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Michael Gloege, Hank Andrade and his sister, June Andrade, turned into heroes last Saturday after hearing a man yelling for

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Best friends Hank Andrade and Michael Gloege, both 11, along with Hank's sister, June, who is 8, wouldn't consider themselves heroes but long-time local resident Howard Straub, 80, would.

The children decided to hang out Saturday morning on the playground of their school, Dixon Montessori Charter School, when they heard a man yelling for help coming from a house backing up to the school fence on Woodvale.

They were perched on top of a playground structure where they could hear him yell, "Call 911, I fell and I can't move."

The children weren't sure what to do so Hank called his mother and told her that someone needed help.

"It was about 10:24 a.m. when he reached out to me," said his mother, Amy Andrade. "I asked some questions like what the man's address was and during the call, we could hear the boys holler to the man."

Ten minutes later, Amy Andrade and her husband, Chris, were there.

"When we first pulled up, the neighbor was out in the next-door garage and even told us who lived there," Amy Andrade said. "The boys showed Chris the house, so we turned off the car and two seconds later, we heard him. We could hear him yell. We realized he truly needs 911."

The Dixon Fire Department was there "within minutes" and assessed the situation, according to Amy Andrade. The front door was locked and had to be kicked in. An ambulance arrived.

"Police officers told us when they were getting our statements that he'd been laying on the floor almost 24 hours. Funny, there was a garage sale about five houses down and the neighbors were out but no one had heard him," Amy Andrade said. "Who knows what would have happened if the kids hadn't been there."

The ambulance took the man to the hospital.

"I was truly amazed by these kids," she said. "They were calm. They didn't know what to do but they had the common sense to go and get somebody to help. I feel good. You know that you structured your kids in a way that they had the common sense to get help. It genuinely feels amazing."

Council **Approves** Grillin-n-Chillin **Event**

By Shaunna Boyd

DIXON, CA (MPG) - A previous discussion about the Grillin-n-Chillin event, which will be held on June 28 in downtown Dixon, was picked up at the March 4 Dixon City Council meeting.

The event will feature a chili and rib cookoff, car show, music, alcohol sales, and kids' activities, and various road closures managed by the city.

The cost to the city is approximately \$23,150, primarily in overtime for city staff, including police, fire and public works. The funding was already included in the city's current special events budget. At the last meeting, approval was delayed because some councilmembers wanted more details about how much money the organizers, the nonprofit Dixon's Action Team, were putting toward

A representative from Dixon's Action Team attended the current meeting to lay out the specific costs carried by the organization, explaining that they spent \$42,126 on the event last year and the total revenue was \$49,724. Profits from the event go toward the group's various charitable donations in the community, such as support for veterans, youth sports and animal shelters.

the event.

Dixon Vice-Mayor Thom Bogue said that his concern at the last meeting was that nothing in the report indicated how much the organizers were putting into the event.

"I wanted to hear from Grillin-n-Chillin what was their share of this, which now I'm kind of like, not embarrassed, but I'm a little bit like in awe of what the costs are in comparison to what the city's donating," Bogue said.

Bogue also acknowledged that the event supports downtown businesses by attracting more visitors, and in turn, the city benefits from the additional sales tax revenue.

Councilmember Kevin Johnson said it "is a wonderful event for the community" and that it was good to ensure transparency in city spending.

Dixon City Council voted unanimously to approve the Grillin-n-Chillin request.

Finance Director Kate Zawadzki presented the mid-year budget projections for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which has expected revenues at \$29.5 million and expenditures at \$31.7 million for a projected deficit of \$2.1 million. Zawadzki said the

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Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Dixon

Story by Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Celebrate Dixon on March 8 at the Dixon Fairgrounds, presented by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and co-sponsored by California Water Services, showcased Dixon's communal spirit and honored citizens, businesses, organizations and public servants who have made a difference for the city. Jennifer Huff, the

chamber's acting chair, and many of her cohorts worked to make the night special for all involved. "It takes a village to put

on an event like this one. However, we've done it year after year, and each year it comes together seamlessly," said Huff.

The event offered a multitude of amenities and opportunities, including music by DJ Ambreezy of Saxman

Entertainment, a live des-

sert auction, a no-host

beer and wine bar hosted

by the Rotary Club of



The 62nd annual Citizen of the Year was awarded to Angela Meisenheimer of Remark rnational Realty by Mayor Steve Bird. Photo by Nicolas Brown

Dixon, a silent auction and a hat raffle. First Northern Bank sponsored the door prize. Guests were served a

dinner of tri-tip, chicken, potatoes, two types of salad and bread, catered by Bud's Pub and Grill. After the Pledge

Hendershot, was the awards ceremony.

Presented by American Legion Post 208 Commander Robert Strong, the Veteran of the Year was Commander

of Allegiance, led by American Legion Post Councilmember Don 208 member.

The inaugural Educator of the Year was presented by Dixon Unified School District Superintendent Brett Barley to Mayte Gudiño of Gretchen Higgins Elementary

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Wayne Holland, also an

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Blended and Blessed

By Debra Dingman

This is news about a very helpful workshop that's coming. While not in Dixon, it's in Sacramento, so still close enough to get great help about being a "Blended and Blessed" family.

While we all want our marriages to be the joyful, committed experience we expect, sometimes life (or your spouse) has other plans and a divorce happens. When parents find love again and a couple recommits to a second marriage, there is a whole new set of challenges. Even if one partner remains unmarried, there are still many obstacles to peaceful relationships.

The authors of "Family Life's Weekend to Remember Marriage Retreat" have responded to the need for biblical guidance for blended families and are offering encouragement and inspiration with key themes from Ron and Nan Deal's new book, "The Mindful Marriage."

Ron has been doing breakout sessions for blended families at the annual Weekend to Remember Marriage Conferences for a few years now and hubby and I have attended. They are right on target about difficulties and have great wisdom to offer.

Ron and Nan will share how they overcame their relationship pain and reactive behavior. When hubby and I attended the breakout sessions he offered at our last retreat in November, we kept looking at each other with the "yep, been there, done that" look. They are warm and authentic and understand the unique needs of blended families.

And living in this situation never ends. Even though my children are grown and we have grandchildren, we are very aware that there are other grandparents in the equation and I can't feel "deprived" of grandchildren when I know the families have to share with more than just the traditional in-law grandparents. And, of course, they all live in different areas so there are different kinds of sharing. That's why I happily take care of the grandchildren whenever!

It's my opinion, I shall add, that second-marriage couples work all that harder at staying married and perhaps are more willing to get outside spiritual guidance than what they had in their first.

The conference is a live-streamed experience and will be held at Destiny Christian Church in Sacramento from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 5 and is only \$20 per couple or \$10 for an individual. Lunch is included. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the live stream begins at 9 a.m. It will be an especially helpful conference for remarried couples and even for dating couples with children.

For more information, go to BlendedandBlessed.com. It might be a one-day event but it will help with a lifetime of change for your blended

It's reported that 40% percent of mar-

ried couples with children in the U.S. are step couples; one-third of the weddings in America today form stepfamilies, and 42 million adults are in a second or subsequent marriage. These statistics are increasing in our society and inside

family!

