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## Citizen of the Year



Angela Meisenheimer was honored as the 62nd Annual Citizen of the Year at Celebrate Dixon on March 8. Her contributions to the community and commitment to Downtown Dixon's success have earned her the title.

*By Kendall Brown, photo by Nicolas Brown*

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Angela Meisenheimer of Remark International Realty and the Downtown Dixon Business Association was awarded Citizen of the Year at Celebrate Dixon on March 8.

Her contributions to the community and culture of Dixon have earned her this crowning achievement.

Meisenheimer moved to Dixon in 1995 with her husband, James, and their three children, Tyler, Dillon, and Blake. She immediately became interested in supporting her children's

athletic endeavors, becoming a board member for Dixon Youth Football and Dixon Little League and the president of the Parent Association.

Eventually, Meisenheimer joined the Downtown Dixon Business Association as a secretary, where she utilized her talents to support local businesses. Her support was pivotal in establishing the first Dixon Farmers' Market and Block Party events in 2000. Both events were successful in empowering a sense of community while building relationships with first responders.

Meisenheimer's hard work earned her a directorial role on the Downtown Dixon Business

Association Board, putting her in a position to have an even greater effect on the community.

As a Downtown Dixon Business Association Board member, Meisenheimer played a significant role in the success of town traditions such as the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival, the Wine and Art Stroll and the previously mentioned Farmers' Market.

Meisenheimer was also pivotal in introducing a new tradition, Dixon Railroad Days, which celebrates and honors Dixon's heritage.

Ever the public servant, Meisenheimer donates much of her

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## Art Uncorked Shines Again



Attendees at Soroptimist International of Dixon's Art Uncorked Event on March 15 enjoyed 16 local artists, access to appetizers and European wine. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Dixon

**Soroptimist International of Dixon News Release**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The second annual Art Uncorked event, organized by Soroptimist International of Dixon, took place on March 15 at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. First St., and it was a success once again.

Guests were treated to a wide variety of artwork from 16 talented local artists, including Jessica Bergler Art, Susan's Jewels of the Sea, Kathy Hicks Just Be, Nancy's Kitchen Counter Art, JME Woodworking, James Stevens Guitars & Ukuleles, Lilly of the Arts, Art by Laurie Truman Fio, Eighmie Mathers Arts, Blake Valenzuela, Art & Animator, Art by Amy Mac, Boo Boo's Pretty's, Jim Poff - Art & Cards, Tina Wiley Art, Charlee Williams, Cookies & Cupcakes and donated art of George Hugh DeGroat (1917 to 1995) and Parisian artist Eric Peyrol.

Attendees relished access to appetizers, featuring a generous charcuterie cup that could easily serve as a meal, plus fresh strawberries and decadent chocolates for dessert to complement the European wines provided by The Pip Wine Bar and Shop, along with a distinctive 'green mocktail.' Raffle prizes were all art-themed, including sea glass and beaded jewelry, a handmade fused glass bowl, painted wine bottles with lights, and various paintings.

Soroptimist International of Dixon was proud to host this event that showcased the incredible talent of artists in the community. Soroptimist International would like to extend its sincere gratitude to everyone who was involved to help raise funds to support the women, girls and children in the community. ★

## Girls Softball Begins Spring Season

*By Kendall Brown*

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Dixon Girls Softball is a program designed to teach girls the game of softball and to impart essential life skills.

As a nonprofit youth sports organization, its focus remains on teaching softball fundamentals and good sportsmanship in a healthy, safe and inspiring environment. According to Dixon Girls Softball President Jennifer Reid, youth sports offer much-needed social and team-based skills.

"They keep them busy and out of trouble," said Reid. "They learn social skills, how to work as a team and how to work independently. Over time, they learn to have a hobby and cultivate skills. Kids need an outlet besides digital media."

Reid has been a Dixon Girls Softball board member since 2018. She was initially asked to join because her daughter played on one of the teams.



Dixon Girls Softball has four divisions, including 6 years and under (6U), 8 years and under (8U), 10 years and under (10U) and 12 years and under (12U). The Dixon Destroyers (pictured) is a 10U Select Team for players interested in a high caliber of play. Photo courtesy of Dixon Girls Softball

During this time, Reid realized her love of being active in the community and supporting the development of these young women.

The opening ceremony for the girls' softball Spring Season will begin on March 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hall Park, located at 450 Hall Park Drive. All four divisions will have the opportunity to play on opening day, including 6 years and under (6U), 8 years and under (8U), 10 years and under (10U) and 12 years and under (12U). According to Reid,

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# Horseplay Fundraiser is March 31

**Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center  
NewsRelease  
By Kathy Kliewer**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center is having a fundraiser from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 31 at Bud's Pub & Grill, 100 S. First St. in Dixon.

Funds raised will help support the care of Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center's team of therapy horses, including veterinary and farrier care, equipment and nutritional supplements.

Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization for special-needs children and adult riders living in Solano, Napa, and Yolo counties.

The program provides an opportunity to improve their quality of life by interacting physically, intellectually and emotionally while riding horses in controlled, therapeutic sessions. Donations and fundraising efforts are needed to cover the costs of the riding sessions and horse care.

This is a major fundraising event, featuring a full dinner offering choice of main course (prime rib, chicken, pasta, tri tip, salmon and chicken strips



**Rider Ben Smith, left, is supported by volunteer Deb Gilliam.**  
Photo courtesy of Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center

with fries), salad, roasted potatoes, bread and a non-alcoholic beverage. Dinners are also available for takeout.

There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including gift baskets, Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center hats, note cards and pictures created by rider Simon Eisenberg and a handmade quilt donated by Karen Donahue.

Tickets are \$50 per person (which does not include a tip), and are available at the Horseplay

Therapeutic Riding Center barn, located at Whispering Winds Ranch, 5949 Silveyville Road, or by calling Margaret Renn at 707-372-7284.

Those who cannot attend can still support Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center by sending a check to Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center, P.O. Box 506, Vacaville, CA or by donating online at [horseplayriding.org](http://horseplayriding.org).

For more information, call 707-447-8733 or visit [horseplayriding.org](http://horseplayriding.org). ★

# Dixon News Briefs



**Drive City Lube and Smog, 2800 W. A St., held its soft opening on March 11 at 8 a.m. Travis Fisher, left, and owner Ted Jorgenson are at the shop from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every weekday and from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays.**

**By MPG Staff**

## Drive City Lube and Smog Soft Opening

Drive City Lube and Smog, 2800 W. A St., Suite B, held its soft opening on March 11 at 8 a.m. The station, owned by 2022 Business of the Year winner Ted and Jean Jorgenson, intends to offer a premier oil change experience. According to Mr. Jorgenson, the establishment will uphold his values of good customer service, quality products and fair pricing. Business hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, call 707-678-7664.

