a vegetarian dish. A house salad, garlic-roasted potatoes, and bread are included. Tickets are available for \$35 per person. For more information, visit the Dixon Calendar and Events Facebook page, or for tickets, call Teri Brown (916-601-3371) or Jewel Fink (510-301-1887).

2025 Dixon Rotary Crab Feed

The Rotary Club of Dixon is hosting its 21st annual crab feed at 6 p.m. Feb. 22. Enjoy fresh Dungeness crab, pasta, salad and bread. After dinner, dance the night away to the musical styling of The Time Bandits. There will also be raffle prizes and a silent auction in which guests can participate. General admission is \$81.88 per person.

For more information, visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com), or call 916-240-0147.

Mardi Gras Mambofest

Winters Theatre Company, 13 Main St., Winters, is hosting a night of music and dancing at the Winters Opera House from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 23. For \$23.18 per person, enjoy a live performance from the Rhythmtown-Jive, a musical group of accomplished San Francisco Bay Area musicians who deliver original 40's and 50's influenced Rhythm and Blues, Zydeco, Jump Swing, Rock and Roll and New Orleans Gems. For more information, visit [winterstheatre.org](http://winterstheatre.org) or call 530-795-4014.

Celebrate Dixon

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Celebrate Dixon 2025 Awards Night Gala from 5 to 11 p.m. March 8. Taking place in Denver-ton Hall the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First St., attendees can participate in a silent auction, prize raffle, hat raffle and live auction for desserts and premier Mayfair Parade seating; dinner, catered by Bud's Pub & Grill, and a No-host bar, hosted by the Rotary Club of Dixon, are included. Tickets are \$75 per person and are payable in advance; tickets must be purchased by Feb. 28 and will not be purchasable at the door. For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org), or call 707-678-2650.

AI Lunchbreak

The Solano-Napa SBDC is hosting a 12-week training series on AI called 'AI Lunchbreak'. These trainings are designed for small business owners to learn about the benefits of utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI). The 30-minute lunch break sessions, from 12 to 12:30 p.m., are exclusively online, and all twelve sessions can be registered at once. Listed sessions are Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27. For more information or to register, visit [solanonapasbdc.org/events](http://solanonapasbdc.org/events). ★

Upcoming Volunteer Planting Events at Lake Solano



A Monarch butterfly sips nectar from Coyote Mint blossoms. Photo courtesy of Solano Research Conservation District

Solano Research Conservation District News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Solano Research Conservation District, Putah Creek Council and Solano County Parks are working with community members to plant a Demonstration Garden at Lake Solano Park.

The garden will feature California native plants that are naturally drought tolerant, that provide habitat for Monarch butterflies and other wildlife and that are of cultural significance to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

If you are interested in joining us at one of the volunteer events listed below, reserve your spot by RSVPing KatherineHolmes at [katherine@solanorcd.org](mailto:katherine@solanorcd.org). Once

you RSVP, you will receive additional information, including a map to the planting site.

The three volunteer events will all be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Saturday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, March 15.

All of these events are family friendly, but we do ask that

Child Care Planning Council Forum is Feb. 1



SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), in collaboration with the Solano Child Care Planning Council and other community partners, is hosting its annual Child Care Planning Council Community Forum.

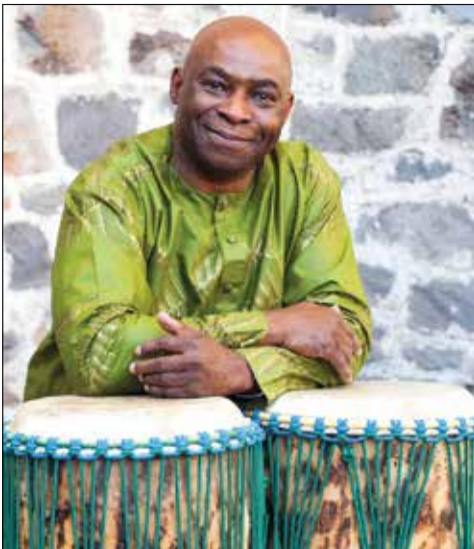
This forum will provide valuable information on childcare options available throughout Solano County, including care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Families will learn how to access childcare and related resources in the county. Parents, educators, childcare providers, and anyone interested in childcare is invited to attend.

Research shows that children's experiences during their first five years directly impact their brain development, influencing their health and ability to learn and succeed in school and life. Many of these early experiences take place in childcare settings, underscoring the importance of quality care for our youngest learners.

The Solano County Child Care Planning Council Community Forum will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Mary Bird Early Childhood Education Center, located at 420 E. Tabor Ave., Fairfield. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Register in advance. For questions, contact the Solano County Office of Education at (707) 399-4400. ★

# Black History Month Events Set



**Onye Onyemaechi is leading a Village Rhythm event, from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Dixon Library, 230 N. First St. Onye uses music, native dress and instruments presented in a historical/cultural context in order to engage children and families with the African Village Lifestyle.** Photo courtesy of Village Rhythm/Onye Onyemaechi

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Black History Month is an annual holiday that focuses on the trials and triumphs of the Black community, primarily in the United States. Established by African American historian, author and journalist Carter G. Woodson for purposes of tradition and reform, the month-long celebration looks to both the past and the future.

Annually since 1928, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History+ has designated a theme per each Black History Month. This year's theme is "African Americans and Labor," which is meant to highlight the diverse fields that African Americans have found themselves in and the impact it has had on the cultural landscape. Through these

The Dixon Library at 230 N. First St. is hosting an interactive experience from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 20. The event will be led by Onye Onyemaechi, a world-renowned master percussionist, educator and author. Onyemaechi offers a participatory experience of African Village life, involving attendees through communal drumming, dancing, singing and stories. Registration is not required and all ages are welcome.

Black History Month continues to carry Black traditions, history and culture forward to the next generation and beyond.★



Rustaller Farms held its first of a series of comedy shows called Stand-up Ruhstaller. Presented by Travis Milner, the event was hosted by Eric Somers and featured Teddy Hull, Adam Tiller and Sydney Stigerts.