Savannah Coggins is Dixon's February **Young Woman of the Month**



From left are Barbara Rigdon, Soroptimist International of Dixon president, Savannah Coggins and Scott Nelson, Dixon High School social science teacher. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International

Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - "To learn from your mistakes and triumph" and "teamwork is about understanding each other and empathizing with each other in order to understand other points of views" are just a couple of insightful aspects Savannah Coggins has learned from her parents, teachers and involvement in Girl Scouts and other local activities.

Coggins is Soroptimist International of Dixon's Young Woman of the Month. She was nominated and presented by Scott Nelson, a Dixon High School social science teacher who has taught Coggins since her sophomore year. Nelson has always appreciated Coggins's contributions to philosophical discussions and how she is

not afraid to have "adult type" discussions. Coggins is the daughter of Bradley and Chantel Coggins and has lived in Dixon her entire life. She thanks her parents for teaching her valuable life skills

such as "rising up" when rejected, mak-

ing wise decisions in life and to love and

not reject. As a confident young woman, Coggins attributes her confidence to participating in drama, initially participating in a production in fourth-grade through Tremont School and then holding a lead role in "Macbeth" her freshman year in high school.

Outgoing and confident, she was encouraged to participate in cheer and has stayed in cheer for the last three years. Coggins was initially inspired by her coach to trust her teammates and herself as she "learned to fly." She continues to love the support of the crowds, including her mother and grandmother who have supported her at all the games. Although Coggins suffered a serious injury this year, she continues to cheer.

Coggins's immediate goal is to attend community college and study business with a focus on marketing, then transfer to a four-year college to continue this route. She eventually wants to be a real estate

Soroptimist International of Dixon members wish Coggins the best in her future pursuits.

Dixon News Briefs



Dixon Girls' Softball spring season begins Saturday, March 15. An opening ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. with games starting at noon. Photo courtesy of Dixon Girls' Softball

By MPG Staff

Dixon Girls' Softball Opening Day

Dixon Girls' Softball is holding its opening ceremony from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15. The event, held at Hall Park, 450 Hall Park Drive, offers a full snack bar with candy, chips and meal deals, including pizza, hot dogs and a tri-tip sandwich. Games will begin at noon.

For more information, visit dixongirlssoftball.com.

American Legion Saint Patrick's Dinner American Legion Post 208 is hosting a Saint Patrick's Dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. March 14. The event will be held in Veteran's Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St. and offers a no-host bar and dinner. For \$15, attendees can enjoy corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. The bar opens at 4 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org

Annie Jr. Tryouts

Davis Musical Theatre Company (DMTC) is holding open auditions for their production of the musical "Annie Jr" at 4:30 p.m. both March 17 and 18. Auditions for young performers, from 7 to 17 years old (18 if enrolled in high school), will be held at the Jean Henderson Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive #10. Davis. Callbacks will be at 4 p.m. March 19, with rehearsals beginning March 24.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 530-756-3682 or visit dmtc.org.

Girls on the Rise

The Solano County Bar Association is hosting a professional development event for young women ages 15 to 25. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 22, participants can meet women leaders in career fields such as Law, STEM, Business and First Responders. Taking place at Solano County Event Center, 601 Texas St., Fairfield, guests will also be offered the opportunity to tour a courtroom; parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

To buy tickets, visit Eventbrite.com.

Tuskegee Airmen **Commemoration Day** Celebration

The Lee A. Archer, Jr. Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. is hosting a commemorative event to celebrate the victories and sacrifices of the Tuskegee Airmen. This event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield, 2200 Gateway Ct., from 6 to 11 p.m. March 29. The special event offers the opportunity to honor these trailblazing pilots' exploits, many of whom were the first African American pilots in

For more information, visit Eventbrite.

Take Care of Your Air: **DIY Air Purifier Workshop**

Sustainable Solano is hosting an in-person air quality workshop from 5:30

to 7:30 p.m. on April 11. Held at the Dixon Library, 230 N. First St., this free hands-on workshop will teach attendees how to make their own air purifiers. The step-by-step process will be led by Dr. Nick Spada of the UC Davis Air Quality Research Center. The first 10 attendees to register will receive free materials to make their air purifier.

For more information, visit sustainablesolano.org. To register, visit Eventbrite.com.

Solano Home and Garden Show

The Solano Home and Garden Show, a tradition since 2015, is returning to the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 First St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 22 and 23. The event offers unique shopping experiences, with the latest products and services for home improvement on offer. Specialists will also be in attendance at the venue. One of which being Ahmed Hassan, the original host of HGTV's "Yard Crashers." The event also offers arts and craft vendors, food trucks, live music and a bingo scavenger hunt. Tickets will be sold at the gate, starting at \$8 for general admission and \$5 for Seniors and Military (with no other discounts applied). Kids 12 and under get in free.

For more information, visit solanohomeshow.com.

Travis Credit Union March Mixer

Travis Credit Union, 1470 Ary Lane, is hosting a mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on March 26. The free networking event is open to all comers and offers free snacks, a no-host beer and wine bar and raffle prizes. Attendees are encouraged to bring plenty of business cards.

For more information, visit dixoncham-

Dixon Chamber Connections Networking

The Dixon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a networking event from 12 to 1:30 p.m. on April 3. Held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, this in-person event is a great opportunity to connect with local professionals. entrepreneurs and business owners. With a diverse range of potential connections, attendees are encouraged to bring plenty of business cards.

For more information, visit dixonchamber.org or call 707-678-2650.

2025 NORCAL Career Fair

The Solano Workforce Development Board is hosting the NORCAL Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 10. The fair, considered the region's largest annual hiring event, will be held at Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Building 1400, Fairfield. The previous NORCAL Career Fair brought together 90 employers and 500 job seekers, making it worthwhile for those looking to start a career.

For more information, call 707-863-3551 or email WDBEvents@solanowdb.org. ★

March Madness Brings Bingo

By Debra Dingman

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Who doesn't love Bingo? The Dixon Women's Improvement Club won't have anything serious planned (except having fun) for its March 19 general meeting until after a crazy Bingo game complete with prizes starting at 1 p.m. at the Dixon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Club President Teri Brown will lead club members in several fun games and will conduct the business meeting afterward.

This year's programs were developed from membership surveys with a goal to provide opportunities for learning interesting topics and enjoying creative activities at monthly meetings. The program is open to all members and guests are welcome to attend.

In addition, the board and the committee chairs have selected an excursion to 8 Gables Goat Ranch in rural Vacaville on

March 27, weather permitting, and a large

fundraising dinner will be on May 2 at

Pedro's Cocina. More information on the

fundraiser will be announced soon.

The Dixon Women's Improvement Club was established in 1899 in Dixon. The founders were women from families who had settled in the Dixon area following the Gold Rush of 1849 and were interested in beautifying and improving the town of Dixon.

The club's purpose is to operate a nonprofit, charitable organization for the beautification, improvement and promotion of the best interests for the city of Dixon through club-directed projects and community activities.