## VFW Upcoming Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8151 will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 16. Meetings are held every third Wednesday at The Olde Vets Hall, 231 N. First St. Official business meetings start at 7 p.m., but the hall opens for set-up and socializing at 6 p.m. Socializing will continue after the business portion of the meeting.

For more information, visit [vfw8151.org](http://vfw8151.org) or call 209-395-8019.

## Frozen Jr. (DMTC)

The Davis Musical Theatre Company's Young Performers' Theatre is hosting a stage production of the musical "Frozen Jr". The performance, held at the Jean Henderson Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive, Davis, premieres at 2 p.m. on March 15 and plays through April 5. Saturday shows begin at 2 p.m., April 4's showing begins at 7 p.m. and the final showing on April 5 begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at \$10 for all ages. There is a \$2 facility fee added per ticket.

For more information, call 530-756-3682 or visit [dmtc.org](http://dmtc.org).

## Soroptimist International Presents: You Are Magic (Chamber)

Soroptimist International of Dixon is hosting the You Are Magic event from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on March 30. Held in It's All About the Scrapbook's event room, 1670 N. Lincoln St., the event offers a live magic show, crafts, games and snacks for kindergarten to 4th grade aged kids. Tickets are available for \$25 per adult and \$20 per child.

For more information, visit the Soroptimist International of Dixon, CA Facebook page.

## American Legion Post 208 Dinner and Fundraiser

American Legion Post 208 is hosting its Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Raffle from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 12. For \$30 per person, or \$220 for a table of 8, guests will be served a tri-tip or chicken dinner with sides and dessert at 6 p.m. A no-host bar will also be at the event, opening at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in-person at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 N. First St.

For more information, visit [dixonchamber.org](http://dixonchamber.org)

## Toastmaster Speech Contest

The Division West International Speech and Tall Tales Contest is a Toastmaster tradition that will continue from 1 to 5

p.m. on April 12. Held at Living Hope Church, 410 Gateway Drive, the event offers speakers the opportunity to improve their abilities and observe the benefits of speechcraft first-hand. Each year, the title of "World Champion of Public Speaking" is awarded in recognition of these pursuits.

For more information, visit [district39.org/events](http://district39.org/events).

## 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](http://dixonchamber.org) or call 707-678-2650.

## Successful Aging Takes a Plan

Elder Care Management, a home health care service for aging adults, is hosting a presentation at 10 a.m. on March 26. Held at The Farmstead at Dixon, 350 Gateway Drive, the presentation will cover topics on planning for the future, such as whether to live at home or in a care facility, the costs involved and preparation for unexpected roadblocks or tragedies. According to Elder Care, having a successful care plan can reduce stress and help prevent a crisis.

For more information, visit [eldercm.com/calendar](http://eldercm.com/calendar) or call 707-678-5060 to register.

## 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](http://solanohomeshow.com).

## CalWater Scholarship Programs

California Water Service, 110 E. Mayes St., is offering up to \$10,000 in scholarships for college-bound and currently enrolled students. This program, administered by Scholarship America, has applications available for California, Hawaii, New Mexico and Washington residents. Customer service is available, but only until the application deadline at 1 p.m. Pacific Time/ 3 p.m. Central Time on March 27.

For more information, contact [calwater@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:calwater@scholarshipamerica.org). ★

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# Citizen of the Year

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time volunteering at local events, including Music and Movies in the Park, Grillin' and Chillin' and the Halloween Hunt, among many others.

Regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting specifically, Meisenheimer is a 28-year volunteer for the event. She works directly with participating nonprofit organizations, managing entertainment groups, decorating downtown for Christmas vendors, and acquiring sound systems, maps, social media and music to support the festive atmosphere.

Meisenheimer's drive to uplift Dixon

and its citizens comes from a love of the town and its history. Her goal, to celebrate Dixon's past, present and future, is observable through her efforts.

Meisenheimer has been known to make donations for plaques and supports the designation of certain buildings and areas as historic landmarks. She is currently working with a committee to develop a walking tour to each of these landmarks, further reinforcing their importance.

Because of Meisenheimer's diligence, commitment and passion, she is Dixon's 62nd annual Citizen of the Year. ★



# Get Inspired at the Home and Garden Show

## Solano Home and Garden Show News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - The Solano County Home & Garden Show returns to the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S First St., Dixon, on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23, bringing together the best in home improvement, landscaping and garden design.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, this family-friendly event offers everything you need to kickstart your next project. A local tradition since 2015, the Home and Garden show offers attendees the chance to connect with fellow enthusiasts and gather valuable insights on

future décor decisions.

Guest speaker is Ahmed Hassan, the original host from “HGTV’s Yard Crashers.” Hassan, renowned for his expertise in landscaping and outdoor design, will have demonstrations and an exclusive question-and-answer session. Don’t miss the chance to get professional tips and advice from the expert.

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Local musician Alan Brownlee will perform while attendees explore and play bingo scavenger hunt.

The Solano County Home & Garden Show is held rain or shine. General admission is \$8 per guest, and \$5 for Seniors and Military (with no other discounts applied). Kids 12 and under get in free.

Whether you are a seasoned homeowner looking for new ideas or a novice gardener seeking inspiration, The Spring Edition of the Solano County Home & Garden Show is an opportunity to explore your creativity further.

For more information and to get a \$3-off coupon, visit SolanoHomeShow.com. Tickets are sold at the gate for cash only.

# Girls Softball Begins Spring Season

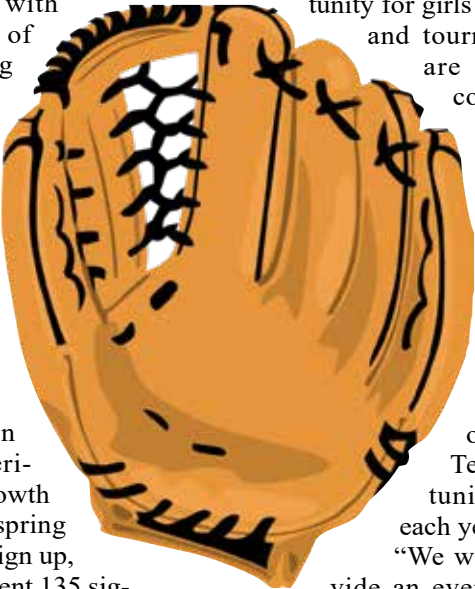
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135 girls have signed up for the spring season, with approximately 75% of them being returning players.

“The greatest challenge in our small community is we lose a lot of girls to other sports, so we have to work hard to keep them interested in softball,” said Reid.

However, Dixon Girls Softball experienced significant growth in 2025. The 2024 spring season had 75 girls sign up, compared to the current 135 signups. Moving forward, the organization wants to re-implement a 14-year-and-under (14U) team, and to continue to support their player’s development through activities leading into summer.

“We want to integrate some mid-season fun activities like a Hit-a-thon,” said Reid. “We’re looking forward to the girls wanting to work hard to make the All-Star Teams for the Summer Season.”