**Story by Kendall Brown,  
photo by Nicolas Brown**

The comedy show was presented by Travis Milner and hosted by Eric Somers, who have been promoting shows together for around a year and a half in Sacramento and the greater Bay Area. The duo began doing shows at Ruhstaller Farms as early as Nov. 30, 2023, after becoming acquainted with the brewery's owner, J.E. Paino, who showed interest in their offer.

Somers and Milner will also host shows at the Woodland Elks Lodge (500 Bush St.) every third Friday, Pleasanton's Neighborhood Sports Bar and Kitchen (234-B Main St.) every second and fourth Wednesday and a show at Davis's Stone Gate Country Club (919 Lake Blvd.) with dates yet to be announced.

For more information on Ruhstaller Farms' comedy shows, visit the Stand-up Ruhstaller Facebook page or call 530-601-8240. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



I firmly believe the schedule makers for the NBA have a mean streak in them.

After back-to-back wins over the Wizards and Warriors, the Sactown boys were forced to travel to Denver and play in back-to-back games. The travel, altitude, and Nikola Jokic were too much for Kings as the Nuggets registered a 132-123 win over a tired Sacramento squad.

Amazingly, the Kings mounted an unlikely comeback, coming from 25 points down and bringing the game to within five points late in the contest.

Michael Malone was so concerned, he brought back Jokic late in the game to insure the victory.

Jokic had a historic performance, registering his fifth triple-double in a row, scoring 35 points, claiming 22 rebounds, and dishing out an unheard of 17 assists. His performance was one for the record books, and at the end of the day, the furious comeback by the Kings was no match for the 3-time MVP.

For the basketball purest, you had to just sit back and watch a true master of the hardwood at work.

Domantas Sabonis countered with 23 points and 17 rebounds, but on this night, Denver would not be turned away.

Rumors continue to swirl as the Kings shop the market for the missing link, that being a power forward that can tip the scales.

My hope is that the recent success the Kings have had will calm the front office and allow them to realize what this team is capable of doing. Wins like the one at the Boston Garden serve as a wake-up call to Monte McNair, and scream don't give the store away!

Make absolutely certain you know what you have before you give away a future all-star, and by all means pay attention to your rookies.

Players like Isaac Jones are just waiting for an opportunity to shine, and his recent accomplishments in the G league should serve notice to every fan that his big man has some real game. Jones played for three colleges in three different conferences and earned awards wherever he went. Finally arriving at Washington State Jones earned All-Pac-12 conference honors.

Amazingly, 6'9" Isaac Jones was overlooked in the 2024 NBA draft, and before it's over there will be a lot of teams that will wonder what their scouts were looking at.

When I see the infrequent time that Isaac has had with the Kings, I'm constantly impressed with the way he carries himself on the court, and in this young rookie the Kings have a legitimate forward who seems to get better every time he takes to the hardwood.

In recent G league performances, he has looked like a man among boys and registered three straight 30-point plus performances. Not an easy thing to accomplish, but it tells me Isaac Jones needs more minutes at the NBA level. By all means, put him on the no-trade list along with Sabonis, Fox, and Keon Ellis.

What I'm loudly saying is build from within before you give away talented players that you have not fully realized. Isaac Jones is one of those players and same can be said of Devin Carter. It's essential that the Kings allow rookies to develop, and coach Christie needs to find playing time for them.

The Sactown boys are 10-3 under Doug Christie, and I don't believe it's a fluke. The Kings are currently on a torrid 6-game road trip, and will face the Nets, 76ers, Thunder, and Timberwolves before they set foot in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena.

If the Kings can win two of the remaining four games, I would consider it a victory, as the Thunder and Timberwolves are tough matchups for Sacramento.

The recent 7-game win streak seemed to regenerate Kings fans, and the upside for Sacramento is looking probable rather than just fortuitous.

Let's celebrate our stars and root on our rookies. Great things are yet in store!

If the Kings don't make a trade by the trade deadline of Feb. 6, don't lose heart. This team as assembled can make the playoffs, and I believe McNair will make an acquisition at some point.

We are witnessing some great performances. Enjoy them! More to come.

All the best Kings fans!

*Your thoughts are always welcome at [vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com).* ★

Social Security Matters

Clarification of Medicare IRMAA and MAGI



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am confused by an article in my local newspaper which said that “MAGI” (modified adjusted gross income), on which my Medicare Part B premium is based, is my Adjusted Gross Income, plus any non-taxable interest, plus 50% of the social security I received. The part that is confusing is the 50% part. When I look at my tax return my Adjusted Gross Income includes the taxable portion of my Social Security benefit which, in my case, is 85% of my total benefits. Why must 50% of benefits be added to my AGI if it is already included in my total AGI?

**Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** The article you refer to was misleading for stating that the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) used to determine your Medicare premiums includes your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS

benefits you received during the tax year. What the article should have said was that the MAGI which determines your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) to your Medicare premiums consists of your normal AGI from your tax return (which includes the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits), plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

For additional clarity, the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is a supplemental amount added to the standard Medicare premium for those with higher incomes. The thresholds at which the IRMAA supplements apply depend on your IRS filing status, and your MAGI determines the amount of supplement which will be added to the standard Medicare premium. Single filers with MAGI over \$103,000, or married filers with MAGI over \$206,000 will see an IRMAA supplement added to their Medicare premium. Those whose MAGI is under the first IRMAA threshold pay the standard Medicare premium, but those whose MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold above will pay more. How much more depends on how much their MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold by. The IRMAA supplement (the additional premium amount) could be anywhere from \$69.90 to \$419.30 per month for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), or an additional \$12.90 to \$81.00 per month to the Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) premium - again dependent on how much over the initial MAGI threshold the person is for their IRS filing status. You can see the MAGI levels and corresponding IRMAA supplements at this Medicare website: [www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles](http://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles)

IRMAA and MAGI can be confusing. If you have questions about your Medicare premiums, help is available at [SSadvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org), or at 1.888.750.2622.