Dixon Women's Improvement Club meetings are held from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Fellowship Hall of the Dixon United Methodist Church, 209 North Jefferson St. Light refreshments

The club is open to women who are interested in joining. To become an active member, a woman is required to pay \$35 in annual membership dues. For more information, call Brown at 916-601-3371.

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city started the fiscal year with reserves at 59% but that is expected to decline to 45%.

Contributing to the deficit were lower-than-expected revenues from sales taxes and property taxes. Despite residential growth in Dixon, Zawadzki said, property tax revenue is below projections due to an issue with Solano County's new property tax software, which did not properly save some parcel splits and new parcels. The city estimates that 81 parcels were missing from this year's tax rolls. By the time that the problem was discovered, the deadline for issuing the property tax bills had passed, so those funds will have to be collected during the next tax

Councilmember Don Hendershot asked what the city was doing to address this problem with the county. But City Manager Jim Lindley explained that the city didn't have many options, beyond suing the county, a course of action which he cautioned would not get them the funding any faster.

Bogue suggested that "the county should pay a penalty for not getting their job done."

Zawadzki also highlighted mid-year staffing adjustments to the budget, with salaries and benefit expenses projected to be slightly higher than originally budgeted, due to overtime and temporary help covering vacant positions. However, that increase is partially offset by maintaining some staff vacancies.

Despite an expected deficit this fiscal year, Zawadzki said an \$86,475 surplus in 2025-2026 is anticipated, in part due to the increased sales tax measure going into effect

Councilmember Jim Ernest said it was "better news than normal."

The council voted unanimously to approve the mid-year budget adjustments.

The council then considered possible options for a shade structure in Pardi Plaza. Public Works director Louren Kotow

explained that since the plaza was completed in 2022, the city has received feedback that the stage gets extremely hot on late afternoons in the summer.

In 2023, staff looked into design options for a shade structure and council approved a \$300,000 budget for the project. However, due to the city's financial constraints, the project was halted in 2024. But the need for shade in Pardi Plaza remains, so staff asked for updated council direction.

A shade study showed that due to the location of the stage and the angle of the setting summer sun, any successful option would need to be a vertical bill-board style screen located asymmetrically within the site. Kotow said that option would detract from the plaza's aesthetics.

Possible shade solutions include shade rentals at \$40,000 for a six-month season or a large permanent metal structure with removable shade sails for up to \$220,000.

"There's no perfect solution," Kotow said. Mayor Steven Bird said the proposed permanent structures have heavy-duty metal posts, which are expensive to install. But when visiting the city of Winters, he saw shade structures with a smaller, simpler design that were very effective. Bird suggested a field trip for councilmembers and city staff to look at those structures as a possible option.

Councilmember Johnson said that while the priority is to shade the stage, he would like to consider options that would also shade plaza visitors. Such a design could provide the symmetry needed to retain the site's aesthetics while also benefiting the community by increasing the ability to use the site.

The council consensus was to organize a field trip to look at shade solutions in other areas and then review potential design

The next Dixon City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 18.

Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Dixon



The Dixon Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with California Water Services, hosted Celebrate Dixon from 5 to 11 p.m. March 8. The annual community award show had approximately 290 guests, with more than 30 local organizations represented. Photo by Nicolas Brown

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The inaugural Firefighter and Police Officer awards were crowned by Dixon Mayor Steve Bird. Cristian Arriaga of Dixon Fire Department and Officer Chris Kerner of Dixon Police Department were honored respectively.

Anna Deusenberry of Anna Deusenberry Realtor was announced as the Ambassador of the Year by the previous year's winner, Rafael Lara of Silveyville Cemetery.

The Non-profit of the Year, presented by Marianne McDonald of the Dixon Rotary Club, was awarded to Dixon Family Services and accepted by Cookie Powell. The 29th annual Business of the Year, presented by the Cooleys of Cool Patch Pumpkins, was awarded to Tully Consulting Group and accepted by Robin Tully.

Finally, the 62nd annual Citizen of the

Year, announced by the 2004 Citizen of the Year Herb Cross, was awarded to Angela Meisenheimer of Remark International Realty.

"I always love to support the chamber and community. As I always say, bloom where you're planted; don't worry about the rest," said Meisenheimer.

The event had about 290 guests, with at least 30 organizations represented, including 95.3 KUIC, Tully Consulting Group, Dixon Wellness, First Northern Bank, Anna Deusenberry Realtor, Almond Tree Mortgage, American Legion Post 208, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151, Dixon Community Theater, Re/max Gold, Silveyville Cemetery, Northbay Healthcare, Dixon Unified School District, Crystal Rico's Farmers Insurance, California Water Services, Bank of Stockton, Recology, Remark International Realty, Dixon Women's Improvement Club, Lemuria Nursery and Ramtown Karate.

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MARGARET JANE KELLOGG RAFTERY • 12/06/1932 - 02/26/2025

Margaret Jane Kellogg Raftery, 92, passed away peacefully on Feb. 26, 2025 in Dixon, California.

Born in Woodland in 1932, Margaret was a fourth generation Californian. Interesting to note she had deep American roots as a descendant of the 1622 Mayflower couple John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, John said to be the first person from the Mayflower to set foot on Plymouth Rock. Peggy married Joseph William Raftery in 1955, setting aside her career as an art teacher in Los Angeles to raise her family of 5 children in Dixon. She is survived by four of her children: Fr. Paul Raftery, OP, Mary Raftery Metzger, Thomas Raftery, and Joseph Raftery; Three grandchildren: Eliot Metzger, Ian Metzger, and Megan Williams; and



six great-grandchildren: Donovan, Jojo, Evander, Malia, Hudson and Eli.

Peggy never gave up her art career, a graduate of Immaculate Heart College she continued her painting, ceramics, life drawings, serigraphs, lithographs, and collages entering her works in shows and galleries

throughout the state and earning numerous awards. In the 1970's Margaret was an active member of the California Printmaker's Society, then later in life she returned to her favorite visual art exhibit showcasing her 82 at the International House The Book Of Revelations, and 40 Collages Images of Hope Rosary Meditations. She said, "This is my way of giving a visual image to the very important words we read." A sweet, generous soul and beloved Mother, we will miss her.

Peggy was a devout Catholic throughout her life, active in the YLI and other parish groups in Dixon

art, collage. Her last public collages was at the age of in Davis. She self-published two art books: Collages from

MEMORIAL

RICHARD ARNOLD MALGIERI SR ● 07/07/1942 - 01/27/2025

Richard Arnold Malgieri Sr of Dixon, CA passed away on January 27, 2025, at the age of 82. Richard (Rich) was born July 7, 1942 to Grace and Aurelio Malgieri in Jersey City, NJ. Rich was the youngest of five siblings and grew up in Emerson, NJ. After graduating high school, he served in the Navy from 1960 to 1964 as an electrician aboard Submarine, U.S.S. Hardhead SS65 in New London, Connecticut.



After his service, Rich went on to a career be held on Sunday, March 30 at 4853 Store in bartending from New Jersey to California.

honest, gruff, joker personality. Many lifelong friendships came from his years being behind the bar.