The All-Star Teams, available to players 8 and above, is a special opportunity for girls interested in ranked and tournament play. Girls are selected by their coaches and there is one All-Star Team per division. Select teams are another opportunity for those interested in a higher caliber of play who cannot afford to join a traveling team. There is currently only a 10U Select Team but the opportunity will be offered each year.

“We work so hard to provide an even playing field for the girls and we hope that the softball community continues to grow in Dixon,” said Reid. “Our ultimate goal is that our players gain a love for the sport, no matter what level they play. We hope they love it and continue to play throughout the years.”

For more information or to volunteer, visit [dixongirlssoftball.com](http://dixongirlssoftball.com).

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Dixon Girl's Softball regularly hosts activities and clinics to support player development throughout the year. For example, On March 1, the Dixon High School Lady Rams held a softball clinic and scrimmage. Photo Courtesy of Dixon Girls Softball

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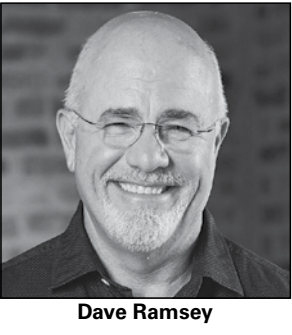
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**Dave Ramsey**

Dear Dave,

I’ve been listening to your show, and following the Baby Steps, for about a year. But I received some news from a family member recently, and I’m not sure what to tell them. One of my cousins just discovered she has cancer. She’s a single mom with two young kids, and it doesn’t sound like she has thought much about the future. What are the best steps she can take financially at this point to make sure her family is protected?

– Jackie

Dear Jackie,

I’m truly sorry to hear about this. A cancer diagnosis is a scary thing, so please remember to pray for her and be there for her all you can.

Most of the time when folks ask if a person has their affairs in order, they’re usually referring

# Dave Ramsey Says Preparing for the Future

to a few different questions. First, are you right with God? Then, do you have life insurance and a will? Another important thing is having all the paperwork of your life organized and in a safe location, so someone you trust can handle the details in a worst case scenario.

Everyone should have good term life insurance in place. My advice is to have a policy worth 10 to 12 times your annual income. When it comes to a will, make sure it’s state-specific. Probate and estate regulations aren’t federal laws, they’re state laws. So, any will should be drawn up according to guidelines for the state in which you live.

It’s probably the hardest thing to think about, I know, but arrangements should be made for any minor children. Sitting down to talk with two or three trusted family members, or close friends,

to decide who will take them if the worst should happen is a good idea, too. Whoever is chosen for this responsibility should be a person who’s incredibly mature, caring and willing to love and raise these kids as if they were their very own.

Good luck, Jacki. I know this is a difficult time for your whole family. Be there for each other, pray a lot and hug on one another all you can. God bless you all.

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

# California’s Cities and Schools Face Big Budget Gaps, Few Options



**By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org**

California’s state budget is mired in what fiscal authorities call a “structural deficit,” meaning its revenues cannot keep up with spending mandated by current law.

For several years, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have papered over the chronic gap between income and outgo with gimmicks, including on- and off-budget borrowing and creative accounting, plus dips into “rainy day” funds set aside for emergencies.

Those maneuvers merely postpone the day of reckoning, because the administration and the Legislature’s budget analyst, Gabe Petek, project yearly multibillion-dollar shortfalls indefinitely.

The state’s dilemma has several roots, most notably an erroneously high multi-year revenue forecast in 2022 that led to a belief that there would be an immense budget surplus and to sharply increased spending. The administration later pegged the revenue error at \$165 billion over four years.

That factor was exacerbated by what Petek dubbed “a sluggish economy.”

“Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half,” Petek noted in a November fiscal overview.

“Similarly, the number of Californians who are unemployed is 25% higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022.”

State government is not alone in facing chronic budget deficits. The state’s major cities and many school districts are also feeling the pinch of stagnant revenues and inflation, especially with rising worker salaries. Add the horrendous Los Angeles wildfires and President Donald Trump’s potentially huge federal spending reductions and the budget gaps could become even wider.

A few days ago, Matt Szabo, the City of Los Angeles’ chief administrative officer, and city Controller Kenneth Mejia bluntly warned the city council that LA is several hundred million dollars short of covering its budgeted expenditures — not even counting the likely effects of wildfires on revenues and spending.

“The city is facing significant headwinds,” Szabo said, adding “immediate spending reductions required.”

“The city of L.A., financially, we are in trouble,” Mejia told the council in a letter. He added, “The city is estimated to overspend by \$300 million over budget. So when you have less revenues compared to your budget, and you have more expenses over your budget — that’s a big gap that we have to fill.”

San Francisco’s new mayor, Daniel Lurie, says he wants to “eliminate \$1 billion in overspending” over the next three years to cover an \$876 million deficit over two years. “The era of one-time or Band-Aid solutions is over,” Lurie told other officials after taking office in January.

A number of smaller cities, including Sacramento, are also dealing with significant deficits.

Meanwhile many school districts are also facing big budget gaps due to declining enrollment and chronic absenteeism that reduce state aid based on attendance, in addition to the expiration of federal grants meant to cope with COVID-19 and employee union demands for raises to offset inflation-hampered personal budgets.

The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, a state agency that monitors school district finances, recently issued a report on school systems in various degrees of fiscal difficulty, with those in Oakland and San Francisco on the list of the most troubled.

The agency cited not only enrollment declines, but the jolts of losing federal pandemic aid and rising costs, particularly for fire insurance and electric power, as factors.

In theory, local officials could seek tax increases as they ponder ways to balance their budgets. However voters facing rising living costs of their own are not likely to approve of that solution.

Therefore the options are either make real spending reductions, which might mean laying off workers and closing schools, or emulate the state’s gimmickry and hope the problems solve themselves.

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

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# Suisun Marsh Watershed Education Program Reaches Nearly 1,700 Students in its 17th Year



Educator with students at plant station. Photo courtesy of Solano Resource Conservation District



Educator with students at water station. Photo courtesy of Solano Resource Conservation District

**Solano Resource Conservation District News Release**

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Solano Resource Conservation District finished its 17th year of the Suisun Marsh Watershed Education Program last week. This year, they reached 1,698 Solano County sixth-grade students from 13 schools across the county. Solano Resource Conservation District hosted 26 field trips at Rush Ranch Open Space, a Solano Land Trust property, where students explored the Suisun Marsh and learned how to be good stewards of this unique ecosystem.

The program’s goal is to help students better understand their watershed and how to protect it, using the unique outdoor laboratory of the Suisun Marsh as a focal point. Participants learn

about the importance of the marsh ecosystem and the benefits it provides through three classroom lessons taught by Solano Resource Conservation District staff and a field trip at Rush Ranch. Further, students explore the impact of human activities on the marsh and discuss how they can help lessen that impact.