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Trump Jumps Back into California's Water Wars with a Pro-Farmer Decree



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It would be impossible to overstate the complexity of water supply management in California.

Hundreds of federal, state and local agencies decree who or what is supplied with water, when and how much will be delivered, and the prices recipients must pay.

Moreover, there are policy differences within those broad categories. For instance, local agricultural water agencies and municipal providers to homes and businesses often have different priorities.

The politics of water are even more convoluted, involving not only the public agencies but seemingly countless outside stakeholders, ranging from developers who need water supply commitments for their projects to commercial fishermen who want to protect spawning salmon.

The proliferation of competing agendas explains why it is so difficult to reach the consensus needed to move policy forward. It's not unusual for proposed projects and policies to kick around for years, if not decades, before something concrete occurs.

For example, the proposed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley now seems likely to be built, but only after 70 years

of promotion by backers. The long-planned expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa County collapsed recently when the East Bay Municipal Utility District pulled out, citing ever-rising costs.

More than six decades ago, state water officials proposed a canal to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. After gaining legislative approval, a 1982 referendum blocked construction, and 40 years later, a proposed tunnel beneath the Delta remains stalled by a political stalemate.

Operations of existing of dams and canals are similarly fraught, particularly divvying up water among farmers, municipal users and flows to protect fish and other wildlife as supplies fluctuate due to climate change.

For years, federal and state authorities have sought to reduce diversions by agriculture — by far the largest water users — to bolster habitat flows. Farmers have resisted.

The state has sought “voluntary agreements” from farmers in the San Joaquin River watershed between Stockton and Fresno to enhance natural flows, threatening to order reductions if agreements are not reached. But unilateral action by the state would spark a legal battle over water rights whose outcome could not be predicted.

Another player in California's high-stakes water game emerged eight years ago when Donald Trump became president for the first time. He forcefully backed farmers in their conflict with state water managers, ordering the Bureau of Reclamation and other

federal agencies to adopt more agriculture-friendly policies.

Four years later, after Trump was defeated by Joe Biden, the policies were reversed. Just days before Biden's tenure ended, federal and state water managers last month announced a new operational agreement.

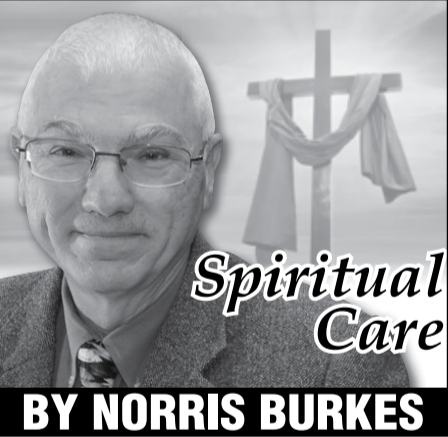
This week, when Trump once again became president, he essentially sought to cancel that agreement and reinstate his previous policies. Based on a memo to federal water agencies, he directed them to draft a plan “to route more water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state for use by the people there who desperately need a reliable water supply.”

Trump not only cited farmers' needs for a reliable water supply but reiterated his belief that a lack of water deliveries to Southern California made it more difficult to fight deadly wildfires — a contention that has no basis in fact. Los Angeles had plenty of water to fight fires, but hydrants ran dry because the system was designed for fighting individual building fires, not massive wildfires, and was overtaxed.

Despite the media splash, it's doubtful that Trump's decree will be anything more than a relatively brief pause in efforts to resolve California's water conflicts simply because they are measured in decades, not any one president's term.

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Are You One of Those Evangelicals?



Like most pastors, I send out a weekly email to church members and friends previewing my sermon topic and promoting our upcoming events.

After the election, I received this jarring email from a person we'll call “Joe Christian.”

“Please remove us from your e-mail list.” Joe asked. “I wish to get as far away as possible from the poison in this country that is evangelical Christianity.”

I have to admit, the email saddened me a bit.

But I understood.

Joe C. understandably mistook me for those evangelicals that I call the “Christ-mericans.”

That's what I call the believers who've morphed Christ into their American patriotism. These are those who promote a certain candidate, issue, or who insist on a certain form of biblical interpretation on both Christians and non-Christians.

These “Evangelicals” are led by those trying to convince parishioners that they are being persecuted and that they've lost their freedom to profess their beliefs and follow Christ.

They urge their communities to ban library books, install their evangelical choice on the city council using methods that exploit hot issues like gay rights, abortion, and immigration.

If that describes your church, would you mind if I forwarded Joe's email. Maybe your pastor can help me compose an answer.

In the meantime, I've informed

Joe in no uncertain terms, “I am evangelical, just not THAT kind of evangelical.

“I am not the kind of evangelical who engages with the political process to protect my ‘Biblical values.’

“I do not use my pulpit to preach for or against issues such as abortion, euthanasia, gay rights, or science.”

And during the eight Sundays I'm away from my pulpit, I invite a local woman pastor to fill my preaching duties. (Shout-out to Cherise. My folks love you!)

So, as some evangelical churches preach the “Christ-merican” idea, they may enjoy some “growth,” – for just a little bit longer, anyway.

But in the meantime, I accept all as my brother.

And even as some dismiss me as their “Liberal brother,” I'll continue to interpret Jesus' teaching in the light of modern knowledge, science and ethics. I'll lean forward using reason and experience over doctrinal authority.

I'll address folks like Joe in more relatable language, admitting that, yes, I am evangelical. But only in the sense that I think Jesus spoke with common sense. I encourage all to consider Jesus's ideas, and I will try to make my church a welcoming place to explore faith.


I'm evangelical because I believe the Holy Bible retains a message for every generation. I'm evangelical in that I believe Jesus loves all of us the way he loves each of us. AND he intensively loves each of us as if we were the only ones on earth.