He married Susan (Montesinos) and had two children, Cassandra and Richie Jr. He was preceded in death by his wife Susan, brothers Harry, Thomas and sisters Grace and Joyce. He is survived by his children as well as many close family members and friends.

A celebration of life will

Rd in Vacaville starting at 1pm. Be prepared Over the 48 years of bartending, he became to share any stories you may have, and in a people person and notorious for his true Rich form, nothing is off limits.

California Uses Gimmicks Instead of Addressing the Heart of Its Budget Problem



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One of the many gimmicks that California's governors and legislators employ to paper over budget deficits, thus avoiding real spending cuts or increasing taxes, is to assume some level of savings from making state agencies and programs more efficient.

They will plug arbitrary numbers into the budget from such supposed efficiencies, then, along with other gimmicks, declare that the budget gap has been closed and pat themselves on the back for

The 2024-25 budget is a prime example of such political expedience. As enacted last June it totaled \$297.9 billion, of which \$211.5 billion was general fund spending. But the budget assumed that the state would receive \$207.2 billion in general fund revenues, so it had a gap to bridge.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators turned to a series of gimmicks and indirect loans to close the gap, including \$2.9 billion from assumed efficiency savings in state agencies and state universities.

However, when Newsom unveiled a 2025-26 budget proposal in January, the plan acknowledged that while the universities met their relatively tiny savings goal of \$200 million, other agencies would reduce spending

by just \$800 million, or less than a third of their \$2.7 billion goal.

The new budget also revealed that 2024-25 general fund spending had ballooned to an estimated \$232 billion - \$21 billion more than the final version had assumed and while projected revenues had also increased to \$217 billion, the 2024-25 deficit would widen to \$15 billion.

Last month, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, reported that his staff was having difficulty getting accurate information from the administration about the underachieving efficiency decree.

"We have tried to get information from some of the larger departments to better understand what types of operational changes are being implemented to achieve the identified savings," Petek wrote. "As we discuss in greater detail later, we have received limited information thus far."

This venture into the weeds of state budgeting generates two observations: One, that gimmickry is an integral part of the current process, and second, that the state faces chronic gaps between income and outgo, a condition dubbed a "structural deficit."

It is an ongoing mismatch between what the state's tax system can produce in revenues and what current law says must be spent. The problem dates back to 2022 when Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, based on surging revenues.

He and legislators raised spending sharply on that assumption, but it proved to be an illusion, resulting in the income and outgo gap that will continue at least for the

remainder of Newsom's governorship — unless he and legislators make real spending cuts or increase taxes.

Moreover, the destructive and deadly wildfires that swept through Los Angeles will impact both the revenue and spending sides of the state's ledger, more than likely increasing the structural deficit.

Newsom and legislators have already approved a \$2.5 billion appropriation for fire-related costs, which would increase the deficit even more unless he can persuade President Donald Trump to send federal aid. Even with a federal bailout, however, Newsom is likely to leave his successor, whomever that might be, with a fiscal headache.

Newsom surely hopes to skate through without either deep spending cuts or increasing taxes, while continuing to cover the chronic gaps with gimmicks such as arbitrary efficiency savings, direct and indirect loans and creative bookkeeping.

He has even increased spending in some categories despite the sluggish revenues, most spectacularly - and most irresponsibly — jacking up state subsidies for the Southern California film and video industry.

Sending more money to Hollywood while telling state universities to tighten their belts, potentially impacting enrollment, would seem to be the height of misplaced priorities.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

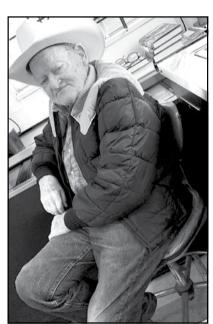


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BUEL VINCENT CAMPBELL • 01/16/1931 - 02/24/2025

Mr. Buel Vincent Campbell, son of Wm. David Campbell and Nancy Frost Campbell and brother of Wm. "Billy" Campbell. Buel was born on January 16, 1931. He was raised on the family sheep ranch south of Dixon, where he resided all his life. He took his love for herding sheep with motorcycles to racing them.

In the early 70s he went on to build the recreation area known as "Argyll Park" for motocross racing. The "racetrack" is still family owned and operated.



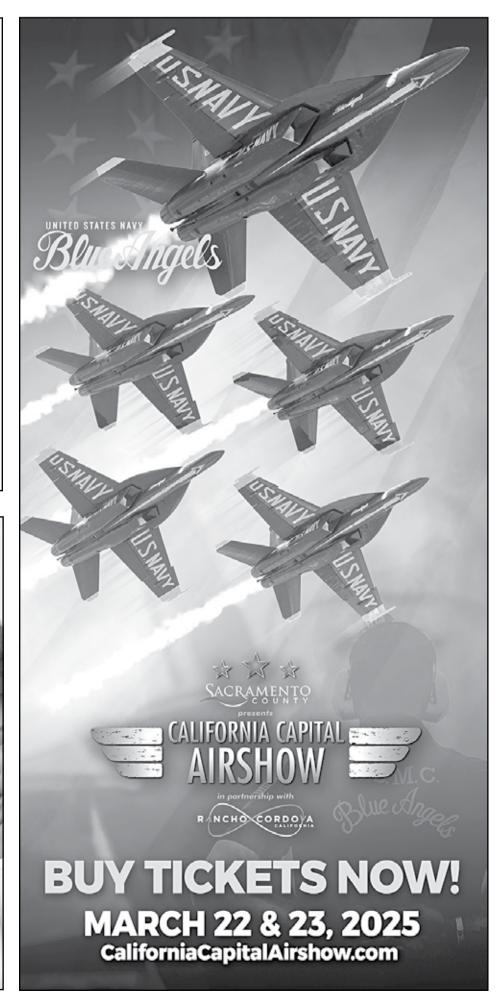
lived a long life surrounded by family. Husband to the late Vivian Campbell. Father to Cris Campbell, Diane Spaletta [Louie], the late Robert "Bobby" May, April May and Lorrie Fanning. Grandfather to Eric Crespo and Natasha Crespo. Cody May, Riki Fanning and Dusty Fanning [Tom]. Rose Spaletta, Rachel Spaletta and great grandfather to Hope, Haley, Hannah, Derrick, Micheala and Micah.

A service will be held at Milton Carpenter Funeral home in Dixon

Following a short illness Buel passed on on March 18th at 10 am with refreshments to

February 24th, 2025 he was 94 years old. He follow at Dawsons. **MPG** OH NO! Is that really happening? Read the public notices in our newspaper or on our website to learn more about: Government meetings, bids & contracts **Foreclosures** Unclaimed property

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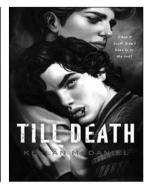
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March's Thrilling New Young Adult Feature Titles

Spring is just around the corner, but hiding in the shadows might be the perfect place to remain with these thrilling new reads releasing. From vampires to slashers to haunting murky waters, March is determined to keep you chilled to the bone and staying up late.