Classroom lessons include an examination of a 3-D model of a watershed and topographic maps to illustrate how pollution in runoff can affect local bodies of water, such as the Suisun Marsh and the Sacramento River. Students gain an appreciation of the fact that preventing pollution in our local waterways is connected to efforts globally to prevent pollution in oceans. Another focus of the classroom lessons is helping students understand how they can be stewards of their water resources

and prepare for drought in California. Students this year reported back after the program that they have a greater appreciation for water – including where their drinking water comes from and the importance of conserving it.

The program’s highlight is always the field trip out to Rush Ranch Open Space near Suisun City. One Solano County teacher noted that the program is “able to mix a science lesson with fun.” The curriculum includes hands-on activities that meet California’s Next Generation Science Standards. Students collect data from water tests that is submitted to a team at the National Estuarine Research Reserve, and they learn how to identify plants in the grassland and wetland habitats. The program also incorporates elements of the BEETLES curriculum, a

program of the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California, Berkeley, which focuses on student-centered learning practices for outdoor settings.

“I just love seeing the kids out there, and I enjoy introducing students to something that’s new in a safe and supportive environment,” said Stephanie Stock, Assistant Program Manager at Solano Resource Conservation District. She noted that many students want to come back to Rush Ranch with their families after they participate in the program, illustrating the positive impact the experience has on them.


Solano Resource Conservation District’s field trips provide much needed time in the outdoors for young people. Many students appreciate the peaceful atmosphere at the Suisun Marsh,

further inspiring them to protect this important place here in Solano County.

This program is made possible with funding from the Solano County Water Agency, Solano County Department of Resource Management, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, Vacaville Public Education Foundation, and the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee.

It is uncertain at this time if programs will be funded at the same level next year, meaning fewer students will have the unique opportunity provided by the Suisun Marsh Watershed Education Program. Solano Resource Conservation District needs your help to continue taking students out to the Suisun Marsh. To learn how you can support our programs, email education@solanorcd.org. ★





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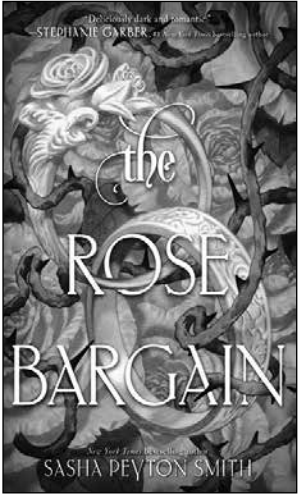
by Sasha Peyton Smith

Ivy Benton has grown up in a world where every citizen has the chance to make a bargain with their immortal fae Queen. But there is one setback: This isn't a gift. The Queen herself will take one thing in exchange for this favor, which might be a pinky, a toe, or even a memory. However, the citizens of England don't give this a second thought or glance, for the Queen will grant them their deepest desire, and for many girls, it is traits that will help them gain a suitor, especially during their debut.

This year is Ivy Benton's debut year and her chance to make her bargain with the Queen. Yet gaining a husband is last thing on Ivy's mind; freedom and independence are her greatest desires. Yet this debut year has a series of shocking twists, each more unexpected than the last. This year, the Queen has added her son Prince Bram to the season, but this, too, comes at a catch.

But Ivy is okay with the cost. This competition might be the way to save her family and revive their social standing after her sister's scandal. Luckily for Ivy, marrying and becoming Queen is not her intent.

Then, as quickly as the completion begins, so do the lies, bargains, and deceit. Making a bargain with a fae in any capacity can quickly become the undoing of any



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human. Now, Ivy is faced with trying to find the lies between honor, family, love, and a competition that could either free them all or be their undoing.

Fall for the illustrious world of royalty and fae, all wrapped within a battle for the crown. Sasha Peyton Smith takes readers deep into the lush and fanciful world of royalty and competition. The Bachelor meets Bridgerton and The Selection in a story that gives a new meaning behind a battle for the heart. This fast-paced story engages readers with unpredictable twists and turns that keep an age-old premise into an exciting competition with more at stake than just a crown. From challenging tasks meant to break the girls, the only thing that is quite evident is that the Queen is out for blood and will get it any way she can.

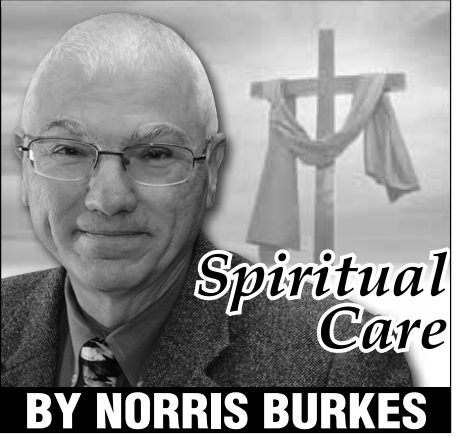
Told in one main narrative, each main side character also has a chance to have their story told in their own individual chapters, allowing readers an even greater depth and understanding. Richly atmospheric and dripping with love, desire, and want The Rose Bargain is exactly the kind of story readers have been looking for. Although be prepared, with its cliffhanger ending, readers will be wishing for their own fae bargain, hoping for answers in a second book. ★



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# You Can Ask and They Will Tell



*Spiritual Care*

**BY NORRIS BURKES**

*Note to readers: The woman in this column is a composite character representing the conversations I've had with those seeking chaplain jobs.'*

Not long ago, I was working for a hospice group when a woman stopped by my office seeking chaplain employment. Touting her recent graduation from a five-week "chaplain course," the 70-year-old had questions.

She showed her assumptions early. "I'll bet you get to lead a lot of people to Jesus in this job."

"Not really," I said. "Our patients are from many religious and nonreligious backgrounds that I must respect."

"Oh," she said, "So do you have an understanding all religions?"

I shook my head, "Honestly, there are far too many religions to learn them all. I simply ask the patient to share their beliefs. I call this strategy 'Ask. They'll tell.'"

She tilted her head like a dog trying to track a high-pitched sound. I kept talking, as I tend to do.

"When you meet a person from an unfamiliar religion, you merely ask them what they believe or how they practice their religion.

"If you are willing to wait for the answers, most folks will tell you all you need to know."

I took her silence as an invitation to continue.

"But I caution you to ask questions with respectful curiosity. You must show a sincerity that outweighs your determination to convert them.

"If they sense that you are willing to honor their beliefs, they will be forthcoming.

"This process involves a two-way discourse I call 'Listening Love.'

The strategy serves me well as I often ask patients, "How does your faith inform you about dying?"

"The answers that sprout from these

questions has provided me an impromptu course in world religions."

"For instance?" she asked.

I told her about a Hmong couple who asked me to help them retrieve a placenta after they lost their newborn. The grieving couple said they would bury the placenta under a tree so the baby's soul could journey back through the past and become reborn.

When I asked a Muslim father what we could do for his dying child in a combat hospital in Iraq, he asked me to place a Koran in bed with the child.