So, I'll keep standing in my small pulpit with the same message I always bring “Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.”

Eventually, Joe replied with the kindest of words.

“Thank you, Norris. I apologize for my abrupt tone. I painted with too broad of a brush.”

It's OK, Joe. In the words my hospice team imprinted on their sweatshirts, “We're all just walking each other home.” ★



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# New Children’s Books to Celebrate Love

Valentine’s Day is just around the corner and these books will help any reader get excited about the power of spreading love.



## Hap-Pea Valentine’s Day

by Keith Baker;  
Beach Lane Books

It’s Valentine’s Day! The peas are back, and this time, they have a lot of happy hearts to give away. There are silly hearts, double hearts, and, of course, candy hearts, but don’t forget the chocolate. There are also so many hearts if you look outside, like rocky hearts, clocky hearts, and even book-y hearts. From rainbows to sprinkles to balloons and even flower hap-pea hearts, they are everywhere.

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with those you cherish. This delightful book is a vibrant celebration of love and hearts, featuring the most endearing little peas. It’s perfect for story time, craft time, and classrooms, and pairs beautifully with all the crafts a little heart desires. It’s a must-have book to celebrate the beauty of love that surrounds us, not just on Valentine’s Day.

## The Little Puppy

by Nicola Killen,  
Simon and Schuster

Grandma’s new puppy is here to visit, and Ollie is

excited. Ollie had the entire day planned with fun games and even making Grandma a beautiful Valentine’s gift. But Milo was a puppy, and he had other plans. Milo wanted to run and play and chew. But when Milo decided to chew on Ollie’s drawing, Ollie was devastated and needed time alone. Even though she knew it wasn’t Milo’s fault, she was still mad and hurt. But then she got a huge surprise. Milo came to find her, and a sad day turned into a day of fun.

Join Ollie on a new adventure, learning the values of love and acceptance. The charming black-and-white illustrations with red accents make this story even more engaging. It’s a heartwarming lesson that continues the beautiful Ollie stories, inspiring empathy and understanding.

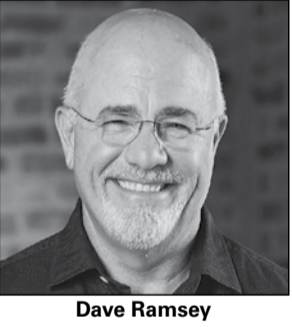
## The Make-Believers

by Ryan Seacrest,  
Meredith Seacrest Leach,  
and illustrated by Bonnie Lui;  
Simon and Schuster

It’s time for your imagination to soar. While you might only think about dreaming at night, there’s

a special kind of dreaming that’s within your grasp: make-believe. Through the power of make-believe, anyone can reach their wildest dreams. Make-believers can fly to the moon, travel through time, cross oceans, meet mermaids, and even discover buried treasure. Let your heart take flight and see things from a whole new perspective, and soon, you’ll find that your dreams can change you and how you see the world.

Little readers will have their imagination take flight through the power of the Make-Believers. Ryan, Meredith Seacrest, and Bonnie Lui bring childhood dreaming into a beautiful display of powerful thought and motivation. With the Author’s note carefully tucked inside the back page, readers will also learn about the Ryan Seacrest Foundation, which gives pediatric patients inside children’s hospitals the opportunity to explore and learn about their own creativity while inspiring them to follow their dreams, whatever they may be. ★



Dear Dave,

Our son is in high school, and he has a car and a part-time job nights and weekends. We’ve worked with him on saving, spending and giving, but should a teenager have an emergency fund, too? If so, how much do you recommend them setting aside?

– Dominic

Dear Dominic,

This is a great question! I’m glad to know you’re working with your son and teaching him wise financial habits.

I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses for adults, and I think that’s a fair expectation for teens, as well. He won’t need as big an emergency fund as a married couple with kids if his expenses consist only of those connected to his car and social life. So, I’d suggest him saving up three months’ worth of what it takes to operate the car—gas, insurance and maintenance.

I think those are fair financial responsibilities for a responsible teen in his situation.

– Dave

# Dave Ramsey Says

## Emergency Fund for Teens? What Comes First?

### What Comes First?

Dear Dave,

I’m a non-traditional student in my last semester of college. In May, I’ll graduate with a degree in elementary education and have a job waiting for me. It will bring our household income up to a little over \$100,000. We’re already living on a budget, but the problem is we’ll have \$15,000 in student loan debt to repay, plus \$5,000 in credit card debt. What should we address first?

– Marta

Dear Marta,

It sounds like all your hard work is about to pay off in a big way. And I’ve got some more good news for you. If you two keep living the way you have been, and put the rest toward debt, you can have that student loan and credit card debt knocked out in just a year or so.

But I want you to pay close attention to what I’m about to say next. Just because you’re making more money doesn’t mean you should start buying a bunch of toys or pick up a car payment. Sit down together now—don’t wait—and practice making a written monthly budget based on

your new income. Give every dollar a name before you spend it, and don’t forget to work the debt snowball, too. List your debts from smallest to largest, make minimum payments on the largest, and then attack that credit card debt with a vengeance.

Chances are you can get the credit card debt taken care of in two or three months. Then, roll the money from that payment over, and apply it and any other cash you can scrape up toward the student loan debt.

With just a little more work, you folks are going to find yourselves in a really great place soon!

– Dave

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## A Film and TV Review

by Tim Riley

### “FLIGHT RISK” RATED R

With a lean running time of ninety minutes, “Flight Risk” manages to deliver mindless popcorn entertainment, at the hands of director Mel Gibson, that provides thrills in a uniquely claustrophobic atmosphere.

Another interesting feature to this thriller is the focus almost exclusively on three characters riding on a single-engine Cessna through the Alaskan skies over snow-capped mountains with nary any other visible landscape in sight until the climactic end.

The film opens briefly on the ground at a seedy motel room where Topher Grace’s mob accountant Winston is apprehended by U.S. Marshal Madolyn Harris (Michelle Dockery) and some cohorts. Fearing for his life, Winston is a reluctant witness for the upcoming trial of his mob boss.