They Bloom At Night Trang Thanh Tran, Bloomsbury March 4, 2025)

A story of surviving but also trying to thrive in a mutated, altered world.

After Hurricane Arlene Mercy, Louisiana was taken over by a red algae bloom that caused mutated sea creatures to lurk upon the water and threaten the town. However, Noon's life was changed at the Cove long before the hurricane changed all their lives, proving to her that true monsters don't lurk in the shadows they walk before you.

Now, Noon must balance the event that changed her life along with the one presenting itself right before her eyes, while her mother is certain that their ancestors are reincarnating as sea creatures. Tasked with capturing the monster responsible for drowning the local residents, Noon quickly realizes who she can trust while also realizing that in order to catch a monster, you must confront the monster haunting from within.

They Bloom at Night is a truly atmospheric, eerie, and thrilling read that delves deeper than just monsters lurking in murky waters. It also explores the threat of climate change, biological mutations, and the true fear of confronting your past, all wrapped around Vietnamese Folklore.

Asking the question, is it possible to truly thrive in a world that is dying around you? ★

How to Survive A Slasher

by Justine Pucella Winans, Bloomsbury (March 11, 2025)

CJ never thought she would be the Final Girl, but that is exactly who she is. As a survivor of the infamous Satterville Wolf Man, CJ just wants to blend in, live her life, and stay out of the limelight. But unfortunately, that is precisely the opposite of what is happening. CJ's life is now part of the storyline of a bestselling book

series documenting the Wolf Man killings, but when an unpublished book lands on her doorstep, everything changes. Blending in and staying out of the limelight is no longer an option when events in the book start happening. Now, CJ will have to use everything she knows from being a Final Girl to survive again.

Fans of serial crime and the Scream movie franchise will love this fast-paced slasher story that cuts like a knife.

Till Death

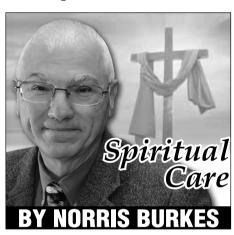
by Kellan McDaniel, Simon & Schuster (March 18, 2025)

Fans of Twilight and Let the Right One In will delight in this young adult vampire romantic horror.

Dancing between the highs and lows of

immortality, George is forever trapped in the body of a 19-year-old, and Howard must face the decision of love or mortality. Till Death is a story of love, vampires, politics, and the matter of immortality, asking the question, "What if death didn't have to be

Chaplain Predicts Fire and Brimstone



Today's column comes straight out of ancient times. This is wrath-of-God stuff. We are talking "Fire and brimstone, baby,

right out of the Old Testament cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Nah, you know I'm messing with you. You don't read this column to get the hellish

diatribe made famous by the televangelists.

These preachers often compare the "homosexual debaucheries" of Sodom and Gomorrah with what they see as the decline of America. They use it as a cautionary tale to ban books, define sexes, and shape

It's funny how debauchery has often been a favorite of the judgmental crowd. But these preachers don't hold a candle to the combustible prophet Ezekiel.

You could even say, "This dude was totally lit."

However, he interpreted the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah far differently than our current politicians and preachers.

In Ezk.16:49-50, Zeke handed down a detailed indictment as he channeled the voice of God. "'Now this was the sin of your sister

Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore, I did away with them as you have seen.""

"Did away" is a euphonism. God turned the residents into crispy critters.

Ezekiel saw this as a judgment day, not so much for sexual sins, but for very specific sins. Arrogance.

Selfishness

Uncharitable greediness Gluttony.

Apathy.

Seems to me that the crusty old prophet was clear.

Sodomite lives were cut short by fire and brimstone, not so much because of their debauchery, but because they lived selfish, lazy and gluttonous lives without ever extending their hands to help the poor and the hungry.

This past month, the US withdrew their hand of charity from hungry people when this Administration shut down the U.S. Agency for International Development, (USAID).

The first casualty of selfishness is always the hungry people of the world.

Consider the story of Plumpy'Nut. Goofy name, but a grand product to feed the world's hungry.

Plumpy'Nut is the brand name for a readyto-use therapeutic food produced by Edesia, a Rhode Island based company, with USAID funding. It's life-saving paste containing peanuts, milk powder, sugar, vegetable oil, and vitamins and minerals.

Typically administered by charities like Doctors Without Borders, a severely malnourished child will consume packets every day for eight weeks to help them regain

Each box opened is stamped with "From the American people." But now the US is withdrawing that helpful hand and shipments of this crucial product are being turned off and on -- and back off again -- like a spurt-

William Lambers, author of "Ending World Hunger" voiced his concern last week in a Newsweek editorial.

"If USAID closes and funding decreases, they cannot continue to send this paste to the war-afflicted Congo and other countries. We should be increasing our shipments of Plumpy'Nut and other foods to war and famine zones. It makes no sense to shut down USAID especially during a time of massive humanitarian need." Lambers' words resonate with the ser-

mon Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde recently delivered before our 47th president at the National Cathedral. "Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land.' This brave pastor said it much better than

I, so I'll just channel the hellfire Ezekial and say, "The closure of USAID is a national sin. And that sin has every possibility of bringing a significant weather change." Do you feel a hot rain coming?

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Riley Reviews

"REACHER" RETURNS FOR MORE MAYHEM; LIFETIME MOVIES IN MARCH

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"REACHER: SEASON 3" **ON AMAZON PRIME**

The diminutive Tom Cruise didn't seem a likely candidate for the role of Jack Reacher in the adaptation of Lee Child's series of best-selling "Reacher" novels for the movies named after the character.

In contract to the films, the "Reacher" series on Amazon Prime feature the muscular Alan Ritchson, who looks like a bodybuilder but isn't. Due to his height and physique, his portrayal of the titular character proves credible for the demanding physical action.

Similar to the movies, Jack Reacher, a former Army military police major, is a nomad carrying nothing more than a toothbrush and fists powerful enough to knock someone into next week.

The third season of "Reacher" finds the big guy once again embroiled in dangerous intrigue, this time helping DEA agents in an undercover case, while also getting reunited with his old Army colleague Frances Neagley (Maria Sten).

While trying to sell old vinyl to a used record store, Reacher spots an abduction taking place of college art student Richard Beck (Johnny Berchtold) when his chauffeured vehicle is rammed by old Toyota

The kidnapping is foiled by Reacher in a

hail of bullets disabling the getaway vehicle. However, there is collateral damage that puts Reacher in a bind; a cop is mistaken as one of the bad guys and is shot by Reacher. Richard has been taken before and his

mutilated ear is proof that previous kidnappers held him for ransom in a shakedown of his father Zachary (Anthony Michael Hall), a carpet merchant.

One has to wonder immediately how a businessman selling rugs affords to live in a mansion, with bodyguards and household staff, on the scenic, rocky Atlantic coast of Maine.

The answer comes from hard-nosed DEA agent Susan Duffy (Sonya Cassidy), who is searching for a missing informant within the Beck operation. A flashback after the kidnapping reveals the reason Reacher becomes a willing partner with the DEA to ingratiate himself into the Beck compound.