When I asked my question of two brothers at the bedside of their dying mother, they described a New Age belief quite foreign to me. Nonetheless, I listened for what they found comforting, and together, we tied a crystal around their mother's wrist.

When I asked a Chinese man what his faith taught him about consoling his dying wife, he suggested we move the hospital bed in the healing direction of feng shui. He saw this movement as the best way to use energy forces to harmonize individuals with their surrounding environment.

I know, these practices seem a bit odd to our Western sense of mainstream religion. Believe me, these encounters pushed me far out of my Christian comfort zone, too.

When a chaplain begins a dialogue with someone of a different religion, he or she must ask themselves-- "Am I seeking the information because I've targeted them for conversion – or am I seeking the information I needed to show respect for them?"

Concluding my conversation with the woman, I said "If you really want to become a chaplain, you'll need to adopt an approach that opens the faith dialogue.

Listen to those of other faiths. Only when you show them respect will you be given the opportunity to demonstrate the love taught by your own faith."

The woman rubbed her chin, releasing some thoughtful tones, but I'm really not sure what her thoughts were.

But next time I see her, maybe I'll employ my own advice and simply ask her. After all, "listening love" is probably a strategy for most all circumstances.

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## A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

### “BLACK BAG” Rated R

In the popular culture, the espionage genre is likely no better personified than by the exploits of a suave, debonair British intelligence officer in the Secret Intelligence Service, commonly known to all as the United Kingdom's fabled MI6.

That would, of course, be Commander James Bond, the fictional character created by Ian Fleming in a series of books first adapted to film more than sixty years ago, starting with “Dr. No” and running for a total of twenty-five titles under the banner of Eon Productions.

The official James Bond franchise was launched when the little-known Scottish actor Sean Connery got his breakthrough as Agent 007 for a total of six films, ending with 1971's “Diamonds Are Forever,” only to return a dozen years later in the unofficial Bond film release of “Never Say Never Again.”

While a total of six actors have portrayed Bond over the decades, the series can be distilled into the essence of international intrigue, inventive gadgets, thrilling action, and humor from a stylish, quick-witted spy who likes his martinis “shaken, not stirred.”

Not all spy films are steeped in explosive action and spectacular car chases that have become so familiar with Matt Damon's Jason Bourne character or Tom Cruise's “Mission: Impossible” franchise inspired by a long-running TV series.

Think of Alfred Hitchcock's “North by Northwest,” a spy thriller where mistaken identity finds Cary Grant's character pursued by foreign agents and the major action scene is when he is pursued by crop duster in the middle of a cornfield.

Steven Soderbergh's “Black Bag” is much closer to Alfred Hitchcock's masterful turn than any of spy thrillers that invariably have a spectacular car chase or other daring feats that defy believability.

In other words, don't come looking to “Black Bag” for shootouts, daring stunts, and death-defying car chases. Nor is the main character a playboy in a tuxedo challenging a nemesis in a game of baccarat in Monte Carlo.

Michael Fassbender's George Woodhouse is an elite operative at Britain's closely guarded National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), who's assigned the sensitive and urgent task of ferreting out a mole in the agency before a destructive cyber worm called Severus is activated to catastrophic effect.

One weakness for George is his unwavering devotion to his wife, Kathryn St. Jean (Cate Blanchett), one of NCSC's most powerful and trusted agents. The problem for George is the list of five suspects to be the mole also includes his wife in the group of colleagues in the

# Riley Reviews

## “BLACK BAG” SPY THRILLER TAKES CEREBRAL PATH, ESCHEWS ACTION

organization.

The dilemma for the unflappable George is whether he can separate his devotion to his wife and his loyalty to his country. In the early going, Kathryn's secretive travel to Zurich is enough to raise a few eyebrows, causing her husband to feel like a voyeur while watching surveillance video.

George and Kathryn make an interesting couple. While both are cool and relatively calm, the impeccable husband seems almost devoid of emotion and the wife is a cunning operative not be to be trifled with.

You would think pillow talk for a married spy couple might reveal gossip about betrayals, infidelities and deceitful dealings. But one is always quick to invoke “black bag,” spy jargon for the place where an agent stashes secrets.

Government work must pay exceedingly well for spooks. George and Kathryn, similar to the Nick and Nora Charles bantering Dashiell Hammett fictional characters who solve mysteries, live in an upscale London home fit for elegant parties.

To get to the bottom of the mole situation, they invite their four suspected colleagues to a dinner party that will test their relationships and might very well result in the unmasking of the mole.

The guests are the boozing, womanizing Freddie Smalls (Tom Burke), who resents being passed over for promotion, and his current colleague girlfriend, cyber expert Clarissa (Marisa Abela), who's not above subtly testing George's marital fidelity.

Dr. Zoe Vaughan (Naomie Harris) is the agency's manipulative therapist whose sole focus is always on breaking an agent down to find their truth. That doesn't keep Colonel James Stokes (Rege-Jean Page), who reports to George, from becoming both Zoe's patient and her lover.

“Black Bag” may be summed up as a smart caper and a sleek, sensual thriller with plenty of twists and anxious moments of duplicity and betrayal that runs counter to the usual fare for films in the espionage genre.

There might be a James Bond connection after all. It comes in the form of former 007 Pierce Brosnan's Arthur Stieglitz, the agency's elder statesman, a veteran espionage expert who heads up NCSC and is as mysterious as anyone else working under him.

The complex characters portrayed by Michael Fassbender and Cate Blanchett are most endearing, and these talented actors are supported by a talented group of colleagues at the agency who add value to the deception and intrigue.

Unlike popcorn entertainment films, “Black Bag” demands an attention rooted to a thought-provoking challenge. In summary, it's a smart, cerebral thriller. ★



**Food & Farm  
NEWS**

### Adding Automation Helps Lower Farm Risk

To address labor shortages, reduce costs and improve efficiency, farmers are looking for ways to add more mechanization. Tim Chiala, chief operations officer of Morgan Hill-based George Chiala Farms Inc., has invested in more technology at his family-run farming and food-processing company. Chiala Farms is testing machines such as an automatic jalapeño de-stemmer and another with robotic arms that remove the tops, tails and peels of bulb onions. “The supply of labor fluctuates like crazy, but hopefully by adding robotics, it will give us some stability,” Chiala said.

### State Senate Hears About Response to Bird Flu Outbreak

With California's robust investment and experience in animal disease surveillance and detection, there's little disagreement in agricultural circles that the state was well prepared for bird flu. But agricultural officials, farmers and other industry representatives also acknowledge that the latest outbreak—which began in 2022 and has become the largest in U.S. history—has been no cakewalk. They spoke during an informational hearing last week on the state's response to bird flu, which has led to the destruction of more than 166 million birds nationwide, record-high egg prices and the disease infecting most of the state's dairies.