Mark Wahlberg’s Daryl Booth is a bush pilot who has been hired to fly Madolyn and her prisoner to Anchorage to connect on a timely flight destined to New York in time for Winston’s testimony.

Shackled to the back seat of the Cessna, the garrulous, nervous Winston is a source of humor for his sarcastic wisecracks that soon to begin to grate on the Marshal, while serving to lighten the mood in a turbulent ride, if that’s possible.

Not long into the flight, Daryl with his exaggerated Southern drawl turns out not to be the person he was supposed to be. That he’s not the good guy is obvious in the film’s trailer, so revealing this information is not a spoiler.

One question that everyone might consider is what is the deal with Daryl’s wig getting knocked off, revealing his balding pate that makes him look like a deranged Franciscan monk.

Aside from the trio of travelers on a possibly doomed flight and after tasing Daryl into submission, Madolyn connects by satellite phone with her superior (voiced by Leah Remini), which leads to another element of intrigue.

The other unseen player is the flirty Hassan (Monib Abhat), a pilot who’s engaged to help Madolyn land the plane once Daryl has been knocked unconscious even though the tension is palpable that he may rise once again as an immediate threat.

The confined space of a small plane created challenges for the storyline, but despite any of its flaws “Flight Risk” managed to keep the suspense afloat, mainly because Mark Wahlberg’s psychotic hitman was deliciously over-the-top with his maniacal turn.

As an actor with wide range, Wahlberg appears to have been directed to be just as outlandishly insane as possible, to the extreme point where to him

# Riley Reviews

## “FLIGHT RISK” STANDARD THRILLS; “GOING DUTCH” WORKPLACE COMEDY

having been the man of droll humor in films like “The Other Guys,” “Ted,” and Netflix’s “Spenser Confidential” seems improbable.

Coming most likely as a shock to very few, an overwhelming number of movie critics have savaged “Flight Risk” on Rotten Tomatoes for a variety of artistic reasons. They should know that films typically released in January are unlikely to garner any awards.

On the other hand, a giant step removed from film snobbery is the realization that “Flight Risk” is exactly what it obviously aspired to be, namely just fun that doesn’t tax the brain.

Quoted in the press notes, Mel Gibson explained that with the film’s claustrophobic setting, “We’ve played into everyone’s fear of flying, high altitudes, falling, and crashing.” Unless you are about to start flying lessons, this movie could be an entertaining outing.

### “GOING DUTCH” ON FOX NETWORK

Denis Leary’s trademark angry rants are most fitting for his role in FOX’s “Going Dutch” of U.S. Army Colonel Patrick Quinn, who has run afoul of military brass and gets reassigned to a useless Army base in the Netherlands, hence the show’s title.

In the first episode, decorated combat veteran Colonel Quinn arrives at USAG Baumholder, Germany with his executive officer, Major Abraham Shah (Danny Pudi) in the belief he will be given command of the Army base.

General Davidson (Joe Morton), with good reason to hold a grudge, tells Quinn he’s being sent to command USAG Stroopsdorf, an insignificant service base that’s known for its laundry service, bowling and making cheese.

Arriving with Major Shah at the Dutch-based garrison, Colonel Quinn’s first encounter is with overweight, long-haired Corporal Elias Papadakis (Hal Cumpston), riding a bicycle, which prompts the Colonel to call him “a fat hippie on a bike.”

Sergeant Dana Conway (Luci Mosley) welcomes Quinn to the fromagerie and a tour of the other amenities, including a teen center on a base where there are no kids and which exists only because the budget allowed for a teen center.

The biggest surprise in store is when the Colonel meets the interim base commander, Captain Maggie Quinn (Taylor Misiak), his estranged daughter, whose method of operation is the polar opposite of her father’s exacting style. That conflict between them is inevitable should be a source for humor.

With a military base full of misfits seemingly armed only with cue sticks and bowling pins, “Going Dutch” may yet find its footing as an entertaining off-beat comedy if the potential displayed in the early stage of the series is fully realized. ★



## ICYMI: 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. And 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.

## Longtime Cattle Ranchers Raise Yaks in the Sierra Nevada Sierra Valley

Yaks owners Greg and Jenna Gatto knew very little about yaks before they started raising them. Greg had owned a small herd of beef cattle for about 20 years. After moving to the Sierra Valley, where he met Jenna, he would keep the herd in the mountains during the summer but move them to the valley for winter. “I thought it would be really nice to have something here year-round,” Greg told California Bountiful® magazine, a publication of the California Farm Bureau. So, he started thinking about animals that would do well in a high elevation.

## California Program Cultivates Agricultural Leadership Skills

On the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass interviewed Abby Taylor-Silva, executive vice president of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, about the foundation’s 17-month program that is designed to cultivate leadership skills. “They really saw the need for a program that could take people out of their everyday and build awareness of the world around them so that they could come back and be better leaders and really make an impact on California agriculture,” Taylor-Silva said of the program’s founders.

## Researchers Study Pesto Profitability for Small-Scale Basil Growers

A team of University of California Cooperative Extension advisors at the UC South Coast Research and Extension Center grew seven basil varieties last year as part of a study to explore whether producing pesto could provide a useful revenue stream for small-scale growers. “The rationale was to provide a high-value crop and a value-added solution for urban horticulture, transforming a highly perishable product into something that can be conserved,” said Gerardo Spinelli, UCCE production horticulture advisor for San Diego County, who initiated the project. ★







# 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.dixonveterans.org/Legion).

**Anderson PTO** – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email [andersonroadrunnerspto@gmail.com](mailto:andersonroadrunnerspto@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](mailto:fivedages@sbcglobal.net) or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, [jameskfuller@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.chiefsolanokenelclub.org](http://www.chiefsolanokenelclub.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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.downtowndixonca.com), email [DDROAC@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org). Email [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ohpto1525@gmail.com) for more information.