Once on the inside, it looks like Reacher's greatest nemesis will be Beck's 7-foot-tall goon Paulie (Olivier Richters), whose fierce stare alone would make a mere mortal shudder. Things are going to get

ORIGINAL MOVIES FOR

The Lifetime Channel offers two new original crime story movies and the final installment of the epic "Single Black Female" franchise that will premiere during the month of March.

Inspired by real events, "Taken at a

Basketball Game" follows a father desperately searching for his teenage daughter after she is abducted while attending a basketball game, hence the fitting title. Desperate to bond with his estranged

18-year-old daughter Robyn (Claire Oute),

Wayne Edwards (D.B. Woodside) gets them tickets to a game where he envisions them cheering on their favorite team while they reconnect. However, when Robyn goes to the restroom and fails to return, a father's worst fear is confirmed when Wayne realizes she's

been kidnapped. On a mission to find her in

a stadium filled with thousands of people, Wayne races against the clock and will stop at nothing find her before it is too late. A thriller with an underlying criminal element, "Wife Stalker" is the story of a couple, Joanna (Keshia Knight Pulliam)

and Leo (Trai Byers), who seem to have Two adorable children, Evie (Alayna Bernard) and Aaron (AJ Bernard), and a beautiful house in the suburbs. But their perfect marriage begins to unravel when Piper (Grace Byers), the owner of

her sights on Leo who quickly falls for As Piper ruthlessly maneuvers her way into the family, Joanna starts digging into her past and discovers some very disturbing secrets, including two previous dead

a wellness center, moves to town and sets

husbands. Fearing for the safety of her family, Joanna is determined to find the proof that she needs and expose Piper in time to protect their home life.

The psychological thriller is based on the best-selling book "The Wife Stalker," by Liv Constantine, which is described on Amazon as being "filled with chilling serpentine twists."

"Single Black Female 3: The Final Chapter" reunites Raven Goodwin, Amber Riley and K. Michelle to their roles for a franchise inspired by the 1992 film "Single White Female."

After being wrongfully convicted of murder, Monica (Raven Goodwin) has finally been exonerated, but freedom comes at a price. Though the charges have been dropped, the stain of suspicion lingers, and reclaiming her life and career is proving to be an uphill battle.

Meanwhile, the real threat has yet to vanish. Simone (Amber Riley), Monica's half-sister, has fled to a convent in Mexico, having no choice but to abandon Houston, along with her daughter Joy (Kennedy Chanel).

When a terrifying nightmare shakes her to her core, Simone becomes convinced Joy is in danger and returns to Houston. for a final reckoning between the estranged

It's only a matter of time before old grudges resurface and Monice and Simone come face-to-face. K. Michelle reprises her role as Monica's best friend Bebe.



New Legislation Aims to Boost Farmworker Pay and support Agricultural Employers

California state lawmakers are trying again to find a way to fairly compensate farm employees for working overtime, this time removing the burden from farmers. Last week, state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, introduced a bill that would create a tax credit for farmers to offset the cost of paying overtime wages. "Senator Grove's agricultural overtime tax credit bill is a sensible solution that will enable farmers to continue producing food while providing a real and richly deserved boost in take-home pay for farm employees," said Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, which co-sponsored the bill.

Leadership Farm Bureau Class Announced for 2025

Eight agricultural professionals have been chosen for the California Farm Bureau's 2025 Leadership Farm Bureau program. Leadership Farm Bureau class members will participate in a yearlong educational and development initiative that prepares them for leadership roles in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Participants will learn about government and legislation, media and communications, public speaking and team building. They will also attend lobbying sessions in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and meet with law-

makers and administrative and regulatory

Investing in Healthy Soils Strengthens Farm Resilience

Soil health isn't just a buzzword. It's the foundation of productive farms, resilient crops and long-term sustainability. Farmers face many challenges: unpredictable weather, water restrictions, rising input costs and shifting regulations, all of which make soil management feel like one more hurdle in an already demanding industry. Yet, healthy soil is an investment. It directly impacts yield stability, disease resistance, water efficiency and overall farm resilience. The California Bountiful Foundation, a nonprofit research affiliate of the California Farm Bureau, administers the Healthy Soils Block Grant Program, which helps farmers implement soil health practices.

Podcast Discusses Bee Thefts During Almond Pollination

On the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, Placer County beekeeper Jason Miller discussed the bee shortage facing California almond growers this year as farmers scramble to find enough bees to pollinate the year's crop. With a shortage of pollinators and rising prices for bees, Miller said the theft of bee boxes has become a greater concern. "We have dealt with some very large bee thefts," he told podcast host Gary Sack on the California Farm Bureau-produced show. The episode also discussed the importance of export markets for California farmers and state regulations restricting the use of driverless tractors on farms.

Autism Acceptance Month Features Youth Fun Run

Suisun City News Release

SUISUN CITY, CA (MPG) - The Suisun City Recreation, Parks, and Marina (RPM) Department welcomes all to its inaugural "Autism Acceptance Month Youth Fun Run" on Saturday, April 5 at Heritage Park in Suisun City.

Registration for the youth fun run is open at suisun.recdesk.com. It is free for youth 3 to 17, and there is a \$10 fee for anyone 18 and older to participate. Participants can choose between an

untimed half mile run and a timed 3k run. The half-mile run will begin at 8 a.m., with the 3k to begin immediately after. All participants will receive an event T-shirt and an event race bib.

The youth run will coincide with the 2025 Neurodiversity and Developmental Disabilities Conference, held at the Joseph Nelson Community Center from April 4 and 5. Registration information for the conference can be found at specialcareservices.org/neurodiversity conference.

"The intent of the fun run is two-fold:

to encourage our local youth to grow an affinity for outdoor exercise and to recognize April as Autism Acceptance Month," management analyst II Marvin Mora said. "This is such a unique opportunity to get families outdoors and, in a way, where those of all abilities can meet, exercise, and have a memorable experience together. I am excited for this event and hope that the community will join us."

The youth fun run is made possible through a grant award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Childhood Obesity Prevention Program.

This fun run will be the first in a series of two free, inclusive youth runs intended to get youth outdoors, exercising and utilizing their local parks and trails system in an effort to combat Suisun City's growing childhood obesity issue. The second youth run is tentatively scheduled for the summer at Rush Ranch Open Space in collaboration with Solano Land Trust.

For more information, contact Mora at 707-421-7200 or email at mmora@

Vacancies on City Commission

City of Dixon Press Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon is accepting applications for the following vacancies on a City Commission:

Two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioners serve two-year terms, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. However, these vacancies will fill unexpired terms through June 30, 2026. A stipend of \$75 per meeting attended is paid to each Commissioner.