### Initial Central Valley Project Water Allotment May Not Increase Plantings

Farmers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta who irrigate with water supplied by the federal Central Valley Project say they are thankful for a 35% water allocation announced in February. But due to the timing of the announcement and lower crop prices, they say the initial allocation by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation may not lead to more planted acres. “Water use factors a little bit into it as far as what crop you're going to grow,” Stanislaus County farmer Daniel Bays said. “With the current condition of the ag economy, a lot of it just depends on what we can get contracts for.”

### Young farmers fight hunger through Harvest for All

People facing hunger are being fed, young farmers are honing their skills, and communities throughout the state are engaging with agriculture and learning more about its importance. These accomplishments are made thanks to members of Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program and its Harvest for All campaign, which began nationally in 2003 in collaboration with local Feeding America affiliates across the country. Last year, members of California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers logged more than 1,500 volunteer hours, donated 78,839 pounds of food and raised more than \$95,300 in monetary contributions. ★

# Solano College Theatre Announces ‘Head Over Heels’

## Solano College Theatre News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Solano College Theatre (SCT) is pleased to announce its spring musical, Head Over Heels, directed by Solano College Theatre’s Artistic Director Christine Mani.

“I want to reflect the world our students are living in, which somehow is best depicted through a show set in a mystical fantasy mashup of the ‘80s and the Renaissance,” said Mani.

Head Over Heels is a delightful laugh-out-loud love story set to the music of the iconic 1980’s all-female rock band The Go-Go’s, including the hit songs, “We Got the Beat,”

“Our Lips Are Sealed,” and “Vacation.” A modern musical fairy tale where once-upon-a-time is right now, it follows the escapades of a royal family who set out on a journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction.

“This show powerfully packs in inclusivity by embracing non-binary characters, same-sex couples, and a recognition of the love that may exist right in front of our faces,” said Mani. “At the same time, it gets us dancing and singing in our seats. What’s not to love?”

Leilani Lobo will play Queen Gynecia. A performer at heart, Lobo has spent several years behind the scenes as a stage manager for Solano College



From left are Nile Ezekiel-Garcia as Musidorus, Rebekah Penaloza as Philoclea, Leilani Lobo as Queen Gynecia, William Schmidt as King Basilius, Julianna Romauldi as Pamela, and Celeste Low as Mopsa. Photo courtesy of Solano College Theatre

Theatre. William Schmidt, who plays opposite Lobo as King Basilius, has performed in several Solano College Theatre productions, and worked as a lighting designer for shows including Alice in Wonderland (2023) and No Exit, which opens this May at Solano College Theatre.

Head Over Heels is directed by Christine Mani, with choreography by Liz Andrews, and musical direction by Michael Reilly. The design team includes Liesl Seitz-Buchbinder (Costume Design), Mitchell Ost (Set Design), Carrie Mullen (Lighting Design), Ray Archie (Sound Design), and Darcia Tipton (Properties

Design). It runs April 4-27 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m.

On April 19, Solano College Theatre will host a pop-up Renaissance Faire from 2 to 6 p.m. outside the theatre building. There will be a Thursday evening pay-what-you-can show on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Friday, April 25 performance will be ASL interpreted by students in the Solano Community College ASL Interpreting program. Solano College Theatre is ADA accessible.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit online at solanocollegetheatre.org or call 707-864-7100. ★

# 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](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.chiefsolanokennelclub.org](http://www.chiefsolanokennelclub.org).

**CITY OF DIXON:** The following meetings are held in the Council Chamber at 600 East A St. The agendas are available before meetings at [www.ci.dixon.ca.us](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/northernsolanodemus/](http://www.facebook.com/northernsolanodemus/).

**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](mailto: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](http://m.facebook.com/DixonVFW).

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



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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Aladdin's find

5. Reggae precursor

8. "Lights out" signal

12. Not good

13. Flock's echo

14. \_\_\_\_ diet, a.k.a. caveman diet

15. Kind of jerk

16. "Southern and Southwestern U.S. region: Sun \_\_\_\_

17. Financial backer

18. "Switzerland's skiing destination (2 words)

20. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.

21. Clint Eastwood's "Play \_\_\_\_ for Me"

22. One in a pod

23. Wear out

26. Masculine

30. "Princess" turf

31. Makes a sum (2 words)

34. "He's Just Not That \_\_\_\_ You"

35. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion

37. Choose

38. Provide food

39. Answer from a tunnel

40. Virtual you

42. \_\_\_\_ Scare

43. Prickly plant

45. "Second "National Lampoon's Vacation" destination

47. Biblical Adam's partner

48. Cause and effect cycle?

50. Goals

52. "Jamaica and Cayman Islands location

56. Bert's sidekick

57. Poet Pound

58. Hay bundle

59. "The Great Gatsby" author

60. Billiards relative

61. Theories

62. \_\_\_\_-deaf

63. Boar's mate

64. Reason to cram

DOWN

1. Not more

2. Swear, not curse

3. Between mini and maxi

4. Bodily fluid

5. Small silvery fish

6. \_\_\_\_ G. of "SpongeBob SquarePants"

7. Aardvark's repast

8. "Serengeti National Park location

9. Aquatic plant

10. Pressure inducer

11. "Costa del \_\_\_\_ Spain

13. Humiliated

14. Eucharistic plate

19. Fretted instrument

22. OB-GYN test

23. Balance sheet item

24. "Coastal destination

25. Policeman's club in India

26. Cockapoo or Puggle, e.g.

27. Foreword

28. Make tea

29. Vast multitude

32. Peace symbol

33. "Rest and relaxation destination

36. "El Capitan and Half Dome location

38. Pigeon food?

40. Brewery order

41. Acrobatic move

44. Living room centerpiece?

46. Velveteen creature

48. Type of membrano-phone

49. Cupid's ammo

50. Gas station brand

51. Aware of a secret (2 words)

52. Porcinos

53. "At \_\_\_\_, soldier"

54. Charitable contribution

55. Hawk's aerie, e.g.

56. Time in NYC

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# COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

I ONCE GOT INJURED IN A "PEEKABOO" ACCIDENT.

WAS IT SERIOUS?

I'LL SAY, THEY HAD TO TAKE ME TO THE "I.G.U."

by Jeff Pickering

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MUNDLAND

SWEET PEA, I LOVES THAT YA WANTS T MAKE EVERYBODY YER FRIEND...

BUT NOT ALL CRITTERS IS MEANT TBE YER PAL!

HE'S SUCH A GOOD HUGGER, THOUGH!

THE SECRET OF GOONHALLA

POPEYE AND SWEET PEA, JOINED BY ALICE THE GOON AND HER CHILD, ALICE JR., ARE DELIVERING A SHIPMENT OF CARROTS TO FAR-OFF GOON VALLEY UNWARE OF WHAT, AND WHO, AWAITS.

NOTICED IT TOO, ALICE.

THERE ANTSK A SOUL-ROUND!

IT'S LIKE TH WHOLE VALLEY WAS ABANDONED.

Amber Waves

HEY THERE, GIRL. HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY? I'VE GOT SOME SEED.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? COME ON, SAY SOMETHING. I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!