**Independent Order of Oddfellows Montezuma Lodge #172** – Meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth 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 [johnknightpto@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:pres.nsdc@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/s/](http://www.facebook.com/northernsolanodem/s/).

**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 Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

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5. King Kong, e.g.  
8. Greek portico  
12. Not to be mentioned  
13. Congeal  
14. \_\_\_\_ cell carcinoma  
15. Top of Kilimanjaro, e.g.  
16. Periods of time  
17. D-Day beach  
18. \*Holiday the day before Valentine's Day  
20. Shade of beige  
21. Quantities on doctors' prescriptions  
22. Not amateur  
23. \*Letters to Juliet destination  
26. Come to final conclusion  
30. \*Ultimate Valentine's vow?  
31. Purchaser  
34. Zelensky's capital  
35. Move a plant  
37. High-\_\_\_\_, as in an image  
38. Tubular pasta  
39. Not Visa or MC  
40. \*Moving Valentine's Day date option  
42. "Annie get your \_\_\_\_"  
43. a.k.a. ladybird  
45. Maximum  
47. "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel  
48. Suburb of Dallas  
50. Skunk's defense  
52. \*Sweet Valentine's gesture  
56. Long stories  
57. Rhythmic way of talking  
58. Yours and mine  
59. Send, as payment  
60. The E of B.P.O.E.  
61. A bit of water  
62. Biblical paradise  
63. Elin  
64. Sign of boredom

DOWN

1. Doe's mate  
2. One of Three Bears  
3. Cain's brother  
4. From night garb  
5. Bird of prey's nest  
6. \*Make them in advance of Valentine's Day  
7. "Or \_\_\_\_?"  
8. \*\*"Cupid" singer (2 words)  
9. Russia's Terrible one, e.g.  
10. Pearl Harbor island  
11. Between Fla. and Miss.  
13. Ship's floating wreckage  
14. Afrikaners' ancestors  
19. Group of nine singers  
22. For each  
23. All over the internet  
24. Possible allergic reaction  
25. Lassoed  
26. \*Baby's breath's partner  
27. Texting vocabulary, e.g.  
28. \*Cupid's mom  
29. Black tie \_\_\_\_  
32. Snob  
33. Gymnast's goal  
36. \*a.k.a. "love hormone"  
38. Deck alternative  
40. Chicago baseballer  
41. Defrauds

44. Explosion  
46. Pleasing notes succession  
48. At the same time  
49. Too much egg middle  
50. Newspaper piece  
51. Five and \_\_\_\_  
52. Staff leader  
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55. Sport spectator's TV acronym  
56. Before, old English

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Completed application packets must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. March 1 and mailed to the Scholarship Committee, Friends of Dixon May Fair, P.O. Box 242, Dixon, CA 95620.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Hamel, also includes Tootie Huffman, Kathy Keatley Garvey and Linda Molina, all of Vacaville, and Sue Miracle and Michelle Robinson of Dixon.

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

Donnie Huffman also founded the Friends of the Solano County Fair in 1993 and served as its president until 2006. The Huffmans began a college scholarship program for both fairs. In tribute to their work, the program was renamed the Donnie and Tootie Huffman Scholarship Program in 2022.

## The 2024 Recipients

Sam Esperson, a 2022 graduate of Rio Vista High School and a student at California Polytechnic University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, won the \$5,000 Donnie Huffman Memorial Scholarship, the highest award that the program offers. He is majoring in agricultural systems management.

Massimo Menicou of Vacaville, a 2024 graduate of Vacaville High School, won

the \$4,000 JoAn Giannoni Award, honoring a Dixon resident who is the founding secretary of the Friends. Menicou received an early acceptance to the University of Nevada. He plans to become a veterinarian.

Natalie Victorine, of Dixon, a 2021 graduate of Dixon High School and a student at Cal Poly, won the \$3,500 Ester Armstrong Memorial Award. The award memorializes former California Division of Fairs and Expositions director Ester Armstrong, who died in May 2009 of cancer. Armstrong, a Rocklin resident, served as interim chief executive officer of the Dixon May Fair from 2006 to 2009.

Elena Mendonsa of Vacaville, a 2024 graduate of Vacaville Christian High School, won the \$3,000 Joe Gates Memorial Scholarship, memorializing the longtime auctioneer of the Dixon May Fair Junior Livestock Auction. Gates, a Rio Vista resident, died from COVID-19 in February 2021.

Winning \$3,000 scholarships last year in the university category were Megan Kett, a 2021 graduate of Dixon High School and a student at Oklahoma University; Bridget de Flores, a 2023 graduate of Rio Vista High School and a student at Chico State University; Maya Ferris, a 2024 graduate of Vacaville High School, enrolled at Cal Poly; and Trevan de Rosier, a 2024 graduate of Angelo Rodriguez High School, Fairfield, enrolled at University of California at Davis.

In the community college category, Cole Jacobson, a 2024 graduate of Dixon High School and an incoming student at Woodland Community College, won the \$1,500 Jack Hopkins Memorial Scholarship. Hopkins (1922-2009), a life-long resident of Fairfield and Suisun and a fruit rancher, was a strong supporter of the Junior Livestock Auctions at the Dixon May Fair and the Solano County Fair. ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### President Trump Throws Seniors Under the Bus

In an article published by Donna Fuscaldo in the Kiplinger Personal Finance newsletter online and in a Newsweek article, newly-elected President Donald Trump rescinded former President Joseph Biden's Executive Order 14087 on Jan. 21.

According to President Biden, "Too many Americans face challenges paying for prescription drugs. On average, Americans pay two to three times as much as people in other countries for prescription drugs, and one in four Americans who take prescription drugs struggle to afford their medications."

The key components of Executive Order 14087 were:

Medicare \$2 drug list model: Initiative sought to cap certain generic drug prices at \$2 for Medicare beneficiaries, enhancing affordability. Drugs that were identified to be included on the Medicare \$2 Drug List Model included ones to treat diabetes, high cholesterol and thyroid issues.