The city of Dixon is accepting applications for one student representative and one alternate student representative on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The student representative must be in their senior year of high school, and the alternate student representative must be in his or her junior year of high school. The student representative is expected to attend all Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. The alternate student representative will fill in for the student representative when the student representative is unable to attend commission meetings. It is expected that the alternate student representative will apply to become the student representative the following school year. The term to be served is through June 30, The Parks and Recreation Commission

is an advisory body to the City Council on matters pertaining to recreation and parks facilities. The Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. City residency is required. Interested Dixon residents may obtain

an application at City Hall, 600 E. A St., by calling 707-678-7000, or by visiting the City's website at cityofdixonca.gov. The deadline for filing applications is 5 p.m., Friday, March 28.



Community Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

Regular Meetings:

Al-Anon – Family and friends of alcoholics can get support through Al-Anon, which meets Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 209 N. Jefferson St. American Legion – Dixon Post 208 meets at 7 p.m.

on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.. For information, call 707-678-6308. Also visit us online at www.dixonveterans. org/Legion.

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

Anderson PTO – Meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Anderson Elementary School, 415 East C St. Email 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 or president, James Fuller at 916-952-0167, jameskfuller@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

nelclub.org. **CITY OF DIXON:** The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at www.ci.dixon.ca.us. For further information, call 707-678-7000 and ask for the City

Clerk's office, Planning Dept., Parks & Recreation Dept., or Transportation Dept. City Council – Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of

every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – Meets the second Tuesday of

every month at 7 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission – Meets the fourth

December, at the Sutter West Medical Center Conference

Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Transportation Advisory Commission – Meets the

third Wednesday of every EVEN month at 7 p.m. Dixon Adult Literacy Program - Solano County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dixon Senior Multi-Use Center, 201 S. Fifth St. For more info, call **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 stimulat-

ing 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

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.

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

Friends of the Dixon Public Library - Meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. For more information, call 707-678-5447. Gretchen Higgins Parent Teacher Organization -

We meet the second Monday of each month in the library at our school. Email ohpto1525@gmail.com for more 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 **Living With Cancer** – Support Group for people who have or have had cancer meets the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Dining conference room at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325

Cottonwood St., Woodland. Free.

Narcotics Anonymous - Open meetings are held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dixon United Methodist, 209 N. Jefferson St. (Corner of West B and N. Jefferson). For helpline information and other meetings, go to www.napasolanona.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Soroptimist International of Dixon - Meets Thursdays at noon at the Dixon United Methodist Church (20 N. Jefferson). Call President Barbara Rigdon at 408-306-7390. Mail: P.O. Box 472, Dixon, CA 95620.

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

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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) - Dixon Post 8151 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. For

information, contact Cecil Dennings (Commander) at 209-395-8019. Also visit us online at m.facebook. com/DixonVFW. Young Ladies Institute of Dixon – Meets the third Thursday of the month at St. Peter's Parish Hall,

105 S. 2nd St. All Catholic women are invited to attend. For more information, call Virginia Fletcher at 678-5145.

Local Classifieds Advertise in your local community newspaper Call 916-773-1111

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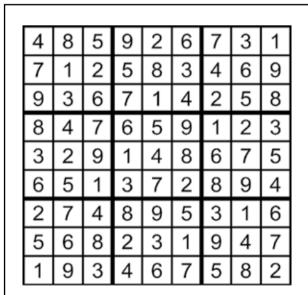
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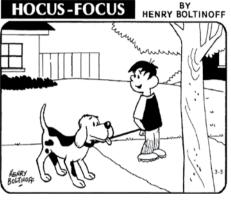
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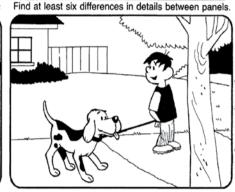












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Rice Fields Provide Vital Habitat for Snakes, Birds, Fish

By Kat Kerlin, University of California, Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - From ducks and cranes to giant garter snakes and salmon, flooded rice fields in California's Central Valley offer important, often vital habitat to many wildlife species. Yet uncertainties around crop markets, water and climate can prompt some growers to fallow rice fields or change their management practices.

Will today's rice acreage under current practices be enough to meet key species' needs? If not, how much rice is needed? Where should it be planted? And what management practices offer the greatest benefit for species of concern?

Scientists from the University of California, Davis, and Point Blue Conservation Science address these questions in a new report, "A Conservation Footprint for California Rice," written for the California Rice Commission.

"This was a highly interdisciplinary effort that I don't think has been attempted at this scale for California rice or perhaps any other California agricultural crop working with wildlife," said report co-lead John Eadie, a UC Davis professor emeritus in the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology who coordinated the 173-page effort among 13 authors. "I think this report provides the baseline for future work to come.'

The authors reviewed the core needs of key species living among the region's rice fields. These include giant garter snakes, wintering ducks, wintering and breeding shorebirds, black terns, sandhill cranes and native fish. They developed a mapping framework of the species' habitat, as well as an estimate of the rice



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acreage, management practices and priority locations for rice that would most greatly benefit each wildlife group.

Over the past decade, rice acreage has ranged from 250,000 to 540,000 acres in California. The report found that approximately 470,000 to 500,000 acres defines the desired conservation footprint of rice for the most species of concern.

The needs for different species include 30,000 acres for native fish, 43,000 acres for sandhill cranes, 80,000 acres for giant garter snakes, 373,500 acres of winter-flooded rice and flooded fallow rice fields for non-breeding shorebirds, 473,000 acres of planted rice to restore populations of black terns and help support breeding shore birds, and 500,000 acres for wintering ducks.

Winter Flooding Critical The authors emphasize that

rice acreage alone, even as much as 500,000 acres, will not sustain these species unless water is available during the winter and during critical periods in the fall and spring. Winter flooding of the rice fields is especially critical for many of these species.

Historically, seasonal wetlands shaped the Central Valley's ecology and biodiversity. Beginning in the mid-1800s, these lands were largely drained for agriculture, flood control and development.

"In the absence of natural wetlands, rice has become essential surrogate habitat for an incredible diversity of California wildlife," said report co-editor Daniel Karp, a UC Davis professor in the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology. "In the face of climate-induced droughts and escalating water prices, providing rice farmers with the support needed to continue flooding their fields in winter is absolutely essential to safeguard this incredible conservation success story."

Priority Locations and Management Solutions

For nearly all wildlife groups, the Colusa and Sutter basins rank as the highest priority locations for rice habitat, given their proximity to wetlands and wildlife refuges. The Yolo Basin, Consumnes-Mokelumne Rivers region, and parts of the Delta are especially important for shorebirds and sandhill cranes. The Yolo and Sutter bypasses also represent critical areas for fish in flooded rice fields.

The conservation value of these areas, however, largely depends upon how they're managed. In addition to winter flooding and water availability, spatial location, managing vegetation, irrigation canals and post-harvest rice straw are just some of the considerations when managing rice for wildlife. The report outlines several strategies for each group.

"This kind of interdisciplinary work is challenging but so important to effective conservation," said report co-author Kristen Dybala, a principal ecologist at Point Blue Conservation Science. "When we work together, we can identify opportunities for the same acres to contribute to multiple goals at once."

The Value of Rice

In addition to providing habitat for wildlife, rice production creates about \$1 billion of added economic value and up to 7,500 jobs for California's Sacramento Valley.