OK, I'M LOSING MY MIND. I'M ACTUALLY EXPECTING A CHICKEN TO SPEAK.

WELL, IF I DID, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T START BY USING A DOUBLE PREPOSITION.

by Dave T. Phipps

DONTSK WORRY. WE'LL GIT TTHE BOTTOM OF THIS.

AND ME AN' JUNIOR WILL HELP!

SWEETPEA, MYSKERIES ANTSK FER KID-FOLK.

C'MON! I'VE BEEN ON SO MANY ADVENTURES WITH YA!

YER RIGHT, IN FACT, I KNOWS TH FIRST PLACE YA KIN LOOK FER CLUES.

WHEN DID YOU HAVE A BRIG INSTALLED IN THE SHIP?!

NOT SOON NUFF, HONESKLY.

Out on a Limb

FOR THE LAST TIME, BENJAMIN... I'M TRYING TO TALK TO YOU. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD STOP SCROLLING FOR FIVE MINUTES P?!!

by Gary Kopervas

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. ID tag is reversed. 2. Chip is added to lunch box. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Stair railing is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Windowpanes are different.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

GRIN & BEAR IT

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

REX, THE COMPANY LET GO OF SOME FOLKS WHO STOOD OUT AS EXPENDABLE. LUCKY FOR YOU WE FORGOT YOU EVEN WORKED HERE.

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# FBI Violent Crimes Task Force Cracks Down on Crime in Solano County

## Solano County District Attorney’s Office News Release

**SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Feb. 27, several affiliates of the Brown Brotherhood gang (subset of the Sureño gang) were arrested after a year-long investigation into the trafficking of guns and drugs in Solano County. Specifically, Leo Alonso-Medina (32), Carlos Higuera-Aldana (23), Jeremiah Salanoa (22), and Doroteo Suastegui (47) were arrested and charged federally. During the search warrants executed at several locations throughout Solano County, large scale quantities of cocaine and methamphetamine were seized. Additionally, over 100,000 fentanyl pills were located along with 21 firearms.

Operation Waterfront, led by the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, involved the collaboration of members of our local law enforcement partners including Vallejo Police Department, Solano County Sheriff’s Office, Vacaville Police Department,

Fairfield Police Department, and the Solano County District Attorney Bureau of Investigations, working together with members of the FBI San Francisco team and FBI Sacramento team.

A week prior, members of the ATF Oakland Field Office arrested four Vallejo residents, Zurryess Anthony Roberts (24), Taezon Laurece Sanderson (23), Divaya James Talley (18), and Anderson Thurston (66), who were subsequently charged with federal firearm violations. These arrests concluded a 7-month long investigation into a loosely affiliated group of individuals that were illegally selling high-powered dangerous weapons at the Super 8 Motel on Solano Avenue in Vallejo.

These two investigations provide compelling examples of the level of commitment by all of our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to reduce violent crime in our community. Through the collaboration between our federal partners, specifically, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Federal

Bureau of Investigations and Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, together with our local law enforcement agencies and the Solano County District Attorney’s Office, numerous illegal guns and large-scale drugs have been taken off the streets. By arresting and charging those responsible for the trafficking of guns and drugs in our county, we were able to disrupt any future criminal activity on their part.

All of our law enforcement partners at the local, state, and federal level are committed to the safety of our citizens throughout Solano County. Our office, together with our law enforcement partners, will continue to prioritize dismantling and disrupting the criminal activity of those trafficking humans, guns, and drugs.

The Solano County District Attorney’s Office will also continue to partner with the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California to reduce the gun violence in our community by prosecuting these crimes to the fullest extent of the law. ★

# Girls on the Rise: Empowering the Next Generation

## County of Solano Superior Court News Release

**FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG)** - On Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Solano County Event Center will host Girls on the Rise, an inspiring in-person event designed to empower young women ages 15 to 25 to explore exciting career paths in law, STEM, business and first responder professions. The event will be taking place at Solano County Event Center, 601 Texas St. in Fairfield.

This unique event brings together influential women leaders, hands-on experiences and thought-provoking discussions to help attendees uncover the limitless possibilities awaiting them in their professional journeys. Whether you're a high school student, recent graduate, or someone curious about these

dynamic fields, Girls on the Rise is your gateway to inspiration and discovery.

An event highlight will include connecting with trail-blazers, an opportunity to engage with accomplished women leaders who will share their stories, offer career guidance and inspire the next generation of changemakers.

Another highlight of the event will be to gain valuable insights. Learn about diverse career opportunities through interactive discussions and actionable advice tailored to help you succeed.

The event will also involve a step inside the legal world by experiencing a courtroom tour to gain a firsthand understanding of the legal system and how it shapes our communities.

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GRACE 3-21-25

NAME C FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000259  
The following persons are doing business as: Volare Apartment Homes, 2750 N Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.  
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VOLARE 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000089  
The following persons are doing business as: Jessicas Boutique, 57 Sierra Drive, Dixon, CA 95620.  
Jessica Ortiz, 57 Sierra Drive, Dixon CA 95620.  
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JESSICAS 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000299  
The following persons are doing business as: Soul Glitch Studios, 264 Bermuda Lane, Vallejo, CA 94591.  
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GLITCH 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025000349  
The following persons are doing business as: Charlie’s Banquet, 1400 Humphrey Drive, Suisun City, CA 94585.  
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Date filed in Solano County: April 14, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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CHARLIES 3-28-25

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SOLAR 4-4-25

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The following persons are doing business as: Belit Birth Doula, 3700 Lyon Rd, Apt 50, Fairfield, CA 94534.  
Belit Birth Doula Services LLC, 3700 Lyon Road, Apt 50, Fairfield, CA 94534.  
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BELIT 4-4-25

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The following persons are doing business as: Ride on Powersports, 1900 N Lincoln Street, Suite 104, Dixon, CA 95620.  
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Date filed in Solano County: February 19, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 2016  
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RIDE 4-11-25

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Date filed in Solano County: March 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 13, 2025  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. 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 February 18, 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 PETER KISICH  
CASE NO. PR25-00144  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Peter Kisich.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Diane Marie Kisich Davis, in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Diane Marie Kisich Davis 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: April 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 10; 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: Dan Beatty, Attorney at Law, 1771 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061, 650-367-1799

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL

The Dixon City Council will hold a hybrid PUBLIC HEARING to consider the following project:

PROJECT:

Northeast corner of Homestead Way and Evans Road (Village 13 at Homestead) - Request for an amendment to Tentative Map TM21-01 and Planned Development Plan PD21-01. The Tentative Map and Planned Development Plan was approved as part of City Council Resolution 22-019, which is part of the Weyand Ranch subdivision that was approved in 2008 with City Council Resolution 08-145. The proposed Tentative Map Amendment is intended to change Village 13 from 58 alley loaded single family lots to 58, conventional, front loaded, single family residential lots. The proposed Tentative Map Amendment would eliminate the proposed alleys and increase the proposed lots from a smallest lot of 4,320 sq. ft. to 5,165 sq. ft. and the largest lot would increase from 7,839 sq. ft. to 11,210 sq. ft. There would be a small decrease in common open space, with what is presently approved of 0.93 acres (~40,511 sq. ft.) to 0.89 acres (~38,768 sq. ft.), which represents a total reduction of 0.04 acres (~1,743 sq. ft.). The proposed amendment to the Planned Development Plan would modify the PD to reflect the new tentative map with increases in lot sizes, changes to setbacks to better reflect those found in other surrounding villages of Homestead, and reductions to the maximum allowed lot coverage. APN: 0114-012-120; Zoning District: Multi-family Residential – Southwest Dixon Specific Plan (RM-SWSP); Anton Garcia, applicant and Clifton Taylor, owner, File No: PA25-04, TMA25-01/PDA25-01.