Cell and gene therapy access model: Designed to improve access to high-cost therapies for Medicaid recipients, this model aimed to negotiate pricing and facilitate coverage.

Accelerating clinical evidence model: Focused on expediting the availability of effective treatments by streamlining the evidence-gathering process for new drugs.

President Donald Trump, in rescinding President Biden's executive order, said: "The previous administration has embedded deeply unpopular, inflationary, illegal

and radical practices within every agency and office of the federal government." He added: "The revocations within this order will be the first of many steps the United States federal government will take to repair our institutions and our economy."

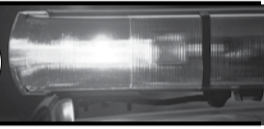
Who was President Trump referring to in regard to President Biden's executive action to lower drug costs as being unpopular...his billionaire friends who may own drug companies or seniors? How is the lowering of drug costs inflationary?

Former President Biden tried to help seniors by lowering the cost of medications they may take, while the only people President Trump is helping are his billionaire friends who invest in drug companies so that now their profits can grow even more. Remember the 'Epi Pen' issue, when the medication pens were sold for \$100 but the company was bought out by another company and the pens went up to \$600 each.

Write your member of Congress, especially if they are Republican, to let them know that you are not happy with President Trump's action and for the Republican majority in Congress to either (A) petition President Trump to reverse his decision in regard to rescinding President Biden's executive order 14087 or (B) Congress come up with and pass a new and equal plan to reduce the cost of medications to Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

- David Dingman, Dixon/Roseville

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The following persons are doing business as: Western Machinery Electric, Inc./WME/Western Machinery/Western Machinery Electric/Optimal Energy, 340 W Channel Road, Suite A, Benicia, CA 94510.

Western Machinery Electric Inc., 340 W Channel Road, Suite A, Benicia, CA 94510.  
Date filed in Solano County: January 23, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 22, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920 A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of registered owner. A new fictitious Business name statement must be filed before the expiration January 22, 2030. The filing of this statement does not itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business, and professions code.)  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FLORENCE LYNN STOW  
CASE NO. PR25-00034

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Florence Lynn Stow, Florence L. Stow, Florence L. Wadsworth.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jonathan Matthew Stow, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, requesting Jonathan Matthew Stow be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files

an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: February 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10, Room 305; Superior Court of California, County of Solano, 600 Union Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Yvonne F. Thrasher, Esq, 78 Cernon Street, Suite A, Vacaville, CA 95688; 707-447-1200  
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### TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 127154-CA APN: 0113-173-100 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/24/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/17/2025 at 9:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/30/2014 as Instrument No. 201400083957 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Solano County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by ANNIS HESLING, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR

SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE OF SANTA CLARA STREET ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL 555 SANTA CLARA STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 621 W D STREET S, DIXON, CA 95620 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$399,641.11 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or

deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 127154-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 127154-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108  
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# Shared Love of Newspaper Bonds Friendship

By Debra Dingman

When I learned that I needed printed post-cards for the Dixon post office to send the then new newspaper for Dixon at a bulk rate, I asked around at my old stomping grounds, The Daily Republic Newspaper in Fairfield. I was given the name of Dave Scholl.

I lived there for 15 years, and he grew up there, even having family who worked at the DR, and so we shared a lot of that history. For the next few years, we established a close but professional friendship as I sold ads to go on those cards and he ran them through his printing machines, delivering them to 350 West A Street, home of The Dixon Newspaper. I learned that he came from a large family—seven boys and four girls—he was a devout Catholic and was extremely active in conservative journalism and politics.

When I needed someone to run the paper while having my last child, he was the one I worked with to keep the paper running. Our friendship broke over a huge misunderstanding. I thought I was on “maternity leave”, and he thought he was the new owner. When we tried to reach a mutual agreement, he was always patient, and good at communicating his points. His voice never rose, and we finally reached a middle ground. A third party got involved and things fell apart.

Then our sons started growing up together. Dave and his family would be out at local events the same as my family was out at events. The boys did Scouts together and other activities. It was hard to avoid Dave and hard not to be friends with him as he was—and I knew this—a really good person.

He was active in St. Peter’s Catholic Church and for 30 years was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He gave them free publicity and supported any of their activities. Dave was heavily involved in Lambtown and he happily published my articles for the Chamber, churches, and Kiwanis Club events like the Festival of Trees which he’d run on the front page.

He supported my husband running for City Treasurer and our son for City Council as well as political endeavors.

It was 20 years later that we became good friends again. Thanks to our sons who both shared the same political views and formed the Young Americans for Liberty group at Dixon High School. Dave was involved in a similar organization when he was in high school.

Paul Scholl, his younger brother, purchased the newspaper and asked me if I wanted to work for him and it was a resounding yes. That was January 2020. The new publisher implemented a working template of his other papers at a new office despite COVID hitting in March and it seemed the world was shutting down. It was more important than ever that a newspaper get distributed to keep people connected and informed.

Dave and I talked regularly long distance as I needed the details of news contacts and advertisers. During the next five years, he called me regularly. He had lived here as long as I had, and I could tell he really missed everything except the stress.

We would visit about everything Dixon and about his wife, Pat, and children: Patick—A UC Berkeley grad who worked on the James Webb Space Telescope and who is now a Space X Senior Engineer in Seattle; Marie who works in Industrial Engineering, and Kevin who works for Google on some important project and who now has three children. He was as proud of his children as I am about mine. We really had a lot in common but I particularly loved that I could talk newspaper talk with him and we could get a good laugh about those things.

Dave got vertigo after a stroke several years ago and never got over it completely. He entered hospice a few months back with other issues. I prayed for him. I missed hearing from him. But I’m grateful to have met him and I’m happy we shared the Dixon Independent Voice newspaper and our friendship.

# Historical Society to Host Car Dealership Presentation

Dixon Historical Society News Release

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - More memories will be made as the Dixon Historical Society presents the history of various Dixon Car Dealerships from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Dixon United Methodist Church, located at 209 N. Jefferson St.