"For decades now, our growers have seen firsthand how much their rice fields are used by wildlife all throughout the year," said Tim Johnson, president and CEO of the California Rice Commission. "This Rice Footprint report by the University of California, Davis, details how these same fields that grow America's sushi rice serve as the economic driver for our small communities and are also vital to our ecosystem in helping waterfowl, shorebirds, reptiles and fish thrive."

The report was funded primarily by the California Rice Commission through a grant to the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences and to Point Blue Conservation Science.

Additional authors include Francisco Bellido-Leiva, Lee Burrows, Sean Fogenburg, Andrew Rypel and Brian Todd of the UC Davis Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology; Robert Walsh of Point Blue Conservation Science; Bruce Linquist of UC Davis Plant Sciences; and Daniel Sumner and Jessica Xu from UC Davis Agricultural and Resource Economics.

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Dixon's History Displayed in Pardi Plaza Tiles

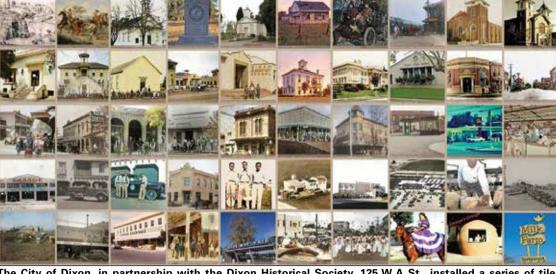
By Kendall Brown

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The City of Dixon, in partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, 125 W A St., recently installed a series of tiles representing Dixon's long-spanning history.

Each tile is etched with photographs provided by the Historical Society. According to Madeline Graf, Dixon's Economic Development manager and public information officer, there were several options to consider when working on this project.

"We know we needed 50 tiles to cover the sides, as each tile is one foot," said Graf. "We originally had a couple different options, so I gave the council four choices: One big photo of what once stood in Pardi Plaza (Pardi Market), agricultural and nature scenes around the area and significant locales, like the May Fair and Milk Farm. We went with the final option, using 50 photos representing Dixon's heritage."

The project was initially suggested by council member Jim Ernest in 2021. It was Ernest's suggestion to partner with the



The City of Dixon, in partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, 125 W A St., installed a series of tiles representing Dixon's long-spanning history on Nov. 1. Each tile, 50 in total, is etched with photographs provided by the Historical Society. Shown is a render of the photos before being turned into tiles. Photo courtesy of the City of Dixon

Historical Society in this endeavor. According to Kim Schroeder-Evans, president of the Dixon Historical Society, the organization spent countless hours researching and locating all 50 pictures.

"As board president, my goal was to be sure that all cultural groups who had a part in Dixon's history, as well as the history of the land, were included," said Schroeder-Evans. "I had to speak

in front of the City Council and Mayor to advocate for this and was so happy that they approved our ideas. The Dixon Historical Society was also so happy that the city gave us the task of selecting the pictures for this project."

Alongside Schroeder-Evans's advocacy for this project, Vice-President Bill Schroeder helped with schools and local businesses, former Secretary Wendy Riedel helped with final selection of pictures and edits, Treasurer Diane Schroeder helped with the initial research and line-up of pictures, former Member-at-Large María López helped advocate for various cultural groups and photo selection and Historical Society member Binky Rowe Eason helped to edit all 50 historical writeups and picture tiles.

After pictures were selected

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The organization has

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future growth. According

to Brusa, the Bank of Stockton is committed to

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Must be overweight

by the Historical Society, Graf was tasked with cropping, colorizing and sending the pictures off to be turned into tiles. According to Graf, this project is significant because Pardi Plaza is significant.

"We use Pardi Plaza all the time for community events," said Graf. "The place itself is significant to Dixon's culture and lets people reflect on where we have been and where we are going. I consider Pardi Plaza the cultural hub of Dixon, its central gathering place."

After this three-year process, both organizations have already begun work on their next projects. The Dixon Historical Society unveiled a "Hammer and Heat: The Legacy of Blacksmithing" exhibit on March 7. The City of Dixon is currently gearing up for Concerts in the Plaza in May, the May Fair, beginning May 8 and Grillin' and Chillin' on June 28.

Said Graf "I just wanted to share that we're really grateful for the Dixon Historical Society. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible to find all the pictures we used and to honor our history."

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Bank of Stockton intends

to be a fixture in town.

Bank of Stockton Installs Pony Express Monument



Fernando Ontiveros, the Bank of Stockton Dixon community branch manager, stands proudly alongside the Pony Express Bronze monument honoring both the bank's and Dixon's illustrious history. Photo by Kendall Brown

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DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Bank of Stockton, 2200 N. First St. opened its 21st Branch in Dixon on Nov. 4, 2024. The organization, originally founded as a community bank in 1867, has survived more than 150 years. The bank celebrated this achievement by installing a bronze sculpted monument to honor it and Dixon's long-spanning heritage. According to Angela Brusa, the Bank of Stockton's vice-president/ director of marketing, the organization has always greatly respected history.

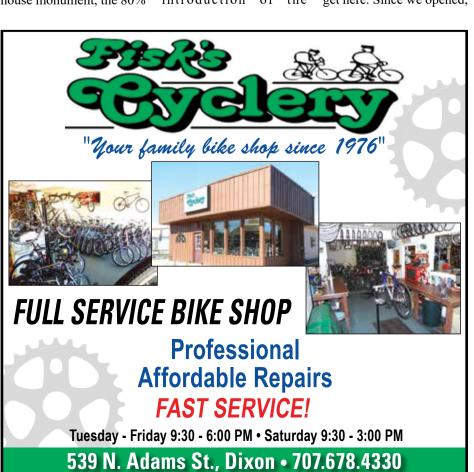
The Pony Express Bronze, crafted by Scott Rogers of Scott Rogers Sculpting, was installed on Feb. 11. Inspired by Silveyville's halfway house monument, the 80% life-sized Pony Express Rider, according to Brusa, captures Dixon's historic contribution connecting the continental East to West due to the California Gold Rush

Gold Rush. In 1852, during the early years of the Gold Rush, Elijah S. Silvey, of Silveyville fame, built a house and corral along a trail between Benicia and Sacramento called the Halfway House. This structure would accommodate travelers headed to the gold fields. By 1860, when the Pony Express was founded, Silveyville had become a thriving community, making it a designated stop along the route between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento.

The Pony Express lasted from April 1860 to October 1861. The introduction of the

transcontinental telegraph system led to its end. Similarly, Silveyville evolved into Dicksonville around the same time. The Vaca Valley Railroad needed to run through Thomas Dickson's land to be completed, so, to accommodate the build, he donated 10 acres of his property, changing the community forever. Eventually, "Dickson" was misprinted as "Dixon" on a freight bill. establishing the community as an official town and the name stuck.

"It's been wonderful to finally open our doors and do business," said Brusa. "Initially, we had some challenges opening the branch because we were waiting on some electrical switch plates to arrive and they took a long time to get here. Since we opened,



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can deposit checks with a picture. The app also has features such as security, and responsiveness to your needs is second to none."

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