HEARING DATE & LOCATION:

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Dixon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending the meeting or remotely participating via video conferencing at <http://www.zoom.us> or via teleconference by calling (669) 900-9128 (Entering Meeting ID: 988 621 1137 and Passcode: 604754) and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment.

MORE INFORMATION:

Contact **Scott Greeley, Associate Planner** at (707) 678-7000 ext. 1115 or [sgreeley@cityofdixonca.gov](mailto:sgreeley@cityofdixonca.gov). You can also come to City Hall, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 to look at the file for the proposed project. The office is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also view the staff report 72 hours before the meeting at <https://www.cityofdixon.us/MeetingAgendasMinutesVideos>.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN:

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing, in person or remotely, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposed application. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to making any decision on the application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The meeting will be physically open to the public and all persons attending the meeting must abide by all State rules and public health guidelines, regarding masking and social distancing in City Council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Prior to 4:30pm on the day of the meeting, written comments can be: 1) emailed to [CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofdixon.us) or 2) mailed/dropped off to: City of Dixon, City Council, 600 East A St, Dixon, CA 95620 and must be received by 4:30pm on the day of the hearing. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the City Council and will become part of the official record, but will not be read aloud at the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

You may also attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above or participate remotely, to provide comments during the meeting. To speak or provide comments remotely during public comment period, you may: 1) via video conferencing click on "raise hand," or 2) via teleconference press \*9.

At the above time and place, all letters received will be noted and all interested parties will be heard. If you challenge in court the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the above referenced public hearing (Government Code Section 65009 (b)(2)).

Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. Any person requiring special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (707) 678-7000 (voice) (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Dixon Independent Voice 3-21-2025



# Tully Consulting Group Awarded Business of the Year



From left are Rick Tully, Mayor Steve Bird and Robin Tully. Tully Consulting Group was honored as the 29th annual Business of the Year at Celebrate Dixon on March 8. Photos by Nicolas Brown



Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Anna Deussenberry gives a speech to thank her peers, the other Dixon Chamber Ambassadors, for being recognized as “the best.”



Cookie Powell of Dixon Family Services accepts the award for Dixon's NonProfit of the Year and receives special recognition by Lois Cross, representative for Senator Christopher Cabaldon.



Maria Esther Gudino was named Educator of the Year for Dixon Unified School District and is pictured here with Mayor Steve Bird.



Christian Arriaga was honored as 2024 Dixon's Firefighter of the Year and was congratulated by Congressman Mike Thompson at the Celebrate Dixon event.



The 2024 Veteran of the Year Wayne Holland is recognized by Congressman Mike Thompson for his unwavering service to the veterans in Dixon through overseeing the Veterans Memorial Hall and the weekly dinners there.

By Kendall Brown

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - Tully Consulting Group, at 1650 N. Lincoln St., Suite A, was recognized as the 2024 Business of the Year at Celebrate Dixon on March 8.

Founded in 2005 by President and CEO Robin Tully, the business’s dedication to the Dixon community, both professionally and socially, has earned it recognition.

Tully Consulting Group is a woman-owned small business that specializes in stormwater management and civil engineering services throughout Northern California.

With the support of her team and husband, Vice-President Rick Tully, the consulting group can service hundreds of projects each year across California. The firm is accredited by the Better Business Bureau and holds certificates as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE).

As an employer, Tully

Consulting Group offers career growth opportunities for residents, even to graduating high school students. Summer internships are provided for local high school graduates and at least \$1,000 in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) scholarships have been awarded to seven graduating seniors.

Robin and Rick Tully’s dedication to supporting education and career advancement coincides with their commitment to Dixon’s growth. Due to this, the couple continues to volunteer their time and resources to support the township.

Rick Tully has dedicated at least 12 years to coaching Dixon Youth and High School teams. Tully’s commitment to shaping young athletes, both on and off the field, has led to him taking time out of his workday to be there for his teams. Throughout his 12 years of coaching, Rick Tully has worked with Dixon Girls’ Softball, Dixon High Softball and the Junior Varsity Dixon

High Football Team.

Robin Tully is a consistent member of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. During her time, she worked as an ambassador, director and later served on the chamber board. While serving on the chamber board, Robin Tully headed a committee providing monthly business seminars for local businesses. Robin Tully is also considered the brains behind the Women in Business Chamber event. Today, she serves as a chamber Ambassador.

As an organization, Tully Consulting has made significant donations to Dixon sports teams, booster clubs, schools and nonprofit organizations. Recipients include Dixon High Water Polo, Dixon Youth Basketball, Ramtown Karate’s Booster Club, Dixon Montessori Charter School, Dixon Family Services, the Boy Scouts, the Rotary Club of Dixon, Soroptimist International of Dixon and many others.

Since its opening in 2005, the Tully Consulting

Group has continuously serviced the community. In 2022, Robin Tully was recognized as Woman of the Year for the Third Congressional District

by Congressman John Garamendi. Honorees were chosen for their clear commitment to their community through their leadership and dedication

to public service. Due to this commitment, leadership and dedication, Tully Consulting Group is Dixon’s 29th annual Business of the Year. ★

## Women 19-64 Needed for Study Must be overweight

### What is the purpose of the study?

By enrolling participants, the study team hopes to uncover how achieving a healthier body weight improves human health, and how diet quality affects the health impact of a healthier weight.

### What does the study require of you?

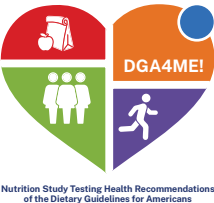
Over a period of about 6 months, participants will visit the WHNRC in Davis, CA for 28 study visits. Many of the visits are 15 minutes or less. Most of the visits are in the first 8 weeks of the study.

### Tasks required

- Follow an exercise regimen and a dietary intervention
- Eight weeks of prepared meals, pick-up twice a week in Davis
- Test days include body measurements, blood, urine and stool samples, and questionnaires
- We will evaluate physical activity, metabolic rate, glucose levels and liver health

Participants receive up to \$900 compensation

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