The program will include the history of the following Dixon Car Dealerships: Charles McGimsey Ford, Ron DuPratt Ford, Emil Rossi, Oldsmobiles and Allis-Chalmers Tractors, Hughs Brothers Chevrolet and Movay Chevrolet. Guest speakers from some of these dealerships will be present to share their stories.

Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

This will be the Dixon Historical Society’s first program for 2025. The historical society’s three additional programs are scheduled for April 27, Aug. 17 and Oct. 19. All presentations are free to the public. The historical society would like to hear from any person, group or organization that wants to present their history as it relates to Dixon and the surrounding areas.

For more information about the Dixon Historical Society and Museum, visit its website at [www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.dixonhistoricalsociety.org) or stop by the museum at 125 W. A St. Admission is free. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 707-693-3044 and email is [dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dhs.dixonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

For school or special museum visits, openings can be privately arranged.

# Study Session Held on Proposed Residential Community

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in population, infrastructure and services.

Others were worried about the impact on agricultural land. The neighboring farms use wells for irrigation and one resident said their water production could be diminished if new wells are drilled in the area for the proposed housing development.

During council questions and comments, the councilmembers agreed that it’s important to maintain Dixon’s small-town feel, consider the impact on agriculture and adjacent properties, evaluate how infrastructure will be maintained and ensure the school district can handle the incorporation of a new school site.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said that throughout the process, he will be asking, “Is this right for Dixon?”

Mayor Steven Bird agreed that there is a need for housing and amenities in Dixon. He said that “growth is inevitable” but “it’s got to be managed, it’s got to be thought out and planned out and make sure we have everything in place so we can support that growth.”

Bird clarified that this was a study session to provide input and consider possibilities, such as a community center, civic center or performing arts theater, which could provide enhanced benefits for the community.

Councilmember Don Hendershot said he appreciated hearing all the questions and comments, which will help him form his opinion. The water issues will be a very significant consideration, he said.

Before closing the public hearing, City Council reminded the public that they can reach out to any of the councilmembers to provide feedback through email, phone calls or in-person meetings, and residents can also submit their feedback through the city’s website at [cityofdixonca.gov](http://cityofdixonca.gov).

Two public outreach meetings on the project are scheduled at the Dixon Senior/Multiuse Center (201 South 5th St.), hosted by the developer at 10 a.m. Feb. 1 and hosted by the city at 5:30 p.m. March 27.

The project is expected to come back to City Council in a year or two, with studies and public outreach occurring during that time. More information is available on the city’s website, [www.cityofdixonca.gov/harvestatdixon](http://www.cityofdixonca.gov/harvestatdixon), or the developers’ website, [www.harvestatdixon.com](http://www.harvestatdixon.com).

During the regular meeting, City Council accepted the city treasurer’s quarterly report, with Councilmember Johnson remarking that all the city’s investments are currently outperforming the expected benchmarks.

The council also heard an update about the

design progress for Fire Station 82, which is planned for a ¾-acre site at the intersection of Lavender Lane and Pitt School Road. A five-bay design with a pull-through return will allow engines to exit on Pitt School Road and pull back into the station from Lavender Lane. The 8,200-square-foot station will feature four dormitory rooms, three full bathrooms, gear storage and laundry, kitchen, patio, fitness area, lobby and office. Other key features include a fuel storage tank, generator, solar panels and low-maintenance landscaping.

The design and public outreach process started in 2022 and the design is now complete. The estimated cost for the project is \$9.2 million, with an additional \$600,000 for procurement, construction management and inspection, and city-purchased items such as furniture, equipment and appliances.

Funds have not yet been budgeted but the city has \$3.3 million in fire impact fees that could be allocated to the project. The city could request bonds to cover the unfunded portion, which would result in \$500,000 to \$600,000 in annual debt service payments out of the general fund. Staff would also look for potential grants to cover some of the costs.

The project will come back to City Council members at a future meeting to authorize a budget and then they would request construction bids, which is typically a four-month process. After the construction contract is awarded, construction will take approximately 18 months.

During Public Comment, one Dixon resident said that a bond would cost more money over time, adding to the overall cost of the project: “Who’s going to pay for this bond?” He also questioned why Dixon needs two fire stations, since he said that service is sufficient with the existing Station 81 on the north side of the city. And he wondered when the city would start hiring female firefighters.

Johnson said the council needs to see a budget soon so they can get the financing in order and expedite the project.

Councilmember Thom Bogue asked why the city can’t rely on development fees for this project: “Why are we going out for a bond versus letting what was put in place take care of the job.”

City Manager Jim Lindley explained that “the developer fees, AB 1600 fees, and others collected in that portion of town do not sufficiently cover the cost of building a fire station and the city does not have the reserves available to spend on the fire station.”

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 4.

# Dixon Women’s Improvement Club Holds ‘Dining for Scholarships’

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the Community Grants Raffle as it has grown beyond the walls of Bud’s and will be held at a later date. But the dinner entrée choices are the same: prime rib or tri-tip, chicken, salmon, pasta or vegetarian dish. They also include a house salad, garlic roasted red potatoes and fresh, hot bread. Dinners can be eaten inside or taken home from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Call to pre-order at (707) 678-4745 after 4 p.m. Monday if you want to pick up.

Dinner tickets are a donation of \$35 per person. They can be purchased from any of the Dixon Women’s Improvement Club members or by calling club President Teri Brown at (916) 601-3371 or Vice-President Jewel Fink

at (510) 301-1887.

The Dixon Women’s Improvement Club was established in 1899. The founders were women from families that settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and were interested in beautifying and improving the town of Dixon. The club is open to anyone interested in joining and guests are welcome. From September through May, the club meets the third Wednesday of the month usually from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall, 209 North Jefferson.

The next regular meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 19 will feature a hands-on cake decorating lesson by the Every Baking Moment’s cake designers.



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